#### WORDLY WISE

RELIGION FLOURISHES IN GREATER PURITY, WITHOUT... THE AID OF GOVERNMENT.

— JAMES MADISON

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## FRAUGHT COURSE

On essential religious practice, SC should have gone case by case — rather than aim for a grand unified theory

FIVE-JUDGE CONSTITUTION bench has deferred its decision on the review of the 2018 Sabarimala verdict until a larger bench examines a range of broader issues — and thereby led the apex court into uncharted, and poten-Lially turbulent waters. There are technical reasons why reference to a larger seven-judge bench in a review petition is mined with complications. The parameters of review usually permit a narrow reconsideration in case of an error in the verdict or discovery of new evidence. But apprehensions that the majority judgment on Thursday could open up new questions, instead of settling the old, go well beyond technicalities. The court has clubbed together the question of the entry of women of menstruating age into the Sabarimala temple with others — the entry of Muslim women in the dargah/mosque and of Parsi women married to non-Parsis to the holy fireplace of an Agyari, and whether female genital mutilation in the Dawoodi Bohra community constitutes that religion's essential practice. It is possible to argue that each of these questions must be considered on its own ground, in its specificity. Not content with putting together issues that may not belong in the same frame, the court has gone further, casting on the larger bench a responsibility that may not belong to it.

The-seven-judge bench has been tasked with finding the balance between the right to freedom of religion and other constitutionally-guaranteed rights, especially the right to equality, defining "essential religious practice" and "constitutional morality". This is a tall order, and not least because in a large and diverse democracy, spelling out judicial doctrines on these matters removes essential ambiguities. It also usurps the space of other players and protagonists, and narrows the room for manoeuvre for them, for the court itself — and eventually, for justice. Of course, constitutional morality has been used to emancipatory effect in past cases by the apex court, not only in striking down the restrictions on women of a certain age in the 2018 Sabarimala decision, but also in another verdict the same year decriminalising homosexuality. In both, the court upheld ideas of freedom and equality and the constitutional promise of a pluralistic and inclusive society, while redressing an injustice, even though its Sabarimala decision was seen by certain sections to rush into grey areas of tradition and its autonomy. Yet in setting itself the task of defining this constitutional morality, the court will now have to go into the question of its limits and boundaries, of its possible clash with religious beliefs and faith and what is essential to them. In the process, it could not only be tying its own hands for the future, but also circumscribing individual freedoms and treading into the cleargy's domain.

The court has been inconsistent in applying the essential religious practice doctrine that it evolved in the 1950s. Perhaps that is just as it should be. It may be that the court's push for expanding its remit and for hard clarity on complex questions is misguided and counterproductive. In some cases, it is okay, even just, to keep to the narrow path, take it case by case.

### STUDENTS ARE WRONG

Protests against appointment of a Muslim faculty member in Sanskrit department in BHU are regressive and disturbing

N 2017, THE churn in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) mirrored the conflicts between students and university authorities in institutions of higher education across the country. The protests then were sparked by an alleged incident of eve teasing but soon became about the larger issue of discrimination based on gender, caste and class. Like elsewhere, BHU's students were demanding that the university become a more equal and open space. The BHU was at the forefront of the anti-colonial struggle and the early efforts to build a modern India, and the students were keeping that legacy alive. Over the last week, however, a section of students from the Sanskrit literature department have displayed an attitude that goes against the grain of all BHU has stood for.

Students of the Sanskrit literature department have been protesting the appointment on November 6 of Firoz Khan as an assistant professor. Khan holds a BA, BEd, MA and PhD from Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan in Jaipur and was appointed to the post in line with the University Grant Commission's guidelines. But he cannot teach at the department, according to the protestors, because he is a Muslim. The vice chancellor and other university authorities have said that Khan's appointment cannot be rescinded on the grounds the students are demanding. But what of the students themselves? Sanskrit is not, as they appear to believe, the province of "Aryans", but rather, the means to a rich store of historical and philosophical knowledge that belongs to no single community or religion, but to all. The fact that Sanskrit scholarship in India has widened to a point where people from every community are involved in its study and growth ought to be a matter of pride.

In various periods in India's history, the university has been a contested space. There are now, in India's public universities, a plethora of voices from hitherto marginalised groups that often make the powers-that-be uncomfortable. Students have, by and large, demanded that the university become a more egalitarian space — in terms of representation, access and protocols and practices in hostels. To insist that people from a particular religion not be allowed into a department of one of India's most prestigious universities is a demand to make it a space more regressive than society at large, not less. Hopefully, the students and scholars at the Sanskrit department will soon course correct.

#### THE LOST SCHOLAR

Vashishtha Narayan Singh's work has applications in varied areas including quantum mechanics

NTHE EARLY 1960s, JOHN L Kelley, the head of the mathematics department of the University of California, was visiting the Patna Science College. He was in the principal's room when a mathematics teacher rushed in with a complaint about a stu-Lack dent who was disturbing his class. The youngster's fault was that he had asked difficult questions. Kelley's curiosity was aroused and in the meeting that followed, the student, Vashishtha Narayan Singh, had impressed the American scholar into inviting him to the UCB. There is more than one version of this story. Many stories of Singh's brilliance are apocryphal. However, his 1969 PhD dissertation, "Reproducing Kernels and Operators with Cyclic Vector," is one of the most referred works in the field. But in less than a decade, this brilliant mind was lost to academia. His troubled life came to an end on Thursday.

Born to a family of modest means in Vasantpur village in Bihar's Ara district, Singh acquired a reputation for quizzing his mathematics teachers at school. Patna University decided to bend its rulers when it was felt that the syllabus system was holding the prodigy back. Singh was allowed to appear for the final year BSc examination when he was still

in his first year. He topped. The American sojourn followed soon after. After his PhD, Singh worked at NASA for about three years. His research has applications in areas ranging from computer graphics to quantum mechanics. Singh chose to return to India at the height of his scholastic prowess and worked at the IIT Kanpur, TIFR, Mumbai and the ISI, Kolkata. But his mind had also begun wandering into realms unknown. In 1976, not yet 35, he was diagnosed with schizophrenia. He is known to have scribbled equations in notebooks that admirers would get for him, which would be kept under lock and key. Are there traces of his erudition waiting to be uncovered?

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## Wrong number

The revival plan for BSNL and MTNL does not inspire confidence

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THE EARLY LOGIC of public provision of telecommunications services in India was justified on grounds of market failure and employment creation. Market failure meant the private sector would either not be interested in provision especially in far flung rural areas or monopoly conduct would flourish unchecked in areas it did serve. The widespread distrust of the market and private enterprise obliged the government to supply telecommunications services. And in the absence of a meaningful social security architecture, the department of telecommunications (DoT) along with other public sector enterprises, became employers, not only of "last resort" but also of "first choice". The security of a government job and its associated benefits are enticing even today, even though the economy is vastly different and private enterprise is truly established.

The natural monopoly character of telecommunications has been decidedly undermined by wireless technology. Accordingly, ownership is no longer the best way to achieve multiple government objectives, if ever it was. There is ample evidence from India and the world that suggests government ownership dulls incentives and therefore, development and distributional objectives are better achieved through independent regulation and the law of contract.

The arrival of independent regulation in 1997 in the form of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and private sector participation meant the government could easily vacate this space without hurting its development objectives. To be fair, the government did incorporate BSNL in 2000 to supply services in India except for Delhi and Mumbai, which have been served by the MTNL since 1986. The change formally created a PSU in telecom but functioning, process and culture was largely inherited from the parent department.

Often, the argument is made that in choosing between a private and public sector monopoly, the former would be abusive and extractive while the latter benign. And thus, if ever the sector inched towards monopolisation, either by design (read cartelisation) or market circumstance (read aggressive and disruptive competition), the public sector would provide the much needed countervailing power. One cannot imagine either BSNL or MTNL succumbing to become part of a private sector led cartel, just as one cannot visualise the nature of the competitive threat they would present in case pri-

The beginning did, however, inspire confidence. In the three years following BSNL's incorporation, it became the country's leading telecom operator commanding a market share of about 85 per cent in provisioning of fixed-line services, over 17 per cent in mobile services and 25 per cent in internet services. But, over time, its fundamental weaknesses, overstaffing, lack of market responses and cumbersome procedures have rendered it an also ran. The market share of BSNL has dwindled to about 10 per cent, while MTNL has a market share of about 7 per cent in two of India's most lucrative circles. If preservation of competition is the objective, it is a task best performed by the sector and economy wide competition regulator, and not by artificially supporting a public sector entity. It seems to be a rather extravagant route to maintaining competition.

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Another argument made in support of the public sector is service provisioning in remote areas. To BSNL's credit, it did serve areas which private sector did not. But BSNL's rural market share has dwindled from over 25 per cent in 2008 to less than 8 per cent in 2019, while the rural market has been growing. A robust telecom PSU, another argument suggests, could be of strategic value especially in periods of calamities. Once again, it seems a rather expensive route to maintain strategic services when the same could be provided by private players under threat of regulatory injunctions.

How does the public sector survive with market disruptions and technology shocks becoming the norm rather than the exception in telecom? Public sector is at best geared for stasis and the telecom sector is anything but that. Adding to the technology disruptions are policy flip-flops that went from being pro-public sector to either neutral or even hostile. Private entrants had long argued for a level playing field with the public sector, while the latter complained they could not compete with one hand tied behind their back. Both were right from their standpoints, but asymmetric policy in favour of the public sector was hard to maintain. Thus, the public sector was persuaded to pay license fee and for spectrum, just like others did, some of which they did not want. In 2016, the entry of Reliance Jio coincided with intense tariff competition, and subsequently, a sharp fall in interconnection user charges (IUC) affected the entire telecom industry. Public sector operators already bleeding were hit badly.

Worried about the future of the public sector entities, the government has crafted a revival plan, including a merger of BSNL and MTNL. In management jargon, the merger could potentially unlock synergies, but unfortunately there appear none on the telecom horizon. The return on capital employed for the two PSUs has been consistently negative, and manpower costs account for 60 and 80 per cent of their revenues respectively, compared to about 5 per cent for private operators. The other components of the rescue package include raising sovereign bonds, monetising land assets and a voluntary retirement scheme for employees. The government has also promised allocation of 4G spectrum at 2016 prices.

None of these inspire confidence, given protracted government procedures. For example, asset sales will be subject to cumbersome tenders, allegations of favouritism and plain rent-seeking, aspects that are partly responsible for the bleak situation in the first place. Moreover, customer interface is not a public sector forte, so 4G spectrum is likely to be a drain rather than a revenue spinner.

At the beginning of this piece, we advanced two reasons for direct public sector service provision by government — market failure and employment. The market failure justification doesn't exist anymore, suggesting exit for BSNL and MTNL. The medium to long term costs of continuing in operation are likely to be higher than shutting down. Although employment creation is no longer a public sector imperative, shutting down may make economic sense but it is hardly a feasible political option. One cannot lay off two lakh employees with a stroke of the pen, even if continuing operations is a more expensive form of social protection. It has to be carefully planned.

The silver lining is that the merged telecom entity would have a pan India presence and would become a listed enterprise. This may eventually assist in disinvesting or better, privatising the merged operator. Thus "revival to sell" should be the mantra rather than "revival to operate". The latter is a tall order and, unencumbered, the merged entity could well turn out to be profitable in private hands. But it will be a painstaking process. After all, as a great poet said, aah ko chahiye ik umr asar hone tak!

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## CORRIDOR OF CONCILIATION

Kartarpur presents an opportunity for normalisation of India-Pakistan ties

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ON NOVEMBER 9, Prime Minister Imran Khan got together with thousands of Sikh pilgrims to inaugurate the Kartarpur Corridor. Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked Pakistan for opening up the route to the last resting place of the great Sikh founder-guru, Nanak Dev, in accordance with an agreement reached between the former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and former Indian statesman-PM Atal Behari Vajpayee in 1999. The Sikh yatris were visibly touched as they heard PM Khan speak of the "opening up borders for free movement and trade with India".

Things looked good till the Indian media "revealed" the presence of a group of "Khalistani" agents at Kartarpur. That meant the corridor was actually a conspiracy to undermine India's integrity by luring the Sikhs away. On the Pakistani side, the hounded opposition thought of the "betrayal" of "Kartarpur" after Modi "annexed" Kashmir. But the people at large didn't bite and were happy to receive more pilgrims. Imran Khan covered his head as he paid tributes to Guru Nanak Dev.

The "largest gurudwara in the world" was thought of by Imran Khan and the chief of the Pakistan Army General Qamar Javed Bajwa. The impressive gurudwara came about in 10 months because the army took charge of it and built it in record time. If the army is behind the project, is it, therefore, a conspiracy to alienate the Sikhs of Indian Punjab from India?

Or is General interested in "cooling the eastern front" because his challenge from the "western front" is too big for the Pakistan Army to handle? India kills Pakistani troops on a permanent basis on the Line of Control (LoC), but the new development is that Afghanistan too kills Pakistani troops across the wire-fence Pakistan has erected on the challenged Durand Line. The odds on the western front are enormous: The hostile elements include the Taliban (Afghan and Pakistani) backed by al Qaeda which is fully entrenched in Afghanistan, and the Islamic State whose appeal for the Pakhtun youth is increasing.

Pakistan has tried diplomacy against the removal by India of Article 370 from the Constitution. The world has reacted negatively to the abuse of human rights in Kashmir but Pakistan has failed to get the world, including the Islamic world, to condemn the "annexation" of Kashmir by India. What Pakistan has learned is the fact that under the Simla Agreement the world will "not decide" the dispute of Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Pakistan is under pressure. It is economically handicapped by the stringency of the conditionalities of the IMF and threatened with sanctions from the Forward Action Task Force (FATF), ironically presided over by China whose China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) requires peace in the region and possible participation in the trade route by India with whom China enjoys a two-way trade of \$80 billion. After the exit of the US from Afghanistan, Pakistan faces uncertainty across a border it has failed to control. Is it time for an India-Pakistan "normalisation" that once looked real under Prime Minister Vajpayee?

There was a time when India as a status quo power wanted Pakistan to join talks on bilateral "normalisation". Pakistan stuck to "the precondition of Kashmir" which it now acknowledges is not a realistic policy option. It thought it could compel India to come to the table under pressure from "jihad". But this socalled jihad slumped towards the end of the 1990s and began to hurt Pakistan. The Kartarpur Corridor is the door of opportunity for both countries.

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### NOVEMBER 16, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



IRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT is expected to free some 40 non-Americans and American women, who are among the hostages in the US embassy in Teheran. The foreign minister, Bani Sadr, said a decision would be taken "very soon". Among the hostages, in addition to 62 Americans, are nationals of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Korea and Italy. They are believed to be employees of the embassy. CBS News reported that Bani-Sadr told its correspondent, Randy Daniels, that "all women and blacks would be freed very soon". Bani Sadr did not say exactly when this would take place, Daniels

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BAHUGUNA IN A SPOT THE INITIAL EUPHORIA following H N Bahuguna's decision to join the Congress (I) was somewhat diminished with the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid refusing to endorse the CFD decision. The Imam, Syed Abdullah Bukhari, was said to be sore that Bahuguna had ignored him and his 15-point programme while discussing the modalities of merger with the Congress (I). Bahuguna had a long meeting with the Imam last night. Since the latter insisted that Mrs Gandhi first give a separate assurance to him on the 15point programme, the CFD leader postponed his last night's scheduled meeting with the Congress (I) president.

## ZIA ON KASHMIR

PAKISTAN PRESIDENT GEN Zia-ul-Hag said that Pakistan would hold talks on Kashmir with the Indian government to be formed after the Lok Sabha elections, Radio Pakistan reported. He said in Muzaffarabad in occupied Kashmir that some progress had been achieved towards the normalisation of relations between the two countries, but complete normalisation would be possible only after a solution of the Kashmir issue. Zia said in the past India had agreed to hold talks on a settlement of this issue. Zia spoke of his country's desire for "peace and friendship" with all countries, in particular, with its neighbour.

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## Education, ours and theirs

BJP has still not realised its ambitions of rewriting history at national level, but in the states, has been more effective in transmitting its version of Indian history to the next generation of learners



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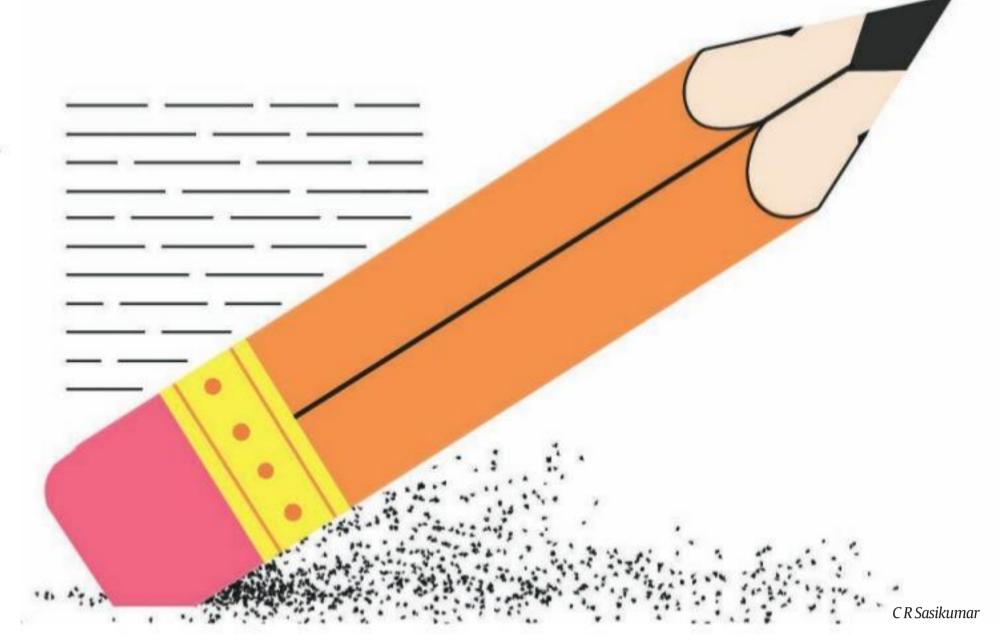
UNION HOME MINISTER Amit Shah, while speaking at a recent seminar in Banaras Hindu University on the 5th century emperor, Skandagupta, declared: "Putting together our history, embellishing it and rewriting it is the responsibility of the country, its people and historians", suggesting that there are different ways to write the history of India and that professional historians had not done their job properly so far.

One of the government spheres in which the sangh parivar has always shown interest is the teaching of history, not only because it contributes to defining the national identity, but also because the parivar believes the version of the past portrayed by secularists does not reflect reality.

Shortly after Narendra Modi's rise to power, in August 2014, the RSS formed a committee, the Bharatiya Shiksha Niti Aayog, to "Indianise" the education system. It was headed by Dinanath Batra, who had specialised in rewriting Indian history according to the canons of Hindu nationalism. In 2010, he had filed a civil suit to ban Wendy Doniger's The Hindus, which he felt gave Hinduism a bad image. Batra also pressured the University of Delhi to remove from its syllabus an essay by A K Ramanujan — *Three Hundred Ramayanas* — that contradicted the Hindu nationalist idea that there was a single version of the epic.

At the same time, Batra, long-time general secretary of the sangh parivar's Vidya Bharati, devoted most of his energy to combating perceived errors in history textbooks written by secular authors. In his 2001 book, The Enemies of Indianisation: The Children of Marx, Macaulay and Madrasa, he listed 41 major flaws that reflected the historic tropisms of the Hindu nationalists: First, the idea that the Aryans came from another part of the world in ancient times because the Hindus could only be sons of the soil; second, all the glories attributed to ancient India in its epic poems are an accurate reflection of historical reality; third, the Muslim invasions opened the darkest chapter in Indian history, starting with the destruction of Nalanda University in the 12th century up until the end of the Mughal empire; and fourth, the standard account of the freedom movement ascribes too much importance to Gandhi and Nehru to the detriment of Hindu nationalist heroes. These serious flaws have all been attributed to the secularist or Westernised nature of history textbook authors.

The second point was particularly emphasised by the leading Hindu nationalist historian, Y Sudershan Rao, who was appointed by the Narendra Modi government in summer 2014 to head the Indian Council of Historical Research. Rao views history and mythology as being the same thing and believes that historiographic research should focus on identifying the locations where the "events" described in the epics took place. This mixing up of history and mythology has become common since



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The textbooks put out by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which can be used in schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), have been extensively rewritten. According to The Indian Express, between 2014 and 2018 1,334 changes were made to 182 textbooks put out by the NCERT between 2005 and 2009.

However, the scale on which Hindu nationalists are rewriting history can be most clearly gauged at the state government level. Take Rajasthan, where the revision of the history curriculum, and changing of narratives formed an integral part of policy at the highest levels of government. In fact, when the BJP was in power, the education minister, Vasudev Devnani, was quite candid on how he wanted the history textbooks to be rewritten. For him, the focus of teaching should be on imparting nationalism, and he asserted that the textbooks "would remove the chapters on the greatness of Akbar and include the heroics of Maharana Pratap". This led to a process of regionalising the history of the nation, wherein Pratap would become the central protagonist of the Medieval period. Devnani went a step further when he had the textbooks change the outcome of the Battle of Haldighati, fought between Pratap and Akbar. As the historical record points to a stalemate, the BJP narrative "altered" this, to portray a victory for Pratap, in Devnani's eyes "fixing an aberration".

Devnani's opinions reflected in the textbooks released in 2017. He remarked that the new textbooks would ensure "no more Kanhaiyas are born in the state", a reference to the former JNUSU president who had been accused of sedition. Thus, nationalism became the cornerstone of the new Rajasthan history textbooks. This was depicted through a hagiographical account of Hindu rulers, which focused on their early lives, territorial exploits, and differences in personal demeanour from their Muslim enemies.

Besides, these textbooks revisited the prioritisation of individuals associated with the freedom struggle. For instance, the first prime minister of the nation, Jawaharlal Nehru, has been omitted from the class 8 textbook, while BR Ambedkar is classified as a 'Hindu social reformer', in a bid to sanitise his fight against caste. In fact, the textbooks argue that Ambedkar's efforts were similar to those of Dayanand Saraswati, Mahatma Gandhi and RSS founder KB Hedgewar. Ambedkar's more radical contributions such as the Mahad Satyagraha, or his conversion to Buddhism are omitted altogether.

Finally, the most celebrated "freedom fighter" is Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, the founder of the Hindutva ideology. He figures in every history textbook from class 8 to 12 as someone "whose contribution to the cause of independence cannot be described in words". Deified status is further exemplified by describing him as a "great patriot, great revolutionary and great organiser". The usage of the term "great" is thus once again the monopoly of certain protagonists in the BJP textbooks.

Thus, for the BJP, the teaching of history is linked to the prioritisation of certain communities and individuals in order to foster a particular spirit of nationalism among school students. While Batra has still not yet realised his ambitions at the national level, in the states, the party has been most effective in transmitting its version of Indian history to the next generation of learners.

Will the Congress government re-rewrite the history textbooks of Rajasthan, or is the Hindu nationalist version bound to prevail? And if one more version of India's history is produced, in the context of the political narrative in India today, will it have any impact on the next generation of learners?

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## Separated at the seam

"Over and over, the Republican members of the House Intelligence Committee attempted to cast the hearings as a sham, a Democratic plot to remove the

> Ayodhya verdict offers justice for some, but not fairness for all



WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

president."

SHAH ALAM KHAN

IWAS A 22-year-old medical student when a group of thugs climbed the dome of the Babri masjid in Ayodhya and reduced it to a grey pile of rubble on December 6, 1992. Having been brought up in a liberal democracy, I was devastated at this blatant brutality and violation of the Constitution, and that too with the tacit collusion of the state. It was painful, probably because it happened in an India which believed in the virtues of liberty, secularism and pluralism.

As we ascended in our national quest to achieve the goals of neo-liberal economics, India evolved. And we lost ourselves to more trysts with bigger brutalities and even bigger national tragedies which claimed our consciousness. We became aloof to the sufferings of the poor, the marginalised, the underprivileged and minorities. We kept on erecting more and more tombstones in the cemetery of that liberal democracy, which we had decided to once nurture when we became independent in 1947. In evolutionary terms, we did lose our tails, but in the bargain we developed fangs full of poison for the deprived masses of the land.

On November 9, a closure happened for one of the tragedies which had marred our consciousness. The Ayodhya verdict, given by a bench of five judges of the Supreme Court including the Chief Justice of India, hopefully, brought an end to this longstanding dispute. The unanimous verdict pronounced that the disputed land in Ayodhya will go to a government-monitored Trust to build a temple, and the Muslims will get a separate five-acre piece of land in the city at some "prominent" site. Although it is still in its early days, the verdict is being hailed as prudent and practical. There is little resistance and mention of the fact that the verdict, in a way, has vindicated the brutality which was unleashed on the disputed structure in 1992. If, in 1992, there were whispers of correcting the wrongs of the past, in 2019 there are rumblings that the past stands corrected.

The India in which I grew up was, by and large, ashamed and felt guilty of doing what it did to the Babri masjid in 1992. Having said that, even at that time a fringe celebrated the demolition of the mosque. However, though that fringe had political faces and common men as supporters, they

did not get the kind of acceptance they had wished for. There were momentary political gains for many, but there was a general resistance to the idea of hatred. In 2019, that fringe has taken centre-stage. They now rule our consciousness. They decide what is wrong and, more importantly, what is not Hatred is acceptable. The evolution from demolishing century-old structures to breaking human skulls is complete. Lynching of fellow citizens, bail to proven thugs like Babu Bajrangi and Maya Kodnani, detention of human rights activists, demands for awarding the killers of Gandhi, bail for the killers of Dalits in Khairlanji – we have definitely come a long way. The tortuous route that the republic has taken to arrive at where we rest today is exceptionally unique. In a way, it is our tryst with destiny, as claimed by Nehru in the famous midnight speech. It is never easy to defeat destiny.

As a common Indian, I am happy that the Supreme Court judgment has brought closure to a long-standing dispute which vitiated the atmosphere of the country for so long. But, as a liberal in a democracy and citizen of the broader world, the ache of the judgement's arbitrariness is like a thorn in my heart. The idea of justice is based on the perception of fairness. John Rawls, in his seminal work, A Theory of Justice, said that all people have a claim to as much freedom as is consistent with everyone else having an equal level of freedom. This is an important concept towards understanding both justice and freedom. According to him, freedom and equality can be integrated and thus, justice can be presented as fairness. With this verdict of the Supreme Court, am not sure if justice can be outlined as per Rawls's definition. Justice and fairness seem to be separated at the seam in this case. This open seam, like an open vein, can bleed a society white. Justice as fairness for just a few, can erode societal norms.

We should respect the judgment of the Supreme Court without trying to fit it into the landscape of justice and fairness as explained by Rawls. It is a closure of something perniciously erosive to the idea of India, the idea to which we all owe our allegiance. To be honest, our worry lies not in this verdict, but the verdicts which can come in the future. It is not a time to celebrate or mourn this judgment. It is a time to be alert to the idea of justice, to the idea of inclusion, to the idea of democracy and, most importantly, to the idea of peace. In the words of the Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza, peace is not the absence of war, it is the presence of justice.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### ABOUT DEMOCRACY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A verdict, a

test' (IE, November 15). I want to ask a question — what is the writer's criteria for being a nationalist? He holds that those who did not predict that the BJP would win the general elections and did not support the party do not qualify as nationalists. Can questioning the government and not supporting the popular opinion in a country be reason enough for being called anti-national? Have we become so intolerant that anyone who questions the government is said to be acting against the nation? If only the BJP and its allies are nationalists, what is the purpose contesting elections? We need to keep the importance of dissent in view in re-examining

Chinmay Jain, Delhi

#### BUDGETS, SECURITY

the idea of Bharat.

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Beyond the mandate', (IE, November 15). The idea of a separate mechanism for funding defence and internal security definitely deserves wider consultation and the Finance Commission must have a say on this subject. A dedicated corpus for defence procurement and police modernisation will ensure that the security is not subjected to the annual budget cycle. A dedicated stream to fund defence and internal security would also distribute the financial burden evenly

across a period of time. Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

#### A DEAD HORSE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'SC rejects Rafale plea' (IE, November 15). It is evident that Rafale has boomeranged on the Congress. The party should now refrain from flogging a dead horse. The party has plethora of issues to criticise the government. The economy in dire straits, there is acute joblessness and the environment is worsening. The country's major opposition party needs to ask the government if it has

#### LETTER OF THE WEEK

#### No Economists

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Experts, dissent and the economy' (IE, November 8). There are two basic problems in implementing author's suggestions. In today's world there are no economists who have the requisite expertise but are politically and ideologically neutral. The second problem is, economists are expert in devising various solutions after the horse has bolted away. No economist worth his salt had predicted the 2008 meltdown. Lastly, economists are never known to give practical and precise advice. Their craft lies in beating around the bush

while sounding profound.

delivered on any of its promises. Post Ayodhya verdict, the BJP's jingoism should ebb as the common man is feeling suffocated with the overdose

H N Bhagwat, Chiplun

**Deepak Singhal,** Chennai

#### LESSON FOR BJP

of nationalism.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Winning and losing' (IE, November 13). The Maharashtra and Haryana assembly election results signal that no party can claim a permanent place in the states. Unemployment problem is a burning issue in every state. The government's failure to curb this problem has reflected on the BJP's reduced numbers in the two states. This has given an impetus to parties like the Shiv Sena to break away from the NDA fold. There is a lesson for the BIP to manage its relationship with the allies.

**Dilip Kumar Dutta,** *Midnapore* 

## SC as unifier-in-chief

Supreme Court's Ayodhya verdict has strengthened democracy

GAURAV BHATIA

ON NOVEMBER 9, the Supreme Court delivered a historic verdict on the Ram Mandir issue, which was under litigation for more than seven decades. Finally, the judgment put to rest the competing claims of two opposing sides — for the construction of a Ram temple and the rebuilding of the Babri masjid respectively.

It is a unique judgment for the manner in which it has been authored and delivered. The 1045-page judgement, and its addendum, does not mention the name of the author of the judgement — it has been signed by all the five judges. The regular practice of the Supreme Court is that every judgement — whether majority, concurring or dissenting — carries the name of the author. The verdict was pronounced on a Saturday, which is again unusual as it was not a regular working day. And, the judgement becomes more efficacious, since it is a unanimous one by all the five judges constituting the bench.

The Supreme Court while deciding this contentious issue strictly went by the evidence placed on record, the testimony of witnesses, the ASI report and travelogues. The judgement makes it clear that all faiths and religions are to be respected equally.

To the credit of the bench, the judges always patiently heard both sides, maintained rectitude to uphold the dignity of the Court, even when there were multiple occasions when the counsels for the Sunni Waqf Board made scurrilous remarks, and tried to brow-

The Supreme Court firmly rejected the prayer of the Sunni Waqf Board opposing the its five-day a week hearing plan. It also decided to exercise restraint for the larger public good when a lawyer, acting unprofessionally, tore a map handed over by the counsel for the Hindu side. During the course of the hearing, in December 2017, a request was made to the Supreme Court to defer the matter till the completion of the 2019 Lok Sabha election. Senior lawyers even went to the extent of threatening to walk out of the Court room, if their prayers were not accepted: This was completely blasphemous and against the traditions of the Supreme Court. However, the Court showed exemplary restraint here too.

Eventually, the Supreme Court, on the basis of clear evidence held that, "the worship by the Hindus in the outer courtyard continued unimpeded" and "their (Hindus) possession of the outer courtyard stands established together with the incidents attaching to their control over it."

As regards to the inner courtyard, the Court stated that, "there is evidence on a preponderance of probabilities to establish worship by the Hindus prior to the annexation of Oudh by the British in 1857." It was also recorded by the Court that "The Muslim side offered no evidence to indicate that they were in exclusive possession of the inner structure prior to 1857 since the date of the construction in the sixteenth century."

The Court set aside the Allahabad High Court judgement and held that "Three-way bifurcation by the High court was legally unsustainable. Even as a matter of maintaining public peace and tranquillity, the solution which commended itself to the High Court is not feasible. The disputed site measures all of 1500 square yards."

The Court noted that, "dividing the land will not subserve the interest of either of the parties or secure a lasting sense of peace and tranquillity."

It is evident that in the present case justice was clearly delayed, if not completely denied. The real delay was caused at the trial stage, as litigation which was going on since 1950 was finally adjudicated by the Allahabad high court on September 30, 2010. Whereas, in a relatively shorter span of nine years, the Supreme Court was able to deliver this historic verdict.

The main reason why it took the Supreme Court nine years to finally decide the matter, has more to do with the procedural aspects — like the completion of pleadings and translation than the lack of will on part of the Supreme Court to finally decide on it. What added to the delay was the lackadaisical approach of the earlier state governments of Uttar Pradesh in assisting the Supreme Court registry in getting approximately 14,000 pages translated

in time. These relevant pages were translated within a short span of five months by the newly elected government led by the present chief minister, Yogi Adityanath. As a result, the matter was decided expedi-

Significantly, in the interest of justice, the Supreme Court also directed that a suitable plot of land measuring five acres be handed over to the Sunni Waqf Board, either by the Central government or the state government. The Nirmohi Akhara was also granted appropriate representation in the Trust/body to be formed by the Central government.

Finally, it augurs well for our democracy that both sides had the patience to wait for decades for this historic verdict. All parties exercising patience displayed that unity in diversity is the inherent strength of our democracy.

It is important that in a democracy governed by the rule of law, every action undertaken by a citizen or a community has valid legal sanctity. This judgment ensures that the construction of a temple at Ayodhya will also have complete legal sanction. It will be apt to say that the Supreme Court, with one stroke of the pen, has strengthened the democratic fabric of our country. It has played the decisive role of "Unifier-in-Chief".

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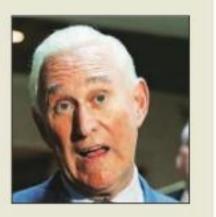
### IN COLD NUMBERS

11 MILLION The number of Syrians — over half the country's estimated population in need of humanitarian aid, as per the UN humanitarian chief. He said the

**SRILANKA VOTES TODAY** 

UN and other groups are reaching an average of 5.6 million people a month

## TOPOFTHE WORLD



### Poll interference probe: Stone found guilty

Washington: Roger | Stone Ir, a former aide and longtime friend of President Trump, was found guilty on Friday of obstructing a congressional probe into Russia's interference in the 2016 election. Stone, 67, was charged with lying to the House Intelligence Committee, trying to block the testimony of another potential witness and concealing reams of evidence. Prosecutors claimed he tried to thwart the committee's work because the truth would have "looked terrible" for both the president and his campaign.

#### **BOLIVIA**

#### Morales calls for **United Nations**' mediation

*Mexico City:* Bolivia's Evo Morales on Friday called for the United Nations, and possibly Pope Francis, to mediate in the nation's crisis following his ouster as president in what he called a coup d'etat that forced him into exile in Mexico. In an interview with The Associated Press in Mexico City, Morales claimed he is in fact still president of Bolivia since the country's Legislative Assembly has not yet accepted his resignation, which he presented Sunday. "If they haven't accepted or rejected (his resignation), I can say I am still president," he said.

#### **TURKEY**

#### Govt detains four mayors on terror charges

Ankara: Turkey's staterun news agency says police have detained four mayors over their suspected links to Kurdish rebels, as part of an ongoing crackdown on the country's pro-Kurdish party. Anadolu Agency said the mayors of the towns of Savur, Derik and Mazidagi in Mardin province and the town of Suruc in Sanliurfa province were detained along with some 20 municipality officials on Friday. The mayors were elected

#### **RUSSIA**

#### **Broadcaster** accuses FB of censorship

into office in March.

Moscow: The chief of Russian state-funded broadcaster RT on Friday said Facebook was deliberately blocking posts from its documentary channel, accusing the social media giant of "censorship". "They have been limiting the audience for our documentaries for over a month on Facebook," Margarita Simonyan wrote on her Telegram social networking account. "Nobody can see the posts." "Our guys have asked the moderators what they did wrong, but Zuckerberg's moderators are silent," Simonyan wrote of Mark Zuckerberg.

#### INTIMIDATION, SAY IMPEACHMENT PANEL MEMBERS

## Ex-envoy witness says feel threatened by Trump, he attacks her on Twitter

Shocked, appalled, devastated: Marie Yovanovitch on transcript of Ukraine call

MICHAEL D SHEAR, PETERBAKER& **CHARLIE SAVAGE** WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 15

PRESIDENT TRUMP on Friday denigrated Marie L Yovanovitch, the former United States ambassador to Ukraine, even as she testified in the impeachment inquiry about how she felt threatened by Trump, leading Democrats to accuse him of trying to intimidate a witness in real time.

"Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad. She started off in Somalia, how did that go?" Trump wrote, assailing her on Twitter to his 66 million followers and adding that "It is a US President's absolute right to appoint ambassadors." The president's insults came

as Yovanovitch told the House Intelligence Committee in powerful and personal terms of the devastation and fear she felt earlier this year, as she was targeted first by Mr. Trump's allies and later by the president himself during a phone call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine. Democrats said Trump's onslaught amounted to an attempt to threaten Yovanovitch, who is still a State Department employee, and



Marie Yovanovitch arrives to testify before Congress, Friday. NYT

### **Another potential** charge for panel

THE VIEW that Trump's tweets denigrating Yovanovitch amount to witness intimidation could provide another charge for the House panel to pursue impeachment. Earlier, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had also suggested that bribery could be another charge against Trump. However, a Republican lawmaker has dismissed the charge, saying that the envoy would not have known about Trump's tweets had they not been read out during the session, and thus, they cannot be seen as an intimidation attempt.

other potential witnesses against cooperating with the inquiry, a tactic that they said could itself be impeachable. Removed from her post as ambassador to Ukraine,

Yovanovitch said she was bereft when she came under fire in the spring from Rudolph W Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer, and his eldest son, but even more stunned in September when she learned that Trump himself had told another foreign leader that she was "bad news" in his nowfamous July 25 phone call with Ukraine's president, and said she would "go through some things."

Representative Adam B Schiff, Democrat of California and the chairman of the Intelligence interrupted Committee, Yovanovitch to read the president's tweet and ask her what she thought. A tight smile on her face, she appeared momentarily uncertain how to respond.

"It's very intimidating," she said. She then paused, searching for words. "I can't speak to what the president is trying to do, but the effect is to be intimidating."

Schiff responded in a stern tone that, "Some of us here take witness intimidation very, very seriously."

Representative Jim Himes, Democrat of Connecticut and a member of the Intelligence Committee, said that Trump's attacks on Yovanovitch amounted to "clear witness tampering" that could be cited in an article of impeachment. **NYT** 

#### TRUMP ASKS SC TO BAR RELEASE OF **HIS TAX RETURNS**

■ President Trump has asked the Supreme Court to bar his accounting firm from turning over eight years of his tax returns to prosecutors, in what could yield a major ruling on the limits of presidential immunity

■ Jay Sekulow, a lawyer for Trump, said a federal appeals court had committed a grave legal error in allowing the accounting firm to provide the tax records

■Trump's lawyers argued that he was immune from all criminal proceedings and investigations so long as he remained in office

■ Even if some federal probes may be proper, the petition said, the SC should rule that state and local prosecutors may not seek information about a sitting president

### Iran not calling for elimination of Jews, says Khamenei

**REUTERS** 

DUBAI, NOVEMBER 15

IRAN IS not calling for the elimination of the Jewish people, but believes people of all religions should decide Israel's future, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Friday.

"Calling for the elimination of the state of Israel does not cording to his official website.

Palestine — be they Muslim, Christian or Jewish — should choose their own government."

mean the elimination of the Jewish people," Khamenei told officials and participants at an Islamic conference in Tehran, ac-"It means that the people of

Khamenei, the ultimate authority on Iranian domestic and foreign policy, criticised Western powers for pressuring Tehran over its nuclear programme.

## On eve of polls, the mood among key minority groups: 'Promises not kept'



**ARUN JANARDHANAN** NOVEMBER 15

AS OVER 15 million Sri Lankans are set to vote for the new President on Saturday, by picking one of 35 candidates from the longest-ever ballot paper, the decision of the country's minority Tamils will be crucial. The Tamil communities and other minority groups had a significant role to play in the 2015 poll victory of Maithripala Sirisena against the incumbent Rajapaksa regime, leading to questions about where their votes will go this time.

According to about a dozen Tamil voters who spoke to *The Indian Express* on the eve of polling, the situation has changed in the last five years of the Sirisena regime. There is voter unhappiness against the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), a party that represents Tamils, and there have been calls to boycott elections.

While a majority of Sinhalese voters had favoured Rajapaksa in the 2015 elections, a major factor that contributed to his defeat was the massive support of minorities for Sirisena. While the Gotabaya Rajapaksa camp is confident of retaining 47.6 per cent of the Sinhala Buddhist votes that they received in 2015, many are unsure of the level of support that ruling United National Party (UNP) candidate Sajith Premadasa will receive.

M A Sumanthiran, TNA



Gotabaya Rajapaksa (right) at a Tamil temple

spokesperson and parliamentarian, said the promises made by President Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe had not been fulfilled.

When asked about the mood in northern Sri Lanka, a war-ravaged region, Sumanthiran said the TNA supported Sajith. "There is enthusiasm among voters. But I am not sure if the same mood of Tamils in 2015 exists still. One Tamil party has boycotted the election. I admit people are not satisfied with TNA, even though they are aware of certain things we have managed to do for them. And the wounds haven't started healing yet," he said.

Former parliamentarian M K Sivajilingam, one of the presidential candidates, claimed Tamil people will not prioritise Sajith or Gotabaya. "And definitely Sajith will get more votes in the north. If Eastern province will favour Gotabaya, northern province together will give no upper hand for Sajith unlike last time," he said.

"Those who won that election are seen at the home of the same Rajapaksa now. Rajapaksa bagged maximum Sinhalese votes and still got defeated due to the wrath of minorities," he added. **FULL REPORT ON** 

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## Teen opens fire in California high school, killing two students

**NEW YORK TIMES** SANTA CLARITA, NOVEMBER 15

FRANTIC PARENTS texted with teenagers barricaded in classrooms. Others offered shelter to students fleeing their high school in this sleepy suburb north of Los Angeles on Thursday. It was the latest example of a wrenching sequence that has become a recurring nightmare for families in America.

This time it was a little after 7.30 am when a young man opened fire at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, killing two students and wounding three others before turning the gun on himself, authorities said.

The 16-year-old suspect was said to be in grave condition after shooting himself in the head. Law enforcement officials said that he was a student at Saugus High School, and that Thursday was his birthday. The students who died were a 16-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy; the other victims were identified as a 14year-old girl, a 15-year-old girl

#### MAJOR SHOOTINGS

#### **APRIL 16, 2007**

A gunman slaughters 32 people and kills himself at Virginia Tech, a university in Blacksburg

**DECEMBER 14, 2012** A man shoots his mother. then kills 20 children and six adults before killing himself at Sandy Hook school in Connecticut

**FEBRUARY 14, 2018** A former student at a school in in Florida, opens fire with a rifle, killing 17 students and

and a 14-year-old boy.

educators

Little is known about a motive or the suspect, whom police declined to name because he is a minor. Medical staff had transferred him to a hospital before police determined he was the suspect and not a victim.

#### **CHINA SAYS BRITAIN FUELLING PROTESTS**

PROTESTS RESURGE IN IRAQ

## Hong Kong foreign secretary 'attacked' in London

**AGENCIES** HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 15

THE CHINESE and Hong Kong governments condemned on Friday an attack by a "violent mob" on the city's justice secretary in London, the first direct altercation between demonstrators and a government minister during months of often violent protests.

Secretary for Justice Teresa Cheng, who was in London to



Iraqi demonstrators try to pull down a concrete wall during ongoing anti-government protests in Baghdad. Iraqi medical

and security officials say one protester was killed and over 40 were wounded in overnight clashes. Reuters

Protesters with bows in Hong Kong on Friday. Reuters

promote Hong Kong as a dispute resolution and deal-making hub, was targeted by a group of protesters who shouted "murderer" and "shameful".

A statement by the Hong Kong government said Cheng suffered "serious bodily harm" but gave no details. The Chinese embassy in the UK said Cheng was pushed to the ground and sustained a hand injury.

"If the British side does not change its wrong practices, and continues to add fuel to the fire,

sow discord and instigate others, and make false countercharges, then it will bring calamity on itforeign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said at a regular press briefing.

In a separate statement, the Hong Kong government said, "The secretary denounces all forms of violence and radicalism depriving others' legitimate rights in the pretext of pursuing their political ideals, which would never be in the interest of Hong Kong and any civilised society."

ONLY ONE CONDITION: THEY MUST NO LONGER LIVE WITH THEIR ATTACKER

## In Brazil, dentists give victims of domestic abuse a new life

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** RIO DE JANEIRO, NOVEMBER 15

ANA CLAUDIA Rocha Ferreira suffered domestic abuse at the hands of multiple partners, dating back to when she was just 15 years old. The violence took a mental and physical toll.

"I only had four teeth left in the front. I was ashamed to go out," she explains.

Rocha is one of millions of women who are victimized by their partners in Brazil. In nearly all of the cases, men target the women's faces and teeth, in order to diminish their femininity and feelings of self-worth.



Rocha was one of the lucky ones. She got new confidence —

and a new smile — thanks to Rio de Janeiro dentist Armando Piva,

mental network of volunteers rebuilding the teeth, and the lives, of battered women. Rocha says the dental work

who is part of a non-govern-

was like a "dream" and changed her life. But before her brilliant white grin — emphasized by bright red lipstick — was restored, Rocha went through some grim times.

"The assaults began when I was just 15 years old, and I was pregnant with my first daughter," explains the young black woman, who works at a graphic design firm — and already has four grandchildren at age 39.

"He started punching me. I left him. But afterward, the faleft, Rocha recounts.

ther of my second daughter also started hitting me. My teeth fell out one after another," she recalls.

Rocha, who lives in a slum in Rio's vast Sao Cristovao area, says that in the favelas, "men say they like to beat up their woman so no one else wants her. They leave their mark on her face." She didn't leave her second abusive partner because she didn't have the money to do so. She also couldn't go home to her mother, who kicked her out at a young age.

Her mom's history was similar — she was beaten all of her life and did not have one tooth

"Since I was 18 until now. I have not smiled," she laments. "I was constantly mortified." One day, she sent a message on Instagram to an actress who she admired — a bit of a shot in the dark. She didn't ask for any money but asked for help, saying she wanted beautiful teeth like the actress had.

The actress responded, putting Rocha in touch with the volunteer dentists. The treatment by Piva lasted nearly a year at his ultra-modern office in Rio's chic Barra da Tijuca neighborhood — a stark contrast to Rocha's bleak slum. He used dental implants to restore Rocha's confidence and smile.

With giant hoop earrings swinging from her ears, and drawing attention to her face, she says she is very happy: "Never again will I accept being hit." Piva says that more than

1.000 women have received treatment so far. The attackers wish is to destroy the woman's desire to smile. And we see that the majority of these women have lost more than half of their upper teeth."

Thais de Azevedo, a 70-vearold transgender woman who received implants two years ago, says, "You have no idea what it's like to live without teeth," When I got my new teeth, it was amazing just to eat an apple."

# ECONOMY



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**SECTION 227 OF INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY CODE NOTIFIED** 

## Resolution of financial service providers via ArcelorMittal gets NCLT mechanism under IBC gets go ahead

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE CENTRAL government has paved the way for resolution of financial service providers (FSPs) through the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) mechanism under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, on Friday, notified Section 227 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency and Liquidation Proceedings of Financial Service Providers and Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2019 to provide "a generic framework for insolvency and liquida-

important FSPs other than banks". As a result of this move, resolution process of some non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), including DHFL, is expected to gather pace. As of now, the resolution process of DHFL has been stalled due to differences among various creditors such as banks.

**Insolvency regime** 

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EXPLAINED Relief for lenders of NBFCs hit by liquidity crunch

LENDERS DID not have the option of taking a financial service provider for insolvency proceedings to the NCLT under the IBC so far. With the government on Friday notifying the Section 227 of the Code, however, a "generic framework" has now been provided for insolvency and liquidation proceedings of FSPs other than banks.

With the financial sector reeling under a liquidity crisis for several months now, Friday's move is expected to bring some relief to banks as liquidation of heavily-stressed NBFCs can now be initiated.

bondholders and mutual funds. Under Section 227 of the IBC, the government can notify FSPs or categories of FSPs for the purpose of insolvency and liquidation proceedings. A statement issued by the government said that the rules will apply to "such FSPs or categories of FSPs, that are notified by

the central government under

Section 227 from time to time in consultation with appropriate regulators, for the purpose of their insolvency and liquidation proceedings.'

The note, however, said that the special framework provided under Section 227 of the Code for FSPs will serve as an interim mechanism to deal with any exigency, pending introduction of a full-fledged enactment to deal with financial resolution of banks and other systemically important FSPs. "The special framework under Section 227 of IBC shall not apply to banks," said the statement.

Last week, The Indian Express reported that the government is set to notify regulation under Section 227 of IBC, in a bid to start resolution of FSPs through NCLT mechanism under the Code. Till date, no financial institution could be taken for resolution to the NCLT under the IBC. However, with the rules under Section 227 of the Code now getting notified, the existing consortium of lenders and the existing resolution professional can take the FSP or the

NBFC to the NCLT for resolution. Sources say that once banks take an FSP for resolution to NCLT, cases filed by separate creditors against the debtor company will stand nullified, thereby, paving the way for faster resolution.

Section 227 of IBC states, "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary examined in this Code or any other law for the time being in force, the Central government may, if it considers necessary, in consultation with the appropriate financial sector regulators, notify financial service providers or categories of financial service providers for the purpose of their insolvency and liquidation proceedings, which may be conducted under this Code, in such manner as may be prescribed."

Dewan Housing Finance Corporation (DHFL) — with loan outstanding of around Rs 78,000 crore (as per the debt resolution plan in July 2019) — has been facing liquidity pressure since the IL&FS crisis hit the NBFC sector in September last year. A series of debt defaults by IL&FS had spiralled into a broader liquidity crisis for the markets, putting pressure on several NBFCs. DHFL has been facing severe liquidity issues since September last. Facing stress to honour its debt repayments, it started raising funds and also selling its subsidiaries.

0.5%

Expected

slippage in

fiscal deficit,

bringing it to

3.8 per cent

## Essar Steel takeover: Supreme Court nod

**AASHISHARYAN** 

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

AFTER A lengthy litigation process that lasted 835 days, the Supreme Court on Friday gave the final approval to ArcelorMittal's plan for Essar Steel India. In doing so, the apex court also set aside the July 4 judgment of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), which redistributed the funds from ArcelorMittal nearly equally between the financial and operational creditors.

"The NCLAT judgment which substitutes its wisdom for the commercial wisdom of the Committee of Creditors and which also directs the admission of a number of claims which was done by the resolution applicant, without prejudice to its right to appeal against the aforesaid judgment, must therefore be set aside" a three-judge Bench headed by Justice Rohinton Nariman stated.

The corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) of Essar Steel shall now proceed in terms of the resolution plan submitted by Arcelor Mittal, wherein the latter had proposed to pay Rs 42,000 crore to all creditors of the corporate debtor, the three-judge bench said in its 168-page judgment.

Reiterating the importance of the Committee of Creditors (CoC), the apex court said that neither the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), nor the NCLAT "has been endowed with the jurisdiction to reverse the commercial wisdom of the dissenting financial creditors and that too on the specious ground that it is only an opinion of the minority financial creditors". The SC judgment is likely to come as a major relief for banks and other secured financial creditors who were vehemently opposed to the NCLAT's decision **SC SETS ASIDE NCLAT JUDGMENT** 

■The Supreme court set aside the July 4 judgment of the NCLAT, which redistributed the funds from ArcelorMittal nearly equally between the financial and operational creditors

of "equality for all" approach.

In their pleadings before the SC, the banks had said that if the courts indeed accepted the "equality for all" approach, the banks would "be incentivised to vote for liquidation rather than resolution, as they would have better rights if the corporate debtor was to be liquidated rather than a resolution plan being approved".

The NCLAT had, in a judgment on July 4, held that though it was approving the resolution plan submitted by ArcelorMittal, the distribution of funds as envisaged by the resolution applicant was faulty and thus, needed to be changed. It had then said that of the Rs 420,00 crore, the financial creditors would get around Rs 30,030 crore, while the operational creditors would get around

Rs 12,000 crore. Following the judgment, Essar Steel — which had so far put up a spirited fight against Arcelor-Mittal's plans to enter India — issued a statement welcoming the latter into the country. "We wish ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel the very best on their entry into the Indian market. They are acquiring a world-class facility in a market that has a long runway for growth" a spokesperson for the company said.

SC finds ex-Ranbaxy promoters

'guilty of committing contempt'

**SC** decision will lead to faster NPA resolution: SBI Chairman

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAL NOVEMBER 15

STATE BANK of India (SBI) Chairman Rajnish Kumar said Friday the Supreme Court judgment on Essar Steel India will lead to faster resolution of stressed assets with the Committee of Creditors (CoC) getting the "ultimate discretion" on distribution of funds.

"This much awaited judgment also settles numerous points of law under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) which were tested in various courts. This should significantly reduce the scope for long drawn litigations under IBC and would eventually lead to faster resolutions of stressed assets. Kumar said.

"The Supreme Court has upheld that the ultimate discretion on distribution of funds is with the CoC. It has held that secured and unsecured financial creditors are differentiated when it comes to amounts to be paid under a resolution plan, together with what dissenting secured or unsecured financial creditors are to be paid.

"It has been held that the CoC can distribute amongst the secured financial creditors as per their commercial wisdom as CoC is not restricted from classifying creditors as financial, operational secured or unsecured," he added. The apex court decision is expected to result in faster distribution of funds among lenders.

On Friday, the apex court gave nod to ArcelorMittal's resolution plan for Essar Steel. Though the ArcelorMittal takeover of Essar Steel was decided several months ago, the repayment to lenders was held up as distribution of funds among various classes of lenders was challenged in the SC.

## guarantors to corp debtors from Dec 1

New Delhi: The insolvency regime for individual guarantors to corporate debtors will be in force from December 1, according to the Centre. The provisions for resolution for individuals under the IBC is being implemented in a phased

On Friday, the Corporate Affairs Ministry said the provision pertaining to personal guarantors to corporate debtors would come into force from December 1. The Code provides for a market-driven and time-bound resolution for stressed assets.

A case is taken up for resolution under the law only after approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

In October, Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas said personal insolvency regime would be fully operational in one year. PTI

'RBI to cut rates by 40 bps by Feb despite high inflation'

Headline inflation is bound to rise further to 5 per cent for November, but despite the pinch in price rise, the Reserve Bank will go for two consecutive rate cuts on growth concerns, brokerage Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofAML) said

0.25%

Expected cut in repo rate by Reserve Bank of India in December, according to analysts at BofAML

**DIFFERENT FACTORS** 

higher inflation will be

driven by base effects or

number had dipped to

2.2 per cent, and some

pressure on onion prices

lower inflation in the year-

ago period when the same

**CAUSING INFLATION: The** 

0.15% Follow-up cut in lending rates expected to be brought by RBI in February

4.7% Growth projected for September, on gross value added basis, as against 4.9 per cent in June

LIMITED NON-FOOD, NON-FUEL INFLATION: The "fundamental drivers of inflation remain weak", which have resulted in the non-food and non-fuel core inflation getting limited to 3.3 per cent in October as against September's 3.7 per cent

AGFLATION TO BE UNDER **CONTROL: Agflation will also** be in check going forward on well-stocked rivers which should water a bumper winter sowing and the

are also small

ADDITIONAL NEED FOR **MONETISATION: Funding** the 0.8 per cent of GDP corporate tax rate cut will likely need additional direct or indirect monetisation

## Legislative changes to hike insurance cover for bank deposits from current ₹1L likely in Winter Session: FM

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** 

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE GOVERNMENT is planning to make legislative changes in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament to raise insurance cover on bank deposits from Rs 1 lakh at present and bringing multi-state cooperative banks under the purview of banking regulations. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Friday.

The Centre has also held discussions with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to check whether the confiscated properties of promoters of HDIL can be given to the central bank, in order to provide some relief to depositors of Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank, she said.

When asked about the stress in the telecom sector, Sitharaman

said, "I want no company to shut operations. I want everyone to be up and running. We want the economy to have a good number of companies in business and flourish in their business. Not just telecom sector, my wish is that all companies in all sector(s) be able to do business, service their market customers and survive. So with that approach, the Finance Ministry has always been talking and in telecom too that's the approach we have taken."

Two major telecom companies, Vodafone Idea and Airtel, have posted a combined quarterly loss of about Rs 74,000 crore as they were hit by statutory dues after a recent Supreme Court ruling.

The FM also said that the Committee of Secretaries (CoS), appointed to deal with financial problems being faced by telecom companies, has drafted some



ON TELECOM SECTOR:

■The FM said that not just the telecom sector, her wish is that all companies in all sectors be able to do business, service their market customers and survive

rules but "has not taken a final decision yet". Days after the apex court ordered telcos to pay as much as Rs 1.42 lakh crore in past statutory dues, the government had set up the CoS under the Cabinet Secretary to suggest measures to mitigate financial stress in the sector last month.

minimum support price hikes

sues in the banking sector and has called a meeting with banks next week to assess their lending to the NBFC sector. Sitharaman said the Ministry has sought disaggregated data from RBI and banks regarding their funding to AAArated NBFCs and NFBCs rated below AAA, along with funding details for AAA-rated NBFCs, and investment-grade NBFCs.

On the recent announcement to form a Rs 25,000-crore fund for more than 1,600 stalled housing projects, Sitharaman said four real estate companies from three cities Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad — have approached

for the bailout. More companies

are likely to approach the nodal

agency for taking benefit of this

The Centre is also looking at is-

ment approved a Rs 25,000-crore fund to help complete over 1,600 stalled housing projects, including ones that have been declared NPAs or admitted for insolvency proceedings, in a bid to boost growth by steering consumption in real estate and associated sectors. The Alternative Investment Fund comprises of Rs 10,000 crore coming from the government and the remaining being provided by state insurer LIC and SBI.

window from next week, she said.

Earlier this month, the govern-

On the fiscal scenario amid slowing revenues, the FM said that no welfare schemes will be curtailed despite low revenues and she expected GST numbers for November to be "good". She said the Centre is responding to challenges and is hopeful the economy will grow at a better pace in the second half of the fiscal.

#### **PRABHARAGHAVAN** The court has also NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15 initiated a contempt case against Fortis THE SUPREME Court Friday found blocking IHH from

former Ranbaxy promoters Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh "guilty of committing contempt" in a case filed by Daiichi Sankyo to block them from selling stake in Fortis Healthcare, a company previously controlled by them. It gave the Singh brothers "one chance" to purge themselves by depositing with the court Rs 1,170.95 crore each within eight weeks, in which case it "may consider dealing with them in a lenient manner" while imposing a sentence.

The verdict deals another blow to the brothers, who have already been arrested over allegations of corporate fraud and are still embroiled in a Rs 3,600-crore arbitration enforcement case by Daiichi in the Delhi High Court.

It also adds to the ongoing woes of minority shareholders in Fortis and Malaysian healthcare group IHH Bhd, which has been unable to initiate an offer for additional stake in the hospital group after its initial acquisition. This is because the apex court has, on its own, initiated a contempt case against Fortis and several others, blocking any open offers in the

'Consumer spending report on hold over data quality issues'

Healthcare, potentially completing its takeover of the hospital chain

According to the apex court, the Singh brothers and directors of Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd as well as Indiabulls Ventures Ltd "knowingly and wilfully" violated or disobeyed orders passed between August 11, 2017 and February 23, 2018. The orders involved directions to maintain the status of the pledged and unencumbered shares in Fortis.

company until February 3.

Fortis, along with the Singhs and companies controlled by them, had also "wilfully violated" the court's order in December 2018 that ordered that "status quo" with regard to the sale of controlling stake in the hospital chain to IHH be maintained. "... Issue notice to them returnable for 03.02.2020 asking them to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt," stated the SC in its order on Friday.

It demanded the presence of the Singhs, firms controlled by them, directors of Indiabulls and Fortis in court on February 3. Indiabulls has also been given

the opportunity to purge itself for possible leniency in sentencing by depositing within the same eightweek period the value of 12.25 lakh shares held in Fortis as on August 31, 2017. The total value of these shares is "approximately" Rs 17-18 crore, an Indiabulls spokesperson told The Indian Express. "In compliance of and out of respect for the orders of the honourable court, we are immediately depositing the said amount," the spokesperson added. IHH is waiting for the written judgment from the SC before taking a decision. "Thereafter, the group will consult with its advisors on its next course of action," the company told *The* 

*Indian Express* in an email. It had infused over Rs 4,000 crore for 31.1 per cent stake in Fortis last year, but was unable to initiate an open offer for an additional 26 per cent as the SC had stalled the process. Emails to RHC Holding Pvt Ltd, controlled by the Singhs, as well as separate holding firms of the brothers, remained unanswered by press time Friday Queries to Fortis Healthcare also did not elicit a response.

### Current slowdown 'episodic': NK Singh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

**COMMISSION** FINANCE Chairman N K Singh on Friday said the current economic slowdown is episodic and expressed hope that sluggishness will not continue for long.

India's economic growth hit a six-year low of 5 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal.

It is estimated that the growth may further slip to below 5 per cent in the second quarter and overall the economy is likely to register a less than 5 per cent expansion for the full fiscal.

"I do not regard that the current economic sluggishness is something that the country is going to experience for too long. I remain optimistic that the current slowdown is as much as anecdotal, episodic as much as cyclical and structural," he said

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**NK SINGH** CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMISSION

at an event here.

He, however, stressed that India should continue with both structural and cyclical reforms.

On the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the Finance Commission Chairman said that global economic structure is changing, but India is not at a dis-

advantage. It is inherent that India was better off in a multilateral world than in a bilateral world, he said, adding that the country should continue to strengthen multilateral activity, but should also keep its own interests in mind.

Earlier this month, India decided not to join the RCEP, the proposed mega trade deal of nations, as negotiations failed to address New Delhi's concerns.

Pointing out that India improved overall budgetary resources to the health sector, he said there is scope for further improvement especially on the financing side.

The Finance Commission had constituted a group to study the health sector to holistically examine best international practices for the health sector and seek to benchmark framework to these practices for optimising benefits keeping in mind local is-

The Commission is also evaluating the existing regulatory framework in the health sector and examine its strength and weaknesses for enabling a balanced yet faster expansion of the health sector keeping in view India's demographic profile.

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 15

CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE declined for the first time in four decades in 2017-18, led by a decline in consumption spending in rural areas, even as an increase was seen for urban areas, a Business Standard report said quoting a yet to be released government survey.

Reacting to the media report, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) said it was noted that there was a "significant increase in the divergence in not only the levels in the consumption pattern but also the direction of the change when compared to the other administrative data sources like the actual production of goods and services" and hence, in view of the data quality issues, it has been decided not to release the

sults of 2017-2018.

The MoSPI is separately examining the feasibility of conducting the next Consumer Expenditure Survey in 2020-2021 and 2021-22 after incorporating all data quality refinement in the survey process, it said, adding that the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics has also separately recommended that for rebasing of the GDP series, 2017-18 is not an appropriate year to be

used as the new base year. "We would like to emphatically state that there is a rigorous procedure for vetting of data and reports which are produced through surveys. All such submissions which come to the Ministry are draft in nature and cannot be deemed to be the final report," the Ministry said.

Officials said the report was never placed before the National Statistical Commission (NSC), which is the final approving body Consumer Expenditure Survey refor the release of surveys con-

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MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

ducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO), though the findings of the survey were discussed in a meeting of the Working Group earlier in July. As per the 'Key Indicators: Household Consumer Expenditure in India' survey conducted by the NSO, the average monthly spending by an individual reportedly declined by 3.7 per cent to Rs 1,446 in 2017-18 from Rs 1,501 in 2011-12.

The survey, conducted between July 2017 and June 2018, found that rural expenditure declined to Rs 1,110 in 2017-18 as against Rs 1,217 in 2011-12, including spending on food. Urban areas recorded an increase by 2

per cent in the same period. Non-food spending also recorded a decline in rural areas, with spending on these items having fallen by 7.6 per cent during the survey period, while urban spending on these items went up by 3.8 per cent. Rural areas spent Rs 580 on food in 2017-18, nearly a 10 per cent decline from Rs 643 in 2011-12, while in urban areas, it rose marginally from Rs 943 in the previous survey to Rs 946 in 2017-18.

Among food items, spending on cereals and substitutes declined by 20.4 per cent in rural areas, while in the urban parts, it decreased by 7.9 per cent. Sugar, salt

and spices also saw a lower expenditure in rural areas by 16.6 per cent, and by 14.2 per cent in urban areas. Economists said the trend of lower expenditure on cereals has been seen for some years, but overall lower spending on food is a concern, probably a fallout of the cash crunch in the economy post-demonetisation and rollout of the GST. "Cereals were being substi-

tuted by better quality items, but the concern here is that the overall spending on food went down. Rural economy which runs mainly on cash saw the impact much more than urban economy, which among higher income levels is a non-cash economy," Pronab Sen country director for the India Programme of the International Growth Centre and former Chief Statistician of India, said. He added it is worrying that though the survey was ready for the last 6-7 months, it was not put up to NSC for clearance.

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## WTO: US not complying fully with India steel dispute ruling

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE GENEVA, NOVEMBER 15

A WORLD Trade Organization (WTO) panel ruled on Friday that Washington had failed to fully comply with a five-year-old ruling in a dispute over import duties on Indian steel products.

India first filed its complaint at the WTO in 2012, after Washington imposed duties of nearly 300 per cent on imports of products including carbonquality steel pipes, after complaining that Indian steel manufacturers were benefitting from unfair subsidies.

The global trade body then ruled in 2014 that the duties constituted a breach of global

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

TELECOM STOCKS on Friday

surged up to 27 per cent after

reports suggested that the tele-

com department may fix a floor

price for data and voice tariffs,

notwithstanding huge losses

reported by two leading players

for the July-September quarter.

surged 31.86 per cent to Rs 3.89

in day trade on BSE. Later,

the scrip shed some of the

gains to close up by 24.75 per

Exchange, the stock soared by

32.2 per cent to Rs 3.90. It set-

tled at Rs 3.75, up 27.12 per cent.

Bharti Airtel jumped gained

9.74 per cent to touch intra-day

high of Rs 398 apiece. After

shedding some gains, the stock

settled 8.42 per cent up at Rs

CBIC: Have not

asked for GST

to CEOs or

employees

on salaries paid

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** 

THE CENTRAL Board of Indirect

Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on

Friday clarified that salaries are

not subject to GST, and said that

department has not demanded

any tax on salaries paid to chief

executives or employees. It was

law position which clearly

states under Section 7(2) read

with Schedule III of the Central

Goods and Services Act, 2017

(CGST Act) that the salaried

services by an employee to the

employer shall be treated nei-

ther as a supply of goods nor

as a supply of services," a

statement said. It added

salaries as such cannot be sub-

ject to GST, and no notice has

been issued to any companies

demanding GST on salaries

salaries paid to executives by

the head office is considered to

have been paid by all the branch

offices of the organisation situ-

ated in different states in lieu of

Experts said that under GST,

whatsoever.

services. **FE** 

**REUTERS** 

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 15

ALIBABA'S ORDER books for its

\$13.4 billion Hong Kong share sale

have already been covered "mul-

tiple times," sources with direct

knowledge of the matter said on

Friday, as the e-commerce group

"CBIC emphasised the GST

responding to media reports.

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

On the National Stock

cent at Rs 3.68.

Vodafone Idea shares

Vodafone Idea, Airtel

surge up to 27% on

hopes of floor price

approached regulator for views

Trai chief clarifies telecom dept hasn't

The WTO's Dispute Settlement Body rejected several charges by India but found that the US had "failed to comply with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in the original dispute"

trade rules, and ordered Washington to bring its practices into line.

But India complained that Washington was failing to comply with that ruling and asked the WTO to weigh in again.

In the ruling on Friday, the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body rejected several charges by India but found that the US had "failed to comply with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB

Telecom regulator Trai,

"We have not received any-

however, clarified that the tele-

com department has not yet ap-

proached it for its views on floor

thing," Trai chief R S Sharma

said when asked if the

Department of Telecom (DoT)

has approached Telecom

Regulatory Authority of India

(Trai) for its opinion on floor

price or minimum tariff fixation

reported a consolidated loss of

Rs 50,921 crore - the highest

ever loss posted by any Indian

corporate - for the second quar-

ter ended September 30, on ac-

count of liability arising out of

the Supreme Court order in the

adjusted gross revenue case.

Vodafone Idea on Thursday

for mobile services.

price for tariffs.

in the original dispute."

"We recommend that the United States bring its measures into conformity with its obligations," the ruling said.

The WTO polices global trade accords in an effort to offer its member economies a level playing field.

Its panels can authorise retaliatory trade measures by the wronged party if its rival fails to fall into line.

### Sept quarter: RCom posts ₹30,142 cr loss

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

**RELIANCE COMMUNICATIONS** on Friday posted a consolidated loss of Rs 30,142 crore for July 393.20. During the day, the scrip September 2019 due to provisionrallied 9.93 per cent to Rs ing for liabilities after the Supreme 398.50 on the NSE. It closed at Court ruling on statutory dues. The company, which is going Rs 396, up 9.24 per cent.

through insolvency process, had made a profit of Rs 1,141 crore in the corresponding three months a year ago. During July-September 2019, the company set aside Rs 28,314 crore on account of provisioning following the Supreme Court order on calculation of annual adjusted gross revenue (AGR) of telecom companies.

The apex court last month upheld the government's position on including revenue from nontelecommunication businesses in calculating the annual AGR, a share of which has to be paid as licence and spectrum fee to the exchequer. Total liability on telecom operators after the SC ruling is estimated to be around Rs 1.6 lakh crore, of which Rs 1.33 lakh crore due has to be paid by the companies that are operational.

## of key products; trade deficit narrows

AT \$26.38 BILLION IN OCTOBER

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** Services exports grow 7% NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

*New Delhi*: Services exports in September 2019 were \$17.54 INDIA'S MERCHANDISE exbillion (Rs 1,25,090.78 crore) ports contracted for the third month in a row, dropping 1.11 registering a positive growth of 7.05 per cent in dollar terms, per cent to \$26.38 billion in October from the same month vis-à-vis September 2018. last year despite a growth in ex-Services imports in ports of major products like en-

September 2019 were \$11.10 billion(Rs 79,151.87 crore) registering a positive growth of 11.56 per cent in dollar terms. vis-à-vis September 2018. **Trade Promotion Council** 

rowing the country's trade deficit to \$11.01 billion from \$18 billion last year, according to data released by the Commerce Ministry Friday.

As many as 18 out of the 30 key sectors for exports regisof India Chairman Mohit Singla said the figures reflect global slowdown, which has led to the slackening of demand, which is also seen in fall of imports.

Exports decline 1.11% on low shipments

"I am sure in the next few months efforts taken by the government will show results and export incentives by the government will have a positive rub on India's exports," Singla said. **PTI** 

Petroleum product shipments dropped 14.6 per cent to \$3.62 billion from \$4.24 billion. Plastic and linoleum exports contracted 10.96 per cent to \$642.31 million from \$721.39

Shipments of readymade

garments of all textiles dropped 2.11 per cent to \$1.11 billion from \$1.13 billion, cotton yarn exports dropped over 6 per cent to \$855.49 million, while rice shipments dropped 29.52 per cent to \$320.19 million

At the same time, exports of products like engineering goods, electronic goods, gems and jewellery, drugs and pharmaceuticals and organic and inorganic chemicals increased in October from the same month last year. Exports of engineering

from \$454.30 million.

goods grew 1.22 per cent, while gems and jewellery shipments increased 6.02 per cent. Drugs and pharmaceuticals shipments increased over 12.5 per cent to \$1.70 billion from \$1.51 billion in October 2018.

According to Federation of **Indian Export Organisations**  (FIEO) president Sharad Kumar Saraf, trade tensions and rising protectionism has caused this drop in exports.

"Sluggishness in the economies across the globe coupled with the trade war between US-China, Brexit and developments in Iran, Turkey, Iraq and other Gulf countries has continuously unsettled the slowing world economy which has further escalated the problem," he said.

"The downside risks still remain and the projections for the near future depends on a return to more normal trade relations among countries. The currency volatility, softening of commodities prices including crude prices have also led to the decrease in exports of petroleum, which is a major constituent of India's exports," he added.

## **BRIEFLY**

#### Re-consider Haldiram offer: **NCLT** to lenders

New Delhi: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has directed the lenders of Kwality Ltd to reconsider the revised Rs 145crore offer by Haldiram Snacks to acquire the debtridden dairy firm.

#### Sebi system to map UCC with demat account

New Delhi: Sebi on Friday put in place a mechanism for stock exchanges and depositories to map the unique client code (UCC) with the demat account of a client.

#### India planning '1 Nation, 1 Pay Day: Gangwar

New Delhi: To safeguard the interest of workers in formal sector, particularly working class, the Centre is planning to introduce 'One Nation, One Pay Day' system, Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar said on Friday. **PTI** 

#### Duesmann to be new **Audi chief** Frankfurt: Volkswagen said

Friday Markus Duesmann would take the helm at high-end subsidiary Audi, also joining the group-wide executive board.

#### Ex-Apple execs form firm to take on Intel, AMD

San Francisco: Three of Apple Inc's former top semiconductor executives in charge of iPhone chips have founded a startup, NUVIA Inc, to design processors for data centers, aiming to take on current industry leaders Intel Corp and Advanced

Micro Devices Inc. **REUTERS** 

## Govt will be forced to slash

Mumbai: With little head-

### RCap defaults on bond

on Friday said it has defaulted on interest and principal obligations on bonds due on November 15. On September 20, CARE downgraded the company's entire outstanding debt to default "CARE D" rating. PTI

New Delhi: Reliance Capital

#### Imports in October also reduced 16.31 per cent to \$37.39 million in October 2018. billion from \$44.68 billion, nartered a decline in October. 'Digital video consumption grows twofold in 2 yrs'

Average digital video consumption in the country has increased over twofold in the past two years to 24 minutes per day from 11 minutes per day, according to a Boston Consulting Group-Confederation of Indian Industry report titled 'The trillion (and growing) touchpoint story — recognising the monetisation conundrum'

**DIGITAL MEDIA is driving** overall growth with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16 per cent over the past two years

gineering goods and gems and

a drop in shipments of petro-

leum products, plastic and

linoleum, readymade gar-

ments, cotton varn and rice.

However, the decline in

October was less than the over

6.5 per cent drop reported in

September and 6 per cent in

The decline is mainly due to

jewellery.

August.

**DIGITAL VIDEO CONSUMPTION** has increased from 11 mins/day to 24mins/day over the past 2 years

INTERNET PENETRATION, along with growing affluence and smartphone penetration, is expected to rise in future, further driving growth

TWO OUT OF EVERY THREE phones sold in India are smartphones now

INDIA has the secondlargest base of smartphones in the world, setting up a massive platform for digital video consumption

PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF DATA

India has the highest per-capita consumption of data at 9.8 gigabytes per month **ADVERTISEMENTS in** 

digital videos are also able to retain more visual attention than traditional TV

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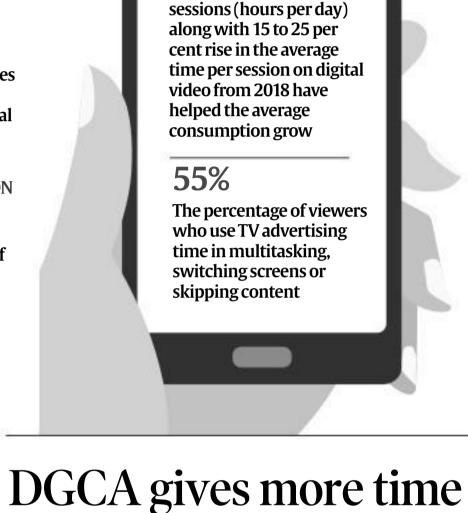
airlines, airports

fail alcohol test,

says regulator

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10-15%

Increase in the number of

## Response from govt over relief has been consistent: Vodafone Idea MD & CEO

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

A DAY after Vodafone Idea (VIL) reported a loss of Rs 50,922 crore, the company on Friday did not comment on how it proposed to fund the liabilities of Rs 44,000 crore that have arisen after the Supreme Court's ruling on the adjusted gross revenue matter.

The company's chief financial officer Akshaya Moondra in response to a query during its analyst call on Friday on funding the

AGR related dues said the company "will wait for the decision of the government on this front".

VIL's MD & CEO Ravinder Takkar said the company would like to see a moratorium over spectrum payments, reduction licence fees to help in the areas of GST blockage, as well as a few other things, which would reduce levies on the sector.

Takkar said that the committee of secretaries (CoS) formed by the government are close to making some recommendations. "We understand that they are getting

very close, and they have met several times. So we're looking forward to hearing that," he said. He added that the response from several engagements with government over providing relief to the sistent".

stressed sector, have been "con-"They have said to us that they tor," he said. He added that the

want to see three private players and one public player in this sec-Cabinet Secretary and officials of the concerned ministries that VIL has met have expressed that they want the sector to be healthy. **FE** 

## AVIATION WATCHDOG DGCA on Friday said 18 people, including

staff from airlines, have tested positive for alcohol since introduction of breath analyser examination for such people from October 1. The breath analyser examina-

tion has been put in place for Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs), communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) personnel, aircraft maintenance, aerodrome operation people, fire and rescue personnel, and vehicle drivers, including those of catering and refuelling vehicles.

Besides, it is applicable for ground equipment operators, ground handling personnel and flight dispatcher.

At present, breath analyser test for these personnel is carried out at Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Cochin, Lucknow and Guwahati airports."In the month of October, we had 14 such cases of BA (Breath Analyser) positive and till date, four such cases during the month of November," the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said.

### modifying P&W engines On November 1, the **PARTHKHATAU**

to IndiGo, GoAir for

MUMBAI. NOVEMBER 15

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) instructed IndiGo and GoAir to make modifications on the Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engines that power their Airbus A320neo and Airbus A321neo aircraft, the aviation watchdog released an update stating both airlines have been making steady progress in the task.

MORE THAN two weeks after the

On November 1, the DGCA issued an ultimatum to the two airlines in the wake of multiple technical snags leading to mid-air engine shutdowns and emergency landings to ensure modifications are made to one of the two engines powering their aircraft or face groundings.

A statement from the DGCA on Friday said, "The current position has been reviewed and we are happy to note that the airlines have made substantial progress with regards to the directives issued on October 28 and October 29. GoAir has so far placed modified engines on 9 aircraft out of 13 while IndiGo has placed modified engines on

DGCA issued an ultimatum to the two airlines to ensure modifications are made to one of the two engines powering their aircraft or face groundings

15 aircraft out of 23."

Even though all aircraft haven't yet been flying with one modified engine, the DGCA says the 'onerous nature of the task and availability of such engines' is an issue, giving the airlines five extra days to carry out the order, with November 24 being the revised deadline.

The deadline given to IndiGo to ensure all their Neo aircraft to be flying, with both modified engines, however, stays at January 31, 2020, failing which the airline faces grounding of its aircraft.

A source said, "IndiGo has a bigger fleet and hence it's harder for it to ensure engine modifications to be made in time. They cannot afford to see aircraft grounded during peak season."

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higher. Consumer spending,

which accounts for more than

two-thirds of the economy, in-

creased at a 2.9 per cent annu-

alised rate in the third quarter. It is

The dollar fell against a basket

gross domestic product.

## spending: Crisil

room for fiscal expansion given the falling tax collections, the government will have to cut its expenditure, said DK Joshi, chief economist at rating agency Crisil. The fiscal deficit target of 3.4 per cent of GDP is likely to slip, Joshi said.

## repayments

## Too many laws unnecessarily cause problems, says Debroy try. "There is a great planning

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

A LARGE number of laws unnecessarily cause problems and lead to corruption, therefore there is a need to curb excessive legislature, Chairman of Prime Minister

Talking about his stint at the NITI Aayog, he said earlier the Planning Commission used to determine everything for the coun-

Economic Advisory Council Bibek

Debroy said on Friday.

commission mindset in the minds of legislators in India because the tendency is that whatever be the problem, a piece of legislation will solve it," Debroy said while delivering 'The Nani Palkhivala Memorial Lecture'.

Invoking the quote 'the more the number of laws, the more the corruption', he said "What we need to do systematically is to curb this tendency to excessively legislate.

Quite apart from the enforce-

ment cost, "if the legislation is unwarranted, it unnecessarily causes problems," he said. Delivering the lecture on the

topic "The Law of the State and the State of the Law", he also stressed on the need to fast track the pending court cases as India has a huge backlog of judicial cases.

Debroy added there are lots of talks about the economy, education etc but hardly anyone says bring reforms.

### anything about the judiciary, which also is necessary so as to

#### **REUTERS** WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 15

US RETAIL sales rebounded in October, but consumers cut back

on purchases of big-ticket household items and clothing, which could temper expectations for a strong holiday shopping season. The report from the

Commerce Department on Friday pointed to a moderate pace of consumer spending that probably remains sufficient to offset some of the drag on the economy from a downturn in the industrial sector.

"Consumers are easing off their spendthrift ways from the second quarter and are adopting more prudent attitudes, perhaps still nervous over trade tensions and the slowing of hiring-though that still remains robust," said Robert Frick, corporate economist

US retail sales rebound; manufacturing falls

■ The report from the Commerce Department on Friday pointed to a moderate pace of consumer spending that probably some of the drag on the in the industrial sector

at Navy Federal Credit Union in Vienna, Virginia. "Should these trends continue

Retail sales increased 0.3 per cent last month, lifted by motor vehicle purchases and higher gasoline prices, reversing September's unrevised 0.3 per

October.

cent last month, lifted by

motor vehicle purchases

Excluding automobiles, gasoline, building materials and food services, retail sales increased 0.3 per cent last month. Data for September was revised lower to show the so-called core retail sales slipping 0.1 per cent instead of be-

Compared to October last year, White House's 16-month trade

being supported by the lowest unemployment rate in nearly 50 years and has helped to blunt the hit on the economy from the

retail sales advanced 3.1 per cent.

polled by Reuters had forecast retail sales gaining 0.2 per cent in

war with China.

The US-China trade war has led to a decline in capital expenditure and a recession in manufacturing. Other data on Friday from the Federal Reserve showed manufacturing output tumbling 0.6 per cent in October.

#### kicked off its campaign for the secondary listing in the city gripped by protests. The Chinese e-commerce giant plans to list its shares in Hong

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'Alibaba gets strong

demand for \$13.4 bn

Hong Kong IPO'

to investors around the world. The sources said potential in-

Kong from November 26, where it is hoping to raise up to \$13.4 billion, and it is marketing the deal

vestors had been told that the

clined to comment. Pricing of the shares for insti-

tutional shareholders will be set on November 20, a prospectus lodged with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange shows. Retail investors will not pay more than \$HK188 per share. In a first for the Asian financial hub. Alibaba said the listing would be fully automated and paperless to reflect its environmental standards. Investment bankers, however, said the move avoided a potential publicity

banks to place stock orders while

protests raged around them.

quality of demand is high" and that there "continues to be very strong feedback" about the deal. An Alibaba spokeswoman de-

nightmare of investors queuing at

### OPEC+ faces 'challenge' from competitors: IEA

**REUTERS** LONDON, NOVEMBER 15

THE ORGANIZATION of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies face stiffening competition in 2020, the International Energy Agency said Friday, adding urgency to the oil producer group's policy meeting next month.

"The OPEC+ countries face a major challenge in 2020 as demand for their crude is expected to fall sharply," the Paris-based agency said in a monthly report. The IEA estimated non-OPEC

supply growth would surge to 2.3 million barrels per day (bpd) next year compared to 1.8 million bpd in 2019, citing production from the United States, Brazil, Norway and Guyana.

#### **MODERATE PACE OF CONSUMER SPENDING** ■ Retail sales rose 0.3 per

and higher gasoline prices remains sufficient to offset **■** Consumer spending increased at a 2.9 per cent economy from a downturn annualised rate in the third quarter

we will be facing a not-so-merry holiday shopping season."

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cline in seven months. Economists

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## Classifieds

#### PERSONAL

I, Saatvik S/o Naresh Kumar Bansal R/o 108-109, G/F, Pocket-14. Sector-24. Rohini. Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Saatvik Bansal 0040519930-3

I,Raj Kumar S/o Krishan Chand Bawa R/o-1029, Block-39, DDA Flats, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Raj Kumar Bawa. 0040520557-5

I,Dana Yadav D/o Devi Singh R/o-G-224 Beta-2, Greater Noida, has changed my name from Dana Kumari Yadav to Dana Yadav for all purposes. 0040520480-4

DESHWARA son of Shri S Vishwanath, employed as Col PP (C&T) in DGPP, IHQ of MoD (Army), Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-11 residing at Flat Apartment, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, Karnataka have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NV NANJUNDESHWARA.

Batra R/o H-204, Pearl Court, Ramprastha Greens, Sector-7, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, UP-201010 have changed my name to Preeti Batra. 0040520535-1

268, R/o-Street No-2 Mandawali Fazalpur, Delhi-110092. Have Changed my name from Waseem Ahmed to Wasim

0040520610-4 I, Vivekanand Sharan S/o Late Sita Sharan Chaurisia R/o Flat No.I, Building-3 Aster Tower Vatika City Sohna Road Sector-

49 Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my minor son name from Chaitanya to Chaitanya Chaurasia, DOB 27.11.2003 for 0040520530all purposes. I, Vinod Choudhary S/o Ram

Raigar Pura, Karol Bagh, New minor son's name from Lovesh to Aaksh Choudhary for all future purposes. 0040520471-1 I. Vineet Prasad S/o Shio

Shanker Prasad R/o Flat No.06142, ATS Advantage, Ahinsa Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP have changed my name to Vineet Ranjan

I. Vijendra Yadav S/O Late Shri Raj Singh R/O-109, Village-Naharpur, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Vijender Yadav.

I, Ujjawala Nandwani W/o

Amarnath Nandwani R/o D-150, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060 have changed my name to Veena Nandwani. 0040520535-2

I, Subhash S/o Raghubir Singh R/o-B-5/459 & 460,2nd,Floor, Sector-5, Rohini, New Delhi-

to Subhash Singh. 0040520568-1 I, Shilpy Shanker D/o Mr. Daya Shanker R/o House No. X/1454, Gali No.-4, Rajgarh Colony, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi, informs that my name Shilpy Shnker or Shilpy both are of same person.

110085, have changed my name

I will make use of my name Shiply Shankr for all future purpose. Mr. Harmeet Singh, R/O-S-391 Greater Kailash Part-2. New Delhi-110048, informs that I Have Changed My Name To Simran Kaur.That Simran Kour

Shall Be Known By My New Name As Simran Kaur, For All Purposes.

That Is Myself And In Future I

Changed My Name To Shahnaz. 0040520582-7 I, Shahnaj Begum W/O-

Mohammad Aiiiur Rahaman R/O-J-106, Azad Apartment, 111, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092. Have Changed My Name To Shahnaz Begum.

0040520627-1

I, Seetu W/o Krishan Saharan R/o House No-17/A, B-Block, Nanda Enclave, Gopal Nagar, Naiafgarh Delhi-110043 Have Changed My Name to Seetu Saharan.

No.4089838N Rank NK Name Sandeep Lakhera presently residing at Vpo-kaligad.TEH-Lansdowne, Distt-Pauri Garhwal, (UK)-246155, have future purpose and videaffidavit date-14/11/2019, before notary public.

0040520610-6

I, Ratnesh Srivatava S/o Rajdhari Lal Srivastava R/o-Sunshine Appartment, E-33, Nagar, N.Delhi-110059.have Srivastava.

I, Falguni Sarkar spouse of No.14857631Y Sep/MT Kanchan Sarkar, residing of Village-Sujal, Post Office-Tilna, Tehsil-Raiganj, District-Uttar changed my name from Falguni Sarkar to Falguni Barman, vide affidavit dated 15-Nov-2019.

I, Priyanka Shrivastava D/o Mahesh Srivastava R/o-WZ-

0040520582-2

I. Poonam Sachdeva W/O Charan Jeet Sachdeva R/O H.No-1886J, Aravali Vihar, Sainik Colony, Sector-49, Faridabad, Haryana, informs that my previous name Punam Rani in school record, Now I changed my name from Punam Rani to Poonam Sachdeva for all future purposes.

17/A Third Floor Left-Side

Priyanka Srivastava.

Tihar-Village Tilak-Nagar ND-

110018. changed my name to

0040520610-9

I, Pooja Tyagi D/o Shri Chand Karan R/o House No-967, Sector-3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010. Have changed my name from Pooja Tyagi to Pooja for all future purposes.

0040520532-1

I, Nitin Chandra Tripathi S/o Sh. Gopal Dutt Tripathi. R/o 1192. Shiv Ganga Apartment, Mewar College, Sector-4B, Vasundhra Distt. Ghaziabad. UttarPradesh, that have changed my son's name Viraj Rai Tripathi to Viraj Tripathi and in future he will be known as Viraj Tripathi for all purposes.

I, Nishu Gupta, W/o. Sanjeev Kumar, R/o. B-53, Aruna-Park, Shakarpur-Extn., New Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Nisha Gupta. 0040520557-7

Narender Kumar Singh S/O-

Vijay Raj Singh R/o-Flat.No.005, Plot.No.11, Block-B, Sadhawan, Sec-11, Dwarka, Delhi-110075, have change my name to Narender Singh for all, future purpose. 0040520627-4

I, Munni Devi W/o Anil Singh R/o A-159, Gali No.4, Pooja Dairy, Agar Nagar Meetha Pani, Prem Nagar-3, Kirari Suleman Nagar, have changed my name to Indrawati Devi for all purposes

0040520475-1

I. Mohit Attri S/o Virander Singh Attri R/o-312, Sector-14, Jaipuria-School, Vasundhra-Ghaziabad, have changed my name from Mohit Attri to Moahiit V Attri. for all purposes. 0040520610-3

I, Mohammed Yousuf S/O Jamal Alsaleh R/O 387, Sahil Appartment, 3rd Floor, Street No.17, Zakir Nagar, Okhla Delhi-110025. Have Change My Name To Mohammed Yusuf.

0040520610-1

I, Mazahir Mazhar S/O Mazharul Islam R/O House No-1549, Sector-8, Faridabad, Haryana-121006. inform Given Name-Mazahir And Surname-Mazhar 0040520627-5

I. Manvi Saluja D/o Dheeraj

Saluja R/o-192 Gate No.3, Ram Vihar Delhi-110092.have changed my name to Maanvi Saluja for all purposes.

0040520582-9

Laxmi Path Jain S/O Nami Chand Bengani R/O-F-3, B 271 Ramprastha Chander Nagar Ghaziabad Up-201011. Have Changed My Name To Laxmi Pat Bengani. 0040520582-6

, Km Monika D/O Pravesh Kumar Sundriyal R/O-D-1c/22A Janakpuri West Delhi-110058 Have Changed My Name To Monika Sundriyal.

0040520582-5

I. Khakasha Anium W/O Mohammed Yusuf R/O 387, Sahil Appartment, 3rd Floor, Street No.17, Zakir Nagar, Okhla, Delhi-110025. Have Change My Name To Kahkashan Yusuf.

0040520610-2

I, Khairwa Nita Hawasingh D/o Hawa Singh, R/o-533, Adhyapak-Quater, Dabri, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan-335503, have changed my name Nita Khairwa, for all purposes. 0040520582-10

I, Ilyas S/o Israr Ahmed R/o-C-135, Welcome Seelampur, Garhi Mendu, Delhi-110053. have changed my name to Ilyas 0040520557-10 Ahmed.

I, Harsh s/o Shashi Mahajan R/o K-28A, K-Block, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Harsh Mahajan 0040520582-8 Permanently.

, Gopal Singh S/O-Harswaroop Singh R/O-House.No-D-14, New Sanjay Amar-Colony, Vishwas-Nagar, Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Daughter's Name Janki To Payal, For All Future Purposes. 0040520627-6

I, Gurleen Kaur Sahni D/o Gurdeep Singh Sahni R/o-B-9, Shamnagar, Tilak Nagar, N.Delhi-18 have changed my name to Gurleen Kaur.

0040520582-3

I. Dwarkanath Sanjiv Kaul, S/O Dwarkanath Kaul R/O-22 Siras-Road, Dlf-Qutab Enclave Phase-III, Gurgaon Haryana-122002, Changed My Name To Sanjiv Kaul. 0040520582-1

I, Dharamvir Bhati S/o Keshram Bhati R/o-B-208, Sector-46, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301. have changed my name to Dharamvir Singh Bhati.

0040520557-9

I, Chandan Varma S/o Sh. Ashok Verma R/o-2/61. New Market. Sadar-Bazar, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi-110010-have changed my name to Chandan Verma.

0040520627-2

I, Chanchal S/o Sh. Nathu Ram R/o 91, Type-II, Laxmi Bai Nagar, New Delhi-110023, have changed my name Chanchal to Abhinav for all future purposes. 0040520523-1

I, CHIME YESHI S/o Mr.NGAWANG GYALTSEN R/o-Village & PO-Mahendragada, TRS Camp-5, House.No.346, Distt-Gajapati, Odisha, has Written My Previous Name as CHIMEY YESHI in My Identify-Certificate Bearing No-Y0083672 and My Correct Name is CHIME YESHI as per Documents and Wants to add My Correct Name CHIME YESHI 0040520464-1 in my I.C.

I, Bhupender Singh S/o Chandan Singh Bisht R/o H. no-3, Bblock, Gali no. 45, Kaushik Enclave Burari, Delhi-84, have changed my name to Bhupender Singh Bisht for all purposes. 0040520466-1

I, Shakeel Ahmed S/o Salimuddin R/o-G-72. Jamianagar, Abulfazal Enclave, Okhla, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Shakil Ahmed. 0040520582-4

I, Bharti Roy R/o 42 SF5 shakti khand 2, indirapuram, ghaziabad, uttar pradesh 201014 have changed my name 0070683733-1 to Seema roy

I, Aslam S/o Mohd Islam R/o-L-

113A, Dilshad Garden, Near

Mother Dairy, Jhilmil, Delhi-

110095 have changed my name to Mohammad Aslam. 0040520557-8

I, Asif Ahad War S/o Abdul Ahad Var R/o 301, 3rd Floor Jeevan Apartment, Okhla Village, Jamia Nagar Delhi-110025 Have Changed My Name to Asif Ahad Var. 0070683749-1

I, Ashwani Chaudhary S/o Girish Chandra Chaudhary R/o 69, Gali no.11, Vipin Garden Extn, DK Mohan Garden, Delhi-59, have changed my name to Ashwani Kumar Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040520581-1

Singhal R/o-E-60, Khajoori Khas, Main Karawal Nagar Road, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Anjana.

I, Anju Singhal W/o Moolchand

0040520557-6

IVikas Sharma S/o Sh.Chhote Lal R/o 282, Street No.6, West Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Vikas Kumar for all purposes.

0040520468-5

I Varsha W/o Sh. Jitender Gureia R/o Flat No.D-1003, Heritage Max, Sector, Sector 102, Gurgaon Dwarka Expressway, Gurgaon, Harvana have changed my name to Monica Gureja for all purposes.

0040520468-4

I Tarun Kumar S/o Late Sh.Rajinder Kumar Sharma R/o C-39, Shakti Nagar Extension, Ashok Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Tarun Sharma for all 0040520468-1 purposes.

I Tarlochan Singh Sabhikhi S/O Haveli Singh Address-8663 Roshanara Road Bhar Ghar Malkaganj Delhi-110007., Changed My Name To Trilochan Singh. 0040520557-4

I Suraj Pal S/o Late Sh.Ganga Saran R/o Flat No.2103, Sapna Ghar C.G.H.S. Ltd., Plot No.6B, Opp. Bharat Petroleum Petrol Pump, Sector-11, Dwarka Sector-6, New Delhi-110075 is also known as S.P. Kher. Both names are of one & the same 0040520468-2

I Sunil Yadav S/o Sanjay Yadav R/o Narayanpur, Lilapur, Jakhanian, Ghazipur, UP-233224, have changed my name to Aanand Kumar Singh Yadav.

person.

0070683739-

I Pankaj Kumar Jha S/o Sh.Shyam Narayan Jha R/o F-235, Inder Enclave, Phase-II, Above SBI ATM Kirari, Suleman Nagar, North-West, Delhi-110086 declares that my minor son Kanishk Jha correct & exact date of birth is 07-03-2007 instead of 07-03-2008.

0040520468-6

I Jagdamba D/o Sharda Devi R/o 5. Satvanand Colony, Satbari Delhi-110074, have changed my name to Jyoti 0070683736-1

I Dibble Malik W/o Sandeep Malik R/o Plot No-49, B-Block. Jai Vihar, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Dimple Malik 0070683734-1 I Deepika Dhaiya W/O Saurabh

Sanwal R/O-203 Pocke-24 Sector-24 RohiniDelhi- 110085 Have Changed My Name As Deepkia Sanwal. 0130013562-1 I Anita W/O Naresh Nagarwal

Delhi-110062. have changed my name from Anita to Anuradha Nagarwal, permanently. 0040520557-1 I Amarjeet Singh Alagh S/O

R/O-C-1/972 Madangir New

Kirpal Singh, Add-C-213, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018., changed my name to Amarjeet 0040520557-3 I Pankaj Kumar Tyagi S/o Om Parkash R/o-H-59, Karampura

Delhi-15, have changed my

name to Pankaj Tyagi. 0040520557-2

I Ajay Kumar S/O.M.L Sachdeva R/O.WZ-25, D-3, Ist-floor, Gali.no.9, Krishna-park, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018. Have changed my name to Ajay Sachdeva, for all purposes. 0040520610-5

I Abdul Karim S/o Late Abdul

Aziz R/o 105/90, 1977, Near Abu Bakar Masjid, Pasonda, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005 have changed my name to Kareem Saifee for all purposes. 0040520468-3 I Santosh Kumari Spouse of M.W.O Samar vir Kapoor Resident of w no-7, Defence Avenue, P.O Sujanpur Tehsil And Distt Pathankot, Sujanpur (Rural) Sujanpur, Gurdaspur, Punjab-145023 have changed my name from Santosh kumari to Santosh Kapoor vide Affidavit dated 07/10/2019 before Distt. Defence Services

welfare office Pathankot.

0070683741-1

I,Manbhari Devi W/o Sanjeev Maan R/o-H.No.G-28, Gali.No.2, M.B.Extension, Badarpur Border, New Delhi, have changed my name to Neeraj Maan for all future purposes. 0040520480-3

I, Minakshi Pathak W/o Lalit

H.No.140608,Aman Tower-14,JP

Aman, Jaypee Greens, Sector-

151, Noida, U.P., have changed

my name to Meenaxi Pathak

Mohan Pathak R/o-

for all future purpose. 0040520480-2

#### LOST & FOUND

My Electronics & Communication Diploma 2013, Roll No. 304614 all marksheets has been lost, Gurman Singh S/o Paramjit Singh R/o E-940, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi. if found please contact 9994390112

0050158394-1

It is notified for the information that my original Pass Certificate of Secondaryexamination of year-2012, Index No. T/2458/101 issued by the Council for the Indian **School Certificate** Examinations has been actually misplaced. Finder contact Sushmita Ojha at-9625902148. 0040520627-7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the instructions and on behalf my client namely Smt Sarvati W/O LT Zile Singh R/O H.no 35 Chirag New Delhi Publicly disowned his son namel Mr. Rakesh S/O Lt Zile Singh and h wife Mrs. Kavita from all their movable and immovable properties for future due to their bad behavior and il relation with her son and daughter Law in future my client will not b responsible for their any act and conduct and if any of person deal with hem they will be responsible for the same and my client will not be esponsible for any act conduct etc

> K.S. Sharma & Madhavi Singh Ch. No.481 Lawyers Chambers Block Saket Court, New Delh

Mob.: 9711177564, 901343920

PUBLIC NOTICE

SMT. PUNITA MALIK W/C RAJPAL MALIK R/O 424, AMBEDKAR BASTI, R.K. PURAM, SECTOR-1 SOUTH-WEST, DELHI-110022 hereb declaring/ debarring/ disowning her son namely SUMIT MALIK from her properties ovable or immovable) situated at Delh or outside of Delhi from her bad act harassing them since long to my clientes entess. My clientess and her famil elations from him and my clientess shall not be responsible/liable for his act and deeds since today. The persons dealing MANISH KUMAR (Advocate) Ch.No. V-6, Opp. SBI, Tis Hazari

PUBLIC NOTICE client Shri Chander Batra S/o Shr Jawahar Lal Batra, R/o 38/1, G.F., Patel Nagar West, Delhi-8 is intending t purchase property bearing No. 5/13, WEA, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 from its owner Sh. Satish Kuma Khandelwal, Sh. Sudhir Kuma Khandelwal and Smt. Gargi Gupta. Anybody having objections to the above deal or interest in the above said property may file objections to the office of undersigned within ten days.

> (VIKRAM BAWEJA) ADVOCATE Ch. No. 447-48, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54 M. No. 9811107664

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Shri Virendera Pal Singh Son of Shri Vijay Pal Singh, Aged About 56 years who is presently residing a Flat No. B-428, P.T.S. Colony, Malviya Nagar, S.O. South Delhi 110017 have severed all his relations & disowned his son Shri Pankaj Rajora from all his moveable immoveable properties due to his disobedience. My client shall not be responsible for his acts in future. Ms Astha Rathor, Advocate

Y-79, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE Mr. Man Mohan Prasad & Mrs. Kom Devi Wio Mr. Ravinder Prasad, Bott dent of House No.14, Gall No.5, BalaiiChowk, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have heir son Mr. Krishan Prasad, his wife and their Child to be born out of this wedlock, from all sorts of ou and assets and have also severed to their bad attitude and shall not be held liable to any offence or mischief, if any, committed by one of them at any stage in future. into any sort o transaction/s, if any, with them, shall do the same at his/her own risks. VaibhavSinha(Advocate). Ch. No.422, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public that my clients Shri Dharmender Daba son of Shri Surender Dabas R/o H.No. 76-A Village and Post Office Kanjhawala, Delhi-87 want for mutation in revenue record of Delhi i respect of property Industrial plot no. 508, land measuring 60Sq.yards,. out of Khasra No. 143/508 situated in the extended lal dora o village kanjhawala, Delhi-110081 on the basis of will dated 20.02.2019 executed by Shri Sher Singh S/o Shri Prithi Singh R/o H.No. 668, Udan Pana, Main Chowk Wali Ghali, Village Kanihawala, Delhi-81 who had expired on date 17.08.2019. If anybody have any objection, claim any other regd. or unregistered document executed by Late Shri Sher Singh he/she may be produce it before revenue authority/ Consolidation Officer/Tehsildar (Kanihawala), Distt. North-Wes Kanihawala, Delhi within 15 days from today thereafter the same (if any) will be treated as Sanjay Rana (Advocate

Plot No.15, Nr SDM Office, Kanjhawala, Delhi-81

PUBLIC NOTICE This notice is being issued for general public that my client Šh. Amit Kumar Mitťal S/O Sriniwas Mittal R/o. IInd C 178 A, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad disowned all the relations with his sister-in law Smt. Alka Mittal W/o Sh. Ajay Kumar Mittal due to temperamental differences from very long time. Further my client Sh. Amit Kumar Mittal will not be liable

> Y. D. Sharma Advocate **Delhi High Court** Enrol. No. D/24 19/06

for any past, present or future

act, omission of Smt. Alka

PUBLIC NOTICE clientess Smt. Mala Sharma W/o Late Puran Chand Sharma R/o Flat No. E-100 Block-F. Pocket-3. Bindapur, Uttan Nagar, New Delhi-110059 do hereby disown and debar her son namely Raja Sharma from all her movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because he is out of control of m clientess, due to his bad habits and misbehaves with my clientess. Anybody dealing with him shall be doing so a his/her own risk, cost and responsibility

> Sd/- B.B.N. DEO, ADVOCATE SR-ILB Coumpus, Janakouri, N Delhi-58

my clientess will not be held responsible

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

through this Public Notice that my clie

for any of his act and deeds.

namely Sh Vinod Kumar Garg S/o Sh Prabha Wati R/o B-39, Peepal Road Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, D.k Mohan Garden, West Delhi, Delh 110059 has disowned and debarred h son namely Sh Anoop Garg, Age about 37 years and his wife name Smt Bhawna Garg W/o Sh Anoo Garg both residents of the abo given address from all their moveab and immoveable properties and seve all his relations with them as the abov said son and daughter in law of my clie are totally out of their control and used to misbehave, torture, harass and quarr with him and my client shall not hel responsible for any of their acts, dee and things whatsoever and if anyor deals with them, shall deals at their we isk, costs and consequences.

(ADVOCATES) CH. NO 505 LAWYER'S CHAMBER BLOCK DWARKA DISTRICT COURT **NEW DELHI 11007** 

ARJANA JHA & RAJESH KUMAR

LOST & FOUND My Self Dr. Suresh Kumar Anand

S/o Late Jaggan Nath R/o- A-678 Palam Vihar, Gurugram, Haryana has lost original property papers of DDA MIG Flat alloted to him no. B-20, F-1, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-95 i.e. Demand and Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, NOC for Electricity & Water Connection. NCR has lodged in Local Police Station. If found may be return to him on above mentioned address. Any body if misusing the same will be prosecuted as per law.

#### COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF SH. RAJ KUMAR P.O. MACT 01 (WEST) TIS HAZARI COURTS, **DÉLHI ROOM NO.266 Proclamation Requiring Attendance of Defendant** Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

R.S. BAGGA STEEL SHUTTERING PVT.LTD. **GKP INFRACON PVT. LTD.** 

M/S GKP Infracon Pvt. Ltd. Through its director Sh. Thakur Ratish Mahesh R/o: 252-F. Third Floor (Front) Sant Nagar, East of Kailash New Delhi-110065

The Defendant Above Named. Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 26-11-2019 the day fixed for the final ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 07 day of

SH. RAJ KUMAR PO MACT 01

(WEST) TIS HAZARI COURTS. **DELHI ROOM NO.266** IN THE COURT OF SH. RAJ KUMAR P.O. MACT 01

(WEST) TIS HAZARI COURTS.

**DELHI ROOM NO.266** 

**Proclamation Requiring** 

Attendance of Defendant Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure) Suit No. CIV DJ:568/18 **R.S. BAGGA STEEL** SHUTTERING PVT.LTD.

**GKP INFRACON PVT. LTD.** 

o, Defendant

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**DELHI ROOM NO.266** 

disposal, it will be heard and determined

Office of the Superintending Engineer Construction Circle (E/M), U.P. Jal Nigam 4/4 Sanjay Palace, Agra-282002

Letter No. 968/NIVIDA/ 181 dated : 13.11.2019

**Short Term E-Tender Notice** 

Digitally signed e-bids are invited, U.P. Ja Nigam for the execution of "SITC and 3 months trial run/ maintenance of SCADA System of Mainpuri Re-Organization W/S Scheme Phase-I & Phase-II under AMRUT Programme' from eligible, reputed and experienced bidders. Detailed E-bid documents will be available for download from **18.11.2019** by **03:00** P.M., Pre-Bid Meeting on 22.11.2019 at 03:00 P.M. submission of e-bid till 27.11.2019 upto 05:00 P.M. and opening of e-bid on **29.11.2019** at **12:00** P.M.. EMD required of Rs. 2.00 Lacs & E-tender Cost is Rs. 10000+GST. Details are also available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in & U.P.J.N. website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender Senior Divisional Commercial

Manager, Lucknow invites Open

tender through E- tendering system on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender in Two packet systems from Advertising Agencies in prescribed proforma to permit three years contract of advertising rights for commercial publicity at Various Station of Lucknow Division, payment of EMD and Tender Fees is paying through net banking or payment gateway. Details of stations & Tender notice no, Reserve Price, EMD and Cost of bid document are as under : S. No. 1. Tender Notice No. : 28-2019-GKPAdvt-Zone5, Description of works: Commercial Advertisement Right at GORAKHPUR Circulating area (zone-5) For 03 years, Estimated Value for 01 year (Reserve price In Rupee) : Rs. 42,58,868/-, Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs) through) online payment: Rs. 2,55,600/-, Cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) (In Rs.) through online payment: Rs. 5000/-, Date and Time of Closing of Tender: Up to 14:00 hrs on 17.12.2019, Date and time of Tender Opening: Up to 15:00 hrs on 17.12.2019 Validity of Tender 60 Days, Period of contract 03 years, Web Site Address www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager

(Commercial), Lucknow CPRO/C=161 About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No. 09794845955

Do Not smoke Bidi/Cigarette in train

HIMACHAL PRADESH, **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** 

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

The Executive Engineer, Palampur Division, HPPWD, Palampur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed Starting Date for Deadline for Estimated Submission of Bid Downloading Bid Money Construction of road from Banuri to Sornu via Nazi 20.11.2019 Rs.1,91,500/ 04.12.2019 Km. 0/0 ro 1/540 i/c 30.00 mtr. Span RCC Box gird-1,58,82,403/ er bridge over Awa Khad at RD 0/630 (Unde

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website: **WWW.hptenders.gov.in**.

**Executive Engineer** HPPWD, Division, Palampur PIN-176061, Tel. 01894-230561. e-mail:-ee-pal-hp@nic.in On behalf of Governor of H.P

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR 19, NAWA RAIPUR

NOTICE INVITING 3D LASER SCANNER 150 METER

No.PHO/Sec-10/PROVE-2/5084/19 Raipur, Dated 13/11/2019 Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from Original equipment manufacturer (OEM)/authorized by OEM for this tender of the fol-

lowing item. Group No. Name of Item EMD in Rs. **Specification** Remarks 3D Laser All participants will supply one 03 set with **technical specifi**-690000/-Scanner 150 accesssories cation available sample of Prescribed item. Meter with Tender form

The cost of the tender document, State Govt. Challan of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) amount to be deposit-

ed in the Head of A/C- 0055-Police-800-other receipt or it shall be in the form of Demond Draft of State Bank of India/scheduled Bank (other than cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of A.I.G. Accounts Police Headquarters, Naya Raipur.. Tender Fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition. The tender document may be obtained from the following address:

AIG of Police (P&P) Police Headquarters,

Sector 19, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh Pin:- 492 002. Fax: 0771-2229622

g) Date till which the Bid to remain valid:

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completed in all the respect must be submitted as per the schedule below. SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and

- 120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid.

Police head quarters, Nawa Raipur (C.G.)

a) Date and time of Prebid conference - AIG (F/P) of Police, Block No.04 Room No. 409 Police Headquarters b) Address for submission of tender document Sector 19, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh d) Last Date and time for receipt of tender - 16/12/2019 till 03.00 pm -AIG (F/P) of Police, Block No.04 Room No. 409 Police Headquarters e) Place, Time and Date of Opening Technical Bid Sector 19, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh-16/12/2019 at 4.00 pm f) Place, Time and Date of Opening Financial Bid Shall be intimated later

Note: 1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day, Tender documents can be downloaded from website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document fee 2000/- will be paid in the form of DD or on the account of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accounts), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh

Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be Advertised on the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web For-Director General of Police,

DIRECTORATE GENERAL: BORDER SECURITY FORCE

(AIR WING) No. Adm. Auction/Air Wing/2019/26264-93 Dated 31 Oct'2019. **AUCTION NOTICE** 

It is notify for general information that the Inspector General (Air), BSF Air Wing, will disposed of all the following type of unserviceable/condemned store of BSF Air Wing by public auction. The auction will be held on 27/11/2019 at 1100 Hrs at Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi- 110003.

Adm Store MT Store

Comm Store Construction Store

The interested parties/bidders may attend the auction & inspect the stores lying at Safdarjung Airport on the date and time mentioned above.

03. The articles will be sold/auctioned on the basis of "WHERE IT IS, AS IT IS BASIS". 04. The presiding officer reserves the right to sell the stores in one lot or in different lots and to reject/accept the auction without assigning any reasons. 05. Payment of the articles sold, will have to be made by the successful bidders (s) by cash/BD on the spot at the fall of hammer including GST 18% extra. The articles will have to be removed

from the office premises by the bidders(s) at their own risk/expenses on the same day. No transportation will be provided by BSF for shifting of stores. 06. If the sufficient number of bidders(s) are not present at the time of auction. The auction will be

07. An amount of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only will be deposited by each bidders in the shape of the cash as earnest money before the commencement of the auction. No any pers/bidders(s) are allowed to participate in the auction without depositing earnest money.

08. The earnest money so deposited will be adjusted/refunded immediately on completion of the auction. In case the final bidder fails to deposit the cost of the store on the spot, his earnest money will be forfeited. 09. In case of purchase fails to lift the stores from the site of auction in the stipulated time the

purchaser is liable for being charged ground rent all prevalent rates up to a maximum period of 10 days, therefore the amount deposited by him shall be forfeited and the stores will be again put up for auction. 10. Any doubt/gueries, required by any bidders, presiding officer of the board will give the decision

on the spot which will be accepted by all concerned. The decision of the presiding officer conducting the auction shall be final in all matters.

11. The auction notice is also available in our website http://www.bsf.nic.in.

Dy. Commandant (Air)

davp 19110/11/0077/1920

(Kishan Lal)

**BSF Air Wing** 

**HIMACHAL PRADESH** 

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** e-Procurement Notice

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** The Executive Engineer, Karchham Division, HP.PWD; Bhaba Nagar Distt Kinnaur H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD

Cost of Eligible Class Sr Name of Work EMD **Estimated** Time No. Cost Tender of Contractor Allowed C/O link road to village Tranda Km 0/0 to 7/0 (SH:-C/O balance work of traffic tunnel at RD 6/300 to 2,07,01,436/-2,40,000/-5.000/ Month 2. C/O Chhitkul Dumti road km 0/0 to 06 Rs. 20/750(Alongwith Indo-China Border ) (SH:- P/L 7,96,64,623/-5,00,000/- 5,000/dense Bitumen Macadam and Bituminous concrete in km 0/0 to 20/750.

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs

can use the same in this tender

2860/H.P.

Department.

ı	3.	Key Dates:-				
		Date of Online Publication	10.12.2019	10.00 hrs.		9
ı	2.	Document Download Start and End Date	10.12.2019	10.30 hrs.	upto 21.12.2019	17.00 hrs.
ı	3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	10.12.2019	10.30 hrs.	upto 21.12.2019	17.00 hrs.
ı	4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	23.12.2019	upto 10.30	hrs.	- 9
ı	5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	23.12.2019	11.00 hrs.		

4. TENDER DETAILS:

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded On-line in 2 Covers:

next working day at the same time and venue.

i) Cover-1 shall contain scanned copies of "Technical Documents/Eligibility Information". il) Cover-2 shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bids", where Contractor will quote his offer for each item. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other

Technical Documents in O/O Executive Engineer, Karchham Division HP.PWD, Bhabanagar as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive. 6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 23.12.2019 at 11.00 hrs. in the office of Executive Engineer, Karchham Division HP.PWD, Bhabanagar H.P. by the authorised officer. The tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90/120 days after the

deadline date for bid submission. 8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

> Sd/- Executive Engineer. Karchham Division, HPPWD, Bhaba Nagar, Dstrict Kinnaur, H.P.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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I, Wasim Ahmad S/o Bhure Ali B-Ahmad.for all future purposes

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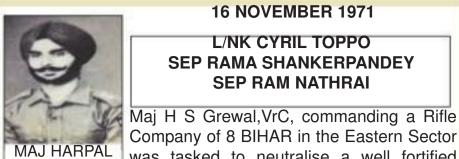
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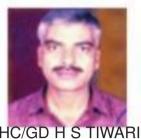
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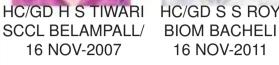
Company of 8 BIHAR in the Eastern Sector was tasked to neutralise a well fortified enemy post from which effective fire was brought down on our positions. As the assault commenced, the Company came under heavy fire. MajGrewal was injured, but continued to press home the attack. His personal example inspired his troops to continue the assault till success was achieved. He, along with three Jawans made the ultimate sacrifice. Today, on the 41st anniversary of their martyrdom, we, the fraternity of the Veer Biharis, salute them.

THE BIHAR REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

**MARTYRS OF CISF ON 16TH NOVEMBER** 



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**BIOM BACHELI** 16 NOV-2011

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of these brave-hearts. On this day, they laid down their lives at the altar of duty while fighting with LWE outfits. Their courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to them for their noblest deeds.



CORRIGENDUM Dated 04.11.2019

Tender Enquiry No. CE/W/13(566)/2019 dated 03.10.2019

Last date & time of download

sale and submission of tender Name of Work document Up to 15.00 Hrs. and for opening of Part-I by 15.30 Hrs. "Repair and Maintenance of As per Original Amended as

Tender Indoor Sports Court and Gym Rooms at Donimalai Township" 04.11.2019 03.12.2019 Other terms/Conditions/clauses etc. of tender document will remain unchanged. The details of tender document can be viewed. downloaded from our website www.nmdc.co.in

Date: 16.11.2019

For and on behalf of NMDC Limited Dy. General Manager (Civil)

## OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (M)-III/NGZ,

OPPOSITE KARGIL APARTMENT, SECTOR-12, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110078

PRESS NOTICE FOR TENDER

Dated:- 08.11.2019 NIT No. EE M-III/NGZ/TC/19-20/13 Online percentage rate tenders are invited by EE (M)-III/NGZ on behalf of

Commissioner/SDMC from the registered contractors of MCD of appropriate class Tenders will be received as per time table and will be opened at 15:30 HRS on 29.11.2019 in the office of Division EE (M)-III/NGZ. Validity of rates will be 05 Months from the date of opening of NIT and in case of negotiation from the date of negotiation All details of Revision, Clarification, Corrigendum, Addendum, Time Extension etc. If any in respect of these tenders will be uploaded on SDMC website only & will not be published in newspapers. It is responsibility of the firms/bidders to update themselves about the tender through the website. SDMC is not responsible for any information is not available on website.

Last Date of Download of Tender Document i.e. 27,11,2019 15:00 HRS, Last Date of Bid Submission i.e. 27.11.2019 15:01 HRS, Last Date deposition of Tender Cost & Earnest Money D.D. i.e. 29.11.2019 15:00 HRS and Opening of Financial Bid i.e. 29.11.2019 15:30 HRS.

The detail of tender Line No. 1 can be seen from website of SDMC https://www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER. **Executive Engineer** Division (M)-III/NGZ Ro No. 104/DPI/South/2019-20

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## A Navratna Undertaking of Govt. of India

(CIN: L63011DL1988GOI030915) Regd. Office: CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, Opposite Apollo Hospital, New Delhi-110 076; Phone: 91-11-41673093-96; Fax: 91-11-41673112 कॉनकॉर

JONCOR Invites E-Tender at two par	cket system of tendering for the following work:				
Tender No.	NO. CON/HR/92/5/2019/2				
Name of Work	CONCOR Directors & Officers (D&O) Liabil Insurance Policy				
Estimated Cost	Rs. 8.10 Lakhs Plus GST Per Annum				
Completion Period	Year (Further Extendable by another 1 Year on mutually agreed terms)				
Cost of Tender Document & EMD	Nil				
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 1,128/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment)				
Date of Issue of Tender (online)	16.11.2019 (11:00 hrs.) to 02.12.2019 (upto 15:00 hrs				
Last Date & Time of submission of Bids(On line)	02.12.2019 up to 15:00 hrs.				
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	02.12.2019 at 16:00 hrs.				
Date & Time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified separately				

terms and conditions, please refer to detailed tender notice on the website www.concorindia.co.in. The complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum / Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.co.in and www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same. Dy.General Manager (P&A)



Name and Address of the entity seeking EOI: Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) BIAL Project Office, Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

Bengaluru 560 300 Web: www.bengaluruairport.com

#### NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

BIAL intends to carryout strengthening and upgradation of the existing airside runway, taxiway pavements and development of new facilities including associated infrastructure at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (the "Project").

BIAL invites interested applicants to submit their EOI to carry out the work and successfully hand over the Project. Consortium/ joint venture participation is not permitted.

Information on the EOI can be obtained from the BIAL website www.bengaluruairport.com (http://www. bengaluruairport.com/ourBusiness/tender.jspx). Bidding for this Project is through e-tendering. Applicants shall register on https://www.bialtenders. com/ as per the e-Tendering instructions provided with the Information Document.

Applicants shall view/ download the EOI document from https://www.bialtenders.com/ from 1400 hrs IST on November 16, 2019 to 1600 hrs IST on November 27, 2019. The EOI must be submitted online at https:// www.bialtenders.com/ on or before 1700 hrs IST on November 27, 2019.

Addendum, if any, to this EOI shall be made available on the BIAL website and https://www.bialtenders.com

#### NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE No. SNT-JP-19R-2019-20 Dt: 13.11.19

DRM (S&T)/ North Western Railway/ Jaipur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders from registered tenderer/bidders for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids online up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft. Banker cheque. Deposit receipts. FDR etc. are not allowed. (1) Name of work with its location: Telecom work in c/w development of RINGUS & SIKAR stations as Adarsh & religious tourism stations in JP division. (2) Tender Value: ₹ 2600977.40/- (3) Earnest money to be deposited (EMD): ₹ 52000/- (4) Tender submission & closing date & time on website: 09/12/2019, Upto 15:00 Hrs. (5) Website particulars & Notice board location: www.ireps.gov.in, DRM

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#### NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender are invited by Sr Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/

S.No.:-1, Description of work: Electrical work in connection of renovation of staff canteen, Ladies room, RPF barrack and renovation of office of engineering & account & control, miscellaneous repairs to officer chamber along with other miscellaneous work including strengthening of boundary wall in DRM office at Izatnagar and improvement of RPF barrack at Izatnagar, Dohna station for crossing station work. Details: Approximate tender value in Rs.: ₹ 26,88,342.66, Earnest Money in Rs.: ₹53,800.00, Cost of tender paper in Rs.: ₹ 3,000/-Date & time of closing E-tender: 20-12-2019 at 15:00 hours. Completion time from the date of issue of letter of Acceptance: Six Months.

 Manual officers are not allowed against this tender and such manual offer received shall be ignored. The tender can be viewed at web site http://www.ireps.gov.in. • The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital signature certificate & must have registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate in e-tendering. . All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G) CPRO/Vidyut-85 About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955

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### MAHARASHTRA STATE RURAL LIVELIHOODS MISSION

5th Floor, CIDCO Bhavan, South wing, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614, Ph: 022-27562552 / 54

E-Tender Notice No. 2019 MSRLM 508802 1 Selection of Agency for Erection of Hangers, Octonorm Stall and other ancillary services for Mahalaxmi Saras - 2020 Exhibition

Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM) invites tenders for Selection of Agency for Erection of Hangers, Octonorm Stall and other ancillary services for Mahalaxmi Saras - 2020 Exhibition. Interested bidders who qualify as per the eligibility criteria mentioned in the tender document, may submit their bids online on http://mahatenders.gov.in latest by 30/11/2019 upto 6.00 PM. If there is any change in tender requirement/ dates will be published on http://mahatenders.gov.in and www.umed.in R. Vimala IAS

Chief Executive Officer Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission

#### NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD E-Tender Notice Allahabad Division E-Tender No.-ALD-Sig-96-2019-20

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer Coordination / North Central Railway / Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following work up to 12.00 hrs. on the opening date. The details of the Tender are as under:-

S	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost of work (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)
1	96	"Interlocking of level crossing gates No. 19 at Lusa station in Chunar-Chopan section of Allahabad division."	₹ 3705536/-	₹ 74100/-	₹ 3,000/-

2. Availability of tender form: Tender forms are available on www.ireps.gov.in. 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer (s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. 4. Time & place of opening of tender: Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad on or after pre determined date at 12.30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. 5. Validity of offer: 45 days form the date of opening. 6. Right of Railway to deal with tender: Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons.

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#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

#### **TENDER NOTICE**

On Behalf of President of India, Sr.DOM/MB, invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 1 T/Vehicle/TI's/MB Division/2019. Bidders will be able to submit their/original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. SI.No.: 1. Name of work: Hiring of Multi Utility Road vehicle (Type: Scorpio, Boloro, Jeepsy) for Sectional Traffic Inspectors (1-HW, 1-LRJ, 1-NBD, 1-MB (M/L) & MB (B/L), 1-HPU, 1-BE(W), BE(E) & BE(B/L), 1-CH, 1-RAC, 1-HRI & 1 BLM total 10 vehicles) for the purpose of attending traffic and safety related duties like attending derailments and other accidents at sites and day to day inspection, coo-ordination meetings with Civil Authorities / Railway officers etc on round the clock on monthly basis from authorized permit holders for local journey / travel at Moradabad as well as other parts of UP, Delhi, Uttaranchal, Haryana, Chandigarh, NCR of Delhi with minimum running of 2500 Kms per month for Two years. Approx. Value of work in Rs.: Rs.91,83,046.32/-. Contract period in years: 2 years (24 months). Earnest Money: Rs. 1,83,700/-. Cost of the Tender from : Rs. 5,900/-. Date & time of closing of tender : Tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on 10.12.19. Date & time of opening of tender: Tender will be opened at 15.30 on same day. Tender forms can be see/download from N.Rly's web site www.ireps.gov.in on internet. Tender Notice :- 1/T/Vehicle/TI's/MB Division/2019 Dated: 15.11.2019. 3679/2019

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bids from interested parties for following work.

(Cross Linked Polyethylene) Cables for Kulhal Power Station Estimated Value of work Rs. 34,50,000/- (GST Extra) Earnest Money Rs. 86,250/-

Rs.2360/- (GST inclusive) Tender Document Fee 15.11.2019, 10:00 Hrs. Date of availability of Tender document Last date of submission of bids on website 07.12.2019, 17:00 Hrs.

For fuller further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in. पत्रांकः 647 दि० 14.11.2019 Executive Engineer (M&G), Kulhal

Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online rate tenders on two bid system for following work :-

www.tenderwizard.com/DAE or www.barc.gov.in Changes if any, in the above scheduled date etc. will be notified only in the

website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE. Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ 9969395522 Shri Rudresh

e-mail: rudresh.tenderwizard@gmail.com

#### CHHATTISGARH RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY VIKASH BHAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.) **E-Procurement Tender Notice**

NIT No.468/TC-T/CGRRDA/2019 Dated:-13/11/2019

Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGRRDA, Raipur on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites the bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Rural Roads & Consultants for Bridge & Survey, Study , Detail Investigation and Preparation of Detail Project Report for Rural Roads Under PMGSY for as below mentioned work as per B.O.Q. from the eligible contractors / Firms registered with unified registration system( e-registration). Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement:

S.No	NIT No	District	Work Name	Rate invited
03	468	Sukma	PMGSY 2018-19 Balance work	Percentage Rate Tender
02	469	Bijapur	DPR Consultant (Bridge)	Percentage Rate Tender

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on our website

https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in for 14.11.2019 & onwords. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of the website

**Chief Engineer (Tender Cell) Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency** Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.) E-mail:-pmgsyrc4@yahoo.co.in 23531

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#### THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD. SCO 153-155. SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812-13 www.verka.coop

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Section-A: e Tenders are hereby Invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Sr	Name of the Item	Qty/ Contract Period	Consignee/Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/Downloading of e-tenders online	Last Date & Time of Sub- mission of on- line e-tenders	Date & Time of opening of e-tenders
1.	Bulk Milk Cooler (BMC)	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Head Office, SCO No. 153- 155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh. Ph No. 0172-5041812-13	200/-	1,30,000/-	18.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	02.12.2019 Upto 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 03.12.2019 at 11:00 AM
2.	Rice Husk	2000 MT	Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy 01882-238157, 239938.	500/-	1,50,000/-	16.11.2019 From 05:00 PM	30.11.2019 Upto 05:00 PM	02.12.2019 at 10:30 AM
3.	Hiring of Car (Sedan-Honda Amaze, Maruti Swift etc.) is required for Marketing purpose.	1 No.	-do-	500/-	5,000/-	16.11.2019 From 05:00 PM	30.11.2019 Upto 05:00 PM	02.12.2019 at 10:30 AM
4.	Disposal of Old Bardana (Jute Bags/Kattas/Plastic Kattas)	7-10 Lacs from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020	Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Ghania -Ke -Banger Ph No. 01871-266741	100/-	30,000/-	21.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	06.12.2019 Upto 12:00 PM	06.12.2019 at 01:30 PM
5.	Hiring of Insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products in Bathinda city and surrounding Districts of Bathinda Milk shed area	5 MT-2, 03 MT-1, 01 MT-9, Period of Tender Contr- act 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020	Verka Bathinda Dairy. 0164- 2214825, 2212825	500/-	50,000/-	20.11.2019 From 02:00 PM	11.12.2019 Upto 05:00 PM	Technical bid 16.12.19 at 2 PM Financial bid 20.12.19 at 2 PM
6.	Supply of Veterinary Medicines	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Ludhiana Dairy. Ph No.0161-5203350, 5203353, 52033338	500/-	50,000/-	18.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	02.12.2019 Upto 12:00 PM	Technical bid 03.12.19 at 11 AM Financial bid 06.12.19 at 11 AM
7.	Outsourcing of all activities of city supply despatch dock	Annual Rate Contract with extension upto 3 months	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	18.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	09.12.2019 Upto 11:00 AM	Technical bid 10.12.19 at 11 AM Financial bid 13.12.19 at 11 AM
8.	Seed Grader for Grading of Fodder Seeds. Capacity. 5 MT/hour	01 No.	The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producer's Federation Limited, Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Bhattian (Khanna) Ludhiana, Punjab.	500/-	20,000/-	18.11.2019 From 4:30 PM	03.12.2019 Upto 10:00 AM	Technical bid 04.12.19 at 11 AM Financial bid 04.12.19 at 12 PM
9.	Supply of Gearbox with motor for Horizontal milk storage tank agitators.	12 Nos.	Verka Jalandhar Dairy Ph No. 73555-56749, 73556-01750.	500/-	30,000/-	20.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	12.12.2019 Upto 12:00 PM	13.12.2019 Upto 3:00 PM
10.	Repair & Modification of Milk Silo (cap: 60KL)	4 Nos.	-do-	500/-	1,00,000/-	18.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	12.12.2019 Upto 12:00 PM	13.12.2019 Upto 3:30 PM

should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Note:- Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

Sr No	Name of the Item	Oty/ Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Last Date & Time of Submission of Tenders form	Date & time of receipt & opening of tender form
1. i) ii)	Selection of Agency for: Publication of Newspaper Advertisement in English Newspapers only. Designing and Finalizing Designs for Advertisements in Newspapers other than English. Media Buying for English Newspapers only.	Two Years	Verka Head Office, SCO No. 153-155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh, Phone Number: 0172-5041812-13	Nil	50,000/-	04.12.2019	06.12.2019
2.	Demolishing & removing of Scrap/Dado of building and toilet block complete in all respect.	01 Job	Verka Jalandhar Dairy Ph No. 73555-56749, 73556-01750.	200/-	30,000/-	03.12.2019 up to 12:00 PM	03.12.2019 at 3:00 PM

Interested parties may obtain detailed Tender Documents from the office of Consignee where tender is to be opened on any working day from (9AM to 5 PM). If any clarification is required may contact on Phone Numbers given above. The Tender Notice may also be seen at Verka Website (www.verka.coop). TENDER (S) WITHOUT EARNEST MONEY ARE LIABLE TO BE REJECTED. The Consignee reserves the right to accept/reject any/ all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. GENERAL MANAGER (QA&E)

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F.No. 2-3(5)/R&P/2019 Dated: 13" November 2019

#### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Online tender are invited for Job work contract for providing Security

Sr. Admin. Officer

services at ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom, Interested parties may participate in online tender on CPP (Central Procurement Portal) at www.eprocure.gov.in. NIT may be downloaded from our website www.cirg.res.in. Last date for bid submission is 05.12.2019 by 11:00 PM. (Sumit Kumar Jindal)



NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT OF CONTRACTORS E-Tender No: CON/EP/NCR/EOC/2019-20

CONCOR is inviting applications for Empanelment of Contractors for limited tender in North Central Region to carry out the misc. Repairs, maintenance and other civil works at various ICD's situated at Dadri, Kanpur, Agra, Madhosingh (Mirzapur) in Uttar Pradesh, Malanpur (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Kota in Rajasthan. Interested parties may apply with the attested copies of requisite documents. Last date of submission of application is 17.12.2019 upto 15:00 Hrs. through e-tendering system. For more details visit www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL & www.concorindia.co.in Chief General Manager/NCR

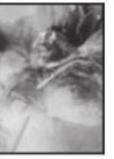


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HSCC (INDIA) LIMITED (A Subsidiary of NBCC (India) Limited) (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE) E-6A, Sector-01, Noida-201301 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (3rd Call)

HSCC/PMSSY-III /SIL/2019 Dated: 14.11.2019 HSCC (India) Limited as Executing Agency of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India invites online percentage rate bids through e-tendering from eligible contractors/firms for the works: Construction for Balance work of Super Specialty Block at North Bengal Medical College, Siliguri (W.B) and their maintenance during Defects Liability Period under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) Estimated project cost: Rs. 39.10 Crore. Completion period: 12 months and other details available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 19.11.2019 and Last Date of submission of Bid is 03.12.2019 The detailed NIT will be available on websites www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC and HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP portal, Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published. Chief General Manager (Projects)

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a female namely Unknown, W/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 10.11.2019 at 07:55 AM at Ganda Nala, Near Mukarba Chowk, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 08-A, dated 10.11.2019 has been lodged at Police Station,

of unidentified dead body of female is as under: Name: Unknown, Age: Approx 30-35 Years,

Bhalswa Dairy, Outer North Distt, Delhi. Identification

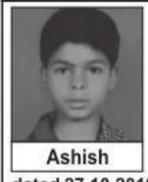
Height: 5', Face: Decomposed.

If anyone have any information or clue about this

female deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

Police Station, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi Ph.: 011-27811933, 8750870291 DP/788/ON/19

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Dhananjay Shah, R/o: H.No. 1094 Gali No 14, Part-1, D-Block, Mukundpur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 26.10.2019 from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 654/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 27.10.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy,

General Public is hereby informed that

one boy Namely: Ashish, S/o:

Delhi. The description of the missing boy are as under: Age:12 years, Height: 4' 6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: White colour shirt, blue colour pant and chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this boy kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail ld - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/763/ON/19

P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi Ph.: 011-27811933, 7065036328

#### **SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED**



General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: Aarti D/o Nanhakau R/o H. No. 8/20, Gali No. 5, Block G, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Swaroop Nagar since 13.09.2019. In this regard DD No. 22-A dated 14.09.2019 PS. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi has been lodged. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl

but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, Age: 24 years Height: 5'6" ft., Complexion: Fair Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink Colour Suit and Salwar and Hawai Chappal in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-SHO

P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi Website:http://cbi.nic.in Ph. No.: 011-27811415 E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Mob. No: 7065036327 Fax No.: 011-24368639 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 DP/664/ON/19

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W. Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of President of India invites

open E-Tender for the following works upto 15:30 hours on the date shown as below-(1) Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-189, ADEN-Line & FL

subdivision- TBR of JP-FL-MD section from Km 241.50 to 295.58 in JP-FL section & 229.20 to 251.70 in FL-MD section-Total-76.58 Km. Approx Cost of work : ₹ 28199386/-, Earnest money ₹ 291000/- (2) ENGG-JP-2019-20-190, ADEN- FL subdivision- FL-MD section-Associated civil works of CTR 29.12 Km. Approx Cost of work: ₹ 63707448/-, Earnest money ₹ 468500/- (3) ENGG-JP-2019-20-191. ADEN-Line JP & ADEN-FL sub division- Connection of ROH facility, Non-interlock connection of ROH, freight examination facility & shunting neck in FL Yard., Provision of rest room facilities for LR/RG traffic staff at GLTA, SK, HDA, BOBS, DNK stations, TTR 90 sets JP-SWM & JP-MD section and related engg. works of TBR 70 Kms etc. Approx Cost of work : ₹ 58461517/-, Earnest money ₹ 442300/- (4) ENGG-JP-2019-20-192, ADEN-Line JP & ADEN-FL sub division-Repairs to various LCs, Bridges, Cess, trolley refuses, RUBs, side drains & vegetation cleaning along the track in SWM-CKS & JP-MD-FL-RNW section. Approx Cost of work ₹ 30182208/-. Earnest money ₹ 300900/- (5) ENGG-JP-2019-20-193, Residual track work in JP- Yard remodelling work to be done by open line /division in view safety. Approx Cost of work: ₹ 9842144/-, Earnest money ₹ 196800/- (6) ENGG-JP-2019-20-194, Provision of resting facility for machine siding staff, for LR/RG traffic staff, platform shelters and Back side boundary wall in the jurisdiction of ADEN (HQ-II)/JP. Approx Cost of work: ₹ 23481067/-, Earnest money ₹ 267400/- (7) ENGG-JP-2019-20-195, Construction of boundary wall and dead ends in Jaipur yard as residual works left by Construction during Yard remodelling work. Approx Cost of work: ₹ 6590143/-, Earnest money ₹ 131800/- (8) ENGG-JP-2019-20-196, JP Division- Supplying of machine crushed railway track ballast at BKI Depot. Approx Cost of work: ₹ 81353566/, Earnest money ₹ 556800/- (9) ENGG-JP-2019-20-197, JP Divn: DEN(East) Section- Daily inspection of track as Patrolling companion with trackman during patrolling of track Approx Cost of work: ₹ 4841244/- Earnest money ₹ 96800/- (10) ENGG-JP-2019-20-198, JP Divn: DEN(North) Section- Daily inspection of track as Patrolling companion with trackman during patrolling of track Approx Cost of work : ₹ 4841244/- Earnest money ₹ 96800/- (1) Other terms & condition will be shown on N.W.Rly website- www.ireps.gov.in. Any manual tender will not be accepted. (2) Payment of earnest Money deposit (EMD) & tender document cost (TDC) in respect of E-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. The payment is to be made in favour of FA&CAO, NWR, Jaipur, other wise tender will not be considered. (3) Detail is available on N.W.Rly website-www.ireps.gov.in and Notice Board in WA section, DRM Office. NWR/Jaipur. (4) Tender No ENGG-JP-2019-20-189 to ENGG-JP-2019-20-198 is to be closed on 09.12.19 at 15.30 hrs and opened on 09.12.19 at 16.00 hrs.

Contact helpline no. 182 for railway security complaints

E-TENDER NOTICE No. IZN/ Elect/OT/06/2019 Dt. 11-11-2019

North Eastern Railway/Izatnagar for & on behalf of the Predident of India for the following work:-

Izatnagar

E - Tender Notice

Office of Executive Engineer (M&G), Kulhal Power Station, invites online

Tender no.: 16/EE (M&G)/Kulhal/2019-20, Supply& fixing of HT XLPE

Last date of submission of hard copies of bids 10.12.2019, 15:00 Hrs. Date of opening of tender 10.12.2019, 16:00 Hrs.

> "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity" Government of India
> Department of Atomic Energy
> Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
> Technical Services Division

North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-85 Notice inviting e-Tenders The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic Research

NIT No. BARC/TSD/152/2018-19, Name of work - Augmentation of Ai conditioning plant (High Side) at Boiler House, TSD, BARC, Trombay Mumbai - 400085.; Estimated cost - ₹ 4,40,00,000/-; Earnest Money ₹ 8,80,000/-; Period of completion - 18 months for the item No. 1 to 33 or Schedule B of the tender. Thereafter Tender will be operated for 3 years. (2 years warranty + 1 year Comprehensive Annual Maintenance - item No. 34); Last date and time of submission of bid - 24.01.2020 (14:00 Hrs.) The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website

**Chief Engineer** 

# 21 BODY & MIND

## Little girls are sweet and boys tough. Now flip that

Misogyny is like the polluted air we breathe day in and day out — it is everywhere



BY SHELJA SEN

THERE IS a lot that has been said and written about bringing up gutsy girls – who refuse to be defined by their gender, who demand equality and speak up to have their voices heard. However, not much is written about the role of parents in bringing up these gutsy girls. I am going to try to do that, not as an attempt to blame or shame anyone but for all of us to come together and take collective responsibility in making our world more equitable, free of gender violence and misogyny.

I have heard many parents, particularly dads, claim, "I am not a misogynist, but I do think girls' roles are very different from boys', and it is best we accept this truth." Part of me gets riled, but a large part is just amused at this contradiction. Prejudices and gender biases such as these sow the seeds of misogyny early on in children's minds and lives.

Looking at it from a wider lens, I believe none of us can claim not to be a misogynist. It is like the polluted air we breathe day in and day out in our homes, schools, public spaces, movies, literature, advertisements, news, TV programmes — it is there everywhere. It is our choice as to how much we become aware of it, opt into it and perpetuate it, or mindfully opt out of it as a deliberate practice.

**1.** Let's start by becoming more mindful of our language — just observe the words we use to praise little girls — "gentle", "nice", "sweet" and the ubiquitous "good girl" — and for boys – "strong", "tough", "brave". The way we talk to our children become their inner voices and the way we talk about them become their life stories. Think of the life stories we are building for our children through words that they start internalising. Language is also the thread that builds the discourse around identities. If girls are only "gentle", "nice" and "sweet", then their identities get restricted, and obviously, then they need protection from men who are "tough" and "strong". And if boys are mainly "tough" and "strong", they do not have much scope to show their vulnerabilities, to be "gentle" and/or "nice". Such are the warped and restricted dichotomies we set up for our children from a very young age.

**2.** Misogyny has a tendency to show up



**3.** We catch glimpses of gender biases in our homes in so many ways — the gendered toys we buy for our children (dolls for girls and cars for boys), the colours they wear (pink is only for girls, of course), the activities they pursue (dance for girls and sports for boys, arts for girls and science for boys). You might say that there is a possibility of personal preference and agency in these choices, but you will be surprised as to how much it is influenced by what we as adults want our children to do.

**4.** It still amazes me that so many young

girls I meet measure their value by how worthy boys regard them to be. I wish very early in their lives, girls could learn that boys have their own failings and frustrations which they might, inadvertently, unleash on the girls they meet. That is how power works in gender relationships — when men feel inadequate, they take it out on women, and when women feel inadequate, they take it out on themselves. I was in awe of this 11-year-old I met who told me that a boy in her class called her "Fatso", to which she retorted firmly with a steely glare, "Keep your shit to yourself, otherwise you will regret it." He never tried messing with her again. **5.** That brings me to another critical issue

– our girls and their bodies. It horrifies me to think of the pressure we put on our girls to be of a certain body type (skinny) and looks (fair and lovely). It is heartbreaking to see little girls, as young as nine, talk about how they are teased at school for being overweight or dark-skinned, or badgered at home to "eat less" or not play sports as that would make their skin darker. We all need to have more conversations at home and in schools on how one body types and colour of skin do not define beauty, and build cultures where body-shaming is unacceptable.

**6.** When we talk about gender differences, typically the issue of safety comes up and I hear parents saying, "We cannot let her go out on her own/so late/dressed like that/to these places." I understand their concern, but my worry is that it often takes moralistic undertones and carries on way beyond teenage years. As a young girl shared with me, "Everything I do, say, wear is always up for inspection whereas my brother can get away with anything just because he is a boy!" How unfair is that? Also, rather than just making girls responsible for their safety, we also need to have more conversations with boys on what they can do to make this world safer

7. More than anything, we need to stop seeing our children through the lens of binaries – he/she, girl/boy; we need to give them more freedom to claim identities that are not restricted by gender. Where gender preference, transitions or sexual orientation are not an issue. Now some of you might raise your eyebrows at this radical idea, but if you have young people over the age of 15 in your family, be aware that some of these conversa-

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie puts it, "The problem with gender is that it prescribes how we should be rather than recognising how we are. Imagine how much happier we would be, how much freer to be our true individual selves, if we didn't have the weight

co-founder of Children First, a child & adolescent mental health institute) write to shelja.sen@childrenfirstindia.com

DIET DIARY

## Eating protein for muscles? Watch out!

It needs to be understood how much protein is really needed and if excesses



BY ISHI KHOSLA

IF YOU thought eating proteins will help you build muscle, think again! Protein shakes, protein powders and supplements being pushed to unsuspecting youngsters in gyms with promises of biceps and triceps may do more harm than good. It needs to be understood how much protein is really needed and if excesses are safe.

Many are under the impression that consuming a high protein diet will increase muscle mass. Athletes, like nonathletes, should consume 10-20 per cent of their daily kilocalories from protein. The recommended daily allowance for protein is 0.8 g of protein per kg of body weight.

Needs might be higher (1-1.5g/kg body weight) for periods of intense training, strength training (for weightlifters and bodybuilders) or weight restricted athletes, but there is little evidence that indicates a need for larger amounts. Assuming that they eat a nutritionally balanced diet, most athletes have no need for extra protein, except perhaps during periods of intense training.

Research suggests that the quantity of dietary protein needed to achieve maximal protein deposition is 1.5 g/kg body weight and that the limiting factor for muscle protein deposition is energy intake, not protein. Therefore, athletes who wish to in-

crease muscle mass should meet their energy requirements first through adequate intake of carbohydrates (60 per cent of total calories) and then check if they have met their protein requirements.

The fact is that it is weight training and not eating extra protein that is key to building and strengthening muscles. The only way to build bigger, stronger

muscles is to exercise them. To fuel heavy weight training, the

are safe	
BALANCING PROT	-IN INTAKE

Intensity of Physical activity	Gm of protein /kg body weight
Sedentary	0.8
Strength training (maintena	nce) 1.2-1.4
Strength training (muscle ga	ain) 1.6-1.8
Endurance training	1.2-1.4
Weight training	1.4-1.8

body needs extra calories, especially from carbohydrates.

According to recommendations, 500 kilocalories per day results in nearly half a kg increase in lean body weight per week during a resistance training programme.

If excessive amounts of protein is consumed, the extra calories will simply be stored as fat or burned.

It can also lead to overstraining of the kidneys and long-term metabolic problems.

A balanced diet meeting calorie requirements with adequate servings of legumes, pulses, dairy, nuts or animal food meets the daily protein needs of most adults.

It should also be noted that high protein diets containing meat and high fat dairy products may deliver an increased percentage of kilocalories from fat. For this reason, athletes should be advised to select sources of high protein foods that contain low amounts of fat, such as skim milk, low fat yogurt, lean meats, fish and poultry, beans, legumes and egg whites.

Commercial supplements may be a convenient means for some busy athletes to secure additional protein in the diet. Many of these products contain high quality protein, such as milk, whey, egg or soy protein; provide a balanced mixture of protein, carbohydrate and fat for additional calories and may also contain supplemental vitamins and minerals.

Although these products do not contain all the nutrients of natural foods, they may be useful adjuncts to a balanced diet.

Author is a clinical nutritionist and founder of www.theweightmonitor.com and Whole Foods India



our sexist jokes and a flippant comment: "So

sad that they had another daughter" or "It is

high time she got married, otherwise what

will happen to her!" Maybe it might come

through in the way men in the family talk to

the women in the house, the subtle power

dynamics — what gets to be said, by whom,

with what authority and what are its effects.

Children are witness to it constantly. I met a

10-year-old boy whose parents had brought

him to me with a concern that he was very

abusive towards his mother. When we

started chatting, he turned to me and said,

"Why is it a problem when I say this to

#### **JANE E BRODY**

ABOUT A decade ago, Michael Valenti of Woodstock, New York, suddenly developed severe pain in the lower right side of his abdomen. He had a slight fever and thought he had appendicitis. So did his doctor, who sent him to the emergency room, where an MRI revealed not appendicitis but diverticulitis, an infection in an outpouching of his colon he never knew he had.

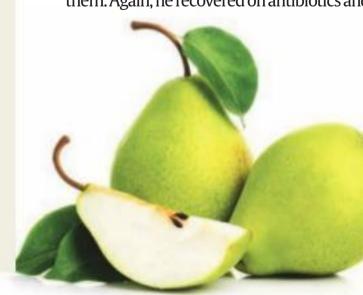
The attack came "out of the clear blue," Valenti told me, and was especially confusing because the vast majority of diverticular pouches and resulting infections develop in the sigmoid colon located in the left lower abdomen.

Diverticulosis, as the diverticular pouches are called, is very common in Western countries, where the typical overly refined diet is low in fibre, and the risk of developing it increases with age, reaching 60 per cent by age 70. Unless the pouches are discovered in the course of an unrelated exam, like a colonoscopy, most people with diverticulosis don't know they have it.

However, the pouches can trap food residue as it passes through the colon and become perfect breeding grounds for bacteria. As a result, about 20 per cent of people with diverticulosis will develop diverticulitis, an inflammation and infection that if not adequately treated can result in dangerous abscesses, perforation of the colon and peritonitis.

Some people with diverticulosis also have chronic repeated bouts of gastrointestinal symptoms like abdominal pain, bloating, constipation and diarrhoea, symptoms that mimic those of irritable bowel syndrome.

For Valenti, who said he had no prior intestinal symptoms, a potent antibiotic and days on nothing but clear liquids cleared up the infection, and he was told at the time to avoid eating nuts, seeds and foods like blueberries, strawberries and crackers with seeds. One-quarter to one-third of patients with diverticulitis have recurrent episodes, and two years ago Valenti became one of them. Again, he recovered on antibiotics and





#### Our diets are overly refined. Eating more whole fruits, especially apples, pears and prunes, can help our digestive health

clear liquids.

Then last spring he had a third attack. In between the last two episodes, the advice to avoid nuts and seeds was debunked. This time the doctor advised Valenti to increase his intake of fibre, but failed to tell this 69-yearold meat-and-potatoes lover what he should eat to avoid yet another attack and its potentially serious complications.

Hearing this, I sent Valenti a recently published article documenting the dietary habits and risk of diverticulitis among more than 50,000 midlife women in the Nurses' Health Study who were initially free of intestinal disease and were followed for two dozen years. During that time, 4,343 of the women developed diverticulitis, with the highest risk of the disorder occurring among those who consumed the least

amount of dietary fibre. Most protective, the study found, was fibre from fruits and cereals. Eating more whole fruits (as opposed to sauces and juices) and especially apples, pears and prunes resulted in the lowest risk of developing diverticulitis. Fibre from veg-

etables, beans and lentils was also associated with a reduced risk of the infection. Each additional daily serving of whole fruits lowered the risk by 5 per cent, and women who consumed nearly 10 gm of cereal fibre each day were 10 per cent less likely to develop diverticulitis than those who ate the least, about 3 gm. A half-cup of Kellogg's All-Bran cereal, for example, has a whopping

10 gm of fibre, whereas three-fourths cup of cooked oatmeal has only 3 gm, and a cup of Cheerios. Valenti's favourite, also has 3 gm of fibre.

In the Nurses' Health Study, insoluble fibre, such as that found in bran cereal, was more protective than soluble fibre in foods like black beans. Avocados, sweet potatoes and broccoli are good sources of both kinds tions might have already started among them and you may have some catching up to do. They are already dismissing these binaries and maybe it is time we did the same. I like the way writer and feminist

of gender expectations." (Dr Shelja Sen is therapist, writer and

In an earlier study among nearly 44,000 male health professionals, fibre from fruit and vegetables, but not cereal, was linked to a reduced risk of diverticular disease. Valenti, who admitted that "I don't eat

as much fruit as I should", said he now knows he must do better if he wants to remain healthy. Meanwhile, his wife, Linda Brewer, who

also hopes to head off yet another attack and who recently learned she had borderline diabetes, has adapted the couple's at-home menu to include plenty of fibre-rich whole grains and more salads, vegetables and legumes. White rice, white pasta and white bread are no longer served and rarely eaten.

Low-fibre diets reduce the volume and water content of the stool. This predisposes to constipation that in turn increases pressure within the colon that can weaken the muscles of the colonic wall, resulting in a herniation, or diverticular pouch.

An imbalance in the bacterial population of the colon may account for the influence of dietary fibre on the risk of chronic inflammation in the colon even without the development of diverticulitis, researchers at Yale University School of Medicine suggested. They reported in Therapeutic Advances Gastroenterology in 2013 that a low-fibre diet changes the composition of bacteria in the colon, resulting in a significant increase in anaerobic microorganisms. They suggested that probiotics may help to restore a healthier population of bacteria in the gut.

Ideally, the benefits of dietary fibre in preventing diverticular disease and resulting infections should be tested in well-designed clinical trials, which are unfortunately too costly and difficult to perform.

In lieu of a more definitive study, the wise consumer would act on the basis of existing evidence from extensive epidemiological research. Decades of studies have suggested that we should all be consuming a fibre-rich diet, and not only for intestinal health.

A high-fibre diet can help reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes and make it easier to maintain a healthy weight. The soluble fibre in beans and oats, for example, may help to lower blood levels of arterydamaging LDL cholesterol. In people with diabetes, soluble fibre helps to control blood sugar levels. And because fibre-rich foods are more filling than low-fibre ones, they can enable you to eat less and stay satisfied longer They also tend to have fewer calories than in the same volume of low-fibre foods.

The National Academy of Medicine's recommended daily intake of fibre for adults aged 50 or younger is 38 gm for men and 25 gm for women; for adults 51 and older, it is 30 gm for men and 21 gm for women. Check the nutrition information on packaged foods or consult a list like that found at MedlinePlus.

#### **SHORT COURSE**

#### [0-20 YEARS]

### Wash your hands in bathroom to guard against E. coli infection



WHILE IT'S important to wash your hands carefully after handling raw chicken, it may be even more important to wash them after going to the bathroom. The most dangerous antibiotic-resistant strains of E.coli, called ESBLs, are transmitted not through food, according to new research, but

through contact of human faeces with human mouths. British researchers have found that one multidrug-resistant strain of ESBL-E.coli, ST131, responsible for a mortality rate as high as 35 per cent in humans, was found in more than 60 per cent of human bloodstream infections, but was extremely rare in live animals and nonexistent in foods. The study is in Lancet Infectious Diseases. **NYT** 

#### [20-30 YEARS]

### Omega-3s show little or no benefit for depression, anxiety



SOME STUDIES, and many ads, suggest that omega-3 supplements are helpful for improving mental health. But a systematic review of research has found the supplements are probably ineffective in treating or preventing depression and anxiety. The analysis, in *British Journal of Psychiatry*,

included long-term trials of omega-3 fatty acid supplementation. Omega-3s are found in fatty fish like salmon and other foods. Neither length of treatment nor size of dosage demonstrated effectiveness. The review included 32 randomised trials testing supplements of omega-3, linoleic acid and polyunsaturated fatty acids with 41,467 participants.

#### [30-50 YEARS]

#### Poor sleep may be bad for your cardiovascular health



CHINESE RESEARCHERS used data on 4,87,200 people between 30 and 79 years of age. The participants reported on frequency of three symptoms of poor sleep: difficulty falling asleep, davtime sleepiness and early morning awakening.

The study is in *Neurology*. The scientists followed the group for an average of 10 years, during which there were 1,30,032 cases of cardiovascular disease. After adjusting for several factors, they found difficulty falling asleep was associated with a 9 per cent increased relative risk for cardiovascular disease, early morning awakening with a 7 per cent increased risk, and daytime sleepiness with a 13 per cent increased risk.

#### [50+ YEARS]

#### Another reason to take BP drugs: Lower dementia risk



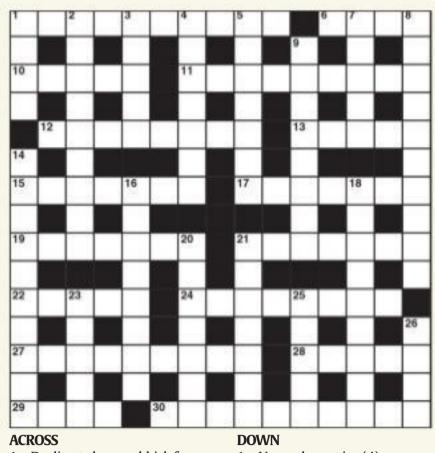
CONTROLLING BLOOD pressure in middle age may reduce the risk for dementia. Pooled data from six large observational studies suggests that antihypertensive medicines may lower risk for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The review is in Lancet Neurology. The studies involved more than

31,000 participants older than 55, with follow-ups ranging from seven to 22 years. In all, there were 1,741 diagnoses of Alzheimer's disease and 3,728 cases of other dementias. Among the 15,537 people with high blood pressure, those using antihypertensive medicine had a 12 per cent reduced risk for dementia and a 16 per cent reduced risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

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## 22 CALENDAR

#### CROSSWORD 3964



- 1 Decline to leave rubbish for removal (6,2,2)
- 6 Counterfoil seen in the ashtrav
- 10 Her calling is a dangerous one
- (5) 11 Turns round and ejects a sailor
- (4,5)12 In turn I've become idle (8)
- 13 He goes round a short way in a hurry(5)
- 15 Falling behind in providing winter insulation? (7) 17 Joined by a sailor - or the
- parson(7)19 Enormous disaster struck it (7)
- 21 Contempt for a futile action (7)
- 22 Not left straight (5)
- 24 No varieties in the numbers
- crawling (3,5) 27 She makes hot claret (9)
- 28 Correct men in the finish (5)
- 29 In paradise this was the third son's name (4)

(7,3)

30 Clearly determined to provide a good reception

#### for days (9)

- 1 No work remains (4) 2 Badly torn in a fray that lasts
- Sound of icons breaking (5) 4 Haute cuisine sauce? (7)
- 5 They carry away the waste
- from fish cleaners (7) 7 They may be used to make a
- stool(5) 8 Comparatively good times when
- gambling takes place? (6,4) 9 These priests may lead the
- masses (8) 14 Kitchen accessories
- subsequently put into bundles
- 16 Any in let out, naturally (8) 18 Gloomy supporters will if their
- team's doing badly (9)
- 20 Rattle made by vibrating teeth of ratchet (7)
- 21 They should know how to
- prepare a good meal (7) 23 General accord (5) 25 Entertainment means there's a
- great time after work (5)26 An entrance I'd turn in at (4)

Solutions Crossword 3963: Across: 1 Dessert, 5 Poses, 8 Freelance, 9 Rue, 10 Read, 12 Tenement, 14 Eroded, 15 Avenue, 17 Addition, 18 Isis, 21 Tub, 22 Transport, 24 Clear, 25 Endless. Down: 1 Defer, 2 Sue, 3 Eels, 4 Tandem, 5 Preserve, 6 Sergeants, 7 Sheathe, 11 Avoidable, 13 Testator, 14 Elastic, 16 Morale, 19 Sites, 20 Used, 23 Ode.

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis







#### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson







#### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong





#### JUMBLED WORDS

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

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the town gossip - Will Rogers

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BEILLT **ERVPUY** 

town gossip - Will Rogers Answer: Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the SOLUTION: DREAR/DARER, ROOMS, BILLET, PURVEY

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## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4030 8 7 6 3 3 2 5 6 8 5 1 6 9 4 7 3 2

#### **DAY TODAY**

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You're liable to shy away from social engagements or emotional risks. It seems as if what will suit you

most now are discreet gettogethers, peace and quiet. Above all you need to feel loved. You draw your strength from partners' goodwill, sympathy and support.

#### **TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)** Today is the day that

Mercury, which signifies your deepest thoughts and imaginings, adopts a new set of alignments. This is an astrological way of saying that, before you turn a corner, you would do well to pause for a moment and take stock and also take an extra look at the details.

#### **GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** You have been more

prone than most people to vague suspicions and strange imaginings. However, I believe that from now on all mysteries will be cleared up and most of your questions answered. You should be relieved that a partner's opposition has now subsided.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)



#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Shopping sprees are

on the agenda thanks to the Moon's relationship with Mars. You don't have to take partners' assertions as the absolute truth — make a few waves and insist your ideas are taken into account. You might also find yourself footing the bill for a social outing.

#### **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)** Much the same



scope for fun, so please don't succumb to the general mood of selfishness or make unnecessary emotional demands on partners. If you're tempted to argue over a principle then stop and think: you might just be wrong.

#### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Your traditional ways of doing things have proved remarkably effective. If there's a Libran motto, it must be 'first among equals'. You are cleverly able to give the illusion that everyone's interests are being respected while in fact you're getting your own way. Clever old you.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You seem to have a much better idea of the reasons for recent upsets than other people. The Moon is defending your interests, teaching you that it is all right to be a sensitive Scorpio. For once, the world should be marching in step with you, and you should be the one who calls the tune.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) The Moon, planet of

emotion, is linking up with Mars, ruler of active change. Even long-established ties or associations have to alter in some way, and you must realise that there is simply no point in endeavouring to turn the clock back. You have to face the future.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

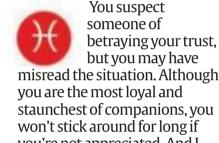
will please.

At a time when some people still seem determined to argue, you can either enter the fray or remain aloof. Either way, try to prove by your statements and actions just how spiritually advanced and mature you are. Travel stars look just fine. Trips to sentimental places

#### AOUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) There is no earthly

reason why you should be the one to fork out when other people are short of cash. Still, seeing as this is an extravagant moment, you may as well spend money where it's needed. If you're entertaining friends, then your plans may require brief trips or extra phone calls.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



you're not appreciated. And I can think of no good reason why you should.

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### APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



#### **WORKSHOP-SCOPE**

SCOPE organised a national workshop on 'Succession Planning forBoard Level Positions' in PSEs. Chairman, PESB, KD Tripathi, inaugurated theworkshop in the presence of MK Gupta, Member, PESB and Atul Sobti. DirectorGeneral, SCOPE.



#### **VIGILANCE WEEK-PUNJAB & SIND BANK**

Puniab & Sind Bank recently observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2019, with the theme "Integrity -a way of life". Itsmain objective was to ensure public participation in the fight against corruption.



#### **ICC AWARDS -BSES**

BSES discoms have received top honours at theawards instituted by the ICC. While BRPL came 1st in the category "GreenEnergy Award", BYPL came 2nd. The awards were received by BRPL CEO Amal Sinha and senior BSES officials.



#### SHILPOSTAV-MoSJE

Shilpostay-2019 ThaawarchandGehlot, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, visited the "Shilpostav-2019" to encourage the artisans at Dilli Haat, INA, in New Delhirecently.



#### PRODUCT-IOCL

The winter grade diesel produced by IOCL's Panipat Refinery has a pourpoint of – 33oC and does not lose its fluidity function even in the extreme weather conditions of Ladakh.



### **AWARD-TPDDL**

Tata Power-DDL has been conferred with the 7th Innovationwith Impact Award in the 'Quality of Service & Customer Empowerment'category. The Award ceremony was a part of 13th India EnergySummit 2019 organized by ICC at New Delhi.



#### **MEETING-AAI**

AAI is hostingACI Asia-Pacific Regional HR Committee Meeting in ND, to promote HRexcellence & standards among airports in Asia-Pacific. The committeecomprises HR professionals representing respective airport members in theregion.



#### **MOU-CWC**

CWC has signed an agreement with RailTel, for implementation of NIC's e-Office, a Mission Mode Project (MMP), under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) of Gol, in presence of AK Shrivastava, MD/CWC & P Chawla, CMD/RailTel.



#### MEDICAL HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP-CRWC

A Medical Health Check up camp was organised by CRWC in association with FPA India for Labours & their families at RWC Shakurbasti recently. During the camp, towels & Nose Masks were also distributed to the labours.



#### **VESSEL-GRSE**

GRSE laid the keel of the 1st SurveyVessel (Large). Jadav Sarkar, Structural Fitter (SK-II) of GRSE, performed the keel laving in the august presence of Vice Admiral AK Saxena, PVSM,

AVSM, VSM, Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition.



#### **SCHEME-PVVNL**

AM Bangari, MD, PVVNL, recently announced "Easy Installment Scheme", providing agolden opportunity to deposit the pending dues (till Oct 31, 2019) for rural and urban consumers, having load up to 4 kw.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

**NDMC** Dharmendra, IAS, recently assumed charge as Chairperson of NDMC. Prior tothis, he was serving as Addl. Secretary and Financial Advisor in Min-



GOI. He hasheld several important assignments in the past, serving both Central and Delhi Governments in various capacities. He has worked over ten years in UrbanSector in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of UrbanDevelopment and Poverty Alleviation. GOI and DDA.



#### **CELEBRATION - NHPC**

NHPC recently celebrated its 45th Raising Day with great enthusiasm and fervour. Balraj Joshi, CMD, NHPC, gave apresentation on NHPC's installed capacity, achievementsin capacity addition, CSR initiatives etc.

#### POLICY RESEARCH-NTPC SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

NTPC School of Business publishes a policy research reviewing rooftop solar subsidy and uses the saved funds for lowering the solar cost. The policy research was led by ML Agrawal, Professor of Business at NTPC School

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tions and entrepreneurship. NTPC For H1 FY20, the Total Income of NTPC was Rs. 48.177.04 cr as against Rs. 45.325.94 cr in H1FY19.

Profit after tax was Rs. 5.865.23 cr in H1 FY20 as against Rs. 5,014.16 crore in H1FY19, registering an

& Director of NTPC Center, for Managing Energy Innova-

Oil India Board recently approved the Q2 and H1 FY 2019-20 results. ProfitAfter Tax (PAT) for Q2 FY 2019-20 of Oil India Board was Rs.627.23 cr as compared to PAT of Rs. 862.01 crore for Q2 FY 18-19.

**SCR** The unfortunate incident involving the derailment of Lingampalli - Falaknuma MMTS local train after it collided with the Kurnool City - Secunderabad Hundry Intercity Express at Kacheguda railway station at around 10.40 hrs on Nov 11, 2019, cast a shadow of gloom amongst the railway personnel, since the highest safety standards are always maintained on South Central Railway.

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## Her for Her

#### **CHARLIE'S ANGELS** \*\*\*

**Director:** Elizabeth Banks Cast: Kristen Stewart, Ella Balinska, Naomi Scott, Elizabeth Banks, Patrick Stewart, Djimon Hounsou

WHEN THE world is at stake, you really don't have to make it too complicated so as to ramp up the danger quotient. That's the strength of this Charlie's Angels reboot, in which women bond, women lead, women cry. women save, and women load their guns with tranquillisers, to keep the blood and gore limited, even as they follow the breadcrumbs to save the world.

Director, co-screenwriter Banks also stars in this light, breezy story, which while making a slow start and sagging in the middle, finishes with a decent flourish. The message for female empowerment, in a franchise that was slammed for sexism when it first appeared as a TV series, is not laid thick either. The film's true motto is that Angels come in all forms, a global sisterhood that is out there for the tapping.

While Kristen Stewart is her sulky self in the beginning, and you fear that her seeming resentment towards almost everything will lie like a wet blanket over proceedings (which frankly can only be pulled off if those caught up in it are having fun), she gets into the act with gusto later. This time, Charlie's three Angels are as different as they come, and mostly muscular and lithe. The bisexual Stewart's leanings are also broadly hinted at. Scott's Elena is the damsel-in-distress sort, but the source of her power ultimately is her mind. Balinska is more surefooted from the beginning about what the film expects of her Angel.

Banks stages most fights well, and there is an innovative scene when the Angels break into a high-security building for a device some very bad guys are after.

Next time, and there may be a next time, keep it a little shorter and keep it a little faster.

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#### MOTHERLESS BROOKLYN ★★★★

**Director:** Edward Norton Cast: Edward Norton, Bruce Willis, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Alec Baldwin, Cherry Jones, Willem Dafoe, Bobby Cannavale

## In the City's Shadow



#### **SHALINI LANGER**

THE TALENTED Ed Norton spent a decade developing the award-winning Jonathan Lethem novel by the same name. Fortuituously though, there couldn't have been a better time for Norton's film. The film's high-ranking New York public official, Moses Randolph, is clearly based on the man credited with building that city in real life, Robert Moses. However, Rudolph could well be based on two other men who have come to represent that city now — whose role, on top of it, is central to the ongoing impeachment proceedings in the US – Donald Trump and former New York mayor Rudy aka Rudolph Giuliani.

Unlike the 1990s setting of the novel, the film is based in the 1950s, when the effects of the recession and WWII are yet to wear off, creating fertile territory for men like Rudolph, who pit themselves as leaders of action rather than of words. As Alec Baldwin, whose flourish lends an extra sheen of angry righteousness to Rudolph puts it, it's him or "the goody-goody progressives with their paralysing ideals". He

isn't "above" the law, but "ahead" of it, Rudolph explains, for once he has given the city "what it needs", laws mould themselves

In his zeal to build bridges, highways and housing, the ones being forced to make way are the poor and Blacks. That makes Rudolph a villain in many eyes, and leading from the front are another city official, Horowitz (Jones), and her aide, lawyer Laura (Mbatha-Raw). Norton plays private detective Lionel, who suffers from Tourette's Syndrome (the film doesn't have a name for it, unlike the novel, and leaves Lionel explaining his tics and itches throughout). Lionel gets interested in Rudolph after his mentor, Frank (Willis), is shot investigating something that leads up to the powerbroker.

Director/screenwriter/actor Norton gets the mood of the 1950s right, as he does the despair of New York's condemned colonies. Laura's adoptive father runs a jazz club, lending the film some soulful music. The four men, including Lionel, running Frank's detective agency now seem truly bound by their secrets and ghosts, carried over from a past that includes war and shared life at a strict Catholic orphanage.

Norton has an impressive cast that turns up even for bit roles, including Willis, while Norton himself is in superlative, if indulgent, form as the man who has been seeking answers all his life — encumbered by his own mind, which he once dubs an "anarchist".

The film itself though is laboured, its mysteries not as dense as it would like to believe. Corruption, power, unelected officials, big money, small people, and murder don't shock any more. Plus, rather than exploring absolute power — but for two passionate speeches by Rudolph — the film veers into a much lamer scandal in comparison. This is a significant departure from the book, among others.

However, as Horowitz puts it, what's the point if one "doesn't call out things as they are". Especially when, in words of another character, played by Dafoe, it's easy to overlook such things, in the comfortable notion that "we are in a democracy... How bad could things be?"

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## Race to the Finish

#### **FORD V FERRARI** \*\*\*\*

**Director:** James Mangold Cast: Christian Bale, Matt Damon

#### **ANDREW AMSAN**

TEST DRIVER and engineer Ken Miles (Christian Bale) is trying to cope with the fact that he doesn't get to drive a car he fine-tuned because he does not fit the image of a Ford driver. Henry Ford II, the eldest grandson of the founder of the automobile giant, is staring at huge losses in the early '60s.

An image makeover is deemed necessary to revive the company, and hence it is decided to take the motorsports route.

But there is one hurdle, Ford doesn't make sports cars. Ford doesn't have a racing team. A window opens in the form of rivals Ferrari, who are running extremely low on resources. But the deal fails and Enzo Ferrari, the boss of the Italian company, isn't very graceful in his words to his American rival.

Ford is desperate to avenge the humiliation and decides to do something outrageous: Build a race car in 90 days and take on multiple-time winners Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans – the Tour de France of car racing.

Ford ropes in car designer and former racer

Carroll Shelby (Matt Damon), and Miles, a short-tempered, stubborn engineer, is the anointed one to dethrone the Italians.

Damon and Bale's gripping performances ensure the movie doesn't end up becoming only a contest between two businessmen with inflated egos. Miles lets you into his mind where you see his love, fascination, passion and admiration for the super cars.

James Mangold, who directed the superhero movie *Logan* in 2017, brings back the good-ole '60s feel to the two-and-a-half-hours movie. The storyline is extremely simple, and even people with little or no knowledge of professional racing should find it engaging.

It's a great relief that the movie, unlike most sports films, features no montages and hazy flashback scenes. It's all in the moment. The biggest challenge for any movie based on real-life incidents is to keep the audience hooked as the eventual outcome is no secret. and Ford v Ferrari manages to do that, thanks to its lead characters. Your heart is bound to race as Miles hits those tight corners, you will feel a rush of blood when Shelby takes those bold decisions from the pit stop, and at the end of the movie, you'll realise, it is not all about winning.

It's about answering your calling. How do you find your calling?

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## Home Alone

#### HOUSE ARREST (NETFLIX) \*\*1

**Director:** Samit Basu and Shashanka Ghosh Cast: Ali Fazal, Shriya Pilgaonkar, Jim Sarbh

CAN YOU ever imagine not stepping out of your house for a discernible period of time, come what may? Even when your car is being stolen? And no this is not part of a higher scientific/lifestyle experiment, nor are you doing this consciously. One day led to another, and the house door became a lakshman rekha. In House Arrest, we meet Karan, played by Ali Fazal, who has not stepped out of his home for -wait for it - nine months. He works out of his home through Skype, waters his plants, and yes, whips up lavash wraps in a jiffy. All coercion, methods and tricks, including those by his best friend, JD (Jim Sarbh), to get him out of the house have failed. He uses the system around him, the help, the maid, the watchmen to facilitate his hermit-like existence. There is also an annoying pink-wearing-pink-talking neighbour Pinky, who walks all over Karan. There is a pink faux fur covered suitcase in the mix, along with supremely clear and detailed holograms. Things pick up when Saira (Shriya Pilgaonkar), a journalist who is intrigued by his life choices, lands on his door and wants to write a story on him. Saira thinks Karan is a practitioner of Hikikomori, a Japanese lifestyle trend where young adults decry society and go into a self-imposed exile. But Karan affirms that his exile is not deliberate and he is living



well without the need to interact.

Spanning 24 hours, the film touches upon themes like mental well-being, cost of the rat race, and why do we, at times, need to just step back, and yes, smell the coffee. The film, written by novelist Samit Basu, is high on the details, and we see the quirks of the characters come out in subtle ways. He is obsessed with order and precision, and has a thing for old motion sensor video games.

Karan's house deserves a special mention. A typical train house of Delhi has been converted to a wonderful living space, replete with quirky artwork and pleasing aesthetics and design. But which guy keeps his house this clean, we wonder, and so does a visibly baffled Saira.

Set in Delhi, the film sounds like Delhi but the dialogues and the banter could have been more engaging. Fazal passes off as an urban, suave former banker, but there are times when we see him slip into a Mirzapur twang. The performances don't uplift the screenplay and a few things jar. Saira plays a journalist who is there to interview him but neither does she take notes nor switches on her recorder.

The film is a one-time watch, on a lazy evening. And yes, don't accept any strange packages from your over friendly neighbhour who has a towering bodyguard on call. **EM** 

## Reality Check

### JHALKI: EK AUR BACHPAN

**Director:** Brahmananda S Singh Cast: Aarti Jha, Goraksh Sakpal, Govind Namdeo, Sanjay Suri, Divya Dutta, Tannisha Chatterjee

DOCUMENTARIAN BRAHMANANDA S Singh gets some things quite right in *Jhalki*: Ek Aur Bachpan. Like the colour of its little Ihalki's straw brown hair. It remains the same, uncombed, entangled, carrying its UP village with it, even after at least one good wash. That hair tells the problems with this film as good as any: its imagination is limited to the atmospherics; its characters (and some very good actors) flounder about.

Inspired by Kailash Satyarthi, his Bachpan Bachao Andolan and "true events", the film has a clear enough brief — from a UP village a middleman routinely takes children to the town for labour, offering their parents money, fending off their anxious

queries with small gifts such as an LED torch. Jhalki is determined not to let her younger brother meet the same fate, and so follows him to Mirzapur town when that happens. There she goes looking for him, as the officials let her down and a journalist comes to her rescue, through the labyrinthine hovels of the town's carpet-weaving industry. If the story is tailor-made for tears, Singh

doesn't try to spare any. However, the film leaves one unmoved due to its cardboard characters, but for the spunky Jhalki, her brother Babu (Jha and Sakpal, respectively), and her village. Where the film is most heartbreaking is in its realisation of the desperation of poverty — when it is not busy romanticising it. It layers the very soil of Jhalki's home, it underlines her deepest fears, it keeps her awake at night and makes her grow up too early, it allows her to be thankful that her alcoholic father is not turning out her brother as yet, it explains Jhalki's belief of the Collector as raja (her understanding of the world coming from an ani-

mated folk tale, that is the film's tallest leap of imagination), it inhabits the living quarters of the boys at the carpet-weaving unit, it can't speak its name outside closed rooms where a man leads a small boy after caressing his cheek, and it lingers in the grateful smile of parents who see the middleman as

a godsend. However, even as it acknowl-

edges much of it, including what the rich and powerful pass off as their "generosity", it keeps coming back to that straw hair (Satyarthi himself remains almost unseen). Jhalki the girl goes far — including scarily roaming the streets of Mirzapur at night. Jhalki the film, released on Children's Day, does not.

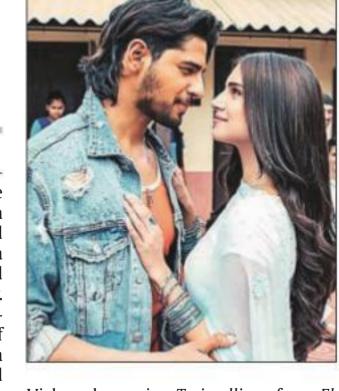
## Tried, Tested and Failed

#### **MARJAAVAAN**

**Director:** Milap Zaveri Cast: Sidharth Malhotra. Riteish Deshmukh. Tara Sutaria

#### **EKTAA MALIK**

IF ONLY *Marjaavaan* was the name of a time capsule whose main aim was to fill you in on everything that was tried, tested and failed from the Eighties. But no such luck, this is a film set in present day Mumbai, and we had the misfortune to watch it first day first show. Just three minutes into the film and you realise this is not a tongue-in-cheek parody of the problematic film decade, but rather a loud, half-hearted attempt to recreate and celebrate it with dialogues like main maarunga toh mar jayega, doosra janam lene se dar jayega, uttered by local goon Raghu (Malhotra), as he beats up a whole army of bad guys. Sporting a bandana and a jacket, Raghu is the right-hand man of local water mafia Narayan Anna (Nasser) — we are reminded of Anna (Nana Patekar) from Parinda, minus the gravitas and nuanced layers of the character. Now Narayan has groomed Raghu, an orphan as his right-hand man, and showers him with affection and love deserving of a son he never had. But wait, Narayan does have a son, a three-foottall-one at that. Enter Riteish Deshmukh as



Vishnu, humming Teri galliyan from Ek Villain, the last outing of Deshmukh and Malhotra, where they were pitched against each other. So it turns out, Vishnu has always sought daddy dear's approval to no avail. The rivalry between Vishnu and Raghu is the core of the cringeworthy two-hour plus saga. While Ek Villain worked to some end, this one has a paper-thin plot and well, nothing else.

Every trope from the Eighties is in play – the poor orphan who owes everything to his mafia boss, a prostitute with a heart of gold, and a doe-eyed, smiling heroine Zoya (Sutaria) who will change the way the wayward hero looks at this crime-infested world.

Because yes, it's 2019 and the only job that women have is to reform men. There is a twerking-heavy, gyrating remix number by Norah Fatehi as well, which starts with the lines kal meri shaadi hai, par aaj raat azaadi hai. The entire cast talks in one liners, with the idea of eliciting whistles and claps, but none of the lines land.

The gravity defying stunts and dialogues like tashan se jashan manayenge; teen foot ke jism se do takke ki zindagi do nothing but make you cringe. You again check your phone, if per chance you have entered a different time and space quantum. No luck. Again.

The director tries to weave in current issues like communalism and the Kashmir problem, but nothing sticks.

Malhotra tries to play the angry lover who can take on an army alone, but sadly this trope has been perfected by so many actors that Malhotra's performance seems like a sad parody. Sutaria, as Malhotra's lady love and as someone who has suffered from the situation in Kashmir, is too perfect with her flawless nude makeup and blow-dried hair to be believable. Also, what is the super-talented Suhasini Mulay doing in the film?

Marjaavaan could perhaps be used as a new drinking game, where you raise your glass whenever a melodramatic or a rhyming one liner is delivered. You will get drunk in the first half hour itself. Guaranteed.

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# Flight of Fancy

#### **MOTICHOOR CHAKNACHOOR** \*\*1

**Director:** Debamitra Biswal Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Athiya Shetty, Vibha Chhibber, Bhumika Dube

WHAT CAME before, Nawazuddin Siddiqui or Athiya Shetty? In the answer to that may lie a key to understanding this film, which is a good enough comedy within the circle of its two families and their many side characters, but is astonishingly regressive in how it treats its men, women, marriage, looks, age, even dowry.

Shetty plays a girl called Anita, better known as Ani, whose only ambition in life is to somehow settle abroad — the easiest route being marriage. One motivation for this is her friends who have done likewise and who now flood her timeline with pictures of their new lives.

Siddiqui plays Pushpinder, the son of Ani's neighbour, who is pushing 40, works in Dubai and who is, presumably, a virgin given his desperation for a bride.

While it's clear from the start that this one and one will eventually equal two, the



film goes out of its way to underline how mismatched the two are, in all departments: Ani is 20-something, tall, fair, beautiful; and Pushpinder is everything but a dream partner for her. There are other, more basic reasons why this marriage seems horribly wrong, but those you know will eventually resolve themselves. To kill any lingering surprise, the film rushes through each of its potential climaxes in remarkably anticlimactic manner. The regrettable part is that *Motichoor* 

*Chaknachoor*, in parts, hits the nail right on the head. In the limited world and vaulting desires of its Ani. in the fascination that a visa holds for middle-class India, in what it means to be the parents of a girl and of a boy, in the way it dresses its characters through

a mild, consistent winter pairing shawls with saris and socks with parted big toes with slippers, and even tackling head-on the discomfort of a tall woman and a shorter consort.

However, holding marriage as the be-all and end-all of life itself, the film keeps returning to this central theme. It's hard to believe that a woman who walks into a jewellery shop with Rs 4 lakh in cash can't find a way to go abroad on her own. Queen did it many years back. Pushpinder questions this desire that Ani defines as her "ambition", asking her to go abroad on her own merit if that's what she wants.

Ambition isn't a word one often hears in Bollywood – even Hollywood for that matter. Sure enough, they never finish that talk.

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A few years ago, Agarwal changed his approach from compulsive shot-making to batting time, it's paid rich dividends

**SRIRAM VEERA** 

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"DO YOU love batting?" Mayank Agarwal was taken aback by the question from his childhood coach RX Murali. "Yes, yes, I love it, obviously," he nodded. "Then why are you spending so much time sitting in the dressing room?" questioned Murali. The chat dates back to the time when Agarwal would hit a sparkling 30-40 and get out to a flashy shot and warm the chair in the change room.

None of the weary Bangladeshi bowlers and fielders would have asked that question to Agarwal on a day he ransacked them for 243 runs and propelled India to 493 for 6 — a lead of 343 runs. Murali was all smiles in Surat, talentspotting for an IPL team at the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament, as he kept track of Agarwal's progression from 100 to 150 to 200. "I remember telling him, 'if you like batting

then keep batting, there are men paid to field the ball all day long, bowl all day long and you are paid to bat all day long – why would you let this dream go and instead be satisfied with a small score?' I remember telling him that if a batsman gets 12-15 good days in a season and he should make each of those days count. Really count," Murali told *The Indian Express* by phone.

As far as Murali is concerned, the importance of a big double hundred against Bangladesh goes beyond the lack of venom in the attack. It was more about how self-driven, focussed, and in control Agarwal remained during the course of a long knock. The bowling wasn't strong enough but the question was whether India would take their foot off the pedal. They didn't, as Agarwal and Ajinkya Rahane soaked up the early loss of Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli, who was out for a rare duck, trapped in front of the wicket by Abu Jayed's gentle in-dipper.

Those who have tuned in to the last few run-laden seasons from Agarwal might not realise it but there was a time when the talented opener was gripped with self-doubts. Since his teenage days, shot-making wasn't a problem; his ambition for big scores was. But since the runs kept coming almost easily, he never quite graduated mentally to the next step.

When runs stopped coming in domestic cricket, coupled with the fact that his friends and peers from Karnataka and the domestic circuit started to go past him — some breaking into the Indian team and a few making India A — he began to fret.

"The self-doubts did cause me worries but it was also a sign that he now cared. And he wanted to change his approach," said Murali.

#### Rebuilding career, brick by brick

The path ahead was clear: the focus shouldn't be on shots but the number of balls faced in a match. The practice hours in Bangalore lengthened. A check list was drawn. Was the technique good? By and large it was, but they realised the defense had to be tightened up. And the ability to take singles and rotate the strike.

"Even in matches, his focus then changed to counting the number of singles. We had a number in mind: at least 30 singles. And instead of counting the number of fours, he started to count the singles." Incidentally, on Friday, he had 51 singles.

Not that it led to things changing overnight. The coach and the player discovered that the mental tiredness would set in which would trigger problems in shot selection.

"So, I would make him train in the nets when he was really tired. Say after he had already played for a few hours, then take him into an intense net session. What that did was it helped him discover for himself the mistakes that crept in. It could be a foot movement, or the kind of shots he played, or trouble in watching the ball carefully. So, when he discovered it for himself, the solution was easy.'

It then was carried on into match situations. "Now he was aware when the first sign of



### Mayank Agarwal Great Again

Agarwal gestures towards the dressing room after bringing up his double hundred against Bangladesh on Friday. It was his second double ton in four matches. BCCI

■TWELVE is the number of innings taken by Mayank Agarwal to score two doublecenturies in his Test career. He is second fastest to the feat after compatriot Vinod Kambli, who took just five innings to register two double tons in 1993. Mayank reaches there faster than batting's ultimate yardstick Sir Donald Bradman whose second double came in his 13th innings.

■ Indian batsmen have now scored four double hundreds in the last four Test matches. Agarwal's 215 in against SA in Vizag was followed by Virat Kohli's 254\* in Pune, before Rohit Sharma struck 212 in Ranchi. In 2016-17, India had three successive Tests with a double-centurion. Kohli and Karun Nair reached the mark in the last two Tests against England. Kohli then followed it up with another double against Bangladesh.

## 'When batting well, I've to make sure I make it count'

*Indore*: The slump in form that he endured early in his career taught Mayank Agarwal to make hay while the sun shines.

"I think it goes down to understanding that there had been times when I have not got runs. So I must respect the game that I am batting well. When I am doing that I have to make sure that I make it big and put the team in driver's seat or put it in such a position that they cannot lose from there,' Agarwal said after the second day's play.

There are players on whom selectors would punt purely on talent and there are some like Agarwal, who had to break the door open with a mountain of runs. Asked if it makes him more aware that he might always have to score more than say a Prithvi Shaw to be in the mix, Agarwal spoke about how "his journey is different from others."

"I don't look at it that way. My journey is not going to be same as someone else's and I don't like comparing two people's journey because somebody might get chance quickly and somebody might get chance late," he said. "But that (chance) is not under our control and it is important to understand the things that are in my control and think I'm glad to play for the country and from there build on."

The opener gave a peek into his mindset as he went onto build a marathon knock with 28 fours and eight sixes.

"I think it goes down to gameplan. Who you are feeling comfortable against and who you want to attack and then pick the right balls. You can't just say that okay I am going to hit each and every ball. You can't do that. It's not going to happen that way," he said. "It's a case of understanding, okay, this is the bowler I am playing well today and this is the ball that I can go after. Pick those balls and then have mental discipline to build your innings on that."

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the mistake comes. When you can spot it quickly, you can solve it as well. That was what all those long training did. It wasn't just him hitting balls mindlessly but these were the things we worked on. So, it isn't a surprise that

he scores big hundreds these days." It was the breezy start to his cricketing career, that in hindsight, led to a sense of complacency in Agarwal.

"When he was 17, he had played for India U-19 and got everyone's praise about his shotmaking ability. That led to him focussing more and more on hitting the ball and settling for scores far less than what he was capable of. Things started to turn in his early 20s. It was then that he started to see his friends go past him. He began to wonder what he wasn't doing right, and later when big scores didn't come, he started to question himself — but he got out of it and decided to do something about it," Murali says of the 28-year-old.

His friends and former teammate Robin Uthappa says Agarwal had "started to criticise himself a bit too much when he was down. And he was a very restless character too. That combo hurt him then".

The all-round mental development began a few seasons ago and it has been recorded in sports pages extensively – from *vipassana* to self-help books, from meditation to getting a routine to help him calm down.

"The main focus for us has been the first

hour of play. His calming routines help him stay in the moment then and focus on each ball. Once the hour passes, it becomes a sort of auto-pilot. Everything is smooth and natural," the coach says.

Bangladesh would agree as the sixes kept coming – eight in all – as he started to size up and swing. The boundary riders didn't matter as he started to scythe away. "I am an aggressive batsman and I back myself. If I am batting and if I feel the bowler landing in my half or flighting, I definitely plan and attack," Agarwal would later say.

His coach though reckons we are yet to see the real Agarwal, even after 28 fours and 8 sixes.

"He is a wonderfully attacking batsman, capable of so much more. I would say he is still evolving. Right now, the focus is how to play long knocks without losing concentration."

And if at all his mind wandred on Friday, his captain Virat Kohli was out there, reminding him to carry on. When he reached the hundred and 150, Kohli would put up two fingers, signalling a double hundred. Once that arrived, Kohli wanted a triple, but as it would turn out, Agarwal ended up holing out at 243.

Once he gets back to the hotel, Agarwal lands on a virtual island and starts gunning down other people on PubG. Hunting down daddy tons in the day, immersing himself in virtual bloodbath in the evenings — just another day in the life of a Test opener.

## **SCORECARD** >> Ind <mark>vs</mark> Ban

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**Extras:** (lb 1, nb 3, w 3) **FoW:** 1-14 (Rohit, 7.2 ov), 2-105 (Pujara, 29.5 ov), 3-119 (Kohli, 31.5 ov), 4-309 (Rahane, 85.4 ov),

**U Yadav** not out

5-432 (Agarwal, 107.3 ov), 6-454 (Saha, 110.5 ov) ■ Bowling: Ebadat Hossain 31-5-115-1, Abu

Jayed 25-3-108-4, Taijul Islam 28-4-120-0, Mehidy Hasan Miraz 27-0-**125-1**, **Mahmudullah** 3-0-**24-0** 

**25** (10b, 1x4, 3x6)

## Bangladesh needs to change team structure: Coach Domingo

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BANGLADESH CRICKET needs a paradigm shift in culture just like the current Indian team, which can now rely on its pacers to win Test matches even at home, said coach Russell Domingo.

Domingo was the South Africa coach in the Test series of 2015 where India's spinners wreaked havoc on rank turners to defeat the Proteas. But this Indian team doesn't have to rely on spin-friendly tracks to get the desired results, feels Domingo.

"There's no doubt that in the past that India backed themselves to win at home on spinning pitches. Now I don't think that's the

'India no longer rely on spinners. They will prepare good wickets and back their fast bowlers to do the business.'

case. I think they are backing themselves against any team on good pitches. There's definitely a mindset shift," said Domingo.

"It is something that Bangladesh also needs to do by trying to develop fast bowlers, prepare wickets that help fast bowlers. India no longer rely on spinners. They will prepare good wickets and back their fast bowlers to do the business," he said.

Bangladesh missed a third seamer and Domingo feels that the "structure needs to change" if they want to do well in this format.

"The structure of the team needs to change. It is very hard to play with two seamers. We definitely need to find a third seamer who can bat. There's Saifuddin but he is struggling with injuries."

Winning only 13 odd wins in nearly 20 years of Test cricket isn't a great record, said

"They have won 13 Test wins in 115 matches. It has been happening for a long time. I need to discuss these things with the selectors and captain, and plan a way forward. Otherwise the results are going to be the same," he said.

## Rahane, India's safety net back on firm ground

SANDEEP DWIVEDI INDORE, NOVEMBER 15

EARLIER THIS year while India's World Cup team in England was struggling to find a dependable No.4, Ajinkya Rahane wasn't too far from the action. Not part of the World Cup squad, he was Hampshire's overseas player for the season. He would turn up for World Cup games where he would meet the television pundits — mostly former players he had played with. They would tell him how he was the answer to India's middleorder batting blues. Rahane, those close to him say, would shrug his shoulders and give a weak smile.

His big soppy eyes would get more mournful, the perpetually sorry expression would get grimmer.

Of late, Rahane's look has changed. Today at the Holkar Stadium, he walked in to bat with his collar turned up. The gloom seems to have lifted, from his face and his career.

During his innings of 86, and his 190 runpartnership with Mayank Agarwal, he was light on his feet. The unburdening of his mind is a possible reason, his friends want you to believe. "He had a mental block about his place in the side, there was also a feeling that he had no backers. All that is changing now,"

says one of them. Before this Test, Rahane was at a press conference. There was a twinkle in his eyes.

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It was just a few days after his month-old daughter's naming ceremony in Mumbai. He and his wife, childhood sweethearts, had decided to call their first-born Arya. In the last six Tests, with scores of 81, 102, 64, 115, he was averaging over 80. Life was much better than that glum summer in England when all he got from people was sympathy. At the press conference, Rahane, was

pushing his ODI case. After a bit of dilly-dallying, he cleared his throat so that he got heard right: "My goal is to be No.4 in ODI." His Mumbai mate Shreyas Iyer had almost cemented his place at No.4 but the new

asked about the possibility of his Test runs

Rahane wasn't being politically correct or overly courteous. He was for once pushing his own case. Since his first-class debut a decade back, Rahane has seen several selection day set-

backs. The list of those who have got preferred over him, across formats, over the years, is long: Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara, Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Ravindra Jadeja, Ambati Rayudu, Kedar Jadhav, Vijay Shankar, KL Rahul. Still Rahane has survived, he keeps coming back. He remains in contention to be acknowledged as an allformat player.

While in England during the World Cup, when his county stint wasn't going too well after the great start, Rahane was told that Sourav Ganguly was looking for him. The former India captain wasn't yet the BCCI president, but the Delhi Capitals mentor.

When Rahane met Ganguly, he was told about the Delhi IPL side's plans to sign him up. Captials, after falling at the final hurdle in their first IPL season, were looking for experience. Rahane fitted the bill. Ganguly's endorsement of him as a T20 player softened the ODI blow, it also gave him the muchneeded confidence for Test matches.

At Capitals, he would be playing under his junior in the Mumbai dressing room, Iyer, but the nod from one of India's sharpest and most influential cricketers helped.

It was around the same time that Rahul Dravid was settling as the National Cricket Academy (NCA) director. Over the years, Rahane has considered Dravid his mentor. The two were inseparable at Rajasthan Royals. Off and on when Dravid would take time out to talk to Indian batsmen, Rahane, along with Cheteshwar Pujara, would eat the brains of India's most successful No.3. During the 2014 England tour, when Dravid was India's batting consultant, Rahane had scored his famous hundred at Lord's.

With the heavy Mumbai monsoon disrupting his training before the home series against South Africa and Bangladesh, Rahane made a habit of packing his bags and boarding a flight to Bangalore. Those at the NCA say, Rahane and Dravid would be seen having lengthy sessions. This again played a big role in Rahane turning the clock. The batsman who first stood out of the crowd for his uncomplicated technique and a knack of hitting most balls from the meat of his bat was back to doing what he was known for.

At No.5 in Tests, Rahane provides a muchneeded cushion to the Indian batting lineup. He allows the batsmen before him to play their natural game. The three strokemakers in the Top 4 - Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal and Virat Kohli — can be aggressive while Cheteshwar Pujara can be an accumulator. The assurance that a batsman with 10,000 plus first class runs at 40-plus average, is to follow, is a stress buster for others. It also allows the team management to pick the extra fifth bowler.

At Indore, India were at 119/3, Virat Kohli was out for a duck, and the home dressing room was a shade nervous. The Bangladesh new ball bowler Abu Jayed Rahi had taken all the wickets. With his sharp swing and precise off the pitch moment, he had got Pujara and Kohli in the morning session.

Rahane, soon after his arrival on the pitch, would disrupt his rhythm by stepping out of the crease. Rahi would bowl short to peg him back. But this was no ordinary No.5, and Rahane, with his balanced stance, would rock back and cut him.



Ajinkya Rahane made 86 off 172 balls. PTI

He would play the sherpa to the mountain trekker Agarwal. A few balls after he survived a close DRS while trying to paddle sweep offie Mehedy Hasan, Agarwal once again tried to turn to square against the same bowler. It was a risky shot, Rahane would shout out advice from the nonstriker's end. With his bat, he would show

Agarwal that the way to play the offie was straight, not square.

Rahane got out just 14 short of his hundred, it's a knock that the half-filled Holkar Stadium wouldn't remember after Agarwal's 200. But in the dressing room, they never forget a batsman who took the score from 119/3 to 309/4.

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#### Manic movements

A total of 71 players have been released by eight franchises during the 2020 IPL trading window. Some big players have been traded. Both Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals have released 11 players each. Royal Challengers Bangalore have released 12. Capitals have released nine players and Kings XI have offloaded seven. Even defending champions Mumbai Indians have parted ways with 10 players. CSK and Sunrisers Hyderabad have released six and five players respectively.

Both Capitals CEO Dhiraj Malhotra and CSK chief executive Kasi Viswanathan agreed that management rejig in some franchises is a reason for such manic movements. Kings XI have appointed Anil Kumble as their director of cricket operations. Mike Hesson has become his RCB counterpart. Andrew McDonald is the new head coach of Royals, while Brendon McCullum has replaced Jacques Kallis as the KKR head coach.

This is pretty akin to a football-style overhaul - new coaches bringing in fresh ideas and those who didn't feature in their scheme of things have been offloaded. Of course, the franchises can buy back the released players at the auction. But there they have the option to spend judiciously, as selections would be need-based.

#### Will Iyer remain skipper?

Shreyas Iyer is set to be retained as Delhi

## Before auction, teams get lighter

Curtains dropped on the 2020 IPL trading window on Friday. Focus will now shift to the December 19 auction in Kolkata. The trading window captured a change in the thought process of several franchises. True to their tradition, CSK are sticking to their old guards. Here's a low-down

Capitals captain despite the high-profile arrivals of Ajinkya Rahane and Ravi Ashwin. Rajasthan Royals traded Rahane to Capitals, while Ashwin came from Kings XI Punjab. But the franchise will continue with Iyer as their captain, with an eye to the present and the future. "As of now, Shreyas remains the captain," Capitals CEO Dhiraj Malhotra told *The Indian Express*. He exuded confidence that Rahane and Ashwin's presence in the dressing-room will hasten the development of the youngsters, as the two India stars, along with Shikhar Dhawan, will also help Iver grow into the job.

Then again, Rahane's arrival makes Capitals batting further top-heavy. They have a set opening combination in Dhawan and Prithvi Shaw, followed by Iver and Rishabh Pant. Incorporating Rahane at No.3 will push Iyer down at No. 4. How will the franchise address the issue? "We will leave that decision totally to our chief coach. (Ricky) Ponting's experience and expertise will help take care of that. He and Shreyas might take a call in every game depending on the situation," Malhotra said.



Ravichandran Ashwin will turn out for Delhi Capitals next year. File

**AUCTION PURSE** 

Kings XI ₹42.70 cr

KXIP have highest purse while MI have the lowest

**Mumbai Indians** ₹13.05 cr

#### CSK's go-to man

A CSK tweet on Thursday - "Relea5ing tomorrow" - was cryptic enough to take a peek at MS Dhoni's future; if he would recuse himself. CSK chief executive Kasi Viswanathan, however, had doused the speculation saying: "No way would we let Dhoni go."

On a day, when CSK's captain fantastic had his first net session after the World Cup, the three-time IPL champions announced the release of six players. Dhoni obviously wasn't in the list. At 38 years of age and out of competitive cricket at the moment, the veteran 'keeperbatsman still remains CSK's main player. "Yes, he is our go-to man. Dhoni is still fit. He is still playing good cricket. He is still fit to play for the country again. We have absolute confidence in Dhoni's abilities, not only as a captain but as a batsman and a wicketkeeper. He is an allrounder for us." Viswanathan said. The CSK official isn't even ruling out Dhoni's participating in the next year's T20 World Cup in Australia. This IPL will allow him to get into the groove and send a reminder that he isn't retired yet."

In a young man's game, CSK have done wonderfully well with the old guards. "A little bit of experience is needed in high-pressure games. T20 being a high-pressure game, I feel that experience also plays a very vital part. And in that, with a captain of the calibre of Dhoni being there, he is able to extract the best out of those players," Viswanathan observed.

#### High wage, low output

Royals had bought back Jaydev Unadkat for Rs 8.4 crore at the last year's auction. The leftarm seamer finished the 2019 IPL with just 10 wickets from 11 matches and an economy rate north of 10. Similarly, Kings XI Punjab had forked out Rs 7.2 core for Sam Curran. With 95 runs from nine matches and 10 wickets at an economy rate of 9.78, the allrounder didn't prove value for money.

Kings XI had also spent a staggering Rs 8.4 crore for Varun Chakravarthy; the mystery spinner who played just one game. RCB had bought leg-spinner Prayas Ray Barman for Rs 1.5 crore, nearly eight times his base price. The teenager conceded 56 runs in four overs in the only game he played. The trading window showed the franchises have learnt from their mistakes.

With regards to KKR releasing Robin Uthappa and Kings XI offloading David Miller, their best years are behind them.

**SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY** 

## Meghalaya stun Mumbai by 6 wickets

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

RAVI TEJA gently flicked Mumbai's pacer Dhawal Kulkarni for a four to help Meghalaya beat Mumbai by six wickets in a league match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy and pull off a huge upset. Mumbai were restricted to 157 for 6 at the Wankhede Stadium and Meghalaya riding on Teja's unbeaten 61 and Sanjay Yadav's 55 overhauled the target with four balls to spare. Both Teja and Yadav are professional players who are turning out for the team from the north-east, which has been playing at this level for just two years. The loss was the first for Mumbai in this edition of the domestic T20 tournament.

Mumbai had got off to a good start with openers Jay Bista and Aditya Tare adding 73 runs for the first wicket. But medium pacer Swarajeet Das (2/31) dismissing both the openers in the ninth over.

Shreyas Iyer (15), skipper Suryakumar Yadav (28) and Siddhesh Lad (22) didn't really cut lose and gave Meghalaya a fighting chance at the break. It was a battle between the haves and the have nots as Meghalaya does not travel with a video analyst, a position which modern teams don't leave vacant. Teja had moved from Andhra to Meghalaya. He has played for Hyderabad earlier and also for the Under-19s.

"It means a lot as Meghalaya is an upcoming team. Playing against Mumbai itself is a dream for players from Meghalaya and beating them is the ultimate win. They are learning with every game. We don't have proper grounds back home and there are no quality practice pitches, so we practice in Assam," Teja said.

When Teja hit the winning runs, his teammates sprinted to the centre of the pitch and soon a celebratory huddle was formed.

"This win will certainly give a big boost to Meghalaya cricket. We are football-loving people. It's a dream," team manager and Meghalaya Cricket Association joint secretary Chiang-D-Shira said.

A day earlier Madhya Pradesh had beaten Meghalaya by 244 runs so the turnaround was commendable and something Mumbai perhaps did not expect.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Mumbai 157/6 (Jay Bista 44, Survakumar Yadav 28; Swarajeet Das 2-31) lost to Meghalaya 164/4 (Ravi Bhamidipati 61 not out, Sanjay Yadav 55; Shardul Thakur 2-34) by six wickets.

**DELHI WIN:** Delhi 176 for 5 in 20 ovs (Nitesh Rana 66, Himmat SIngh 51; Utkarsh Singh 2/24) bt Jharkhand 167 for 6 in 20 ovs (Utkarsh Singh 49; Simarjeet Singh 3/21)

# Manipur's rising MMA star

Roshan Mainam, who won his ONE Championship debut bout last week, is tipped to make waves

**GAURAV BHATT** 

**NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 15** 

SICKLY CHILD-turned-wrestler-turned street fighter-turned professional fighter. Roshan Mainam's target is to add one more entry to this unusual progression: India's first MMA world champion.

The Manipuri took one large step towards that goal last Saturday, when he won his debut bout for ONE Championship - one of Asia's biggest MMA promotion - improving his record to 4-2.

Roshan's win was lost in the build-up to wrestler-turned mixed martial arts fighter Ritu Phogat's ONE debut this Saturday.

The Phogat surname became a big draw and Ritu's elder sisters Geeta and Babita became household names after the release of the hit Bollywood movie Dangal, based on the lives of the wrestlers and their father-cum-coach. But Roshan's story should have scriptwriters' ears perk up too.

Fourth child of a chronically-ill father and a breadwinner mother, Roshan, a frail boy with a permanent cough, grew up tending cattle and working in rice mills. Inspired in equal parts by district-mate Sarita Devi's 2006 world title and Sushil Kumar's Olympic bronze two years later, Roshan moved to Delhi and joined the prestigious Guru Hanuman akhara. Under Dronacharya awardee Maha Singh Rao, Roshan won four state-level junior and cadet titles in as many years. But while he was on the cusp of breaking out, faltering at the nationals meant his moment never came.

"I was a child, so far away from my home. I got Rs 2-3,000 per month and it was tough to sustain a wrestler's diet. I didn't have the heart to ask my mother for more money so I decided to go back and find a job," Roshan tells *The* Indian Express.

On the train back home in 2014, Roshan's bag full of documents and certificates was nicked, a final push that turned the disenchanted 18-year-old into a roughneck running with a bad crowd.

"Just bad company. Not bad people but just the way kids can be at that age. Smoking up, drinking a lot," says Roshan. "I had all this confidence and physique from being a wrestler. I started fighting. Everybody in my village respected me as a wrestler. Now they knew me as the guy who fights. Main sota nahi tha raat ko, bas ladai karta tha (I wouldn't sleep at night, I just fought)." After several such sleepless nights, Roshan caught the MMA bug.

"I saw how popular a Manipuri fighter named Kario Isaac was. That time, my mindset was that as a wrestler I was not getting this kind of respect. So I watched MMA. People, fighting



Roshan Mainam, who improved his professional record to 4-2, was inspired by district-mate Sarita Devi's 2006 world boxing title and Sushil Kumar's Olympic bronze two years later. One Championship/Evolve MMA

in a cage, all bloodied up. I decided I will make my name in this, I'll become India's best."

Last November, after a gruelling tryout, Roshan was signed by ONE and began training at the Evolve facility in Singapore, with a salary of S\$7500 (approx Rs4lakh) per month. "It will take at least 4-5 more wins for me to be ready for a world title bout," Roshan says. "But when I look back at where I came from, even the first win makes me cry. I can help out my family and my supporters now. More important than money though is that I now understand what martial art actually means."

Roshan remembers being picked on endlessly in school. "I was very weak. Northeast people are known for being physically impressive, more so in Manipur," says the 23-year-old from Thoubal. "Sarita Devi made our district famous, so I thought sports could be the way out. I would become fitter plus academics were tough for me, so I looked for any sport."

After a rendezvous with table tennis - "I played 20 matches and won zero" - wrestling mat came calling for Roshan.

"Some national-level wrestlers had returned for vacation. Their bodies scared me, Last November, after a gruelling tryout, Roshan was signed by ONE and began training at the Evolve facility in Singapore. He has also been helping prepare Ritu Phogat for the wrestler's MMA debut on Saturday.

they had such cut abs and thick necks. I knew that they would ridicule me if I approached them, so I started sneaking into their training hall at night. They figured out that I had been trespassing and told me: 'Come on time tomorrow with a singlet."

Roshan made some name in Manipur and moved on to Capital's Guru Hanuman akhara, the training ground of the likes of Dara Singh, Satpal Singh, Rajiv Tomar et al. "I had good Manipuri students before. But

nobody was as tireless as Roshan. From day one I could see his hardwork, his agility and speed," says Maha Singh Rao.

"Many kids that come from Manipur can't last a week. I spent 4 years at the

akhada. Sab bhai hain mere, sab paagal hain mere live wahan (Everybody is a brother to me there, everyone is fond of me)," says Roshan. "Earlier it was a little difficult to be away from home. Mobile phones weren't very common. And sometimes people would try to rough me up. Eventually, everything was good after I became fluent in Haryanvi.'

Rao isn't surprised that Roshan excels at MMA. "Sometimes, there would be skirmishes in the akhada. And this guy, the only Manipuri and not even too tall, would stand in front, chest puffed, ready to fight," Rao laughs. "No wrestler at my akhada currently wants to be an MMA fighter, but I saw some fights and it was very fun. I passed on some tips after this Saturday's fight."

"He is loyal. Last time I called him, he said 'I'll come in December sir. Aapke liye ek gaadi laaunga'. Maine bola 'gaadi ka main kya karunga? Tu ab championship belt lekar aa' ('I'll bring you a car'. I told him, 'what will I do with a car? Bring me the title belt now)'.'

"Roshan will be the first Indian to become a legitimate world champion. I guarantee it." MMA coach Vishal Seigell's voice is hoarse

from all the screaming he's had to do seconding the Indian contingent at the ongoing World Championships in Bahrain, but the conviction is unmistakable. "He is humble, receptive with no ego. I

trained with veterans like Rob Kimmons, Bobby Volker and Curtis Stout. "These qualities were evident from the first time we met. A google search led Roshan to an MMA gym in Delhi, where he mistook the Rs500 fees for a trial class as the monthly charges. Upon being informed the day after that he would

know many top fighters who cannot fathom

the fact how he works," says Seigell, who has

have to pay an additional 4,500, Roshan was inconsolable. "This guy had no money, and had been sleeping on somebody's floor," says Vishal Seigell, one of the coaches who trained Roshan at the Delhi gym. "We saw his talent and within six months, he had become a bantamweight and flyweight champion in amateur division.

He destroyed his competition." Roshan and Seigell later reunited at the latter's KOI Combat Academy in Bengaluru.

"He also worked as a trainer but even then he was financially troubled. When the tryout opportunity with ONE cropped up, we trained for 12 hours a day. I created a profile, videos for him and helped him with the paperwork There were more than 700 participants. Some were MMA champions. World BJJ champions, kickboxing champions. And still Roshan was one of the six selected," says Seigell, adding that Roshan has since been pitching in to help out with the academy's expenses.

At the Evolve gym in Singapore, Roshan has been helping prepare Ritu for the wrestler's MMA debut on Saturday. "For the short time that she has been training, Ritu has progressed well," says Roshan. "But this is a tough sport and you need to pay your dues and spend years before reaching a certain level."

Seigell agrees. "It's good that Ritu has come in because she is a draw and will get more eyes on the sport. But Roshan is a more finished product and one of the top prospects. And coming from Manipur, he has the potential to do for the sport what Mary Kom did for boxing."

For Roshan, the priority is to inspire other misguided youth to channel their aggression inside the cage.

"In the cage, paagal hoke, gusse me kaam nahi chalega (just being wild wouldn't do). You have to learn discipline and techniques," says Roshan. "Bohot logo se suna hai, bolte hain India ka ladke khoon se darrte hain (I have heard many say, Indian boys fear blood). We can prove that wrong in a controlled manner." **LIVE:** ONE: Age Of Dragons featuring Ritu Phogat vs Nam Hee Kim 2:30pm onwards on

Star Sports Select 2/Hotstar

### [SPORTS BAR]



### Joshi & Co shine but Itthipat keeps lead

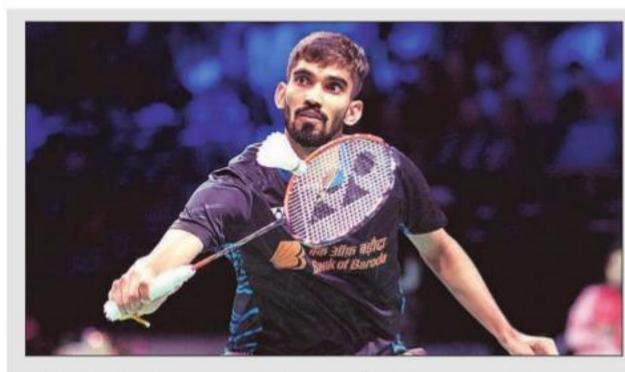
Nine Indians, including defending champion Khalin Joshi and in-form Rashid Khan, fired a matching five-under 67 to share the fifth spot with two others at the smog-hit Panasonic Open India, which was reduced to a three-day affair on Friday. The first round of the Panasonic Open India resumed at 11am with players, who were scheduled for the afternoon rounds on the opening day, beginning their challenge at the Classic Golf and Country Club in Gurgaon. Joshi and Rashid along with Karandeep Kochhar, Kshitij Naveed Kaul and Vikrant Chopra joined Shiv Kapur, Arjun Das, M Dharma and Shankar Das at tied fifth. Hung Chien-yao of Chinese Taipei and Wang Wei-Lun are the non-Indians in the group tied at fifth.

#### India name 18-member junior hockey team

India named an strong 18-member junior women's team for a three-nation hockey tournament to be held in Canberra, Australia, from December 3 to 8. Besides India, the other competing teams are hosts Australia and New Zealand. The team will be captained by Suman Devi Thoudam while Ishika Chaudhary has been named as the vice-captain. Team: Bichu Devi Kharibam, Rashanpreet Kaur, Suman Devi Thoudam (captain), Ishika Chaudhary (vicecaptain), Priyanka, Mahima Choudhary, Marina Lalramnghaki, Gagandeep Kaur, Prabhleen Kaur, Mariana Kujur, Chetna, Reet, Baljeet Kaur, Ajmina Kujur, Beauty Dungdung, Sharmila Devi, Deepika, Lalrindiki.

#### Ashalata nominated for top AFC award

Indian women's football team captain Loitongbam Ashalata Devi was nominated for the Player of the Year at the AFC Annual Awards to be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on December 2. The 26-yearold has enjoyed an impressive year by leading India to the Olympic 2020 Qualifiers Round 2 and winning the 2019 SAFF Championship title. The defender was also instrumental in helping Sethu FC win the Indian Women's League crown. She was subsequently voted as the Women's Player of the Year for the 2018-2019 by the AIFF.



Kidambi Srikanth's opponent in the quarterfinal, Chen Long, quit the contest owing to an injury. The Indian will take on Lee Cheuk Yiu in the semifinals.

#### Srikanth enters semifinals of Hong Kong Open

Kidambi Srikanth progressed to the semifinals of the USD 400,000 Hong Kong Open after Olympic champion Chen Long of China decided to quit the contest owing to an injury. Unseeded Srikanth, ranked 13th in the world, was leading by a game when Chen decided to concede the match, thus handing the Indian a place in the last-four of a BWF World Tour event for the first time since March. The last time Srikanth crossed the quarterfinal stage was at the India Open Super 500. He had finished runners-up at the event. Friday's triumph was Srikanth's second career win over the Chinese shuttler. The Indian still trails Chen 2-6 in head-to-head win-loss record. The former world no 1 will next face local favourite Lee Cheuk Yiu on Saturday. Lee defeated former world champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark 21-14 21-19 in another quarterfinal. Srikanth had beaten the 23-year-old Lee in straight games at the India Open last year in their only career meeting. In the match,

#### India 'A' beat India 'C' by seven wickets

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal smashed a superb hundred as India 'A' registered a sevenwicket win over India 'C' in the men's U-19 One-Day Challenger Trophy in Hyderabad on Friday. Jaiswal cracked a 100-ball 108 which was laced with 15 hits to the fence and two sixes, while Sai Sudharsan slammed a 89-ball 60 as the duo shared a 164-run opening stand. Jay Gohil (43) and Sameer Rizvi (38) also chipped in with useful contributions as India 'A' posted a competitive 256 for three in 50 overs. India 'A' then returned to restrict India 'C' to 250 for seven to win the match.

#### Yohan Blake to promote road safety in India

World and Olympic 100m and 200m champion sprinter Yohan Blake will be in India to promote the Road Safety World Series -- a T20 cricket event to be held in February next year. Blake, a favourite to win gold in 100m and 200m events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, will arrive in India during the first week of December. The 29-yearold Jamaican will promote the Road Safety World Series which will be played between legends of India, Australia, South Africa, West Indies and Sri Lanka. In the first edition, the series will be played in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Pune.



#### Ramkumar outwits Nagal, enters semis

Ramkumar Ramanathan scored an upset win over Sumit Nagal in an exciting all India contest to enter the semifinals of the KPIT MSLTA Challenger in Pune on Friday. In their first meeting this year at the Challenger level, 25-year-old Ramkumar, seeded sixth notched up a 6-4, 7-6 (5) win over Indian No 2 Sumit Nagal, seeded third, in a 97minute thriller. Ramkumar will now take on second seeded James Duckworth, who went through close moments to stop another Indian Sasikumar Mukund 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 in a 2 hour and 16 minute battle. In doubles section, top seeds Purav Raja and Ramkumar Ramanathan registered a dominant 6-3, 6-4 win over Tunisia's Aziz Dougaz and Frenchman Calvin Hemery in the quarterfinals.

## At year-ender, Federer ends 4-yr. wait

Beats World no 2 Djokovic for the first time since 2015 to qualify for the last four of the ATP Finals

REUTERS LONDON, NOVEMBER 14

ROGER FEDERER lit up the O2 Arena with a dazzling 6-46-3 defeat of Novak Djokovic to hand the Serb an early ATP Finals exit and wreck his bid to end the year ranked number one on Thursday.

In the 49th meeting between the two great rivals, Federer snapped a five-match losing run against Djokovic and gained some consolation for his heartbreaking Wimbledon final defeat.

After both men had been beaten by Dominic Thiem earlier in the group, their eagerly-anticipated duel was a straight shootout to join the Austrian in the semi-finals.

Cheered on by the majority of the 17,000 fans in the arena, Federer produced an astonishing display of power, grace and precision and Djokovic simply had no answer.

Djokovic's first defeat by Federer for four

years means Rafael Nadal will end the year as world number one for the fifth time even if the Spaniard fails to reach the semi-finals. Federer, Djokovic and Nadal have all

achieved the feat five times. Pete Sampras

managed it a record six times. Nadal takes on Stefanos Tsitsipas in the other group on Friday and should he win and Alexander Zverev lose to Daniil Medvedev, it would set up a Nadal versus Federer semi-final. Federer had played down talk of seeking revenge when asked about his impending

clash with Djokovic this week, but his victory

celebration showed exactly what it meant. "I felt from the get-go I had good rhythm off the baseline and on the serve and that I felt like he was living dangerously if he was not going to play great tennis," Federer, who at 38 continues to mock the ageing process, told reporters.

"I got what I kind of expected, and it was a great feeling at the very end. The reaction showed."

Djokovic, who had needed to win the title to stand any chance of overhauling Nadal, said it had been a "bad match" from his side but admitted Federer had done everything right. "He was the better player in all aspects," the 32-year-old said. "I have the utmost admiration for him. What he's still showing on the court is phenomenal."

England's soccer team was playing across the city at Wembley on Thursday, but when



Roger Federer beat Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 in a must-win match on Thursday. Reuters

Federer and Djokovic share a tennis court it is always the hottest ticket in town.

Djokovic had reached the final on his last six appearances at the ATP's most exclusive event in London while six-time champion Federer had only once failed to reach the semi-finals in his 16 previous appearances.

Something had to give and from the moment second seed Djokovic doublefaulted twice in the third game to invite an early break for Federer, he was never really in contention.

Federer was seeing the ball like a melon, timing his groundstrokes to perfection while his serve was unplayable.

He dropped only three points on serve in the opening set and Djokovic's only chance was that Federer would cool off.

Djokovic dug deep to fend off break points in the opening game of the second set, then had his one and only break point in the fourth game but Federer whipped a huge forehand into the corner before pouncing on a volley.

#### **NUMBER PLATE**

Number of times Novak Djokovic and Federer have faced each other on the circuit since 2015, including Thursday's match. This was Federer's 23rd win overall against the Serb who still leads the headto-head wins 26-23.

(The ghosts) were never really there. There(were) some press guys that made it up. So from my standpoint, I also didn't know I hadn't beaten him in a few years, actually. Didn't feel that way because it was so close in Paris and in Wimbledon against him.

**ROGER FEDERER** ON DEFEATING DJOKOVIC

Federer was relentless and surged 0-40 ahead in the next game. Djokovic saved one break point with a backhand pass but hit a forehand long on the next.

With crowd roaring Federer on, the end came quickly.

Serving to stay in the match, Djokovic was broken to love as Federer sent a dipping backhand to his feet.

#### **Resilient Nadal**

For the second time in three days Rafael Nadal fought off one of the game's rising powers, beating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-7(4) 6-47-5 to stay alive at the ATP Finals on Friday. However, the 33-year-old Spaniard will not know until later on Friday whether his Herculean effort was in vain.

The world number one needs Russian Daniil Medvedev, who can no longer reach the last four, to beat Germany's Alexander Zverev in the concluding round-robin match to secure top spot in the group and a semi-final clash with Swiss rival Roger Federer. Should Zverev win, Nadal will finish third in the group despite having two round-robin wins with Tsitsipas finishing top and going on to play Federer.

# England seal Euro berth in style; Ron hits hat-trick

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE LONDON, NOVEMBER 15

ENGLAND MANAGER Gareth Southgate revelled in his side's ruthlessness as a 7-0 thrashing of Montenegro sealed qualification for Euro 2020 in style in the Three Lions' 1,000th match. Even without Raheem Sterling, who was dropped by Southgate earlier in the week after a physical altercation with teammate Joe Gomez, England displayed the firepower that will make them one of the favourites for next year's European Championship.

Harry Kane moved into sixth in the all-time list of England goalscorers with a first half hattrick to take his tally for the qualifying campaign to 11 in seven games.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Marcus Rashford, Aleksandar Sofranac's own goal and Tammy Abraham's first at international level rounded off the scoring as Southgate's men sealed top spot in Group A with a stunning record of 33 goals in seven games.

"In the past we have maybe struggled against lower ranked teams who defend in numbers, but we have players who can open those teams up and a style of play that can do that," said Southgate.

"We have qualified and done it clinically." After an unexpectedly turbulent week for Southgate as his decision to go public with the sanction for Sterling was criticised, there was some relief as once again his side tore apart mediocre opposition. "The quality of our attacking play was excellent," added Southgate.

"We expected to win the group but we've totally taken teams apart."

However, there was still time for the clash between Sterling and Gomez to take the shine off a fine performance as the Liverpool defender was booed by some of the 77,000 in attendance when he entered for a late substitute appearance. "Ir was hard for me to see my teammate get booed for something that was my fault," Sterling tweeted.

"Joe hasn't done anything wrong and for me to see someone who keeps his head down and works hard, especially after a difficult week for him, to be booed when he came on tonight was wrong."

#### Ronaldo leads the way

Faro (Portugal), Nov 15 (AFP) Cristiano Ronaldo scored his ninth international hattrick as Portugal moved to the brink of qualifying for Euro 2020 with a 6-0 thrashing of Lithuania in Faro on Thursday.



Kane scored a hat-trick in England's **7-0 win over Montenegro.** *Reuters* 

#### **KEY RESULTS**

England	7-0	Montenegro
Portugal	6-0	Lithuania
Turkey	0-0	Iceland
Albania	2-2	Andorra
France	2-1	Moldova
Serbia	3-2	Luxembourg

The reigning European champions were made to wait for qualification however as Serbia battled to a 3-2 win over Luxembourg in the other game in Group B. Ronaldo had been substituted in his last two club games by Iuventus coach Maurizio Sarri, with the Italian claiming the striker had been struggling with a knee injury. He reportedly left the stadium before the final whistle after being taken off by Sarri during Juve's 1-0 Serie A win over AC Milan at the weekend. "I knew he (Ronaldo) was able to play," Portugal coach Fernando Santos told Portuguese TV channel RTP.

"His match put an end to the doubts about his physical condition, for those who had doubts. I personally had none, and I said that.'

Portugal sit second in the standings behind Ukraine, who have already qualified, and one point clear of Serbia, but can secure their spot at next year's finals with victory in Luxembourg on Sunday. Ronaldo has now scored 98 international

goals and will be hoping to become the second-ever player to reach 100 this weekend.



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