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Dalit labourer who was beaten up, 'forced to drink urine' dies

poured on his injuries. When he asked for water, he was forced to drink urine," alleged Jagmale's nephew, Gurdeep Thandiwal. After being beaten up, Jagmale was reportedly left on a street near his house. He remained at his house for three days. On November 10, as his condition deteriorated, he was taken to a nearby hospital. "Police came to know about the incident on November 10, when Jagmale was taken to hospital," said SSP Garg. Jagmale gave his statement to the police on November 13, and a case was filed. Jagmale, meanwhile, was first shifted to Rajindra Medical

College, Patiala, and later to PGIMER, Chandigarh, where his legs were amputated on Friday. "The victim came to PGI on November 13. The doctors amputated both his legs as the infection had spread... Subsequently, his vital organs also got infected," said an official at PGIMER. "A couple of years ago, Rinku had beaten me up as well... Both my arms were broken... I am still not able to work properly," said Jagmale's brother, Gurtej Singh. "Police are taking action against the culprits. The Department of Welfare of SCs and BCs gives Rs 8.25 lakh as compensation in such cases," said DC Ghanshyam Thori. The Zamin Prapati Sangrash Committee, an organisation which fights for the rights of Dalits, has demanded Rs 25 lakh as compensation to Jagmale's family and a government job for his wife.

"Atrocities against Dalits are continuing, as the upper caste people are not punished... We will block the Jakhal-Sangrur highway on Sunday if the government is not ready to give in to our demands," Mukesh Malaud, president of the organisation, said. "We are shocked to hear about the incident... we recommend financial help to the family," Tejinder Kaur, chairperson of the Punjab SC/ST Commission said.

As Sabarimala temple opens, Kerala police stop 10 women

With the government changing its stand, the base stations of Erumeli, Nilakkal and Pamba remained calm on Saturday. However, the Sabarimala

Action Council and various Hindu organisations have still deployed squads to check the entry of young women. "At present, we have deployed 300 people at the base stations, trekking route and the temple itself. The numbers will increase in the coming days," said a leader of the council. Meanwhile, CPM state secretary and politburo member Kodiyeri Balakrishnan sought to justify the government's rethink on the issue. "A government has to act as per the prevailing rules and court verdicts. When there was a verdict on women's entry, the government discharged its constitutional obligation by implementing the court order. Now, the government wants to implement the latest order also. However, there is a lot of confusion regarding the latest order and the government wants to get a clear picture before going ahead with it," he said in a Facebook post.

While there were reports that Pawar and Sonia would meet on Sunday, a senior Congress leader in Delhi said the meeting had been postponed. The NCP leadership is set to meet in Pune on Sunday. "The meeting has not been cancelled. It has been postponed. They will meet soon," the Congress leader said. Patil, however, declined to set a time frame on when a final decision would be taken. "If we hurry now, it may create problems in the long run. We are trying to discuss governance issues that we may face while running the government. There are various aspects, like local body elections and other issues, which need to be sorted out as three different parties are coming together. We are taking time to ensure that we are in a position to provide a stable government," he said. With the Congress-NCP having diametrically opposite views on several issues as compared to the Sena, the two parties put the CMP as a pre-condition for joining hands with the Sena. The three parties held their first joint meeting to evolve a CMP on Thursday. As reported by The Indian Express, the Congress and NCP have reportedly obtained an assurance from the Sena that it was not opposed in principle to 5 per cent reservation for Muslims in education. The scheme was initiated by the Congress-NCP during its previous government but was not implemented by the BJP-Sena regime that came later. Some of the key poll promises made by the two sides in their respective manifestos — blanket farm loan waiver, Rs 10-meal outlets, monthly allowance for unemployed youth, and a job quota for locals in new industries — are also likely to be part of the CMP. The pre-poll alliance between the BJP and the Sena had secured an absolute majority in the Assembly polls, but their post-election power tussle saw the state slip into President's Rule this week.

The Supreme Court's 2017 verdict delaring the right to privacy is a fundamental right under Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution. Facebook has said that it is not the author or publisher of any third-party content, including the alleged defamatory content against Gupta. "However, recognizing the importance of increasing awareness about the abuse that countless persons face, Facebook has attempted to ensure that the Instagram Service is a safe space for users who wish to share their experiences, particularly if they are victims of sexual harassment or abuse. "Users can thus exercise their right to freedom of speech and expression on the Instagram Service to share their experiences, including, as here, on matters of great importance," the application says. Earlier on October 14, Google Inc. had moved the Delhi High Court asking it to vacate an order directing it to take down anonymous posts containing sexual harassment accusations against Gupta that had emerged during last year's #MeToo movement. Doing so would have a "chilling effect on freedom of speech and expression and be against public interest", Google had told the court. The High Court had restrained @herdsceneand from posting on its account any content pertaining to Gupta, and had directed @herdsceneand, Instagram LLC, Facebook Inc, Facebook Ireland Limited, Google Inc and Google India Pvt Ltd to "forthwith" take down the alleged defamatory posts/articles/all content pertaining to Gupta, and block some 18 URLs. The High Court is scheduled to hear the matter on Monday.

movement, probably it came into human contact, and ended up causing their deaths. You have to note that it did not trample anyone, as so-called 'killer' elephants usually do," Baruah said. A combination of ketamine and xylazine was used to immobilise the elephant, Baruah said. "Through the kumkis, it was tried to nudge the drowsy elephant towards a clear patch — but it fell and remained knocked out through the night. It could be loaded onto a truck for translocation only the following morning (November 12)," he said. In a statement on November 11, Sonowal praised Hazarika as "a true public representative" who had offered his help "to provide succour to the people who were living under constant fear of attack by the wild tusker". Suklabaidya thanked "everyone involved in the long process". The story though, is not over yet. Baruah told The Sunday Express that the elephant had been taken to the Orang National Park, but had been kept captive. Efforts would be made to tame it, he said. Suklabaidya said he had been told that once an elephant left its herd, it was seldom taken back or accepted in a new herd. Baruah, however, said it is often difficult to tame an adult wild elephant. "There are some trainers in South India who are adept at training grown-up elephants. We are in talks with them," he said. Elephant expert Kaushik Barua, who was part of the committee formed to track the elephant, said the capture had solved only the problem at hand. "If the administration does not proactively address the larger issues, such problems will keep recurring. A first step can be a basic awareness programme based on solutions to current-day problems, and not some outdated concepts. Take protection and guard, but you have to learn to live with the elephant," Barua said. Hazarika has named the elephant 'Krishna', a departure from the practice of naming any wild elephant that killed people "Laden". He told this newspaper on Thursday evening that he had gone to Orang National Park to check on Krishna. "He is doing very well. I am sure he will be tamed, and will become an asset for the Department. We have to be friends with elephants and not treat them like enemies; only then we can man-elephant conflict end," Hazarika said.

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pata nahi hai ke upar se aadesh hai ke koi FIR abhi likha nahi jayega? (Have you registered any FIR against Ansal? Why did you register it? Don't you know that there is an order from above that no FIR will be registered at this point?) the minister purportedly says in the audio recording. After the DSP responds that the FIR was registered after an investigation, Swati Singh allegedly responds, "Kaun si jaanch ho gayi bhai? Itna high-profile case hai. Pura jaanch chal raha hai. CM sahab tak ke sangyan me ye cheezen hain. Aap kaun si jaanch kar rahin hain char din aaye hua hua aapko (What investigation took place? This is such a high-profile case. There is investigation going on and even the chief minister knows about all this. What investigation did you do, someone who has come here only four days ago?)". The chief minister's media advisor Mrityunjay Kumar said: "Today, the minister was asked by the chief minister to come and meet him. Chief Minister talked on the matter of the viral audio and showed his anger on the issue. The meeting started around 10.30 am and went on for around 15 minutes. It can be said that the minister was exclusively inquired over this particular matter though there was no one else present in the room. Meanwhile, CM has also asked the state DGP to submit a detailed report on the matter within 24 hours."

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Facebook post. "The change in the government's stand is a setback for the renaissance movement and progressive face of the government. Last year's order on entry of women has not been stayed by the court," said Punna Sreekumar, general secretary of the Renaissance Protection Committee, set up by the state government last year in the wake of the apex court's order. While scores of young women, including activists, attempted to visit the temple last year, only two are known to have officially entered the shrine with police protection. On Thursday, the Supreme Court concluded that its September 28, 2018 judgment lifting age restrictions on the entry of women may impinge on the affairs of other religions too and will require a more detailed examination. In a 3-2 decision, the apex court decided that petitions seeking review of the verdict will be kept pending till a larger bench of seven judges takes a call on the matter. Sena to skip meeting of NDA allies today Sena's split from the NDA was now only a formality. "No one has an exclusive claim over the NDA. The Shiv Sena, along with the Akali Dal, are the founding members of the NDA. People who are in charge now were not even present on the scene when the NDA was constituted. We have been forced to drift away from the NDA because of the present political situation in Maharashtra. We have moved apart to ensure that the honour of Maharashtra is not affected," he said. He also said the delay in government formation was because the Sena, Congress and NCP wanted to ensure that its government lasts its full term. "You will soon see a Shiv Sainik in the CM's post in Maharashtra," he said. Meanwhile, state NCP president Jayant Patil said Pawar and Sonia were set to meet in Delhi soon. "There is no need for meetings to be held in Maharashtra now. We have decided on the CMP and have forwarded it to our party chiefs. Our chief, Sharad Pawar, and Sonia Gandhi will be meeting in Delhi in the coming days, and a decision will be taken by them on the way forward," he said. The application also refers to

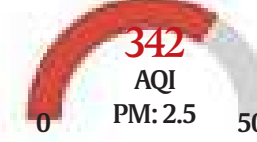




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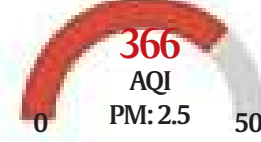
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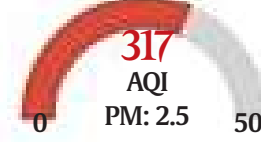
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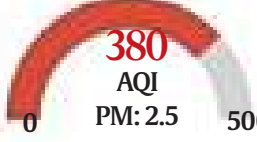
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Man kills self, abetment case filed against ex-girlfriend, two others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

DAYS AFTER a 30-year-old man allegedly committed suicide, police have filed an FIR of abetment of suicide against his ex-girlfriend and her two friends. No arrest has been made so far, an officer said.

Police said the man, Harpreet Singh, allegedly committed suicide on November 12.

Police said they found a video in Singh's phone, along with a letter, wherein he allegedly blamed his ex-girlfriend and her two friends for prompting him to take the extreme step.

Additional DCP (Outer) Rajender Singh Sagar said, "In the letter, Singh claimed that his former partner refused to return the money he had lent her. He also claimed that he was being threatened with false FIRs by the former partner and her friends. We are investigating the matter. No arrests have been made so far."

Singh's brother Jaspreet (25) said that the two met one-and-a-half years ago and broke up three months ago.

"She started avoiding him and would keep blocking his number. Our family visited her family a day before Diwali to talk about marriage but she refused," he claimed.

In the letter and the video, Singh alleged that the woman threatened to file a false rape case against him. Police said that the allegation is under investigation.

In the purported suicide letter, addressed to his family, Singh wrote, "I tried to forget the pain and betrayal but couldn't... please update the news of my death on Facebook."

ACCUSED WERE HIS AIDES, ON THE RUN: POLICE

## Out on bail, gangster Ashok Rathi shot dead by 3 men inside home

SOMYA LAKHANI

GURGAON, NOVEMBER 16

GANGSTER ASHOK Rathi (44), who had multiple cases of murder, extortion and dacoity against him, was shot dead inside his house in Sohna's Alipur village Saturday morning. According to Gurgaon Police PRO Subhash Boken, Rathi was currently out on bail.

"He was shot dead by three men who were known to him, around 8 am Saturday. The accused have been identified and are absconding," said Boken.

ACP (Crime) Preetpal Sangwan said the three accused — Narendra, Rohit Dagar and Salim — were Rathi's aides. "The three were a part of Rathi's gang and worked closely with him. Narendra and Dagar are from the same village as Rathi, while Salim hails from a neighbouring



Ashok Rathi had multiple cases of murder and extortion against him and was out on bail. *Archive*

village. They met daily, including on Saturday," he said.

Rathi's brother Mahesh (41) said, "Ashok's three friends came home to meet him in the morning. The four of them were talking for 10-15 minutes and then the three took out their weapons

and shot Ashok. It happened in front of me."

As per the FIR, filed at Bhondsi police station, Salim shot Rathi in the chest, Narendra shot him in the ear and hand, and Dagar shot him in the waist. The FIR, filed based on Mahesh's

complaint, read: "Ashok fell on the floor while the three ran away. We rushed Ashok to a private hospital and later to Medanta Hospital." Police said that Rathi died at Medanta hospital around 3 pm during treatment, and was unable to record a statement.

Rathi's brother Mahesh levelled allegations against gangster Leelu Dagar in the FIR, and alleged that the murder was planned. "We are yet to ascertain the reason behind the murder. Leelu Dagar's name has cropped up and it's being investigated, among other angles," said Sangwan.

In 1999, Rathi, who was then 23, entered the world of crime with three FIRs registered against him. By 2001, he had established himself as a known criminal in the area.

In 2014, Rathi was convicted of killing his mother-in-law and

brother-in-law, allegedly over property. Two years later, he killed his wife Sushma while she was returning home after dropping off their daughter to the school bus stop. Police said that Rathi was convinced that she was having an affair, and that in 2015 she had filed at FIR at Bhondsi police station alleging Rathi had called her from prison and threatened to kill her. Sangwan said that Rathi had been out on bail since July this year.

"We have formed five teams to look for the three accused, and are looking for CCTV footage from the area," said police.

Sangwan said there were 46 cases against Rathi, of which at least 30 were still being investigated or were at the trial stage. He had been convicted in four cases, including the murder of his mother-in-law and brother-in-law.



## DDA kicks off process to upload maps of unauthorised colonies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) has kicked off the process of uploading maps of unauthorised colonies on its website. As part of the first phase, maps of 20 such colonies were uploaded Saturday.

To map the boundaries of 1,728 unauthorised colonies in the capital, which received the Centre's approval for regularisation last month, the DDA has sourced satellite images from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The key responsibility of implementing the Centre's decision lies with the DDA, the city's land-owning agency, which has set itself an ambitious deadline of three months to execute the project.

A senior official said that maps of colonies such as Vasu Vihar and Phool Bagh have been

uploaded, and around 500 such maps have been prepared.

Officials at the DDA, Survey of India and Department of Revenue of the Government of India have delineated the boundaries of more than 500 unauthorised colonies, a senior official said.

The resident welfare associations (RWAs) have been requested to give their suggestions and comments on the delineated boundaries within 15 days of uploading them, the official added.

He said that the RWAs can also point out any discrepancy which can be rectified, along with reasons and supporting documents on the DDA portal, which will be launched soon.

At a press conference Thursday, Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari had said registration of properties in the 1,731 unauthorised colonies in the capital will begin in the last week of November.

## New BJP poll slogan for city: *Ek vote, teen sarkar*

ABHINAV RAJPUT

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

DELHI BJP chief Manoj Tiwari said the party will head into the Delhi Assembly polls with the slogan 'ek vote, teen sarkar' — to convey to people that if they vote for BJP in Delhi, it will help strengthen the municipal corporations and the Centre.

"This will also ensure the buck is not passed; if work is done smoothly, we will get the credit, and if it isn't done, people will know exactly who to blame," he said.

"For the people of Delhi, this

election is not just about choosing a BJP government in Delhi, but to also ensure that the Centre's welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, which are being halted by the Delhi government, finally get implemented.

"Several people come to my office to get registered under PMAY. I have begun noting down their names so that we get those eligible enrolled in the scheme as soon as we form the government in Delhi," he said.

Tiwari also said a BJP government in Delhi will mean the three MCDs, currently ruled by



At a protest by Delhi BJP near the AAP office. *Praveen Khanna*

the BJP, get the money "that is due to them".

Senior leaders, as well as

booth- and mandal-level workers are expected to take this message to people in the days

ahead.

The other major poll plank will be the regularisation of unauthorised colonies, in the wake of the Centre's announcement in this regard.

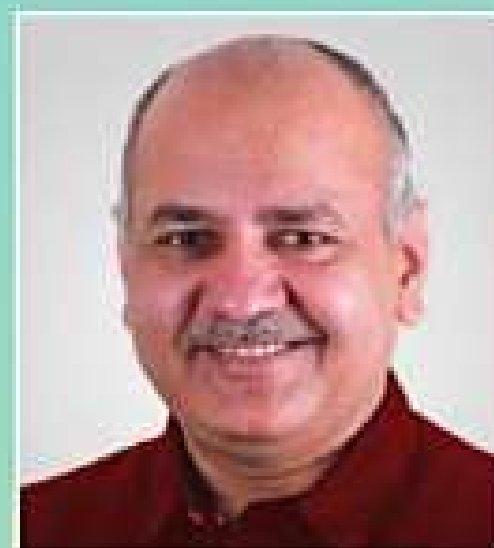
The Delhi BJP Saturday also protested near the Aam Aadmi Party office against "baseless allegations" levelled by the party against the Modi government over the Rafale deal.

Led by Tiwari, party workers demanded an apology from AAP for "trying to malign" the PM's image. On Friday, the party had protested near the Congress headquarters over the same issue.

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# Transfer case to another court, says mother of December 16 rape victim

**ANAND MOHAN J**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE MOTHER of the December 16, 2012 gangrape-murder victim has moved an application before a Delhi court seeking transfer of her daughter's case from a vacant fast track court to a competent court, so that the sentence awarded to four convicts can be carried out promptly.

The application was moved by her counsel, Jitender Kumar Jha and Seema Kushwaha, before District and Sessions Judge Yashwant Kumar.

The victim's mother, in her application, highlighted that the Supreme Court had dismissed the pleas of three convicts seeking review of its 2017 judgment upholding capital punishment given to them by the Delhi High Court and the trial court. She further stated that she had "deep belief in the judicial system and thought that after the dismissal of the review petition by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the sentence awarded by the convicts

will be executed; but despite continuous follow-ups by petitioners, the state machineries kept sleeping as if they are totally unaware of further proceedings".

"Fast track court of Additional Sessions Judge PK Jain has been vacant and she has waited for a successor judge to occupy the Chair... convicts have not preferred any remedy available in law and the sessions court is authorised to issue appropriate warrants so that the sentence awarded to the convicts may be carried out as early as possible, so that the society shall get the appropriate message," her application states.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, she said: "Two months have passed (since the previous judge vacated the court) and no new judge has come. I want this case to move forward."

Advocate Jitender Kumar Jha said, "The court has asked central jail authorities to file a reply on November 19. The next date of hearing will be November 25."

Tihar Jail authorities had on October 29 informed the four

convicts on death row that they had "exhausted" all legal remedies, "except the provision of filing of mercy petition" before the President of India. And if they do not file a mercy petition within seven days, the "jail administration will initiate further necessary legal proceedings as per law".

The notice to the four convicts — Mukesh (31), Pawan Gupta (24), Vinay Sharma (25) and Akshay Kumar Singh (33) — was signed by the Superintendent, Central Jail No. 2, Tihar Jail.

Advocate A P Singh, counsel for Pawan, Vinay and Akshay, told *The Sunday Express* that he has filed his reply to the notice. "I have informed the jail authorities that a robbery case against the four convicts is pending before the Delhi High Court. There is a matter pending before the High Court on the issue of Pawan Gupta's juvenility. Akshay Kumar Singh's curative petition is also to be filed before the Supreme Court."

Advocate M L Sharma, counsel for convict Mukesh, said, "I will file a petition before the Supreme Court very soon."

## 55 FAMILIES MOVE TO EWS HOUSING COMPLEX IN DWARKA

# Slum families in Delhi find new home — with power and water



55 families have been shifted from a slum to an EWS housing complex. *Gajendra Yadav*

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER, Ram Kripal Yadav counted ministers, government officials, and judges among his neighbours in New Delhi's Sunehri Bagh. India Gate, a 10-minute-walk away, was more of a colony park for him.

Two months ago, Yadav, along with 55 other families, were moved to Dwarka, a subcity on Delhi's southwestern fringe, some 30 km away from the high-security VIP zone. But they are not complaining.

"Yahaan bijli ka meter lag gaya hai. Paani ka motor chalu hai, aur gas line lagaa diya gaya hai. Saaf safai achchi hai. Koi dikkat nahi hai yahaan. (Electricity meter has been installed, there is a motor for water, and piped gas. The surroundings are clean. There are no issues)," Yadav said.

The families of Yadav and the others now live in the EWS housing complex built by the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) under the Delhi government's Mukhya Mantri Awas Yojana. Until September 16, they were residents of JJ Basti Dhoobi Ghat, a slum comprising rows of fragile brick walls covered by tin sheets, standing around open gutters. This patch of urban squalor, home to 87 families, with no steady supplies of water and electricity, had stood in the middle of Lutyens' Bungalow Zone for over four decades, next to what is now the official residence of former union minister Rajyavardhan

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The scheme under which the families were relocated was notified in December 2017. Its beneficiaries told *The Sunday Express* that despite having to travel longer distances to work, they were happy with their significantly more dignified existence.

"The relocation has had a transformative impact on our lives. But the only problem is the travel expenditure. Why do you think we stayed in such conditions in that slum for so many years?," Yadav, who works as a labourer with a contractor at the Air Force headquarters, said.

Yadav and his wife Mithillesh have a son, Rohit, who studies in Class IX. Yadav said he spends around Rs 30 per day commuting to work and back. "Rohit goes to an NDMC school in Aurangzeb Lane, but he has a student pass. Authorities had promised to assist us in getting admissions in local schools, but that can happen only next year," Yadav said.

The Delhi government's policy emphasises on in-situ rehabilitation, and allows relocation within a radius of 5 km. However, in "exceptional circumstances", it allows for relocation farther away with prior approval of the DUSIB



Board. The Sunehri Bagh relocation was cleared by the DUSIB Board on December 5, 2018.

Most of the Sunehri Bagh families paid Rs 1.12 lakh to get possession of the flats, along with a five-year maintenance charge of Rs 30,000. Those belonging to the Scheduled Castes paid around Rs 31,000 each.

On the day of the relocation, *The Sunday Express* had found the beneficiaries excited and anxious in equal parts about the move. Mithillesh had said she was happy about moving, but was sad, too. "I moved here after I got married 15 years ago. My son and two daughters were born here. You may see filth here, but there are memories," she said.

Most of the families hail from Bihar's Sitamarhi district, and are employed as labourers, painters, and carpenters by contractors who work in government offices and ministerial bungalows in the Lutyens' Bungalow Zone. A few in the younger generation have managed to get jobs that are more managerial in nature. Hemant Kumar (22) is a personal aide to Rajya Sabha MP (nominated) Swapan Dasgupta, for example.

"I am happy that my family is moving to a better place. But today I can't help but recall the days of my childhood. Bungalow number 12 came up only seven-eight years ago. Earlier we used to play there. *Itna safe area kahaan milega? Saare VIPs ke beech*," Kumar had said then.

Not all the families in the slum have been able to move, though. On the day of the relocation, those

who had been found ineligible stood helpless as workers deployed by DUSIB moved in with demolition equipment. The families were given a couple of days to vacate the area.

Among those left out was the family of Kudus (38). The certificate issued by the DUSIB to him said that the ration card he had produced to establish his eligibility had been found "cancelled". Abdul Raqueer, whose 12-year-old son M Dilwar Alam has a physical handicap, was also among those left out; so was Dasherath Rai.

They all stood clutching Aadhaar cards and voter IDs. Some had grievance letters carrying the stamp of the offices of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is also the local MLA, and New Delhi MP Meenakshi Lekhi of the BJP.

According to a senior DUSIB official, the beneficiaries of the scheme have all cleared three conditions each. "Firstly, a person's name has to be there in the survey we carried out in this slum in 2016. Secondly, his or her name should be there in the voter lists of the years between 2012 and 2016. Thirdly, they have to possess any one of the 12 IDs mandated under the scheme. Voter IDs and Aadhaar cards, which were produced by most of those who were found ineligible, are not a part of that list," the official said.

The new complex that luckier families have moved to is a cluster of 736 1-BHK EWS flats in Dwarka's Sector 16B, which came up in 2011 under the JNNURM.

## Statue defacement: Police register FIR

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

"AROUND 10 students" have been named in an FIR registered by the Delhi Police, after Jawaharlal Nehru University Saturday filed a complaint at Vasant Kunj North police station against the "vandalism" and "defacement" of the Vivekananda statue on campus.

"The FIR has been registered under Section 3 of the Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act," an officer said.



The statue is yet to be unveiled. *Amit Mehra*

The complaint filed by Buddha Singh, chairperson of Swami Vivekananda statue installation committee and addi-

tional dean of students, states: "It is requested to register a complaint... and take strict punitive action against the miscreants."

"On November 14, at 6:30 am, I received information that the statue has been vandalised by some students. I reached and saw the base of the statue has been vandalised with objectionable messages and the cloth covering it has been partially torn off... These messages are directed towards a political party and a group of people donning saffron coloured clothes. They are obscene in nature," he wrote.

**कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल**  
**फायर ब्रिगेड, श्यामला हिल्स**

**क्र.267/फा.वि./2019**

**नृतीय निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

नगर निगम भोपाल फायर ब्रिगेड के द्वारा 02 नम बाटर वाइजर एवं 02 नम मल्टीपरायज बाटर टैंकर (फायर वाहन) का क्रिये जाने हेतु नृतीय ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है. खता ई-निविदा का ई-टेंडर क्रमांक 2019\_UAD\_41441\_2 है।

**नृतीय निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

**भोपाल दिनांक 15/11/19**

क्र.	सामान का विवरण	मात्रा	अनुमानित लागत	घरोहर राशि	निविदा फार्म का मूल्य
01-	Water Bauser on 16 Ton GVW Vehicle (with Chassis) as per specification	02 नम			
02-	Multi Purpose Fire Tender on 16 Ton GVW Vehicle (with Chassis) as Per specification BIS: 10460	02 नम	₹ 19437000/-	₹ 3,29,440/-	₹.12500/-

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**फायर ऑफिसर**  
**नगर निगम भोपाल**

**नि.क्र. 1581/019/020**

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**

**Tender Notice No. PI(EP)/19-2009**

Sealed Tenders are invited from the Manufacturers or their Sole Authorized Distributors/ Agents on the Prescribed Form for Purchase of various items against Tender No. 1-45 The Manufacturers and their Authorized Dealers / Distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form:-

**Phone No. 0172-2756469**

Sr. No.	Equipment/Item Name	Quantity	EMD	Opening Date	Deptt. Name
<b>Non Pre Bid Cases</b>					
1.	Radiiostopes	As per Technical Specifications	3,40,800/-	16.12.2019	Nuclear Medicine
2.	Paediatric Rigid Bronchoscopy set	01No's	60,000/-	-do-	Paed.Surgery
3.	Basic & General Spine Instruments	As per technical specifications	22,000/-	-do-	Ortho
4.	Filling Instruments	500 Sets	56,000/-	-do-	OHSC
5.	Portable colour Doppler Ultrasound Unit	01 No's	40,000/-	-do-	Gastroenterology
6.	Coughing Assisted Device	01 No's	50,000/-	-do-	Paediatrics
7.	Stand Alone High Frequency Oscillator Ventilator	01 No's	60,000/-	17.12.2019	Paediatrics
8.	Balance System	01 No's	36,000/-	-do-	Physiotherapy
9.	Radiiostopes and Pharmaceutical Kits	As per Technical Specifications	92,260/-	-do-	Nuclear Medicine
10.	Surgical Instruments	As per Technical Specifications	40,000/-	-do-	CTVS
11.	Cystourethroscopy	01 No's	40,000/-	-do-	TSR
12.	Rapid Infuser System	01 No's	30,000/-	-do-	Neurosurgery
13.	Surgical Instruments Sets	20 No's	20,000/-	18.12.2019	OHSC
14.	Plating Set	02 No's	30,000/-	-do-	Ortho
15.	CO2 Incubator	02 No's	28,000/-	-do-	Biochemistry
16.	Micro Vascular Set	As per Technical Specifications	20,000/-	-do-	General Surgery
17.	Magneto Therapy	01No's	32,000/-	-do-	Physiotherapy
18.	Ice Flaking Machine	01No's	20,000/-	19.12.2019	Biochemistry
19.	Endoscope for ATC OT	01No's	30,000/-	-do-	Neurosurgery
20.	SAS-1, IFE 4.0	1400 Tests	20,000/-	-do-	Immunopathology
21.	PET Radiopharmaceuticals	As per Technical Specifications	3,00,000/-	-do-	Nuclear Medicine
22.	Radiation Protection Gears	01No's	20,000/-	-do-	Gastroenterology
23.	Foot & Ankle Instruments	As per technical specifications	22,000/-	-do-	Ortho
24.	Orthognathic Surgery Instruments	01No's	20,000/-	20.12.2019	OHSC
25.	Autoclave Machine	01No's	20,000/-	-do-	Obst.&Gynaec
26.	Gel Patient Supporting System	As per Technical Specifications	1,60,000/-	-do-	General Surgery
27.	Integrated Non-Invasive Hemodynamic (Hemisphere) for Liver ICU	03No's	1,68,000/-	-do-	Hepatology
28.	Portable Colour Doppler Ultrasound Unit for APC X-Ray Section (on buy back basis)	01No's	80,000/-	-do-	Radiodiagnosis
<b>Pre Bid Cases</b>					
29.	Biplane DSA System with Portable Vascular Ultrasound Unit	01No's	30,00,000/-	-do-	Radiodiagnosis
30.	MINI PACS	01No's	28,00,000/-	-do-	Radiodiagnosis
31.	256 Slice CT Scanner on buy back basis including Anaesthesia Equipment and Reporting Workstation for APC Section(On TURKEY BASIS)	01No's	28,00,000/-	23.12.2019	Radiodiagnosis
32.	Portable Colour Doppler Ultrasound Unit for ATC X-Ray Section(On buy back basis)	02No's	1,60,000/-	-do-	Radiodiagnosis
33.	High End Color Doppler Ultrasound Unit(One for Interventional Suite and one for Radiology Clinic)	02No's	4,00,000/-	-do-	Radiodiagnosis
34.	Biplane,Flat Panel Cardiac Digital Fluorcopy-01 No. on buyback basis of Existing Cath Lab.	01No's	20,00,000/-	-do-	Cardiology
35.	Electrocardiography with cortical stimulator	01No's	1,00,000/-	-do-	Neurology
36.	Platelet Incubator and Agitator (capacity:192bags)	02No's	50,000/-	30.12.2019	BTD
37.	Vo2 Max Analyzer With Treadmill	01No's	60,000/-	-do-	Physiotherapy
38.	C-Arm Image Intensifier for main OT	01No's	50,000/-	-do-	Neurosurgery
39.	C-Arm Image Intensifier for Skill Lab	01No's	80,000/-	-do-	Neurosurgery
40.	MRI Compatible transport Ventilator	01No's	80,000/-	-do-	Paediatrics
41.	Arthroscopy Optical Instruments Set	03No's	2,00,000/-	31.12.2019	Ortho
42.	ICU Ventilators	05No's	4,00,000/-	-do-	CTVS
43.	Nasal Endoscope	20No's	60,000/-	-do-	ENT
44.	Open care system for Neonates	28No's	2,24,000/-	-do-	Paediatrics
45.	Storage Cabinet for Endoscopes	02No's	40,000/-	-do-	Gastroenterology

Tender List can also be downloaded from website: [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in) and Item wise Tender Form with specifications can be downloaded from website: [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Cost of Tender is Rs.200/- (Non-refundable) which can deposited in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) must be in the form of FDR /FDR valid for a period of one year from any Scheduled Bank in the name of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. EMD in any other form will not be accepted. Tender can be dropped in the Tender Box placed in the Procurement Branch (Import) manually by 02:30 P.M. on or before the date mentioned against respective item. The Tenders shall be Opened on the same date at 03:00 P.M. in the presence of the Authorized Intending Tenders. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form, not accompanied with valid Earnest Money and Tender Cost shall be summarily rejected straightway. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders received without assigning any reason therefor. **"PRE-BID CONFERENCE" WITH INTENDING BIDDERS FOR ITEM Sr. No. 29 to 45 shall be held on 29.11.2019 from 02:30 P.M. ONWARDS IN THE PI(EP), OFFICE, PGIMER, CHANDIGARH** For more details contact: 0172-2756469 at Procurement Branch (Import). **NOTE:** If any of the Tender Opening Dates happens to be a holiday in PGIMER, Chandigarh, then the same shall be Opened on next full working day.

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**Corrigendum / Extension of Last date for Submission of Tender**

In reference to Odisha Skill Development Authority, Notice Inviting Tender Loan 3539-IND: Odisha Skill Development Project (OSDP) dated 4th Oct 2019, it is notified that the last date for submission of the tender for Packages in National Competitive Bidding is extended upto 3:00 PM 3rd Dec 2019 and for International Competitive Bidding (ICB) upto 3:00 pm 24th Dec 2019.

For information on corrigendum/addendum/changes in bid document please visit following website: [www.empmissionodisha.gov.in](http://www.empmissionodisha.gov.in) or [www.skillodisha.gov.in](http://www.skillodisha.gov.in) or [www.odisha.gov.in](http://www.odisha.gov.in)

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA)**

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**

**RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH**

**E-Procurement Notice, Online - PMGYS/RWSESG - 04 of 2019-20 Ltr No. 7436/Dtd. 13.11.2019**

**E-mail address- [serw\\_sundargarh@yahoo.com](mailto:serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com)**

1. Type of the Work	Construction and Maintenance of Rural Roads under PMGYS Programme					
2. Total No. of Packages	01 No. of Packages (Percentage Rate Tender)					
3. Estimated cost	Rs.439.29 Lakhs					
4. Class of contractor	'A' Class & 'Special' Class					
5. Period of completion	Eleven Calendar Months					
6. Cost of tender paper	Rs.10,000/- per set (Non-refundable) only in shape of D.D. in favour of OSRRA payable at Bhubaneswar.					
7. EMD Required	2% of estimated cost of the package in form of Fixed Deposit receipt of a Scheduled Commercial Bank issued in favour of Executive Engineer of the concerned R.W. Division.					
8. APS	Additional Performance Security shall be obtained from the Bidder when the bid amount is less than estimated cost put to tender. In such an event, only the successful bidder who has quoted less bid price/rates than the estimated cost put to tender shall have to furnish the exact amount of differential cost i.e. estimated cost put to tender minus the quoted amount as Additional Performance Security (APS) in shape of Term Deposit Receipt pledged in favour of Division Officer / Bank Guarantee in favour of the Divisional Officer from any Nationalized / Scheduled Bank in India counter guaranteed by its local branch at Bhubaneswar within seven days of issue of Letter of Acceptance (LoA) by the Divisional Officer (by e-mail) to the successful bidder otherwise the bid of the successful bidder shall be cancelled and the Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security shall be forfeited. Further, proceeding for blacklisting shall be initiated against the bidder".					
9. GST	Rate quoted by the Contractor shall be excluding GST. The GST as applicable for the work contract shall be payable to the contractor on each bill amount on production of tax invoice. The prevailing rate of GST on the gross amount of bill will be deducted from the contractor bill as tax deduction at source (TDS) as per rule. EMD, Paper Cost, original affidavit of authenticity upto 5.00 P.M on dtd. 10.12.2019.					
10. Receiving of original documents						
11. Other details:						
<b>Procurement Officer</b>	<b>Bid Identification No.</b>	<b>Availability of Tender On-line for bidding</b>		<b>Last Date &amp; Time of Seeking Tender Clarification</b>	<b>Technical Bid Opening</b>	<b>Financial Bid Opening</b>
		<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	PMGYS/RWSESG-04 of 2019-20	20.11.2019 11:00 AM	06.12.2019 3:00 PM	05.12.2019 3:00 PM	11.12.2019 3:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

Further details can be seen from the website [www.pmgystenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgystenders.gov.in)

**Sd/-**  
**Superintending Engineer**  
**Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh**

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## At DU event, women call out sexism in quizzing

**ANANYA TIWARI**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

"WHEN I joined the quizzing society as a fresher, I felt very unwelcome and ignored," said Shanya Sinha (19), a quizzier from Delhi University's Sri Venkateswara College. "Senior quizzers would approach and interact with only male freshers," she she.

Sinha was among the quizzers from DU who called out the "sexist and exclusionary" behaviour experienced by women in the capital's quizzing community, at an event called 'Sexism and Harassment in the Quizzing Circuit' held at Ramjas College Friday.

Excluding women entrants, choosing men over women irrespective of the experience and knowledge, and doubting the credibility of women were among the issues raised at the event.

"Such exclusionary acts are like warnings to aspiring freshers, who are discouraged from entering the circuit," said Sinha.

"Women are systematically excluded from educational spaces such as debating or quizzing. As a result, they drop out of such activities," said Ayushi Aishwarya (20), president of the Ramjas College debating society.

Kanika Yadav (21), former president of the Miranda House quizzing society, said, "Men quizzers normally ignore women, but in the absence of women in teams, they take one girl in."

The Ramjas quizzing society will introduce an equity policy to address the issue, said Sarkar.

"It is all about making a space pleasant for women so that they are encouraged to enter the quizzing circuit," Yadav added.

### BRIEFLY

## Hindu college wins debating competition

*New Delhi:* Delhi University's Hindu College won 'The Clash of the Titans Invitational Debate' for the third year in a row Saturday. The Old Students' Association of Hindu College organises the event every year. Alumni of six colleges of DU — Hindu College, Miranda House, Lady Shri Ram College, Sri Ram College of Commerce, Kirori Mal College and Indraprastha College — participated in the debating competition held at India Habitat Centre. **ENS**

## Two sisters held for robberies

*New Delhi:* Two sisters from Madhya Pradesh were arrested Saturday for allegedly stealing Rs 1 lakh in two separate incidents in South Delhi, police said. Lalita (25) and Damini (22) were arrested after police scanned CCTV footage of the sites of the two robberies.

## Woman from New Zealand found dead

*New Delhi:* A 49-year-old woman from New Zealand, who had come to India to get married to her Australian boyfriend, was found dead at a hotel in Central Delhi's Paharganj Saturday. The victim, Tuaili Polly Anne, was a patient of hypertension, police said.

## Man held for duping people

*New Delhi:* A 40-year-old man was arrested from West Delhi for allegedly cheating people on the pretext of providing them cars at rates cheaper than the market price, police said Saturday. **PTI**



FOUR-DAY SPELL OF SEVERE POLLUTION ENDS — FOR NOW

A ‘very poor’ sigh of relief for capital

Javadekar takes aim at Kejriwal over Rafale, CM says let’s focus on clean air instead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

RELIEF CAME in the form of winds on Saturday, as the air quality index value in Delhi fell 101 points — from 458 (severe) on Friday to 357 (very poor). The city had been reeling under a four-day spell of severely polluted air since Tuesday, which forced schools to shut on Thursday and Friday.

Officials at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the main reason behind the improvement was a change in wind direction and speed.

“Winds in the range of 10 km per hour were seen Saturday, which helped flush out pollutants. Also, the prevalent wind direction means the effects of crop residue burning are not being felt as strongly as before,” said a senior IMD official.

On Monday, the AQI is expected to be in the ‘poor’ category.

The relief, however, is short-lived and air quality is expected to dip again starting Wednesday. “Till Tuesday, wind direction is expected to be favourable but a switch to northwesterly winds is expected again. Pollution will start rising then,” an IMD official said.

SAFAR officials said the contribution of crop residue burning in Delhi’s pollution was 5% Saturday, down from 10% Friday. It is expected to drop to 2% Sunday.

“Under the influence of Western Disturbance, strong boundary layer and surface winds, accumulated pollutants are being flushed out... high surface winds are forecast to con-



Change in wind direction and speed caused an improvement in air quality Saturday. However, it is expected to see a dip again on Wednesday, an IMD official said. Amit Mehra

tinue for the next two days,” an official said.

According to sources in the Delhi government, the odd-even scheme, implemented in the city from November 4-15, is not expected to make a quick return.

For the past week, air pollution has been at the centre of the city’s politics, with Aam Aadmi Party leaders Friday attacking East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir for skipping a parliamentary panel meeting to discuss Delhi’s air crisis.

On Saturday, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar, who is also BJP’s in-charge for Assembly elections in Delhi, tagged Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a tweet, saying those who supported the slogan ‘Chowkidar Chor Hai’ should apologise after the Supreme Court’s order on the Rafale deal.

Kejriwal struck a non-combative note in his response: “Sir, this is not the time to indulge in politics but to fight pollution together. All the governments should work together to give people relief from pollution. Delhi government and Delhiites are doing all they can. We need your support, sir.”

For a few hours, Delhi is world’s most polluted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

ON FRIDAY evening and Saturday morning, Delhi emerged as the most polluted city in the world, as per two separate private AQI monitoring resources.

Air Visual AQI monitors and Skymet both said Delhi was the most polluted city in the world Friday with an AQI of 527. On Saturday morning, the AQI was also close to 500.

AQI is based on the concentration of pollutants in the air. In Delhi, the primary pollutant is usually Particulate Matter and for the past week, it has been PM 2.5. India’s national anti-pollution agency, CPCB, also has an AQI monitor of its own. This however, calculates AQI only till 500.

While Saturday started out as a severely polluted day, high wind speed helped improve the situation by the afternoon, with

THE FORECAST

Pollution levels are set to decrease further Sunday but will rise again on Monday

SATURDAY	
PM 2.5	204 (µgm-3)
PM 10	325 (µgm-3)
SUNDAY	
PM 2.5	160 (µgm-3)
PM 10	255 (µgm-3)
MONDAY	
PM 2.5	224 (µgm-3)
PM 10	358 (µgm-3)

other cities such as Tashkent, Lahore, Hangzhou (China) and Chongqing (China) overtaking Delhi on the world’s polluted city index.

During late evening, as temperatures dipped, the AQI increased and Delhi (198) reached the third spot, behind Lahore (208) and Tashkent (262).

60% jump in farm fires between 2002 and 2016: Study

SHIVAM PATEL  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

BETWEEN 2002 and 2016, the fire count in Punjab’s fields increased by 60%, a study that has drawn a link between rising paddy productivity and stubble burning in the state suggests.

According to the study, ‘Connecting Crop Productivity, Residue Fires, and Air Quality over Northern India’, published in the journal Nature, rice production in Punjab increased by 25% and vegetation index by 21% between 2002 and 2016. Crop residue is estimated to be 1.5 to 2.25 times the quantity of the crop.

The rise in fire counts led to an increase in aerosol loading by nearly 43%, which are fine particles suspended in the air that cause air quality to deteriorate and aid formation of haze and smog, over not just Delhi but the Indo-Gangetic plain, the study said. It also noted a 60% spike in the concentration of ground-level particulate matter of 2.5 micrometres over Delhi post-monsoon.

Since the first week of November, the combined impact of a change in wind direction, dip in temperature and crop residue burning has plunged Delhi’s air quality to the ‘severe’ and ‘very poor’ categories. The Delhi government has blamed the practice of crop residue burning, while experts pointed out that Delhi’s high basal pollution level is also part of the problem.

“A robust relationship between vegetation index, which is a proxy for crop productivity, and post-harvest accumulated fire activity, a precursor of poor air quality, allows the prediction



Rice production in Punjab rose by 25% from 2002 to 2016

of intensity of crop fire season and the resulting degradation of air quality in advance,” the study stated.

The study has been carried out by researchers from US-based institutes including Universities Space Research Association, NASA Goddard Space Flight Centre, Columbia University, Environmental Defence Fund and Science Systems and Applications.

As per sources in the Punjab Pollution Control Board, a change in the pattern of sowing paddy is also why the effects of farm fires are felt more now than before 2009. “In 2009, the Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act was passed, which mandated that paddy be sown only after May 15 to save groundwater. Sowing would earlier happen in April. Now, stubble burning coincides with the change in wind direction to northwesterly, and the smoke is carried towards Delhi,” said an official who did not want to be named.

The study also noted that between 7,000 and 16,000 premature deaths and 6 million asthma attacks per year have been attributed to the observed PM 2.5 levels in Delhi, which on an average ranges between 87 and 123. The standard is 60 µg/m3.



Children play on ‘old-fashioned’ swings at a park in Delhi. The new parks will come up in four localities — Kalkaji, New Friends Colony, Dwarka Sector 19 and Janakpuri. Archive

Four new parks to focus only on kids, entry fee Rs 20

ABHINAV RAJPUT  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

SOUTH DELHI will soon get four new parks, aimed at children aged up to 12-14 years, complete with tree decks, multi-play equipment and innovative swings, a senior official of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) said Saturday.

Entry of parents will be allowed only if they are accompanying their children, he said.

The parks will be built in Kalkaji, New Friends Colony, Dwarka Sector 19 and Janakpuri.

The park at Dwarka Sector 19 is half-complete and will likely be inaugurated in a couple of months, while the other parks will be completed in ten months, he said.

These parks will be ticketed and people will have to pay around Rs 20 for entry. The park at Kalkaji will be built atop the multi-level underground parking while the final spots for the other parks are still being decided, the official said.

The SDMC already has a children’s park in Greater Kailash II named Nadan Van, where Rs 20 is charged to keep

For adults, gazebos, benches, walkways and rubberised pathways will be included

the loiterers away.

“These parks receive a big footfall, so we have to keep a nominal entry charge. We want that our children not be confined to their TVs, video games and mobile phones,” he said.

For adults visiting the parks with their children, features such as benches, gazebos, walkways, rubberised pathways for exercise will also be included.

The lack of open spaces to play has always been a major issue in the capital.

Civic agencies received flak from the Delhi High Court in 2014 for poor upkeep of playgrounds, and in 2015, the court passed an order upholding the right of children to play in parks.

It also asked civic agencies to make playgrounds in every neighbourhood.

The court authorised the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) to intervene and suggest measures to maintain parks in the capital.

Jal Board sets up pilot plant to treat 4 gallons of sewage water a day

ANANYA TIWARI  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

A ‘DRAIN’ water harvesting plant, capable of treating around 4 million gallons of sewage water per day, has been constructed as a pilot project near the Akshardham temple by technicians associated with the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The plant was set up in collaboration with water treatment supplier Alcantarilla Limpia Equipos Private Ltd a month ago. “Delhi Development Authority (DDA) officials visited this plant... DJB officials are enthused about it. If implemented across Delhi, it can treat 700 million gallons of water per day,” said Abhishek Bhattacharya, a Delhi Legislative fellow working with DJB and part of the project.

As part of the process, the

drain water is made to go through an electrocoagulation reactor, which removes iron sludge from the water. A chemical coagulant is added to it, which makes the solid pollutants settle at the bottom. The cleaner water from the surface is then skimmed and allowed to sit in a tank where oxygen supply is reduced to kill harmful bacteria. The water is then passed through activated carbon and multi-grade filters. Treating it with UV rays and reverse osmosis makes it fit for ground-water recharge and drinking purposes respectively.

“It takes Rs 45-50 to treat a litre of water with this plant... the process is cheaper by 50 per cent than that done through conventional treatment plants. The total dissolved solids (TDS) in drain water is more than 400... With this process, we have brought it down to 10...,” said Bhattacharya.

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# 6 GOVT & POLITICS

## At all-party meeting, Speaker Birla calls for smooth winter session

3-hr special joint session on Nov 26 to mark Constitution Day

**PRADEEP KAUSHAL & ABANTIKA GHOSH**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE THREE-HOUR joint special session of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on November 26 for Constitution Day will be addressed by President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Speaker Om Birla informed Lok Sabha floor leaders in a meeting on Saturday. Modi did not speak during the meeting and interacted informally with the leaders over tea.

Chairing the meeting, Birla is learnt to have reminded the floors leaders about their cooperation in sitting long hours for conducting legislative and other business in last session.

"I appealed to floor leaders of all parties for their cooperation in smooth functioning of the House. As the House is answerable to the people and I hope parties will raise issues of public interest. There should be debate in the House, and for that it should function," Birla said.

He said, "All parties have assured me that the session will be smooth and as fruitful as the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha."

Two potentially stormy Bills are in the pipeline this time — the Citizenship Amendment Bill, which the government has already listed on its agenda, and the Ayodhya Act — but neither issue seems to have been raised during Saturday's meeting.

Beginning November 18, the winter session concludes on December 13.

The customary meeting was intended to get an idea of issues the Opposition wants to raise, and ensure a smooth functioning of the House during the session.

EXPLAINED

### Some storm expected during session

FOR THE government, the first session of 17th Lok Sabha was very productive, as it managed contentious legislation related to triple talag, Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, amendments in UAPA, and Article 370 through both Houses. The winter session assembles in the backdrop of less-than-expected electoral performance of the ruling party in Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly elections, and also shadowed by the economic slowdown.

Although the government has an ambitious business list, the Opposition has several issues — Kashmir, economic slowdown and pollution, among others, to put the government on the mat.

ing the session.

Sources present in the meeting suggested that the issue of economic slowdown and unemployment, along with the situation in Kashmir and Delhi pollution, emerged as some themes common to issues flagged by floor leaders during the meeting.

Trinamool Congress leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay sought a discussion in Lok Sabha on the role of state Governors. He claimed that West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar is running a "parallel administration" and making trips without the state government's knowledge, which is giving rise to serious governance issues.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury urged Birla to refer all Bills to standing committees after they are introduced in the House, which had not happened in the last session. The Speaker had earlier pointed out that this was not possible in the last session because standing committees were still to be constituted, but the committees have come into being since.

Chowdhury also raised the issue of the situation in J&K, poverty, unemployment, farm distress, etc.

National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi said his party's leader Farooq Abdullah needs to be released to enable him to participate in House proceedings. Abdullah has been under detention since August, after special status to J&K was scrapped.

Danish Ali of BSP was critical of the fact that the Opposition could not raise issues for discussions under Rule 193. The session, he told the meeting, should not confine itself to just government business, as was the case during the last session.

Asaduddin Owaisi of AIMIM asked for children to be invited on Constitution Day to witness the proceedings. He also called for proceedings of Parliamentary committees to be televised but was told these are confidential matters and thus cannot be aired on either Lok Sabha TV or RS TV.

Biju Janata Dal's Pinaki Mishra raised the issue of pollution in Delhi.

## Cong to focus on slowdown, farm distress to corner govt in House

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

WITH THE winter session of Parliament starting on Monday, main opposition Congress on Saturday signaled that it will work with like-minded parties to corner the BJP-led government over its management of the economy, farm distress and rising unemployment.

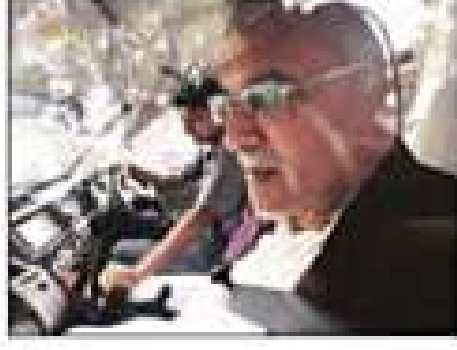
The party has also decided to hold a rally in the national capital on November 30.

Top Congress leaders met in Delhi to chalk out ways to take forward its agitation programme. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his Chhattisgarh counterpart Bhupesh Baghel attended the meeting along with AICC treasurer Ahmed Patel, AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal and many senior leaders, including party's deputy leader in Rajya Sabha Anand Sharma.

Several state Congress presidents, Congress Legislature Party



Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel arrive for the Congress meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. *Praveen Khanna*



(CLP) leaders, AICC general secretaries and in-charges of states and heads of the party's various departments were in attendance.

Gehlot, sources said, did some plain-speaking. He is learnt to have said that the rally the party plans to hold in Delhi should not merely be a symbolic exercise. He said the party should put its heart into such efforts to take on the Narendra Modi government.

He recalled that the party had faced difficulties even during Indira Gandhi's time, but it had bounced back after the defeat in 1977. He said while most leaders

are sincere and believe in the party's ideology, there may be some who are waiting for an opportunity to jump ship and pointed out that some MLAs had left the party before the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

He said results of Maharashtra and Haryana elections show that people are disenchanted with the BJP and are waiting for an opportunity.

While Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar and former Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda urged the leadership to reschedule the November 30 rally, say-



BJP workers protest in Lucknow on Saturday against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks on the Rafale issue. *Vishal Srivastav*

**GWALIOR**

### FIR against Mahasabha after prayers to Godse

**MILIND GHATWAI**  
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 16

THE MADHYA Pradesh government on Saturday decided to act against members of the Hindu Mahasabha, a day after the outfit offered prayers to Nathuram Godse in Gwalior and demanded that his court deposition be included in school syllabus.

An FIR was registered against Hindu Mahasabha spokesperson Naresh Batham for allegedly distributing leaflets that denigrated Mahatma Gandhi by holding him responsible for Partition while glorifying Godse as a martyr.

Chief Minister Kamal Nath ordered the Gwalior police to act tough. "I won't tolerate that the killer of Gandhi is worshipped in my government. There have been attempts in the BJP government to install Godse's bust, but I won't brook any such act," he said.

Hindu Mahasabha offered prayers to Godse and co-conspirator Narayan Apte on Friday at its office in Daulatganj locality, the

same premises where it had installed a bust of Godse two years ago. The administration, then under the BJP government, seized it after deploying a large police force.

The FIR was registered on a complaint from Congress activist Ravindra Chouhan, who described himself as a Gandhian and nationalist. He said he was handed a leaflet on Thursday that used objectionable language for Gandhi. He said his feelings and those of others who follow Gandhi's ideals had been hurt.

Additional DG Rajababu Singh said teams have been dispatched to arrest Batham and his associates, and no one would be spared. Gwalior-based national vice-president of Hindu Mahasabha Jaiveer Bhardwaj claimed the police action was murder of democracy. "We have every right to celebrate birth anniversaries or observe martyrdom of people who made sacrifices for the country. We have observed martyrdom of Godse for 70 years and will continue to do so in our homes and private places," he said.

### Former BJP MLA's son arrested in PMC Bank scam case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

THE ECONOMIC Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police on Saturday arrested Rajneet Singh, the son of former BJP MLA Sardar Tara Singh, in connection with the Rs 4,355-crore PMC Bank scam case. Rajneet was on the board of directors of the bank and also a part of its loan recovery committee.

This is the ninth arrest in the case. Eight persons, including the former MD and chairman of the bank, as well as HDIL promoters Rakesh and Sarang Wadhawan, have already been arrested in the case. The bank allegedly violated RBI norms by extending loans to HDIL beyond permissible limits.

"We have arrested Rajneet as he was part of the loan recovery committee. However, he could not recover the loans given to HDIL. We are also investigating if he had any links to HDIL," DCP (EOW) Shrikant Paropkari said.

**PDP LEADER ON LT GOVERNOR'S REMARKS**

### 'How can J&K elections be held when political leaders detained in hordes'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 16

A PDP leader has strongly objected to J&K Lieutenant Governor G C Murmu's remarks that the process for Assembly elections could begin soon in the Union Territory. "How can elections be held in a situation when leaders of major political groups have been detained in hordes," PDP leader Parvez Wafa asked.

Terming the proposition to conduct elections in the state "unjustified, ironic and uncalled for," Wafa said that since the leadership of major political parties and important office leaders are under detention, "the idea of holding polls itself loses relevance and is contrary to democratic ideals".

"Since in a democratic setup, polls are a part of mechanism which delegates power to the people to choose their representatives, it is the duty of the state to ensure free and fair elections,"

### Maharashtra Governor announces assistance for rain-hit farmers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

MAHARASHTRA GOVERNOR Bhagat Singh Koshiyari on Saturday announced financial assistance to farmers reeling under massive crop loss due to unseasonal rainfall in the state in October and November and ordered its immediate disbursement.

A statement issued by Raj Bhawan said, "A relief of Rs 8,000 per hectare up to two hectares for agricultural Kharif crop and Rs 18,000 per hectare up to two hectares for horticulture/perennial crop would be sanctioned to farmers."

"The Governor has also announced exemptions of land revenue to the affected area and examination fee of school and colleges to the wards of affected farmers," it said. The governor directed the state administration to disburse the relief immediately, it added.

With unseasonal rain leaving a trail of destruction across Maharashtra, the state administration Friday pegged the damage to standing crop on 93.89 lakh hectares of farmland across the state. Around 1.04 crore farmers have suffered losses.

On November 2, the Devendra Fadnis-led government had approved Rs 10,000 crore as special assistance for affected farmers. Officials, however, said panchnamas being conducted to assess the extent of crop damage were slow amid the continuing uncertainty over government formation. Maharashtra has been under President's Rule since November 12.

The quantum of compensation was criticised by the Congress and the Shiv Sena.

"We are going to request the Governor to raise this amount because it is not sufficient," state Congress president Balasaheb Thorat said. The Shiv Sena said it would hold a demonstration to ensure better relief for farmers.



Lyonpo Tandi Dorji

### Bhutan foreign minister to begin week-long India visit today

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

BHUTANESE FOREIGN Minister Lyonpo Tandi Dorji will be on a week-long visit to India from Sunday, during which he would hold bilateral discussions with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and review the "entire gamut" of relations between the two countries, an official statement said.

"The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan Lyonpo Tandi Dorji will be paying a visit to India from 17-23 November 2019," the Ministry of External Affairs statement said on Saturday.

"During the visit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan will hold bilateral discussions with his counterpart External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and review the entire gamut of India-Bhutan relations," it added.

Dorji will also pay a visit to Bodhi Gaya and Rajgir in Bihar on November 19-20, and Kolkata on November 21-22.

"India and Bhutan share a unique and time-tested bilateral relationship, characterized by mutual trust, goodwill and understanding," the MEA said.

"During the visit, the two sides will hold discussions on various aspects of bilateral relations, including economic cooperation, development partnership and hydro-power cooperation," it said. "Lyonpo Tandi Dorji's visit is in keeping with the tradition of regular visits and exchange of views at the highest level between the two countries."

**'WANTED EMPLOYMENT, NOT ALMS'**

## His fight began with Bhopal gas leak, lasted till death despite personal cost

**MILIND GHATWAI**  
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 16

IN THE aftermath of the 1984 gas disaster that killed thousands of people and left lakhs affected, the government had started distributing free ration in Bhopal and people had to wait in long queues for their turn.

But Abdul Jabbar found the manner in which the largesse was distributed unbearable. "We didn't want alms, we wanted employment," he recalled his feelings on the 25th anniversary of the worst industrial disaster. It was this spirit

that led to the formation of Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Udyog Sangathan, an organisation that not only mobilised women but also provided them vocational training.

More than half of those women were Muslims. The sight of burqa-clad women participating in street protests had become a sensitive issue, forcing him to approach the clergy, who endorsed the view that any opposition to what was a fight for justice was not proper.

"His fight began from the very next day of the tragedy and continued till he breathed his last. It's to his credit that the apex court changed its earlier

decision to free the Union Carbide India officials of criminal responsibility. It was a big achievement to involve burqa-clad women in street protests," veteran activist L S Hardenia said.

Known to most as Jabbar Bhai, he was in his late 20s and drilled borewells for a living before the gas disaster, but the scale of the tragedy made him an activist with an indomitable spirit, despite losing 50 per cent of his vision and suffering from pulmonary fibrosis due to the industrial accident.

Jabbar, who was undergoing treatment for the past few months, died at a private hospi-



Abdul Jabbar. *Prakash Hatvalne*

tal in Bhopal on Thursday. He was referred to the hospital after medical institutes meant for survivors and other hospitals failed to provide relief to him.

It was ironical that he could

not get proper treatment at the Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre (BMHRC), which was meant to be a super-specialist hospital for the treatment of survivors — BMHRC and many other hospitals for survivors had come up due to relentless legal battles fought by him and others.

The activist paid a heavy personal cost for the three-and-a-half decade struggle. He had severe health issues, a broken marriage and little money. His friends began a campaign to raise funds to support his second wife and three children.

At the 25th anniversary of the disaster in 2009, Jabbar re-

called that he had participated in 500 protests in Delhi and 5,000 in Bhopal. He was arrested nearly 200 times, filed innumerable PILs and other petitions — a petition seeking more compensation and a criminal revision plea demanding more punishment for the accused are still pending.

Unassuming and sporting thick glasses, Jabbar would raise his voice only occasionally during meetings he had with survivors at Yadgar-e-Shahjahan Park in the old city to draw attention to his point. The meetings were used to be held twice a week but over the years they had become a weekly affair with

a thin turnout.

Saturday was perhaps the only time the meeting was not held because many survivors were with Jabbar's family for the three-day mourning period. "He would never lose hope. He would tell us that it's a fight for justice and should continue even after he is not around," said Shanti Devi, a survivor and a member of Jabbar's organisation.

Hamida Bi, another survivor, said Jabbar struggled for victims of the gas tragedy all his life and suffered a great deal in the end. She said he received support from both Hindu and Muslim communities.



# New India's, New Uttar Pradesh

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## Single window system creates ease of doing business

In congruence with Digital India vision, the state government has made quantum leaps in the areas of governance and service delivery with the introduction of single window for all the citizen centric government services under e-District.

A single window clearance mechanism has been put in place at Udyog Bandhu under ease of doing business reforms. Further, a dedicated policy implementation unit has been established at UP Electronics Corporation Limited for guiding and facilitating investors, entrepreneurs and start-ups under IT & Start-up policy. The country's biggest incubator is envisioned to be established in Uttar Pradesh to galvanise start-up revolution in India.

These policy measures provided the much needed fillip to the investors' sentiments. The Chief Minister proudly apprised the general public and investors' community of having created 16 sector specific policies to facilitate different industries. CM Yogi Adityanath has given assurance that soon his administration will formulate and implement policies with regard to sectors such as electric mobility, data centre investment and retail trade.

## Incentives for investors

The government has offered incentives for setting up private industrial parks/ estates of more than 100 acres in Bundelkhand and Poorvanchal; 150 acres in Madhyanchal and Paschimanchal; and more than 50 acres in case of Agro Parks in UP developed by private sector.

There is a provision of interest subsidy in the form of reimbursement of interest of up to 50% of annual interest on the loan taken to buy land, for 7 years subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs 50 lakh per annum per industrial estate/agro park. Besides, interest subsidy is also admissible in the form of reimbursement of interest of up to 60% of annual interest for 7 years on the loan taken for building infrastructure subject to Rs 10 crore per year with an overall ceiling of Rs 50 crore per industrial estate/agro park.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has implemented various investment-friendly policies in the state to spur economic growth and generate employment. The state administration is working diligently to make UP a trillion dollar economy. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced the plan to organise the Global Investors' Summit next year. One can rest assured that the Global Investors' Meet would help pushing Uttar Pradesh towards its goal of becoming one-trillion economy. Investors have also been invited to join the government in making potable piped water available to each and every house besides fields of solid and liquid waste management, public transport, electricity etc.

**Industrial Investment & Employment Promotion Policy**  
The Industrial Investment & Employment Promotion Policy, 2017 of Uttar Pradesh strives to leverage the inherent strengths of the state while developing new ones. The policy aims to create a framework to stabilise and make existing industries more competitive as well as attract and realise new international and national investments in the industrial sector.

The core intentions of the policy are to create a framework for industrial growth that empowers people and

## Come and Experience the advantages of Uttar Pradesh

The state of Uttar Pradesh is embedded in the heart of India. It is endowed with a panorama of geographical diversity, rich in natural resources and skilled manpower which makes it an ideal destination for investment. In UP, the multi-hued Indian Culture has blossomed since time immemorial. The state is blessed with a variety of geographical land and innumerable cultural diversities. The rich and tranquil meadows, perennial rivers, dense forests and fertile soil of Uttar Pradesh have scripted many golden chapters in the annals of Indian history. Dotted with various holy shrines and places of pilgrim's interests, it plays a vital role in the politics, education, culture, industry, agriculture and tourism of India.

### Location benefits

UP has got distinct location advantage. The geography of the state gives it strategic access to market and resource depth of eastern India and has proximity to National Capital Region on the West. Located on Quadrilateral with excellent road network, the state of UP is linked with over 230 million (16.5% of India's population) residents. Major national and international airports enhance its air connectivity with the Middle East and South East Asian countries. It also has the distinction of having the largest railway network in the nation making freight movement easier.

### Power situation

Energy is an important input for economic development and power sector is an indispensable infrastructure in modern economy. Providing adequate and affordable electricity is essential for human welfare and achieving better standards of living. The availability of reliable and uninterrupted quality power at competitive rates to the industry is vital for its day to day operations. The state government took series of measures to remove bottlenecks in the power infrastructure to achieve its goal of power for all. The state government officials have made arrangements for 24 hours power supply to all district headquarters, 20 hours to Tehsil headquarters and 18 hours to villages, besides ensuring 24x7 reliable electricity to industries and provision for open access.

### Land availability

Land resource is important because



humans not only live but also perform all economic activities on land. Besides, land also supports wild life, natural vegetation, and transport and communication activities. Most of our basic needs and requirements like food, clothing and shelter are obtained from land. It is considered the primary factor of production. Land is required to construct factories and industries to carry out the production process. In any kind of production process, an individual has to start with land. For example, in industries it helps to provide raw materials, and in agriculture, crops are produced on land. Manufacturing industries get diverse type of raw materials from land, namely, raw cotton, sugarcane, raw jute, coal, minerals and metals, etc. Abundant land parcels at competitive prices makes UP an ideal investment destination.

### Abundant availability of water

Besides being vital for human survival, water plays a crucial role in commercial operations and in industry.

Commercial operations are those that generally do not manufacture a product, but provide a service, such as hospitals, restaurants, and schools. Manufacturing and other industries use water during the production process for either creating their products or to cool equipments used in the manufacture of goods. Industrial water is used for fabricating, processing, washing, diluting, etc. It is also critical in industries producing petroleum products, food, paper and chemicals. Therefore, availability of water across the state is vital to keep the wheels of industries running uninterrupted.

### Skilled manpower

Skilled manpower is essential to carry out several development activities. Their significance can be understood from the fact that skilled human capital helps in systematic utilisation of natural resources. Modern industrialised economy needs skilled workforce to increase the pace of development and higher economic growth. 56% of UP's 230 million

population is in the working age group. UP is the first state in the nation to implement Skill development scheme. 10 lakh youth were registered and 8.48 lakh youth have been trained under this scheme. So far, 3 lakh youth were placed. As many as 53 Universities, 4345 colleges, 168 polytechnics along with several research institutes, Centres of Excellence and other vocational institutes, industry focused skill development programme, etc have created a vast human capital resource for manufacturing and services sector.

### Proactive governance in UP

A few days back, while inaugurating the police headquarters in Lucknow, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath said that improvement in the law and order situation attracted investors to the state. "Law and order was the biggest stumbling block when I started looking for investments. But after hard work of my government and police, the investment finally has started to come to the state", said Yogi

**Attractive policies, simplified procedures and speedy time bound approvals and strong industrial security, etc contributed in building trust in the investors' community**

Adityanath. Attractive policies, simplified procedures and speedy time bound approvals and strong industrial security, etc contributed in building trust in the investors' community. "Uttar Pradesh guaranteed security to investors and now industrialists want to invest here. Companies from India and abroad are confident to invest in the state. The result is that investment has increased," the chief minister further said.

Such proactive measures enhanced the image of the state as it became a preferred destination to invest large amount of capital to get good returns.

### Rich mineral wealth

Modern urbanisation, industrialisation, transportation and communication systems are the achievements of worldwide sustainable mineral resource development and their proper utilisation in various sectors. Sustainable mineral resources have played, and are still playing, a vital role in shaping the modern civilized industrial world. This means that the sustainable socio-economic infrastructure of any region is an indication of its richness in natural resources. UP is endowed with abundant mineral wealth. Minerals like limestone in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra, glass-sand in Prayagraj district, bauxite in Rajghewan in Banda district etc are found in abundant quantity in the state.

## Investment friendly policies to spur growth

The core intentions of the policies are to create a framework for industrial growth that empowers people and create jobs



### More policies

- UP Electric Vehicle Manufacturing policy
- UP Electronics Manufacturing policy
- UP Solar Energy policy
- Handloom Powerloom Silk Textile Garmenting policy
- UP MSME Export Promotion policy
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- UP Food Processing policy
- Bio-Energy policy
- UP Tourism policy

### IT&Start-Up policy to promote IT industry and entrepreneurship

India's phenomenal success in the area of Information and Technology (IT) and related services has been acknowledged globally. India has become the third largest start-up hub in the world, with more than 4750 start-ups. Uttar Pradesh government is consistently focusing on development of infrastructure, human capital and implementing effective policies to make conducive investment climate to develop Uttar Pradesh as a leading IT/ITeS hub.

UP has developed twin cities of Noida and Greater Noida as leading software and start-up hubs. State-of-the-art IT City is being established on public-private partnership (PPP) model in Lucknow. In addition to this, IT parks are being set up in the cities of Agra, Meerut, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Bareilly, etc. They contribute towards significantly boosting the IT exports of the state. A Rs 1000 crore Uttar Pradesh Start-up Fund is being created to provide access to finance, exclusively to UP based Start-ups.

### Aviation policy to boost air connectivity of UP

The passenger air traffic in Uttar Pradesh had grown in the year 2016-17 by 30% to 6.1 million passengers on a year on year basis. To facilitate the inclusive growth in this sector, Government of India had launched National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 and Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) with a vision to connect the underserved as well as unserved airports through incentives from central and state governments. Such locations are marked as RCS airports.

Uttar Pradesh government understood the need to develop state civil aviation policy to attract the airlines/air operators in UP to cover underserved and unserved airstrips and cities during second round of RCS bidding. Civil Aviation Promotion Policy of Uttar

Pradesh 2017 intends to provide the necessary direction for the growth of this sector in the state.

The policy is aimed to boost connectivity, facilitate trade, promote tourism and generate employment. The efforts are being made to support the development of air cargo hubs and fulfillment centres to support manufacturing and e-commerce business in UP as well as to provide fillip to agro-exports and other perishable commodities.

In 2017, there were only 4 airports (including only 2 International airports) and a total of 25 destinations were connected to air services while currently, 8 airports have become operational, providing air services to a total of 55 destinations. The development of 11 airports is underway. Site clearance has already been received from Government of India to develop one of the largest airports in north India. The state government is speedily developing a Greenfield international airport at Jewar in district Gautam Buddha Nagar on public private participation (PPP) mode.

The state has come out with policies in other sectors as well -- electrical vehicle manufacturing, electronics, solar energy, bio energy, textile, food processing and tourism. The details can easily be accessed from [www.udyogbandhu.com](http://www.udyogbandhu.com).



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## NORTH

### Dalit woman gangraped, thrashed in UP's Shamli

**Muzaffarnagar:** A 30-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly gangraped and beaten up by four men in Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district, police said on Saturday. The incident took place on Thursday when the woman had gone to the fields to relieve herself. The men dragged her to a sugarcane field and took turns to rape

her, they said, adding that the victim was also beaten up when she tried to resist. Three of the accused have been identified, police said, adding that all four are absconding. A case has been registered under relevant statutory sections following a complaint by the victim's husband, police said. **PTI**



The debris of the Navy MiG trainer aircraft at Dabolim, Goa, on Saturday. **PTI**

## WEST

### Navy MiG trainer aircraft crashes, both pilots safe

**Panaji:** A Navy MiG-29K aircraft crashed soon after taking off from the INS Hansa during a training mission on Friday. Both pilots ejected safely. A defence release said, "At about noon, a MiG-29K twin-seater aircraft, on a routine training sortie, encountered a flock of birds after take-off from the INS Hansa airbase at Dabolim in Goa... The pilot observed

that the left engine had flamed out and the right engine had caught fire.... The pilot, showing the presence of mind, pointed the aircraft away from populated areas and both pilots ejected safely. An enquiry has been instituted by the Navy. Both the pilots are safe. There has been no loss of life or damage to property on ground." **ENS**

## EAST

### Elephant tramples two to death in Jharkhand

**Medininagar (Jharkhand):** An elephant has trampled two elderly persons to death in separate incidents in Jharkhand's Palamau district, forest officials said on Saturday. The pachyderm killed a 65-year-old man in a village under Bishrampur police station limits on Thursday, Regional Chief Conservator of Forest (Palamau region),

Mohan Lal, said. "The same elephant entered a house at Arapur village under Nava Bazaar police station limits on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday to eat stored paddy and killed a 70-year-old woman who was sleeping inside," Lal said. The forest department has given Rs 1 lakh each to the kin of the deceased, he said. **PTI**

## SOUTH

### Student alleges harassment by teacher, attempts suicide

**Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu):** A girl student of a government university here attempted suicide by as she was reportedly upset for being "humiliated" by her faculty over her academic performance, police said on Saturday. The student, who is pursuing MSc Geology at Bharatidasan University, was found unconscious in her hostel room

Friday night by her roommates and rushed to the government hospital, where her condition was said to be stable, they said. The teacher had frequently "harassed" the girl over her performance in class, following which 30 students protested against the faculty. The teacher has been called in for questioning, police added. **PTI**

# No 'one nation, one poll' soon, parties must sit and decide: CEC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 16

CHIEF ELECTION Commissioner Sunil Arora on Saturday said that simultaneous election to Lok Sabha and state legislatures is "not happening very shortly" unless "political parties sit together and evolve some consensus."

CEC Arora was speaking at the Institute of Law at Nirma University here. "Till 1967, we had both the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections at the same time. Only after 1967, the cyclic imbalances came," he said during an interaction with students of the university.

"Yes, we would also prefer it (simultaneous polls). And this is not a bureaucratic statement, just saying we agree in principle, etc.," Arora said. "However, it is for the political parties to sit together and evolve some consensus. Do the requisite amendments in law, so that (poll) cycle



Till 1967, we had Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha polls at the same time: CEC Arora

can be brought together. Unless, this is done, it is a good thing to talk at seminars, but it is not happening very shortly."

The CEC also said that the Election Commission needs to "devise a mechanism" to facilitate Indians living overseas to participate in the electoral process. "We have a large number of overseas population and we need to devise a mechanism to facilitate their participation in the electoral process," Arora was

quoted as saying in a state government release.

During his visit to the Institute of Law at the Nirma University earlier in the day, the CEC announced that in memory of former CECTN Seshan, the Election Commission would establish and fund a visiting chair on Interdisciplinary Approach to Electoral Studies at the Centre for Curriculum Development, India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIDEM), New Delhi.

In his address to the students, Arora defended electronic voting machines (EVMs) and voter verified paper audit trail machines (VVPATs), pointing out that elections held since the 2014 Lok Sabha polls have produced different results in various states. "Do we say that VVPATs are ok if it gives you 'X' result, and if it gives a 'Y' result you can criticise it... I would like to say in front of all of you responsibly as the CEC of the country that EVMs

cannot be tampered with. They can malfunction, just like your pen, car or two-wheeler, but they cannot be tampered with," the CEC remarked.

Mentioning eminent scientists who monitor the EVMs and VVPATs for the Election Commission on an honorary basis, Arora said, "At times, they also feel very unhappy and deeply anguished that after all this work, the integrity of VVPATs and EVMs gets doubted."

Speaking about the varying voter turnout between urban and rural areas, Arora said, "Despite the fact that voting is not compulsory, more than 67 per cent of people (in 2019 Lok Sabha polls) come out to vote, especially women, senior citizens and persons with disability. The figure was 66.44 per cent in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. "The voting percentage of the common man or the economically weaker section of the society is much higher," he pointed out.

## Over 10,000 birds dead in Rajasthan

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 16

THE NUMBER of dead birds buried by various agencies at Rajasthan's Sambhar Lake crossed the 10,000 mark on Saturday, officials said.

As per the Forest Department, a total of 10,760 birds have been buried since November 11, a day after dead avians were spotted by visitors at India's largest inland salt water lake, nearly 80 km southwest of Jaipur.

Of these, 8,021 birds have been buried in Jaipur while 2,739 have been buried in Nagaur. On Saturday, 1,303 birds were buried in Nagaur while 1,393 were buried in Jaipur. Officials said that combing operations in Jaipur will continue on Sunday, while nearly a 12-km stretch remains in Nagaur.

As many as 360 birds have also been rescued since November 11, of which only 264 are alive. On Saturday, 117 birds were rescued from Jaipur and 30 from Nagaur.

Meanwhile, the report by Apex Centre for Animal Disease Investigation, Monitoring and Surveillance, under the Bikaner-based Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), has officially suggested avian botulism — a paralytic and often fatal disease caused by ingestion of toxins — as a possible cause.

"On the basis of history, epidemiological observations, classical clinical symptoms and post-mortem findings, the most probable diagnosis is avian botulism," the Centre said in a report after studying samples. "The clinical signs exhibited by affected birds included dullness, depression, anorexia, flaccid paralysis in legs and wings, and neck touching the ground. The birds were unable to walk, swim, or take flight. There was no rise of body temperature, no nasal discharge, no respiratory distress or any other sign," the report said.



Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu and Union I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar present the National Award for Excellence in Journalism (Financial Reporting category) to Sandeep Singh and Krishn Kaushik of The Indian Express, at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. **Amit Mehra**

# 'Journalism should be fair... guard against fake news'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

HIGHLIGHTING THE perils of fake news, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Saturday urged the media to always maintain objectivity, fairness and accuracy.

Speaking at an event organised by the Press Council of India to observe National Press Day and confer National Awards for Excellence in Journalism, Naidu said, "The cardinal principle of journalism is to present fair, objective, accurate and balanced information to the reader and viewer without journalists assuming the role of the gatekeepers. With the electronic and social media providing news by the minute with alerts and flashes on smartphones, journalists will have to exercise greater caution and guard against 'fake news', disinformation and misinformation."

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar, who also attended the event, said that fake news is a bigger crisis than paid news.

Naidu awarded the winners of the National Awards for



Anuradha Mascarenhas of The Indian Express won the award in the Gender-Based Reporting category.

Excellence in Journalism 2019. Three journalists from The Indian Express — Associate Editor Sandeep Singh, Special Correspondent Krishn Kaushik and Senior Editor Anuradha Mascarenhas — were honoured for their outstanding work.

Sandeep Singh and Krishn Kaushik won the award in the Financial Reporting category for their series of investigative reports on the conflict of interest in the business dealings of then ICICI Bank Managing Director and CEO Chanda Kochhar's fam-

ily members with companies to which ICICI Bank had loaned hundreds of crores of rupees. The three-part series was published in March-April 2018.

Anuradha Mascarenhas won the award in the Gender-Based Reporting category for her report on how locals in Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh were reaching out to tribal women to ensure zero maternal deaths. It was published in July 2018. Mascarenhas is sharing the award with Ruby Sarkar of Deshbandhu.

# Indian philosophy of reincarnation takes us to idea of basic morality, says Justice Nariman

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE INDIAN philosophy of reincarnation "takes us towards the idea of basic morality" and explains that one should be compassionate to every living being, Supreme Court judge Rohinton Fali Nariman said on Saturday.

Delivering a lecture on comparative religious perspectives on reincarnation, Justice Nariman said that out of six great philosophers — Pythagoras, Plato, Buddha, Mahavir, Confucius and Lao Tzu — four "gave the world the first theories of reincarnation."

Justice Nariman was speaking as chief guest at the seventh Dr LM Singhvi memorial lecture. Former West Bengal Governor and diplomat Gopal Krishna Gandhi and L M Singhvi's son, senior advocate and Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Singhvi, were also present at the event, where a coffee table book on the life of Singhvi senior, jurist, Parliamentarian, scholar, writer and diplomat, was released.

Displaying his edictic memory, Justice Nariman quoted effortlessly from the Rig Veda, the Old Testament and the Avesta. He spoke on the idea of reincarnation in all religions.

Justice Nariman, ordained as a Parsi priest from Bandra Agriya in Mumbai, is an expert on comparative religions. "Speaking for myself, I would prefer to be born as a dog in a dog lover's house than as a human being who has to endure the suffering," he said,



Justice RF Nariman

tying the karma theory with the idea of reincarnation.

"One of the pitfalls of the theory is that it does not take into account the situations one is placed in. It considers human birth as the greatest. But being a dog in a dog lover's house and a police dog that is chained and perhaps beaten routinely are different situations," he said.

Gopal Krishna Gandhi, who chaired the panel, praised Justice Nariman for his ability to speak on the complex idea of reincarnation with ease, and "without carrying even a shred of paper" while doing so.

"I was told of great Justices who could complicate a simple thing so convincingly that we would agree with them but today we have seen a great judge who could simplify a complicated issue and have us agree with him," Gandhi said.

Gandhi concluded the discussion commenting upon the "reincarnation of ideas," on the 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi. "Ideas are also passed on from one generation to another, and they do not die with the person who created them," he said.

# Cops: Woman found dead in Punjab hotel was accused by husband of abetting suicide

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MOHALI, NOVEMBER 16

THE WOMAN who allegedly committed suicide on Friday in a hotel room in Zirakpur, near Chandigarh, was on Saturday identified as Priyanka. The police said she was accused of abetting to suicide by her late husband, former Bihar DGP Ajit Dutt's son Neeraj, who had committed suicide in his flat in Gurgaon on October 9.

In his suicide note, Neeraj had stated that Priyanka and her friend, one Rajan Bhardwaj, were "responsible" for his death.

Neeraj, 38, a businessman, and Priyanka got married in

2017, the police said, adding that she and Rajan were on the run since Neeraj's suicide.

According to police, Priyanka and Rajan together booked the room in Zirakpur hotel a few days ago, and Rajan left the hotel on Thursday, allegedly on work in Delhi. On Friday, Rajan reportedly informed the hotel staff that Priyanka was not taking calls. After failing to get a response, the staff called the police, who broke open the door and found her hanging from the ceiling fan in the room.

Priyanka's family did not lodge any complaint. The police have initiated inquest proceedings under Section 174 of CrPC.

# Kerala schools ring the bell to remind students to drink water

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
NOVEMBER 16

SOME SCHOOLS in Kerala have started ringing the bell not just at the beginning and end of classes but also to remind students to drink water.

Director of Public Instruction K Jeevan Babu said, "We have received information that some schools have come up with the idea of a water bell to remind children to drink water. But so far, the Education Department has not decided on whether to direct all schools to follow this. The issue has two sides — one side argues for drinking more water and another says one needs to drink water only when thirsty. We have to analyse the scenario before taking a decision."

St Joseph's Upper Primary School at Chelakkara in Thrissur district has started ringing "water bells" twice a day.

Headmistress Sheeba P D said, "Students bring water from home and it is also available in school, but they are reluctant to drink water. Health problems such as urinary infection have been reported among students in the past and hence we started telling them to drink more water. We have noticed girls not drinking enough water so that

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HEADMISTRESS OF ST JOSEPH'S  
UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL

they don't need to go to the toilet."

Physical Education teacher and former national-level handball player Jenil John said they came up with the idea of "water bell" to ensure that children drink an adequate quantity of water. "The water bell rings twice, at 11.15 am and at 2.45 pm. Students have to compulsorily drink water either from their bottles or from the taps outside classrooms. When a bell reminds them, they drink water," he said.

Jenil has submitted a proposal in this regard to state Education Minister Prof C Raveendranath. "This idea was debated in training sessions of school teachers. This year, several schools have implemented water bells," he said.

## 16 STATE GOVT DEPARTMENTS WILL MAKE ALLOCATION FOR CHILDREN UNDER PLAN

# After Kerala & Assam, Bihar to start special 'child budget'

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, NOVEMBER 16

THE BIHAR government, which faces criticism for malnutrition among children, also highlighted in the recent social audit of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES)-affected children, has now prepared a standard operating procedure (SOP) for child budgeting, with special allocation of funds for schemes related to children.

Kerala and Assam are the only other states to have done a similar budgeting.

With 16 state government departments, in place of the previous eight, making allocation for children, there would be devoted schemes, once the guide-

lines are implemented, for children facing difficult circumstances such as child labour, disabilities, those affected by calamities and conflict, children of sex workers, street children, child trafficking, and child delinquents.

The child budgeting, being prepared since 2013-14, has guidelines ready for 2020-21 Budget, with 16 departments now making allocation for schemes for children. The Budget will be made for child survival, their health and nutrition, education and development, protection, and child participation.

Under child protection, there would be schemes for children facing "difficult cir-

## Help for nearly half state's population

AS PER 2011 Census, 39 per cent of Bihar's population is between the age group of 10 and 18, categorised as children, and the population between age group of 0 and 18 years is 48 per cent. The state has 4.98 crore children, which is 11 per cent of India's total child population.

cumstances such as child labour, children with disabilities, children affected by calamities and conflict, child prostitutes, children of prostitutes, street children, child trafficking and child delinquents", according to the document on

SOP for child budgeting.

Under the head "child participation" there will be schemes at elementary and secondary school levels on sports, debates and seminars and other extracurricular activities.

Child budgeting would in-

clude state schemes, Centrally sponsored schemes, Central sector schemes and established and committed expenditure. Earlier, eight departments — Art, Culture and Youth, Backward Classes and Extremely Backward Classes Welfare, Education, Social Welfare, Labour Resources, Health, SC/ST Welfare and Minority Welfare - made allocations for children welfare. Now, another eight departments — Rural Development, Public Health Engineering, Disaster Management, Panchayat Raj, Planning and Development, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Home and Finance - will make allocation under child budgeting, prepared by state government, UNICEF

and the Asian Development Research Institute.

Bihar Deputy CM and state Finance Minister Sushil Kumar Modi said: "The SOP will strengthen planning and coordination process and clarify stakeholders' role and serve as a universal guidelines for all key departments.... Between 2013-14 and 2017-18, the state had spent Rs 67,101.02 crore for those between 0 and 18 years with annual allocation increasing at 18.01 per cent and spending at 26.1 per cent."

UNICEF's Bihar chief Asadur Rahman said, "The SOP contains guidelines on inputs, expands the horizon of contributing departments and streamlines the process."



PASWAN RELEASES REPORT ON 21 CITIES

# Mumbai’s tap water best among major cities, Delhi’s worst: BIS report

HARIKISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

MUMBAI'S TAP water is the best and Delhi's worst among all metros and major state capitals in the country, according to a report prepared by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) that was released on Saturday by Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan.

Presenting the findings of the report, BIS officials said that none of the 11 water samples collected from Delhi complied with the bureau's standards for drinking water, dragging the national capital to the bottom of the list of 21 Indian cities surveyed. Delhi's water samples failed on 19 parameters, including odour, TDS, PH, turbidity, colour, nitrate, ammonia, chloride and aluminium.

The samples were taken from 11 localities, including Paswan's official residence at 12 Janpath and Krishi Bhawan in Lutyens' Delhi, and areas such as Nandnagari, Sonia Vihar, Pitampura, Ashok Nagar and Burari.

Addressing the media, Paswan said, "All should get clean drinking water and that is the objective of this activity. The



Ram Vilas Paswan at a press conference in New Delhi. PTI

objective is not to demotivate anyone, rather to encourage state governments to ensure quality potable tap water to all citizens," he said.

Paswan also said that the Union Government wants to make BIS standards mandatory for tap water so as to ensure quality drinking water for all. "Stringent action cannot be taken as the quality standards for piped water at present are not mandatory. Once it becomes (mandatory), we can take action," the minister said.

According to the report, all 10 samples drawn from Mumbai

TAKING STOCK			
State capital	No. of samples failing	No. of parameters in which failing	Parameters in which the samples were failing
Mumbai	0/10	0	--
Hyderabad	1/10	1	Phenolic Compounds
Raipur	5/10	3	Aluminium, Total Alkalinity, Total Hardness
Thiruvanthapuram	10/10	3	Turbidity, Aluminium, Coliform
Delhi	11/11	19	Odour, TDS, PH, Turbidity, Colour, Total Hardness, Total Alkanity, Aluminium, Manganese, Iron, Calcium, among others

Source: BIS

were found to comply with the standards. However, one or more samples did not comply with the requirements in six state capitals — Hyderabad, Bhubaneshwar, Ranchi, Raipur, Amaravati and Shimla.

The sample in Hyderabad failed in one parameter 'phenolic compounds' and Bhubaneswar in 'Chloramines', while Chandigarh in two parameters — 'Aluminium and Coliform'.

Moreover, none of the samples drawn from 13 state capitals — Chandigarh, Thiruvananthapuram, Patna, Bhopal, Guwahati, Bengaluru, Gandhinagar, Lucknow, Jammu, Jaipur, Dehradun, Chennai, Kolkata — complied with the BIS standards.

According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, BIS decided to undertake a study of the quality of piped drinking water being supplied in the country in view of the objectives of the Prime Minister's Jal Jeevan Mission.

"In the first phase, samples of drinking water were drawn from various locations across Delhi, and in the second phase, samples were drawn from 20 other state capitals, and sent

for testing as per Indian Standard 10500:2012 (Specification for Drinking Water)", it stated.

"In the third phase, samples from Capital cities of Northeastern states and Smart Cities identified by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs have been drawn and are under tests. The results of these are expected by January 15, 2020. In the fourth phase, it is proposed to test samples drawn from all the district headquarters of the country and their testing is planned to be completed by August 15, 2020," the ministry stated.

## Goa DGP Pranab Nanda dies at 57

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
PANAJI, NOVEMBER 16

GOA DGP Pranab Nanda died of a massive cardiac arrest late Friday night. The 1988-batch IPS officer was 57.

According to Goa Police DIG Jaspal Singh, DGP Nanda was on a visit to Delhi when he suffered the cardiac arrest and died. Earlier in the day, Nanda attended a meeting with the chief secretary and chaired another meeting on meritorious medals to be given to officers of the state cadre. After reaching Delhi, he had called the officers at 9.30 pm to take stock of the day.

The state police were officially informed at 1 am by the DGP's wife Sundari Nanda. "It's too shocking. Madam called us to inform of the news. It's something we are all still to understand. We have lost our chief," Singh said.

"He was a very welfare-oriented officer. Soon after he took over, most of the important meetings were towards that direction. He was also pursuing files on promotions of the cadre



Pranab Nanda

and administration.

It's very rare to have an officer who is task-oriented and welfare-oriented," added Singh.

Nanda came to Goa in February as the new DGP. He previously held positions in the MHA and was known to be a dynamic leader. In Goa he was known as a "tough task master".

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant tweeted, "Shocked and saddened by the untimely demise of Shri Pranab Nanda (IPS), DGP, Goa. My deepest sympathies to his family members. May God comfort them in this hour of grief."

Additional PRO of Delhi Police, Anil Mittal, said, "Nanda served as DCP (New Delhi) and DCP Security (PM) in Delhi. The last rites will be held at 10.30 am Sunday at the Lodhi Road electric crematorium."

## J&K Police arrests five in Baramulla

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 16

JAMMU AND Kashmir Police on Saturday said that they have arrested five persons in two separate incidents in Kashmir's Baramulla district.

A police spokesperson said that police in Baramulla's Sopore arrested three persons "involved in threatening and intimidating of locals in the area". The three have been identified as Hila Ahmad, Sahil Nazir both and Peerzada Mohammad, all residents of Sopore.

"Incriminating materials including threatening posters were recovered from their possession. Initial investigation into the matter reveals that these individuals were involved in publishing and circulation of threatening posters of proscribed terror outfit LeT in Sopore area," the police said.

In a separate incident, officers at a checkpoint established at Kupwara bypass crossing intercepted arrested two militant "associates", identified as Ulfat Bashir Mir and Ajiaz Ahmad Bhat.

## 50 students ill after midday meal in Odisha

**Jaipur:** As many as 50 students of two government schools in Odisha's Jaipur were taken ill after consuming mid-day meal on Saturday, officials said.

The first incident occurred at Sibantpur Upper Primary School

under Haridaspur panchayat of Dharmasala block, they said. About 40 students were vomiting and complaining of stomach pain after consuming the meal, an official said. In another incident, 10 students of Bamphu

Mangarajpur Nodal School were rushed to the CHC with similar complaints, the official said. All the students were discharged after preliminary treatment. Dharmasala block education officer Prafulla Kumar Behera said. PTI

## BJP, Cong in war of words over tribunal order on Young Indian

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

A DAY after the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal upheld the withdrawal of income tax exemption granted to Young Indian, an entity controlled by Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her family, Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Saturday said that after the "Vadra model of development", the Young Indian organisation was a "family model of development".

He was reacting to the tribunal's rejection of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi's application to make Young Indian a charitable trust.

Congress leader Randeep Surjewala meanwhile said, "What is subjective need not be commented upon. It may look like a setback for certain news channels, to certain news channels, but, I can assure you, the majesty of law will prevail and the truth out in the open is that Young Indian is a not-for-profit company and neither Mr Modi nor his cronies can change this inalienable truth."

"No genuine activities have been carried out by the assessee either in furtherance of its objects or otherwise, which can be held to be for charitable purpose because one of the so-called purpose of acquiring Associated Journals Ltd [AJL] was not carried out at all."

"For the Congress, family and commerce run hand in hand, are integrally linked and given a political colour. In 2010, Young Indian Ltd was formed and was exempted from income tax. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Suman Dubey and Sam Pitroda were part of this company. J L Nehru had started the National Herald newspaper, which stopped in 2008. Even after that, Rs 90 crore was given to the paper, and government property worth Rs 2,000 crore was handed to it," Prasad said, addressing the media.

The senior BJP leader added, "We have no hesitation in holding that the entire transaction of transferring the shares of AJL to Young Indian was nothing but, as held by the learned court, a clandestine and surreptitious transfer of lucrative interests in the premises to Young Indian."

### KERALA

## Event put off in view of Hindu marriage, village to mark Milad-un-Nabi today

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
NOVEMBER 16

MUSLIMS OF a village in Kerala's Kozhikode district will celebrate Milad-un-Nabi, the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad, a week later, on Sunday, after having postponed the event on its original date, November 10, as a friendly gesture to accommodate and help smooth conduct of a Hindu wedding at a house opposite the local mosque.

The Jama Masjid at Edivetti village, under Changaroth panchayat of Kozhikode, sits right across the house of Indira Nambiar, whose daughter Prathyusha, a post-graduate student, got married last Sunday.

Mahallu committee (local committee) secretary N C Abdurahiman said, "The Hindu family had already fixed the wedding for November 10. They did not realise it was Milad-un-Nabi. Functions take place through the day during a marriage, and we would have also conducted many cultural events (on Milad-un-Nabi). We decided to postpone the functions at the mosque to avoid disturbing the marriage function."

Indira Nambiar said they did not imagine that the mosque would postpone its functions for her daughter's wedding. "The mahallu committee told us that they were postponing their event to November 17 to help us. We did not make any such request. Many members of the masjid came to our house to bless my daughter that day," she said.

Abdurahiman said the masjid has 120 Muslim families under it and everyone in the mahallu agreed to the friendly gesture. "At a time when people are clashing over religion, we wanted to demonstrate our concern for the brethren in another community. We could have conducted the cultural evening last Sunday to mark Milad-un-Nabi, but that would have caused nuisance for the marriage...as the house is just in front of the mosque," he said.

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Whereas, Punjab National Bank/ the Authorised Officer/s of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice(s). The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 21st day of August of the year 2019. The borrower/s /guarantor/s /mortgagor/s attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the account	Name of the Borrower (Owner of the property)	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand notice/ Possession Notice	Amt O/s as on the date of demand notice	Name of the Authorised Officer
1.	MAHAPUR	M/s Bharat endudyog Proprietor: Aryan Raj S/o- Kapil DevPrasad Vill-Bhauliyatand, Po-Purainee, Dist- Nawada	Sri Jagdish Yadav	1. Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2.E.M of property covered under sale deed no 9795 dated 31.07.2009, Khata No.-23, Survey plot no.-872-873, Thana No.-434, Area -25 decimal located at Mauja – kharatdist-nawada in the name of JagdishYadav S/O-Late SukarYadav. Boundary: N-Dindayal Yadav, S-Dashrath Manjhiroad, E-Umrwayadav, W-Saiyad Anwar Mahmum.	25.06.2019/ 11.11.2019	₹ 2069706.82 as on 12.03.2019 + intt. From 01.10.2018 & other charges if any	Sri Anup Kumar Saha
2.	SHAHPUR	M/s- Aditya food and agro industries Proprietor- SmtManitaPriya W/o-Rajeev Kumar Vill-Koachgawn, Po – Koachgawn Dist-Nawada 805108	Smt Manita Priya	1.Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2.E.M of land and building in the name of Smt Manita Priya W/o-Rajeev Kumar having Area-3.0 Decimal. Mauza-Koachgaon, Thana no.-484, Khata no-562, Khesra no.-4079, plot no-872, Tauzi no.-5369. Dist- Nawadah. Boundary: N- Bhole Singh, S-Rasta, E-Umesh Singh, W-Nareesh Singh.	30.07.2019/ 11.11.2019	₹ 21,86,966.68 as on 31.12.2018 + intt. From 01.01.2019 & other charges if any	Sri Anup Kumar Saha
3.	CHANDINU- WAN	M/s- Yashpal Rice Mill Proprietor - Yashpal Sharma S/o-Jagdish Singh Vill-Chandinuwan, Po – Kashichak Dist -Nawada	Sri Jagdish Singh & Ramashish Singh	1.Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2.E.M of land and building in the name of Sri Jagdish Singh &Ramashish Singh S/o-Baldeo Singh having Area-6.0 Decimal. Mauza- Chandinuwan, Thana no.-519, khata no-108, plot no-1801. Dist. - Nawadah. Boundary: N- Ramanand Singh, S-Gali Then Naval Singh, E-Mukesh Singh, W-P.C.C road.	16.07.2019/ 11.11.2019	₹ 27,96,544.28 as on 12.07.2019 + intt. From 29.05.2019 & other charges if any	Sri Anup Kumar Saha
4.	BIHARSHARIF	M/s Rajnish family hotel Proprietor: Sri Rajnish Kumar S/o- Vishnudeo Prasad Mohalla- Gaurgarh,Near NCC office, Biharsharif Dist- Nalanda 803101	Sri Vishnudeo Prasad	1.Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2.E.M of property covered under sale deed no. 7671 dated 19.06.2010, Khata No.- 238, Khesra No.1498, Thana No.-10, Area -10.93decimal located at Mauja – Rampur Baignabad Ps-biharsharif. Boundary: N-12 wide road, S-Thakurimahto, E-Suresh prasad, W-Bulbul singh.	04.12.2018/ 13.11.2019	₹ 35,37,191.00 as on 30.11.2018 + intt. From 01.01.2016 & other charges if any	Sri Ratnak Jha
5.	CHANDI	Smt. Pinki Devi W/o- Nunu Prasad Vill:- Madhopur Garh, Po- Madhopur Dist.-Nalanda 803108	Smt Pinki Devi	EM of land and building sale deed no.-5063 dt 06.07.2016 in the name of SmtPinki Devi W/o- Sri Nunu Prasad having Area-3.125 Decimal. Mauza-Madhopur, Thana no.-234, khata no-281,plot no-3674, Dist. - Nalanda.Boundary: N- Late Dasrath Pd. Singh, S-Haja Rasta 14feet, E-Haja Neez Vikreta, W-Pand Bandhu Gramin Sadak.	30.07.2019/ 13.11.2019	₹ 2734879.76 as on 30.06.2019 + intt. From 01.06.2019 & other charges if any	Sri Ratnak Jha
6.	KHIRUBIGHA	M/s Rashmi Electricals Proprietor: Devendra Prasad Singh, S/o-Shiv Narayan Singh Mohalla-Telitola, ward no-08 P.o-Hilsa, Distt-Nalanda	Sri Shiv Narayan Singh	1. Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2. EM of property covered under deed no.1133 dated 09.03.2005, plot no.2415,2417,2418, khata no 582, thana number-177,area-3.67 decimal located at Mohalla-Telitola, Ward no 08, P.o-Hilsa, P.s-Hilsa, Dist-Nalanda in name of Sri Shiv Narayan Singh S/o- Sri Late Jamuna Singh. Boundary: N- mahabir Saw S-Chandeshwar Saw, E-Sita Ram Yadav, W-10ft lane.	20.08.2019/ 13.11.2019	₹ 08,18,975.78 as on 20.08.2019 + intt. From 01.05.2019 & other charges if any	Sri Ratnak Jha
7.	BHAGALPUR CITY	M/s Rajhans Medical Hall Proprietor: Poonam Rajhans W/o-Mukesh Rajhans Vill-Abirmishra lane, PS- Champanagar Dist- Bhagalpur- 812004	Smt Poonam Rajhans	1. Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2.E.M of property covered under deed no.10287 dated 01.10.2015, Holding no-38(part), khata no 708, khesra no-574 &576(part), area- 1.65 decimal located at Mauza-Kaushik nath Jha lane, Ward no 06, P.s-Nathnagar, Dist- Bhagalpur in name of SmtPoonam raj hansh W/o- Mukesh Raj hansh. Boundary: N- 10 wide road S- late Satyanarayan Mishra & other, E-mauzilal Jha college, W-Dilpijha.	20.08.2019/ 14.11.2019	₹ 17,74,788.26 as on 20.08.2019 + intt. From 01.04.2019 & other charges if any	Sri Ashwini Kumar Sharma
8.	PIPARIYA	M/s Ons Cattle Food Industries Proprietor: Smt Kanchan Kumari W/o- Krishna Kumar, At- Walipur, Po-Walipur, P.s- Piparia, Dist.– Lakhisarai 811311	Smt Kanchan Kumari	1. Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2.E.M of property covered under sale deed no.2299 dt. 28.06.2017 in the name of KanchanKumari having area-3.625 decimel, located at Mauza -garhibishanpur, Khata No.-310, Khasra No.-60, Thana No.-14, Tauzi no-5920. Dist-lakhisarai. Boundary: N-Hall purchaser smtNutan Devi, S-Nij E-Laxmikanjha, W-Road and school boundary	03.08.2019/ 15.11.2019	₹ 14,65,609.40 as on 31.12.2018 + intt. From 01.01.2019 & other charges if any	Sri Ashwini Kumar Sharma
9.	BIND	M/s Lavkush Khad Bhandar Proprietor: Vijendra yadav S/o- Sita ram yadav, Vill-Madanchak, Po-Sakhsobra, Ps- Bind, Dist- Nalanda	Smt Sunoka Devi	1. Hypothecation of fix & furniture, plant & machinery, stocks and entire asset lying at unit 2.E.M of property covered under sale deed no 5195 , Khata No.-10,35, Khasra No.314,315 Thana No.-203, Area -4.68 decimal located at Mauja –Madanchak in the name of sunokadevi. Boundary: N-Bindeshwar Yadav and Ramotar Yadav, S-Nageshwar Yadav, E-Chalitarr Yadav, W-Anandi Yadav & Nageshwar Yadav	28.01.2019/ 15.11.2019	₹ 10,47,503.50 as on 30.06.2016 + intt. From 01.07.2016 & other charges if any	Sri Ratnak Jha

Place : Biharsharif Date : 16.11.2019

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# 10 IDEA EXCHANGE

## NEWSMAKERS IN THE NEWSROOM

We have huge job opportunities, and if we get 75% share... Have you seen Haryana state taxis? The drivers are not from Haryana. Why can't we train children to become drivers? Where will Uber and Ola go then?"



**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA:** The 10 seats that you won in the Haryana Assembly elections were on a mandate against the BJP. By allying with the party, haven't you betrayed those who voted for you?

The mandate was not only against the BJP but the Congress too. Going with the Congress or the BJP... It was the same call for us. Our agenda was to establish a stable government in the state. With the Congress, we could not have made a stable government because they did not have the numbers. We would have been short by five (MLAs).

We have agreed on a Common Minimum Programme with the BJP, and a committee with two MLAs, one from each party, has been set up for it... Our priority is 75 per cent reservation in private jobs. A Bill shall be introduced in the next Vidhan Sabha session. Before that, my target is to get it passed through the Cabinet as an ordinance so that we can have 75 per cent employment in every corner of the state.

**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA:** There is a lot of anger amongst youngsters about the lack of jobs.

Apart from Tripura, which is a very small state, we (Haryana) have the largest number of unemployed (people). I have mooted 75 per cent quota for locals in jobs in the state. Unemployment is also impacting the Goods and Services Tax returns. Nobody has ever reported a story on revenue losses due to the GST. It is because the GST is collected at the base where (the product) is consumed and not at the place where it is produced. Today, most of the GST collection is from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, but the net losers are Haryana, Punjab and states such as Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand, which are producing more than they are consuming. If we do not create employment within the state, consumption will not be much. If someone from outside finds employment in Haryana, they take revenue back to their state, and the consumption will happen there. It is this loss (of revenue) that we are facing. Our state is facing a crisis of more than Rs 1,500 crore per annum — these are my own figures and not the government's. Recovery will happen when we begin to employ people of our own state in private companies.

**VARINDER BHATIA:** Can you elaborate on the Common Minimum Programme agreed upon between the Jannayak Janata Party and the BJP?

I have analysed the BJP's manifesto, and about 60 per cent of the points are common with our manifesto. We will have people from the manifesto committee and bureaucracy implement the policies as soon as possible. We have to analyse and get the best results out of both manifestos. There are things in the BJP manifesto which can be worked out with the JJP manifesto. One of their points is to increase (old-age) pension. We want it to be Rs 5,100. So we have to come to a mutual conclusion over the amount.

When I analysed the (plan to) increase salaries of sarpanch and zila parishad members, from Rs 3,000 to Rs 8,000, and Rs 1,600 to Rs 4,000, respectively, it showed a budget increase of Rs 70 crore per annum and that is not a big number for the government. The government can spend the amount to streamline the panchayati raj system. A sarpanch spends Rs 3,000 on one day's travel to Chandigarh, because there are four tolls on the way. There is expenditure on fuel and food. How can he travel twice or thrice a month to Chandigarh on a salary of Rs 3,000? A policy change is needed. We have to work on the idea.

**VARINDER BHATIA:** How will you generate funds for providing pension of Rs 5,100 per month?

We have to see... If we ensure 75 per cent reservation in employment for our own people, our consumption will increase, and our budget will also increase by approximately Rs 9,000 crore through GST collection. Taking some Rs 800 (crore) out of the Rs 9,000 crore is what? It's not even 10 per cent. Can't we invest that 10 per cent into development of people who require help, especially people who are in their old age.

**CHAHAT RANA:** In the Common Minimum Programme, what do you have for women of the state?

Our agenda is to provide support for mothers and their children. If you streamline the system and deposit an X amount into the account of mothers, I think it will become much easier for them to pay for the education of their children and other facilities, instead of running around departments (to get the

### WHY DUSHYANT CHAUTALA

The 31-year-old Dushyant Chautala led the 11-month-old Jannayak Janata Party to victory in 10 seats in the Haryana Assembly elections recently, and showed political astuteness by allying with the BJP and securing the post of Deputy Chief Minister for himself. With his win from Hisar Lok Sabha seat last time, he had become the

youngest MP ever. Last year, the Uchana Kalan MLA split from his family-run Indian National Lok Dal and formed the JJP. Recently, Chautala told the Assembly that the state government would bring a Bill in the next session of the House to provide 75% reservation for Haryana residents — one of the JJP's main poll promises



"Yes, paddy husk is burnt... We haven't taken steps to reuse the waste. (Waste to energy) power plants have been set up in Punjab, Rajasthan. We need it in Haryana. There has to be a policy change

## 'PM said things against Nitish... I was called monkey. These are political statements... not a commitment'

Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala talks about allying with BJP "for a stable govt", asserts BJP-JJP will "work together strongly" till next polls, dismisses fears of BJP finishing smaller parties like his, and says reserving 75% jobs for Haryana's youth is way to boost state's economy



Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala with Resident Editor (Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh) Manraj Grewal Sharma in *The Indian Express* newsroom in Chandigarh. Jaipal Singh

money). As an MP, I have seen mothers seek funds for treatment of their children, or for their admissions, and complain about running between departments. Streamlining the system will help everybody. The biggest issue for a mother, till her children are 15 years of age, is to find ways to support them. And, if it is a single mother, the burden on her is double.

**KANCHAN VASDEV:** You sought votes promising to bring about change. What is that change in Haryana now?

I am in power as the Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana. Isn't that a change?

**SOFI AHSAN:** But you proposed a new system and joined the old one...

I will continue to fight against issues such as the medical scam (alleged wrongdoings in the purchase of medicines, equipment etc). People voted for us, against the Congress and BJP. There has been corruption in the past five years. I can assure you that there will be action taken against those involved in the SC/ST scholarship scam, mining scam, the medical scam... There has to be change in the way things are run... We will work together.

**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA:** In Haryana, whenever a coalition government has been in power, the bigger party eats into the smaller party. Do you fear that?

If you see what happened earlier, when Bansi Lalji (of the Haryana Vikas Party) and the BJP were in alliance or when (Om Prakash) Chautalaji and the BJP were in alliance... the BJP, which was a minor partner in the alliance with the INLD and Bansi Lalji, is a major partner today. They came to power with full majority in 2014.

It has been a challenge for us because we had to create the party in December 2018, get it registered in April and then we had to face three elections, including the bypolls. But see the increase in the people's support. In the Lok Sabha elections, we got about 6 per cent of the votes and today we are at 15 per cent. We had eight lakh votes and now we have 18 lakh. People have supported us to bring change and development in the state. Who knows what will happen in 2024 but I assure you that we (the BJP and JJP) will work together strongly till the next elections. We will focus on generating more employment; more industries have to come in... The number of mobile companies in India has increased from four to 260, but how much of this has come to Haryana? Zero. We need to get Apple, Samsung and other

such firms. They can ensure large-scale employment.

**VARINDER BHATIA:** You said that action will be taken against the corrupt, but your own family members have been convicted in corruption cases.

You need to define what corruption is. The case against my father... according to the High Court judgment... it is very clear that zero money was involved and no relative or party worker was given employment. Where is the corruption? There were two lists and nobody can prove which was original and which was not. The 3,206 JBT (Junior Basic Training) teachers were employed in 2000 and today it is 2019. They have done 19 years of government service and are still there. How can you call it corruption? It's not like Bihar or Uttar Pradesh where people went out of jobs and were thrown behind bars. There was a huge chunk of money involved. In the case of my father, I can make it very clear that he was not even a part of the state government. He was put behind bars because of a word that was put in the chargesheet — 'Bhai Sahab'.

**VANDANA SHARMA:** What is your stand on the cases registered against Jats for violence during the 2016 quota agitation?

There was a statement issued by the BJP government that those cases will be taken back. We will work on it and I guarantee that some steps will be taken. But I think the matter is sub-judice and in the high court for now. It is too early to predict what will happen.

**VARINDER BHATIA:** During the campaign, Union Home Minister Amit Shah called the Hooda and Chautala



**families 'termites of democracy'. After the alliance, you went and presented him a bouquet.**

Political statements were also made by the Prime Minister against Nitish Kumar... I was also called a monkey during the campaign. These are just political statements.

**MAN AMAN SINGH CHINNA:** So all such statements should be taken with a pinch of salt in the future?

It is not a political commitment... it's a political statement. If I start picking statements made by people in the Congress, or people who are supporting the Congress... or anti-BJP statements made by people who are now in the BJP and were earlier in the Congress... You can't do politics like that. You need to have a large heart and forgive and forget in order to move forward for the development of people. That is the main idea.

**SOFI AHSAN:** Stubble burning in Haryana and Punjab has been blamed for the pollution in Delhi. How do you plan to tackle this?

The cases (in Haryana) have not been registered by officers, but through satellite mapping — as per my information. Yes, paddy husk is burnt... In the last decade we haven't taken steps to reuse the waste. There have been power plants made in Punjab and Rajasthan. There is one power plant right next to my village, Chautala, which is in Rajasthan. It has a capacity of 3 MW and produces power out of agricultural waste — paddy, wheat or of any other crop. We need to set up the same in Haryana. The government has already approved one such plant in Panipat. But that is not enough. We need to expedite the process, there has to be a policy change. We need to build more waste-to-energy plants.

"Economic slowdown needs drastic steps. The Centre has taken one or two steps but they need to do more. We need foreign investment... We have a young economy... we can fill the gap China and US have failed to

Decomposer is another thing. There is technology being created in HAU (Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University)... I have asked for a full report. They have built a dome where agricultural waste is put... and the fuel produced can replace LPG, and can be supplied to one full village with a population of 5,000 people. If we can do that at a cost of Rs 15 lakh per village, people can convert waste to energy in their own village. This harks back to Gandhiji's idea of a nation of self-sufficient villages.

**NTITIN SHARMA:** In its previous tenure, the BJP government faced flak for proposing a tax on the income of professional players.

I will not dwell on what happened in the past. I know that we (Haryana) ensure one-third of the country's medals. The 2020 Olympics is round the corner, our idea is to provide the best facilities at any expense to all those who are participating. We have wrestlers who have already qualified. We have a boxer also. We need facilities and we need international-level training. We were never in competition in table tennis... We never won any medal in the Asian Games (in the sport). But now we have won three medals in the Asian Games... Winning three medals in the Asian Games is equivalent to winning three medals in the Olympics because most of the countries participating in table tennis at the Olympics are Asian anyway. We don't have facilities for fencing in Haryana. I went for the Run for Unity at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Gurgaon and a group of five girls came up to me for a selfie. They informed me that they do gymnastics and that they don't have indoor facilities. This needs to be developed in the next five years. We have the capability but we also need to provide adequate facilities.

During the elections, I got worried when I noticed that most of the counting booths were on sports grounds, which had been closed for six months — from the Lok Sabha to the Vidhan Sabha elections. We need to make sure that at least athletes get to access these stadiums.

**HINA ROHTAKI:** According to you, which area needs immediate attention in the state?

It's unemployment. That will be my prime focus. I will work 24/7 on this. We have huge employment opportunities in the state, and if we get 75 per cent share in that... So I shall work towards that. Have you seen the Haryana government taxis in the state? The drivers are not from Haryana. Why don't we employ Haryanvis? Why can't we give our chil-

dren training to become professional drivers? Where will Uber and Ola go then? They will have to hire our own people.

**JAGDEEP SINGH:** What do you think is the reason for the economic slowdown?

I have witnessed economic slowdown for the second time in my life. The first time was when I was in college in the US... I have seen my batchmates, who drove Hummers, switch to cycles in a period of nine months. That kind of slowdown needs drastic steps. The Central government has taken one or two steps but they need to do more. We need foreign investment. We have a young economy... We can fill the gap that China and US have failed to fill because they have an ageing population.

**SAURABH PRASHAR:** The quality of education in the state is also not very good. Do you plan to focus on that?

I promise you that in the next Budget the GDP share for education will be brought up to the level of BRICS countries such as Brazil. We have invested only 1.4 per cent of our GDP in education. Brazil invests about 4.8 per cent and China 6 per cent.

We also need to focus on research. Not one university (in Haryana) has a patent. I was talking to the CM the other day... Why do the IITs and IIMs survive? Their research brings in funds. We invest so much into our universities but what do we get back? There is one university, HAU, which used to give something back because it had dairy, horticulture and agriculture... But Mr (former CM Bhopinder) Hooda took out veterinary section from agriculture... When the BJP came to power at the Centre, they announced a horticulture university. However, instead of inaugurating another university, they just separated the horticulture department of HAU to make an independent university. Now only agriculture is left with HAU, which too is only limited to paddy and rice... We have to take steps to merge these universities and make research the prime focus. I will work with the CM for that. We don't have to pay two vice-chancellors to run one institution.

**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA:** What is your vision for the farmer?

We need to change the crop cycle and work with Israel on vertical farming. I went to Singapore as part of a government delegation and saw it has tomatoes growing at 20 feet through the year. I have tried it at my house where we have grown tomatoes under solar panels. We need to educate farmers instead of just providing subsidies and saying that we have done our duty.



11 SUNDAY STORY



Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray with son and MLA Aaditya at the music launch of the film *Thackeray* in Mumbai. Pradip Das

ON OCTOBER 29, at the annual pre-Diwali bash at his sprawling official residence Varsha in Mumbai’s Malabar Hill, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis exuded confidence in the BJP-Shiv Sena combine returning to power. The BJP had not done as well as it had hoped to, increasing its dependence on the Sena. Still, Fadnavis appeared confident that he would be the Chief Minister again, for the full five years. There were questions, but he brushed them aside, saying the BJP had made no commitment on sharing the top post with the Sena.

Sixteen kilometres away, at the two-storey Thackeray headquarters of Matoshree, the statement triggered alarm bells. Going by the Sena’s side of the story, it was at this very bungalow, on February 18, that BJP president Amit Shah had acceded to the demand of sharing the CM’s post with the Sena, in the push for a saffron alliance ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

The seam held fast for two elections — Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha — over eight months. Till came that blunt denial by Fadnavis, dealing a blow to the delicately poised Mahayuti (Grand Alliance).

“I am saddened that, for the first time ever, someone has accused me, a Thackeray, of being a liar,” Sena ‘Pramukh’ Uddhav, a normally circumspect man, shot back in an emotional outburst. Soon, the Sena had opened channels with traditional political opponents Congress and Nationalist Congress Party.

The happiest perhaps were Shiv Sena cadres. While the BJP and Sena had fought polls as allies, on the ground the tussle had been bitter, with rejected aspirants from both sides contesting as Independents and cadres refusing to canvass for each other. The BJP had also done little to dash persistent rumours that it was pushing for full majority on its own — buoyed by the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, giving it 23 seats out of 48.

In the 30-year history of the two parties, the BJP had already stolen a march in the contest for space of the senior partner, getting this time 164 seats of the 288 as its share, to the Sena’s 124. The “50:50” power-sharing deal had hence been the sweetener.



At first, Uddhav’s statement that the Sena was now keeping all its options open was thought to be posturing by the party, for better ministerial portfolios. With 105 MLAs, the BJP fell short of the half-way mark by 40. “We believed that the Sena insistence on the CM’s post was just a tactic to have greater say in government functioning,” a senior BJP leader says. However, within the Sena, Fadnavis’s unilateral declaration hit an already throbbing nerve. The party that was born of a nativist agenda had initially yoked itself to the BJP’s Hindutva politics to spread its influence beyond then Bombay. Over the years though, it is the BJP that gained more, successfully mixing religion with nationalism after the initial support from the Sena.

This realisation within the Sena has coincided recently with the emergence of 29-year-old Aaditya as the party’s face. The poetry-writing young Sainik has sought to project himself as a woke leader, championing socially progressive issues. His pet projects, such as improving the night life of Mumbai and promoting fitness, would have once been seen as alien to the Sena’s ethos. The 2018 plastic ban in the state was his brainchild, as well as the Sena decision to end its virulent opposition to Valentine’s Day. Aaditya also took the lead in the recent protests over tree-felling for the Metro project in Aarey area of Mumbai, ignoring the BJP’s complaints.

Within the party, the 29-year-old has faced little resistance. This is despite being seen as only a pale imitation of his grandfather, with a social circle that comprises mostly non-Marathi speakers. In January

2014, one of the Sena’s most senior leaders and a former MP, Chandrkrant Khair, was clicked in public touching Aaditya’s feet.

In the 2012 Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) polls, Aaditya was the Sena’s star campaigner. In 2014, he sat in as father Uddhav held coalition talks with the BJP for the Lok Sabha polls, ignoring sarcastic voices about him not being old enough to even contest for Parliament yet. In the 2019 Assembly elections, Aaditya went one step further and took the electoral plunge. Aaditya thus became the first Thackeray to contest any election, sealing the fact that this was a new Sena. The grooming of the young Thackeray fits in with the strong self-preservation streak of the family. The Thackerays have had bitter experience with conceding power to others within the Sena, including Manohar Joshi who became the party’s first CM, only to be unceremoniously replaced with Narayan Rane. The ambitious Rane, in turn, broke away from the Sena following differences with Uddhav. Given the BJP’s record of subsuming regional parties, Uddhav perhaps felt this was his best shot at securing his son’s future.

The BJP first realised matters were slipping out of its hands when Uddhav stopped speaking with Fadnavis. Through the five previous rollercoaster years, the two had developed a close relationship, and their “personal equation” was seen as the silver bullet for any problems in the alliance.

“I phoned him a number of times but he refused to take my calls,” Fadnavis said. The Sena chief also declined to meet Hindutva leader Sambhaji Bhide when he went to Matoshree as an emissary. “I do not talk to liars,” Uddhav said, shutting the door on further communication till the BJP conceded its demand of sharing the CM’s post.

Says senior BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar, “The Sena’s stand is inexplicable. We have been alliance partners for three decades. Even if they had some issues, it could have been sorted across the table.”

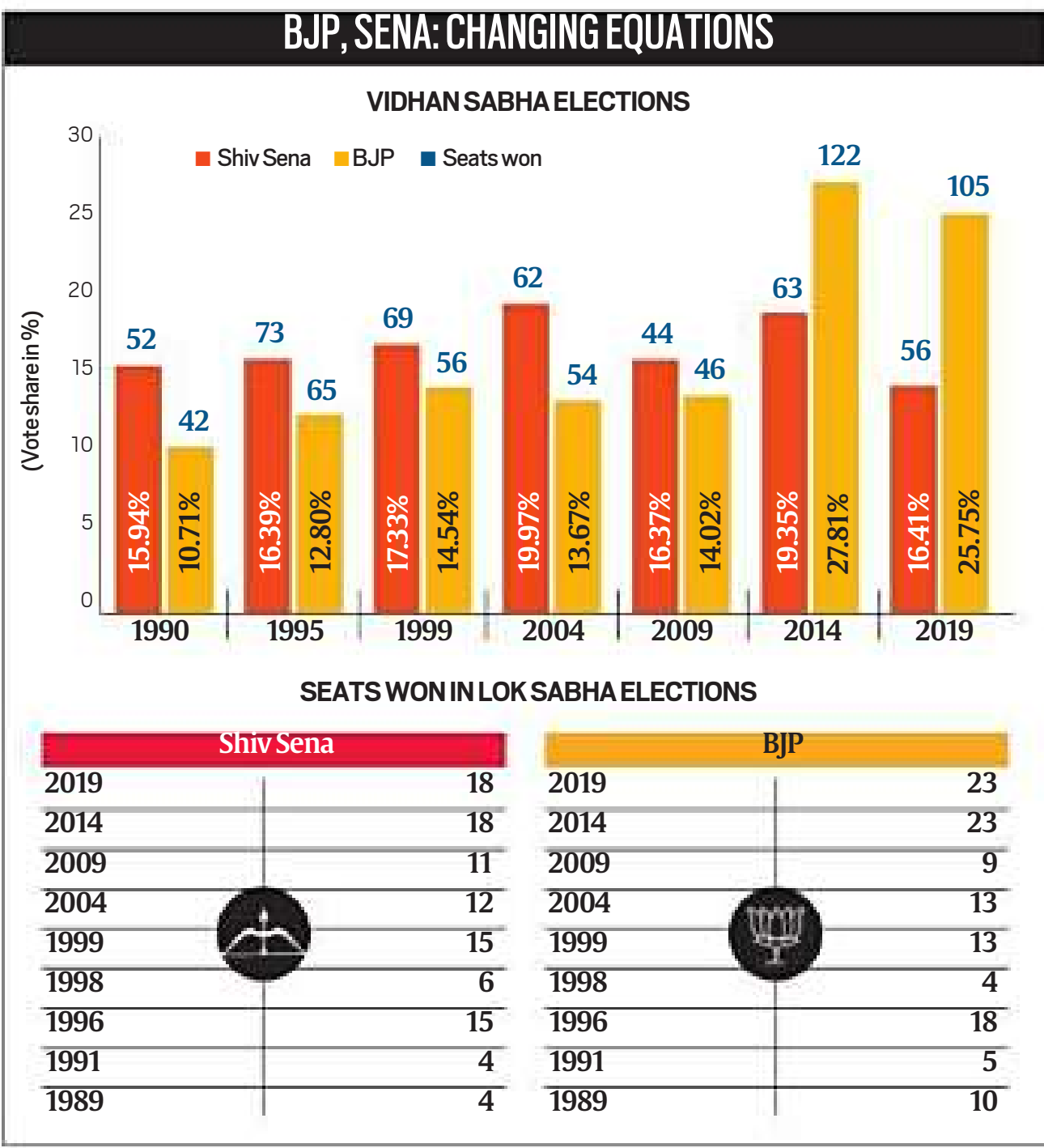
With the state under President’s Rule, anything is still possible. But, for now, the break with the BJP appears complete. The Congress, NCP and Sena have made progress on a common minimum programme towards forming a government.

And if the Congress appears to have got over the hump of a *pas de deux* with the “communal” Sena, the burden of ideology does not hang heavy on the latter. In 1971, the Sena had allied with K Kamaraj’s Congress (O) for the Lok Sabha polls; in 1978 and 1980 it had tied up with the Congress (I), first for the Assembly polls and then the Lok Sabha.



However, ideology may only be one problem for the Sena in this gamble. In hitching its fortunes to the NCP, many fear the Thackerays could end up playing straight into the hands of wily old warhorse Sharad Pawar.

It was Pawar’s decision to break away from the Progressive Democratic Front in 1987 and merge his Congress (S) with the Indian National Congress that had paved the way for the Sena’s expansion as a regional force in Maharashtra. Now, it is 78-year-old Pawar’s relentless shepherding of the NCP



campaign that is believed to have stopped the BJP and Sena short of power in the state.

Thackeray seems to have been pushed into the NCP corner by Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut, who enjoys a good rapport with Pawar. “When in Delhi, Raut spends the bulk of his time in the NCP supremo’s company. It is no surprise that he has been the most vocal proponent of this Sena-NCP alliance,” a senior BJP leader says.

Soon after the Assembly election results, Pawar is said to have spoken to Uddhav and told him that continuing the alliance with the BJP could be harmful for it in the long run, tapping into the Sena leader’s sentiments.

Shiv Sainiks point out that the changes within the Sena have left it more open to new friends. “Uddhavji has always taken an inclusive approach when it comes to expanding the party,” a former Sena state minister says. “We were deemed to be anti-Dalit but he was instrumental in forging Dalit-Shiv Sena unity. We were deemed to be regional in outlook but Uddhavsahab came up with ‘Mi Mumbaikar’ idea, in which all those who reside in Mumbai irrespective of their backgrounds are deemed locals.”

The Congress has changed too, donning a shade of saffron which both it and the Sena could live with. “Though the BJP and Sena are ideologically Hindutva parties, the BJP’s Hindutva is cultural while the Sena’s is political. A section of the Congress is also practising soft Hindutva these days, be it Rahul Gandhi’s frequent temple visits or the party welcoming the Ayodhya verdict. With a common minimum programme, an alliance with the NCP and Congress may work and the Sena may not lose much,” says Deepak Pawar,

assistant professor, Mumbai University’s Department of Civics and Politics.

Both the Congress and NCP point to the fact that they will hold the Sena to a common minimum programme. Pawar has said, “We are not against any religion, but we certainly insist on secularism.” Says Congress leader Sushil Kumar Shinde, “The party had ideological differences with the Sena in the past. There is smoothness in the relationship now.”

EXPLAINED E.

An alliance for survival

THE ALLIANCE between the NCP-Congress and Shiv Sena is a strategic grouping leading to the formation of a new political culture in Maharashtra with Sharad Pawar’s NCP at the helm. The 78-year-old Pawar has been the driving force behind this new political alliance. However, with an ambitious Ajit Pawar waiting in the wings, it needs to be seen for how long the party is willing to play second fiddle to the Sena over claims on the CM’s chair.

As for any reconciliation with the BJP, the Sena will need intervention at a level higher than Fadnavis’s. For, it is not just the Sena that has changed over the years, it is also the BJP.

When the Sena first sprang onto the scene in Congress-held Maharashtra in 1966, quite like the snarling tiger of its emblem, it was not a Hindutva party. It was a ‘son of the soil’ project that sought to ensure reservations for the Marathi *manos*. Its language chauvinism was a part of this, and the first target of its muscleman politics were Tamil and other South Indian migrants settled in then Bombay.

It jumped onto the Hindutva bandwagon in 1989, amidst the BJP’s rise on the strength of its temple movement. It was a mutually beneficial agreement, as the BJP sought to expand its footprint, and the Sena to grow beyond Mumbai and to get a seat on the national stage. The maths was straightforward: the Sena would fight more seats than the BJP in the Assembly elections, while it would be the reverse for the Lok Sabha.

Then, in the 2009 Assembly elections, the BJP with 46 seats won two more than the Sena and wrested the leader of the opposition post. Other signs of the shift in balance of power followed. Bal Thackeray’s towering presence as well as the more conciliatory BJP leadership in the form of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani had all along allowed the Sena to get away with its demands, with central BJP leaders often dropping in at Matoshree in a time-tested propitiatory gesture. Bal Thackeray’s death in 2012 followed by the passing of BJP reins to Narendra Modi disrupted that equation, even as Uddhav struggled to find his feet amid cousin Raj Thackeray’s rebellion.

“We were used to being treated as equals during the Vajpayee-Advani era. Under the Modi-Amit Shah duo, our leadership was treated like just any other regional party,” a Sena leader who was a senior minister in the outgoing government says.

On September 29, 2014, with weeks to go for the Assembly elections, senior BJP leader Eknath Khadse rang up Uddhav to drop a bombshell: the BJP had decided to contest by itself. That slap in the face still rankles. Says a Sena leader, “The BJP always muscled out its allies when they show any sign of weakness. When Uddhav took over, the BJP felt he was no Bal Thackeray and they could call the shots.”

But the BJP won just 122 seats, and needing 22 more, turned to the Sena again. With 63 MLAs, the Sena was the second-largest party. In a month, the alliance was on again. Sources say the push came from the Sena’s old guard, who were desperate to taste power having been in the wilderness since 1999, when the Sena-BJP had lost out to the Congress-NCP.

However, the cracks that had set in never did disappear. Sena ministers say Fadnavis’s handpicked bureaucrats ran circles around its men in the Cabinet, with the CM appointing OSDs to keep a watch over portfolios handled by them. “Our experience was similar to a bird being freed from a cage only to find its wings clipped,” says the former Sena minister.

Senior BJP leader Gopinath Munde, who belonged to Maharashtra, once acted as the go-between. But his death in June 2014, soon after Modi took over as Prime Minister the first time, snapped another channel of communi-

cation. Others also see in the chasm that traditional Marathi-Gujarati rivalry, with the hold of Gujarat-origin Modi and Shah on the BJP total.

The BJP, on top of it, kept needling Sena, including fighting against it in elections to municipal corporations. Finally, it set its eyes on the cash-rich BMC, an old Sena citadel. In the 2017 elections that the two fought separately, the BJP won 82 seats in Mumbai, just two less than the Sena’s 84.

During the run-up to the BMC elections, another Rubicon in the ties between the parties was crossed when BJP leaders like MP Kirit Somaiya were allowed to personally attack Uddhav and raise questions about his finances.

Shah’s visit to Matoshree ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections was, therefore, a significant gesture. Modi, incidentally, has not called here since he became PM.



So, was there a 50:50 deal agreement between the BJP and Sena at that Matoshree meeting, as Uddhav claims, or none, as Shah and Fadnavis insist?

Fadnavis had announced at the time that there would be “equal power-sharing”. “When we return to power, we will maintain equality in post and responsibilities,” he said.

While he did not mention anything about the CM’s post, in a publicised interaction with the Shiv Sainiks a day after the alliance was sealed, Uddhav said there would be a Sena CM for two-and-a-half years if the alliance came to power. In July, Aaditya told *The Indian Express*, “Of course, the Sena will have a chief minister. And this has been decided between BJP president Amit Shahji and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackerayji. There were four people in the room, including me.”

This apparent loss-in-translation was glaring, but both sides preferred to let it pass than bring the matter to a head before the polls.

With the Sena not budging after the results, Shah last week said in an interview to ANI, “Why did the Sena not contradict us when we proclaimed Fadnavis as chief minister?” The Sena pointed out, “We have been saying too that there will be a Sena chief minister, and the BJP did not object.”

At a press conference on November 8, Uddhav went on to recount, step by step, how the February 2019 alliance was sealed, and how he had told Shah to convey all the details of the agreement to Fadnavis. He claimed he didn’t publicly mention the agreement to share the CM post on Fadnavis’s own request. “That’s why that sentence in the agreement — ‘equal sharing of power and responsibilities’,” he argued.

Raut suggested later that the reason the BJP is now denying the agreement is that Shah may have kept Modi in the dark on it. The BJP has said this shows Raut has no idea how it functions. “Sanjay Raut will need several lifetimes to understand this,” Maharashtra BJP leader and MLA Ashish Shelar said.



One of the biggest challenges for the Sena now will be to ensure that the NCP (54 seats, just a whisker short of the Sena) and Congress (44 MLAs) do not pull the rug out from under its feet.

But the Sena is determined to make it work. “The BJP did all it could to harm our prospects. How long could we stick to an ally who wants to finish us off? For our survival we must expand our base and go beyond the issues of Marathi and Hindutva,” a party leader says.

Adds another, “You can’t prosper under someone else’s shadow. The 2019 Assembly results are there for everyone to see. We need to come out of this shadow to grow our base.” There is that other shadow though — in case of a waiting game, the Sena and other parties will be apprehensive of the BJP’s power to lure their leaders over.





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## WINTER IS COMING

As Kashmir witnesses an unusually early winter, with snow flattening trees and power lines, BASHAARAT MASOOD on how the chill has added to the problems of a region now under 100 days of lockdown — from farmers counting their losses to the soldier who is still to get his kerosene stove, his source of warmth in this distant land

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ON NOVEMBER 5, the Met office in Srinagar issued a warning: "An active western disturbance and its interaction with cyclone MAHA is mostly likely to cause widespread moderate to heavy snowfall and (rain in plains of Jammu, Kashmir) in Ladakh during 6th to 8th November... Low temperatures and heavy snowfall submitted for the information of general public."

But with the Valley yet to recover from the lockdown that came with the August 5 revocation of special status to Jammu and Kashmir, with prepaid phones and Internet connection still to be restored, the warning went largely unnoticed. On the morning of November 7, Srinagar and the rest of Kashmir woke up to a blanket of snow that brought the day's temperature to a maximum of 6 degrees Celsius. Trees, which had given way under the weight of the snow on their canopies, lay uprooted across the Valley, power lines caved in and air transport was halted for two days. While electricity in Srinagar was restored after five days, large parts of the Valley continue to be plunged in darkness, nine days after the season's first snow.

On November 16, the J&K administration moved former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti from a Chashni Shahi hut, where she has been under arrest since August 4-5, to a government quarter in Srinagar. Her daughter, Ilija Mufti said she had been moved out because the hut where she was kept "was not fully equipped for Kashmir winters".

With the Valley still snowed under, the new Union Territory administration, having moved

to Jammu in the last week of October as part of the annual Darbar Move, was largely missing in action. The annual pruning of tree branches was mostly not done and the snow machines were missing from the roads.

Despite repeated calls, Divisional Commissioner Basheer Khan was unavailable for comment. A senior government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, however, said the snowfall was unusually heavy this time and that the administration did its best to ensure the advisory reached people. He also said the government acted swiftly to ensure the roads were cleared after the snowfall.

Every year, taking its cue from the apple harvest season, Kashmir begins to prepare for the four-month-long winter — stocking up essentials, pruning trees, preparing charcoal and covering water pipes with foam and clothes to prevent them from freezing. But this year, even before the chinar trees had started to shed their ripe, golden leaves, the lowlands of the Valley had witnessed the first snowfall of the season, sudden and heavy. From around two-and-a-half feet of snow in south Kashmir's Shopian to around 10 inches in most parts of north Kashmir on November 7, this was among the Valley's heaviest snowfall spells for the month.

The unexpected winter took everyone by surprise: from the homemaker who hadn't brought out her *kangri* (the fire-pot tucked under *pherans* whose glowing charcoal embers keep Kashmiris warm during its biting cold winters), to the apple farmer who hadn't pruned his trees.



A CRPF jawan in Bandipora. The government has arranged for jackets, sleeping bags and blankets for the troops

## 35 PER CENT OF APPLE TREES IN VALLEY DAMAGED DUE TO SNOW

THE APPLE FARMERS, BARAMULLA

"If IT snows again, I will be finished," says Irshad Ahmad Bhat, shifting his gaze between the apple trees in his two-and-a-half-acre orchard and the skies. It is cloudy and the J&K Met office has predicted another spell of snow — the second in the first fortnight of November.

Under the heavy snowfall this year, most of the apple trees in Bhat's orchard, at Goshabugh village in Baramulla, have been damaged — some of them have been uprooted, some split down the middle, some have had their branches ripped off.

"It took us more than 30 years to raise this orchard. See what one spell of snowfall has done," he says, standing beside a tree whose trunk stands cleaved. "The soil is moist, the trees are weak and the leaves are still on the branches. These trees won't stand any more snowfall," he adds.

Kashmir's apple industry, a major contributor to the region's economy, is the biggest casualty of this year's untimely snowfall. The snow, which came on the back of a dismal season marked by militant threats, government intervention and low market prices, has dealt the industry another blow. Official figures reveal that more than a third of the Valley's fruit trees have been damaged in the snowfall.

The Valley accounts for around 75 per cent of India's total apple production, making it a Rs 8,000 crore industry. Kashmir

produces more than 18 lakh metric tonnes of apples, grown across 3.62 lakh acres and supporting a population of more than 40 lakh people.

"According to our preliminary loss assessment, 35 per cent of orchards have been damaged due to the unseasonal snow," says Horticulture Director Ajaz Ahmad Bhat. The damage has been particularly severe in Kupwara, Baramulla and Kulgam districts.

Every year after the harvest season, fruit growers and tree branches to reduce the surface area of the tree so that it doesn't give way under the weight of snow. But this year, with farmers delaying the harvest after militants warned them against plucking the fruits, the trees were not pruned. Pruning, which usually lasts until the end of December, is a specialised skill, with labourers in high demand immediately after the harvest season.

With Internet still down, Bhat says he missed the J-K Met department's snowfall advisory. Even if he had, he says, he probably wouldn't have been able to save his trees since they weren't pruned. Blaming the government for the loss, he says, "They didn't do enough to make sure the weather advisory reached people."

Other orchardists such as Shah Nawaz Ahmad, who owns three acres of an apple orchard in Shopian, says he acted fast to limit the damage from the sudden snow. "As the snow started to accumulate, we went into the orchard and shook the tree branches to remove the snow. That helped save many of my trees," he says.

Recently, the Horticulture Department released ads on radio, informing growers on how to hasten the shedding of tree leaves so that the trees can be pruned. But

the ads came too late: the snow had already damaged most of the trees.

## TWO-HOUR NIGHT SHIFT IN OUTPOSTS, DOWN FROM EIGHT HOURS, DUE TO THE COLD

SOLDIERS AT CRPF CAMP IN SUMBHAL, BANDIPORA

"EVERYONE SAYS Kashmir is heaven..." says AK Roy, an Assistant Commandant of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at a camp of the 45 Battalion in Sumbhal, Bandipora. Around him lie heaps of snow speckled with dirt, and a steady drizzle picks pace. "Of course, it is heaven," he continues, "but only from April to October. After October, it is hell." Roy is originally from Bihar and this is his second posting in the Valley.

To outsiders in the Valley, especially security personnel posted for the first time, Kashmir's long winter months can be harsh. Having brought in additional troops this summer, the government has made elaborate arrangements for them, including arranging one lakh thermal inner wear, more than 60,000 jackets, sleeping bags and blankets. The government has also constructed 70 insulated prefabricated barracks and issued 1,500 kerosene heaters to the troops.

But nothing prepared a young personnel from Manipur to the sight he woke up to one night. "It was around 3 am. It was

snowing. I was ecstatic. I had never seen snow before in my life," says the soldier, who came to Kashmir four months ago. "It was a bit cold and I wore my *gamucha* (scarf) and went out to see the snow. But as the morning drew closer, I started to tremble. The joy of seeing snow for the first time was over. There was no electricity at the camp and there was no way to escape the cold — only a kerosene stove," he adds.

The kerosene stove is what sees paramilitary personnel through the Valley's winter months. More than a hundred kerosene stoves have been issued to the Sumbhal camp, that has anywhere between 200 and 250 CRPF men. But the personnel say the stoves, though essential, are not enough when temperatures drop to sub-zero levels.

As the Valley's farmers prepare for their harvest, it is the first sign for the CRPF to begin their winter preparations, starting with servicing and repairing of the kerosene stoves.

"We start preparing for winter in the last week of September. We get all the heaters from the store, get them serviced and repaired, if needed. We also make an assessment of how many new ones we need and purchase them," says Assistant Commandant Kailash Chandra, a resident of Rajasthan who looks after the administration at the camp. An icy cold draft blows through his room, small and dark without electricity for the last eight days.

The CRPF stores are well stocked with winter essentials such as snow boots, winter uniform and thermal wear, but the camp commander has little say in deciding when to requisition them. "That decision is taken at the top, by senior officials in the Valley. A



Children play in Goshabugh, Baramulla. On November 7, most parts of north Kashmir recorded around 10 inches of snow

cold assessment is done and they decide when to provide what to the personnel," says Chandra. "We get regular instructions. The snow boots, thermals etc are issued almost simultaneously throughout the Valley. Similarly, we also get specific instructions on when to issue the heaters and the stoves," he adds.

The stove has its limitations, though — they are not allowed inside the mobile ve-

hicle bunkers and they are almost useless in the camp outposts or the sand bunkers in the open. "We are not allowed kerosene heaters inside the bunker vehicles because there is the risk of suffocation. But sometimes we manage to sneak one inside, and ensure there is some ventilation. How else can we survive this cold?" says a CRPF personnel from Odisha recently posted in Srinagar.

## 142 HOURS OF POWER BLACKOUT IN NORTH KASHMIR

THE BASHIRS, SOPORE, BARAMULLA

ON THE night of November 6, Madeeha Bashir, 18, was preparing for her Biology exam when the lights went out. A routine disruption, she thought, and switched on the power back-up at her home in Chinkipora in Sopore, south Kashmir. By morning, the power back-up packed up too. On November 9, the district administration announced that it would take five more days to restore lines. So for the next few days until her Biology exam on November 14, Madeeha studied by the candlelight. "I also had to cut down on study hours. I usually study for more than 14 hours during exam season. But could barely study for six hours," she says.

"In north Kashmir, we had a problem because transmission towers fell at five or six places. It takes around a month and a half to erect a new tower," says Chief Engineer, Power Development Department, Qazi Hashmat. "But we have temporarily restored power by criss-crossing the lines onto other towers. It is a temporary arrangement. The permanent arrangement will take some time."

Every year, the change of season brings with it a quintessentially Kashmiri ritual — families start to store essentials such as rice, pulses, dried vegetables, wood, gas cylinders and kerosene, besides getting the *kangris* and charcoal ready to tackle the freezing cold. This squirrelling away is essential as supplies to the Valley are often halted by landslides on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway.

While Srinagar sources a lot of its supplies from Jammu and other parts of the country — fuel, gas cylinders, vegetables, rice and fruits — rural areas, which are largely self-sufficient, have an even elaborate winter preparedness plan.

In July, when the vegetable output is in surplus, villagers sun-dry tomatoes, gourds,

brinjals etc to store for the winter months.

By the beginning of November, trees are pruned and the twigs are half-burnt into charcoal, a winter essential. Families also stock up on wood.

Over the years, while Kashmir's traditional mud houses, with their small windows, made way for concrete homes, many of the new homes retain the *'hamam'*, a room with floor made of a locally sourced stone. Every morning, wood is burnt below this stone flooring, helping the room stay warm.

The Bashirs don't have a *hamam*, but they have their own ways to beat the cold. This time though the family was caught unawares. "We usually start preparing for winter after November 15. We didn't expect so much of snow so early," says Zainab Bashir, Madeeha's mother.

## 30-35 PER CENT OF SAFFRON CROP DAMAGED

SAFFRON FARMERS, PAMPORE

THE SUDDEN drizzle on the evening of November 6 left Ghulam Mohammad Pampori with a knot in his stomach. He was planning to harvest his saffron crop the following morning — the third and final major picking of the golden spice — and he was hoping to finish the job before any showers, which usually end up tearing the delicate stamens of the saffron flowers.

As he woke up in the morning, his worst fears had come true: a thick blanket of snow covered his two-and-a-half-acre saffron field, burying the small flowers and with it the hopes of saffron growers.

Over the last around two decades, the saffron fields of Pampore have rarely had reasons to cheer — incessant rain or long dry spells have reduced saffron production, from around 30,000 kg in the 1990s to a meagre 6,000 kg last year. This year, going by the first two phases of harvest, farmers had hoped for a turnaround. But that ended with the sudden snowfall of November 7.

"We have never seen so much snow this early in the season," says the 70-year-old Pampori. "There have been instances of early snowfall before, but the snow was never more than two to three inches. This time, there was at least 16 inches of snow in my field."

The harvest season for saffron usually lasts a month — from mid-October to mid-November — and the harvest is done in phases. Spread across 8,000 acres, the saffron fields of Pampore produce on an average more than 3,000 kg of saffron every year.

Pampore's saffron farmers say that this season, in the absence of the Internet, the government's snow alert never reached them. "But even if we had got the alerts, I don't think we could have done anything," says Adil Majed, who grows saffron on his one-and-a-half-acre farm. "That's because you need to wait for the flowers to bloom properly before the stamens are plucked. And the flowers were not in full bloom," he adds.

The snow is only the latest adversity to hit the saffron growers, who are already distressed over the import of Iranian saffron. "Jammu and Kashmir produces only 8,000 kg a year while Iranian saffron is imported in tonnes. How can we compete with that even though their quality is no match?" says Pampori. "We were already broken. The snow has now covered us like a shroud."



(Clockwise from left) At Chinar Bagh in Srinagar. The snow, which covered Srinagar and the rest of the Valley in a blanket of white, brought down several trees; apple farmers in Hajin village of Bandipora say their unpruned trees could not withstand the sudden snow; fishermen on the Dal lake. The early onset of winter has brought down the temperature in the Valley and caught most people unawares; kangri sellers in Srinagar



## INTERVIEW: MUKHTAR AHMAD,

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, SRINAGAR

## ‘There is no link between early snowfall and what is in store for us this coming winter’

Is it unusual for the Valley to be witnessing such heavy snowfall in the beginning of November?

No. Last year, we had snowfall in the plains on November 3. But the snow was concentrated in north and central Kashmir. There was very low snowfall, for example, in Sonamarg, which usually witnesses heavy snowfall. The snowfall was also less in south Kashmir.

What explains the widespread damage and destruction caused this year?

As far as the Met department is concerned, we think in terms of precipitation and not losses or damage caused by it.

How would you explain the early snowfall this year?

Initially, it was a normal western disturbance. It was a moderate system and we didn't expect much snow. But then because of the recent cyclone MAHA, it got moisture incursion and the system intensified.

Are the low temperatures unusual

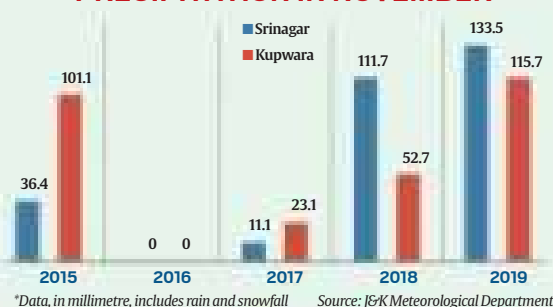
for this time of the year?

Yes, it is relatively colder. In November, the temperature usually hovers around 18-20 degrees Celsius. This time when it snowed, the temperature dipped to 6 degrees Celsius, a huge departure of 12 to 14 degrees. There is also the psychological impact. Since there was not much of sun this last week, people are naturally feeling cold.

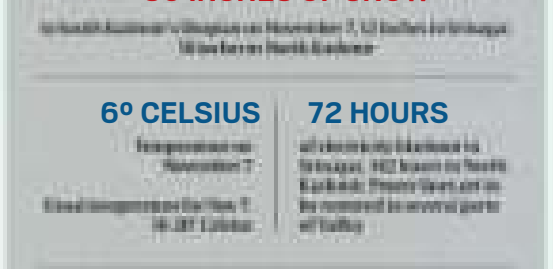
Given the early snowfall, is the winter expected to be harsher this time?

There is no link between early snowfall and what is in store for us this coming winter. Last year, we had early snowfall and then there was a long, dry spell. We again had snow, in abundance, in January and February. So it is too early to say how the winter will be in terms of precipitation (snow and rainfall) and temperature. As far as temperature is concerned, it dips up to -10 degrees Celsius during the night. We don't expect much departure from the normal in the coming months. The departure is likely to stay between 2 and 4 degrees Celsius.

## PRECIPITATION IN NOVEMBER



## 30 INCHES OF SNOW





ESHA ROY

EIGHTY KILOMETRES to the north of Imphal city, atop a hill, lies Ukhrul. An uneasy calm is palpable in the town, the headquarters of one of Manipur's five Naga districts. At the heart of it, next to a new statue of Mahatma Gandhi — the old one was vandalised ahead of the 2014 general elections — a banner announces a candle-light vigil “for an inclusive, honourable solution... for lasting peace in our Naga Homeland”.

The other signs of the long-lasting demand for Greater Nagaland, going back to the early 20th century, have gone “underground”. They include cadres of the main NSCN (I-M) camp in Hebron, Nagaland, as well as other camps in the state and Manipur, who have “gone to the jungles” in preparation for what might happen now that the October 31 deadline for the final Naga peace accord has lapsed. Around 300 are estimated to have crossed over into Myanmar. The Indian government too has rushed in forces, apprehensive of what may follow.

The fulcrum of much of the developments is the Ukhrul home of NSCN (I-M) supremo Thuingaleng Muivah, one of the tallest leaders of the Naga movement and the chief negotiator in the talks with the government. For six decades, Naga leaders such as Muivah, late comrade Issak Chisi Swu and ex-ally S S Khaplang, have held off the might of the Indian State — while supporting almost all the armed rebellions in the Northeast.

The ceasefire, signed between the I K Gujral-led government and NSCN (I-M) in 1997, marked a pause in an armed conflict that had claimed hundreds of lives by then. In 2015, amidst much fanfare, the Narendra Modi-led NDA-I government announced that the two sides had reached a ‘framework agreement’, without revealing the contours of it. Five years later, there is no clarity still, with the ceasefire now hanging by a thread.

Says Standhope Varah, an Ukhrul-based member of the I-M’s Ceasefire Monitoring committee, “Uncle Muivah is old now, but the Indian government should know that if he was to go, there would be 10 Muivahs in his place.”

Pointing out that even prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru failed to quell Naga insurgency, Varah adds, “You think we will get scared if you have choppers overhead? Nehru had threatened he would deploy one soldier for every tree in Naga areas and wipe us out in a week. We are still here... The government should not mistake this for Kashmir.”

And yet, the fear is that the fate of that state’s special status is precisely what awaits the Northeast. The BJP is now in government in all the Northeast states, either alone or through the North-East Democratic Alliance. Speaking in Assam last week, the Centre’s interlocutor with the Nagas and now Nagaland Governor, R N Ravi, called the abrogation of Article 370 in J&K “the correction of a sin” and said there was no question of acceding the demand for a separate Naga flag and constitution, or a separate autonomous territory integrating Naga-inhabited areas — across Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland — into a ‘Greater Nagaland’ or Nagalim, all part of NSCN (I-M) demands. “The Indian Constitution will prevail,” Ravi said.

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With nearly 80% of its area under tribal land (including Nagas and Kukis) and 24% of its population Naga, Manipur is on tenterhooks. For nearly a month now, protests have been held every day in the state, with the Opposition asking the BJP-led government to come clean over its position on Nagalim.

In neighbouring Nagaland, the question uppermost in cities, towns and villages is if they are in for a lockdown similar to Kashmir’s. Capital city Kohima resembles a garrison, with paramilitary forces posted every 5 metres and convoys patrolling the streets.

mere 20 km away lies Khonoma village, the birth place of Naga movement founder Dr



# ‘Govt should not mistake us Nagas for Kashmir’

With talks getting extension, immediate fear of violence has passed. But as confusion over Naga demands persists, and voices emerge of their ‘impracticality’, Art 370 abrogation is making Northeast uneasy

A Z Phizo. It was the last Naga village to fall to the British — in 1880, after the Manipur king lent the British support. An obelisk outside Khonoma declares, “Nagas are not Indians”.

Village council chairman Nisamezo Pier, 61, says they are apprehensive the Naga movement is too divided now for peace. “I am afraid of violence after the final settlement.”

In Dimapur, Imnayangla Jamir (25), who has just completed her postgraduation, says she stocked up on rations before the October 31 deadline, like her friends and relatives. “We bought enough to last a month,” she says, adding she just wants to get on with her life and has no interest in the Naga movement.

Khonoma itself is now a tourist attraction, drawing even foreigners to its natural beauty. Home stays have sprung up while hectic preparations are underway these days for the Hornbill Festival starting December 1.

Keja Roko, 37, runs Alder Tours, which arranges trips across the Northeast, including to Khonoma. “Some Indian tourists ask us why the Nagas want a separate country and how would we survive. I tell them to leave our troubles to us, India need not worry,” says Roko, adding he wouldn’t settle for “anything less than complete independence”.

Says Kolezo Chase, the spokesperson of the Naga National Council (NNC), Dr Phizo’s party which later split and gave rise to the NPF (an ally of the BJP), “Since the ceasefire agreement, there have been two independent nations — India and Nagaland... Anything less than complete sovereignty is unacceptable.”

I-M sources say that among the proposals on the table in the talks is the outfit taking over the state, till elections are conducted.



(Top) A view of Kohima; in run-up to Naga peace accord deadline, Centre rushed in forces, and the capital now resembles a garrison town. Tashi Tobgyal

However, others talk of growing support for integration with the rest of the country. Lanuakum Aier (29), who works with the research body Kohima Institute, says, “We have been dependent on the Indian government for so many years. I have studied in Pune, lived in Mumbai, been to Goa and Kolkata... I am Indian. Yes, I have been discriminated against a bit, but I didn’t mind,” Aier says, adding that most Naga youth think like him and it’s the elders who hope for a separate nation.

The 29-year-old adds that peace might end the clout of underground groups, hence ushering in prosperity. “People will no longer be made to pay taxes for everything. In Nagaland, you cannot even start a business without the backing of one group or the other.”

Khrikethozo Dzuivithu (23), a Master’s from Nagaland University, also refers to that. While he likes the idea of an independent Naga nation, he adds, “it is impractical”. “What would we do for our economy? And what if neighbouring countries attack us?... When people say these are peace talks, I find it stupid. We are already in peace with the Indian government. The talks are just a way for the groups to make money, wrest power.”

The ‘tax’ charged by the I-M is one reason for the resentment against the outfit, including in Manipur. In Ukhrul, the outfit began by taking a direct cut of 5 per cent for any work allotted in the area, and soon started executing contracts itself, giving these to relatives or subletting. The most lucrative projects con-

cern building of roads, particularly after the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana push.

Government sources say they keep the estimated cost of a project deliberately inflated, to factor in the “cut”.

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The first documented expression of Naga nationalism goes as back as 1918, when tribes met in Kohima to discuss their place in an independent India. In 1929, a memorandum was submitted to the visiting Simon Commission, requesting that the Nagas be left out of an Indian Union. An Act passed in 1935 by the British designated the Naga region “excluded area”. Around a decade later, ahead of Independence, the Indian government and NNC signed an agreement for “experimental coexistence with India for a period of 10 years”, to be followed by a review.

Naga historians point out that in the plebiscite conducted by the NNC in 1951, the Nagas opted overwhelmingly for a separate nation, but this was ignored by the Indian government. Thus began the Naga movement.

The Constitution allows Nagaland special provisions under Article 371 (A), protecting its customary laws and procedures. After Article 370 was abrogated, the government clarified that this provision, like those for other Northeast states, would not be touched.

T R Zeliang, former Nagaland chief minister and NPF president, says, “No other interlocutor or PM has been able to achieve what the present government has — push talks and ensure that all the nine I-M factions as well as civil society groups are on board.”

Countering this, Nagaland Congress president Kewekhapse Therie says, “Ravi said all stakeholders would be consulted before the final agreement, but no one has come to us yet. I fear it will be like 2015 — just a piece of paper and not an actual agreement.”

The ambiguity around the 2015 agreement, in fact, remains a major irritant. It included terms like “shared sovereignty”, “two entities”, “competency clause” and a separate constitution and mini-parliament for Nagas. “We expect a special development package. And if the final agreement is in keeping with the framework agreement, the Nagas will enjoy autonomy within the Indian nation. A special Manipur territorial council cannot be ruled out either,” says a source.

Even if its territorial integrity is retained, the fear in Manipur is that its government would be undermined by an autonomous Naga body. An umbrella group of all civil organisations, COCOMI, says, “Jurisdiction of most of our areas might be torn asunder... We will be reduced to a UT or a city state.”

On Friday, Ravi met the United Naga Council of Manipur, and expressed concern over “deterioration” of relations between the hill (tribal) and valley people in the state.

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For now, Ukhrul is a far cry from the time NSCN (I-M) camps dotted the area and Naga army moved around freely. Among the few I-M men who remain in the town these days are Ranyo Hunglen (49) and William Haorne (51), both Lt Colonels in the ‘Naga Army’, who have been with the outfit for over 30 years.

While the ceasefire required the NSCN (I-M) to stop recruiting, Haorne admits that five years ago, their ‘battalion’ got 20 new recruits. In case the ceasefire falls through, the I-M could carry on low-intensity guerrilla war for years — which might prove a headache as the government pushes an Act East policy.

Hunglen is in charge of the I-M’s Ukhrul town ‘battalion’ — one of the outfit’s 16. The father of a four-month-old, he says, “We all hope for an honourable solution, but if it doesn’t happen, we are ready to continue fighting.”

Haorne, his deputy, joined the I-M at the age of 18 with three friends, all now killed in combat. “God sent us a message then to free ourselves from enslavement,” he says. “The outcome, we believe, will depend on God. He will send us a message on what to do next.”

# Two sides of fear

As ‘illegal’ immigrants leave Bengaluru amidst a government crackdown, Thubarahalli, a colony of Bengali-speaking migrants in the city, has also drawn the line — “That is where the Bangladeshis live. Go harass them”

AMRITA DUTTA

A ROTTING plank flung across a gushing black sewer is called, sardonically, the Howrah Bridge. Beyond it, another undulating dirt road leads to the Kali Khata — an open field in east Bengaluru where mounds of waste stand as tall as tin huts. “That’s where the Bangladeshis live, that’s the other side,” says Bilap Dafadar, 30, who runs a small shop on this last stretch of a slum that stretches at least 3 km. “We are Indians, from West Bengal.”

The other side is a wasteland like this one. Dirt roads wind through similar tarpaulin-topped shanties made of tin, everywhere is the detritus from the city beyond — plastic bottles to shoe soles to beer cans. But here, there is also the flurry of panic. “We are leaving,” says a young woman, Laiju, a child cradled in her arms. “We are going back to Khulna, Bangladesh. They don’t want us here,” she says, before rushing out.

People watch guardedly from their huts; many are reluctant to talk or give their names. “Do you know about the great floods of 2001 in Bangladesh? We lost everything in it, our land, our homes. I am from Khulna.

Since then, we have been on the move,” says Suman, a man in his thirties, who is less reticent. He came to Bengaluru two years ago. Here, he did “*kooda kabadir kaam* (waste work) for Rs 5,000-Rs 4,000 a month”, he says, pointing to the BBMP dumpers which stand in the distance. “I have sent my wife and daughter away. I don’t have money to pay for a train ticket. Otherwise, I would have gone too,” he says.

Surrounded by high rises, apartments, and a few kilometres from gleaming tech parks, this stretch in east Bengaluru’s Thubarahalli is a purgatory for the tonnes of dry waste the city spits out — from where it is segregated and sold, or sent to landfills. Among those contracted by the BBMP and private organisations to do this degrading work by hand, without any safety gear, are mostly Bengali-speaking migrants, many of them allegedly Bangladeshis.

“Most of the waste workers for BBMP are Bangladeshis. Bengalis like us do not get work from them. That’s because they ask few questions, and are ready to be paid almost nothing,” says Shariful, who also picks and segregates waste for a living.

On October 25, the Bengaluru police detained 60 alleged Bangladeshi illegal mi-

grants, including 16 children. “There is fear. Several people are packing up and moving away. Some are headed to Bangladesh, some said they might go to Delhi. Some have packed off children and women to other cities. Many children are being pulled out of school,” says an activist with an NGO that works with migrant children. A few days later, the police commissioner’s warning against sheltering Bangladeshi immigrants led some apartment complexes in this stretch of the city to informally “ban” Bengali-speaking migrants.

It’s a suspicion that has repercussions on the other side too. The Thubarahalli settlement, which came up around 2010, is home to around 5,000 Bengali Muslims, many of whom are routinely mistaken for Bangladeshis. “Yesterday, when I went to an apartment for a sofa cleaning service, the customer asked me: are you Bangladeshi? Some of the apartments have said they won’t let Bengalis work,” says Jabbar Mondal, 38, who works for an urban solutions service.

Last December, protests by civil society organisations had stalled the municipal authority’s attempts to evict them from the land. On this day too, residents were seen trying to convince two policemen from the nearby Marathahalli police station. “They say,



Much of the camp is a wasteland, marked by dirt roads and tin shanties. Amrita Dutta

don’t you speak Bengali? We told them you can check our papers. We also told them to go and harass the Bangladeshis on that side,” says a resident. While they all speak Bengali, even if different dialects, a wall of animosity runs between the two communities.

Mondal is a migrant from Balipur village, Murshidabad, who moved here in 2001. Like most other migrants from Uttar Dinaipur, Bardhaman, Nadia, Howrah, Hooghly districts, they are landless farmers, or have little landholdings back home. “We are not Bangladeshis, we are Bengalis. You can go back to our villages and see. We have been living there since before 1947, and we have proof. Why do BJP leaders call us that? Don’t they know that there is a state in India called West Bengal? Then how did they get 18 MPs in Bengal?” says Monirul Haque, who is from

Debagram, Nadia. “If they ask us to move, then we will say they should send all those people living in the apartments, too. They are outsiders, too,” says Dafadar.

There are few places in Bengaluru as wretched as these settlements. Here, people live without water or sanitary connections, amid the waste that they collect and segregate. On the wall of a tin shack is scrawled in Bengali *daktarkhana*, but no doctor visits. Instead, shacks sell medicines for fever, indigestion, and the ubiquitous Bengali malady of “gas”. “Everyone here has dengue or malaria all year around,” says Jamal Sheikh, 37, who runs a teashop.

“While most of the *pourakarmika* (municipal workers) are Telugu-speaking, the waste collection and segregation are done by Bengali-speakers,” says N S Ramakanth, of

the Solid Waste Management Round Table.

In Thubarahalli, children hang around through the day, running in and out of piles of waste. They do not go to schools, where Kannada is the medium of instruction.

“People here do the most essential work in the city, from labour in the apartments to waste segregation, but they don’t get even basic amenities where they live. They don’t even have BPL cards,” says Khaleemullah, an activist who works with Bengali Muslims.

For 10 years, Jahangir Sheikh, 42, from a village in Nadia, worked as a garbage collector, picking up waste from three neighbourhoods for a BBMP contractor. Today, he calls himself a broken man. “I wasn’t paid anything for that work. The contractors ate up all our money, the money they get from BBMP to pay us wages. How did we survive? By selling the plastic and other waste,” he says. Two years ago, when he had had enough, he filed a case against the corporation. “Since then, they have blacklisted me. I can find no work,” he says.

Many waste workers have moved to working with private collection agencies, instead of the BBMP. “They also underpay us, but at least we get something,” says Shariful.

Pushed as they are to the bottom of the chain, the Bengali Muslims consider themselves more fortunate than the Bangladeshis, but there is also fear. “Can they do this to us too? We sometimes wonder,” says Mondal.

Why do they come so far, risking so much, only to earn Rs 5,000? At Kali Khata, Suman from Khulna says with emphasis. “Madam, you have no idea. There is no work in our country. But we will leave. We won’t come back again. *Ei desher bhaath aar chai nai* (The rice of this country is not for us),” he says.



Dalitality

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LOVE IS the wildest human emotion granted to the oppressed as a liberating tool. However, a dejected society wants to control the staple flow of love-energy that is light as air and heavy as a drowning thought. We've made love a conservative adaptation. Ever since childhood, love is among the first things parents and others in the family and society constantly reinforce to a child. However, that love is not the one that can confidently declare its sumptuous abilities to live the fairy tale dream delivered in the utopia of children stories.

Each child has her world and prefers living in it. She constructs identities, names, architectures, human relations, and tries to navigate the tenderness of one's emotions in that civilisation. In that childhood utopia, we find the highest achievable standards of life, mental and physical health and love as a process of human-photosynthesis. There we consume and exhale love. This world is so beautiful that one who is privileged to have such childhood often wants to live in it. The child wants to freeze the time zone of that journey. However, as soon as it notices the child living in her wildest imagination of possibilities, society seizes this from her.

Mad, insane, senile are some of the oft-

# The slow muffling of love by society

repeated vocabularies inserted into children's mental dictionaries as they attempt to grow. Why is it that society wants one to regulate one's actions to a fixed discipline of life? We are capable of living the way we want to. After all, independence and autonomy are what we constantly seek.

The men in India need to be mothered, which is to be loved properly. This mothering requires mothers to affectionately indoctrinate their feminine love and fathers to withdraw their patriarchal decree. In whole, men need to be feminised in their love. The femininity of love has no gender, neither sexual orientation. It simply talks about the other in tender, calm and responsible way. The entire Indian-man make-up is to thwart motherly affections and instead gangsterise one's posture to present phallic manliness. Polygamy as a ritual of celebrating one's manhood is now part of cultural hooliganism. Patriarchy sucks up everything human values endear and instead bolsters one's filial terrors. A man is not taught about woman sexuality and her needs. In the absence of such education, the love that child was taught turns out to be a lust-pacifying anger. To mistreat a woman and denounce her sexual autonomy then becomes

a reason for one to be a man. Due to the lack of sexual dialogue in our society, many husbands and wives have difficulty encountering their suppressed needs and desires.

### FORGIVING LOVE

After repeated assaults and attacks, society asks the victim to be forgiving. How can one muster courage to deny the possibility of hatred and revenge, by matter of mere confession on the part of the convict? Love then becomes a cheap ticket sold in the market of bodies. It doesn't bring the awesomeness of its full potential. Love is not a practice, it is an ethic. One lives by it. Why love the one who is hell-bent on destroying you and ensuring that your credibility is devastated? People from mountain tops will sermon like the pontiff about the beauty of love until the assault reaches their shores. Therein they start finding self-preservation. Then one questions the credibility of love retailers who preach love as didactic. Estimating love through religion becomes smuggling of stolen human emotions.

This irreligious and badly made definition of love is only there for preaching

but not practice. Once in a while perhaps there is an occasion to celebrate the moments of love. How do you teach this to a child who has been robbed of his/her innocence, when 40-odd million child labourers toil in the field, on the road, at construction sites, begging outside temples, streets, foraging in the junkyard?

We continue to witness such spectacle and have charitable, momentary pity. Even we might think of doing something but we want to activate our most powerful brain cell — forgetfulness. We would like to forget and move on. Offer justification — we cannot do any thing, or worse, 'they are in this condition because they deserved it' is our blunt reaction. We all have done something of this sort once in our lifetime. Redemption for ourselves is only what we seek. We have categorised human emotions and our response to a calamity based on one's last name.

In this practice, women and men take active part. In a society bound by the religion of endogamy, loving is a treacherous act. Love is pure and impure. Loving is poisonous vitriol. Only mad people choose to love and test the audacity of its limits. Any sane person would follow the ritual of

Indian life. Birth — teenage — grow casteist — youth — become an agent of caste — heterosexual marriage — transform into mature casteist — to children transport casteism — old age — despise everyone — death — die a casteist.

In India love is not free. It is strictly put in chains, bound for generations. If one dares to participate in love, the love giver and receiver face unmeasurable wrath. Parents and society who teach us so much about love do not demonstrate how to love. They become hypocrite agents of such troubled narration. They inject conditioned love that is impossible elsewhere but possible in caste conditions patrolled by strict rules.

The child upon witnessing such a story goes back to the doors of his/her imagination that is infused with carefree possibilities. That state of free mind is incumbent to breaking barriers and halts on enjoyment of freedoms.

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# Rahul beyond Rafale

RAHUL GANDHI finds his way into this column after a long absence for two reasons. The first because the Supreme Court's ruling on the Rafale deal last week brought back memories of his childish campaign filled with reckless accusations. The second reason is that I have it on good authority that Rahul will return soon as president of our oldest political party. I hear that when he is done with his spiritual holidays and whenever he thinks that his batteries are fully charged, he will return. Sadly, nothing else will change. The people who advised him to attack Narendra Modi where he was least vulnerable continue to surround him. And, the heir to the mighty Dynasty continues to flaunt his political heritage in that same entitled way.

In recent days, he has been relatively silent in public. But, the task of reminding India of the political birthright the Gandhi siblings believe they inherited, appears to have been taken over by his sister. On Jawaharlal Nehru's birth anniversary, she tweeted, "My favourite story about my great-grandfather is the one about when as PM, he returned from work at 3 am to find his bodyguard exhausted and asleep on his bed. He covered him with a blanket and slept on an adjacent chair." Were there no other beds in Teen Murti House? When are Nehru's heirs going to realise that instead of silly anecdotes they need to remind young Indians of Nehru's enormous political contribution? He managed to keep liberal democracy alive in India in a time when despots and military dictators ruled everywhere in our neighbourhood.

Nehru's economic policies may have taken us down the wrong road but it says something for him that not even 'rightist' Mr Modi has been able to step away from the socialist road. What he has stepped away from is Nehru's political legacy, which was his deep commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy. Modi, as I have discovered the hard way, despises dissidence and, without it, democracy immediately becomes an illiberal thing. This has become frighteningly evident since he won re-election. As has an arrogant triumphalism.


While the Prime Minister was away in Brazil, it was left to his ministers to comment on the Supreme Court's judgment on Rafale. And, they came across as bullies competing for Modi's attention. The worst performance came from Ravi Shankar Prasad, a man I have always thought of as decent and humble. He appeared on national television to demand in menacing tones that Rahul 'must apologise to the people of India.' The same words could have been said without menace and would have sounded fine. But, he chose to sound like a bully reminding ordinary Indians that the man who called himself the '*pradhan sevak*' (first servant) 'could be turning into a demagogue. There are those who have said in recent days that he was always a demagogue and I was the one who did not see this. But, I continue to believe that Modi won a second term because ordinary Indians did not see him as a demagogue either.

He won a second term for other reasons as well, of which, in my view, an important one was the immature and very shrill campaign that his main opponent ran. On the day that the Supreme Court declared that they saw no hanky-panky in the Rafale deal, some news channels ran old clips of Rahul's election speeches. These included the one in which he declared that even the Supreme Court had accepted that the country's '*chowkidar*' was a thief. He has apologised for this lie and so has been let off with a warning, but it was a stupid lie that worked against him and not Modi. On top of this, he reduced political discourse to endlessly chanting '*chowkidar chor hai*' and endlessly repeating that the Prime Minister had 'stolen' Rs 30,000 crore from this deal and 'put it in Anil Ambani's pocket'. Not even illiterate voters believed that more than half of the contract's money could have been 'stolen'. Nor did they believe that Modi was personally corrupt.

It is since he became prime minister a second time that weaknesses have begun to show from behind the bluster and braggadocio, and if the Congress wants to become a credible opposition party, it needs to focus on these. The biggest chink in Modi's invincibility is his failure to revive economic growth. This has begun to manifest itself on the ground in the failure to create jobs. The other weakness evident even to observers who watch India from distant lands is his paranoia about dissidence. India is beginning to be seen as an 'illiberal' democracy. So the best way for the Congress party to revive its fortunes will be to stand up for Nehru's real political legacy: liberal democracy. This is more important now than ever before.

# In the shadow of Ayodhya

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THE FIRST depiction of Ayodhya's social life is in the 'Uttar-Kand' of Tulsidas's epic *Kavitawali*. The poet says: "*Dhoot kaho Awdhoot kaho, Rajpoot kaho, Julha kaho koi/ Tulsī sarnaam ghulam hai Ram ko, jako ruchey so kahēy kachhu oyū/ Maang key khebo, Mseet ko soyibo, Lebo ko ek na Debey koi doi* (Call me a cunning person or a saint, an upper caste Thakur or an outcast weaver/ One can give me any sobriquet but I regale in Ram's servitude/ I ask for alms and sleep in the mosque, I neither take anything from anybody nor do I give.)"

Ayodhya was always a religious centre, but after Nawab Sadat Ali Khan laid the foundation of the Awadh dynasty in 1722, his court in Faizabad became a centre of cultural mingling. People started celebrating the festivals of all religions. Nawab Naseeruddin Haider appointed Lala Ram Prashad and Maharaja Mewaram as his ministers because they were from Ayodhya. An Urdu poet describes the beauty of Ayodhya: "*Hazaaron deviyan ko yahan ki paryon ney pachhada hai/ Nahin Ajodhya, ye Raja Inder ka akhada hai* (Thousands of women of virtue have made the fairies bite dust here, it's not just Ayodhya it's Raja Indra's assembly)."

Altaf Husain Haali, a close associate and biographer of Ghalib, has described Ram endearingly as "*Hubb-e Watan*". "*Paaron utha tha us ka ban ki taraf/ Aur khinchta tha dil watan ki taraf/ Guzrey ghurbaat mein is qadar mah-o-saal/ Par na bhoola Ayodhya ka khayal/ Teer ik dil mein aa key lagta tha/ Aati thi jab Ayodhya ki hawa* (Though he was heading to the woods, his heart was in his homeland. He spent many years in alien lands but couldn't forget Ayodhya, whenever he sensed the aroma of Ayodhya's zephyr, it pierced his heart)."

Kumar Pashi's *Ayodhya Main Aa Raha Hoon* (Ayodhya, I am approaching you) is known for personifying the town. Pashi shares his longing for the city, which seems to share the poet's torment.

"*Ayodhya aa raha hoon main/ Main teri koh sey janma/teri godi ka pala hoon/ Teri sadyon purani sanwali mitti sey khela hoon/ Mujhey maloom hai tu mujh sey roothi hai/ Magar ab door tuihsey reh nahi sakta/ Paraye desh mein guzi hai jo mujh par/ Zara sar to utha aur dekhi/ Ke kinni door sey tuih ko mananey aa raha hoon main/ Tuihsey terey hi kuch ch qissey sunaney aa raha hoon main/ Wo khud sey bhi kabhi main keh nahi sakta* (Ayodhya, I am approaching you, I have

taken birth from your womb, played in the lap of your centuries-old soil, I know you have grown despondent, be sure I can't be away from you. I can't even recall what I have endured in the strange land. Look here, I am coming to tell you your own stories, which I can't tell to even myself)."

Interestingly, this poem was composed decades before Ayodhya was embroiled in controversy.

Kaifi Azmi's *Doosra Banbas* may not have the lyrical charm of Pashi's poem. But it does convey the message of exile.

"*Ram banbas sey jab laut key ghar mein aaye/ Yaad jungal bahut aaya jo nagar mein aaye/ Raqs e deewangi aangan mein jo dekha hoga/ Chhey December ko Shri Ram ney socha hoga/ Iney deewaney kahan sey mere ghar mein aaye* (When Ram returned from exile, he would have missed the woods very much. Seeing the dreadfully violent dance at his home, he would have thought on December 6, where did so many insane people come from to my home)?"

"*Ram yeh kehthey huey apney dwarey sey uththey/ Rajdhani ki faza raas nahi aayi mujhey/ Chhey December ko mila doosra banbas mujhey* (Ram got up from his pedestal and said that Ayodhya's milieu didn't suit him. On December 6, he said, he had been exiled a second time)."

In Aaliya's *Ayodhya kho Gaya*, the protagonist has a picture of Ayodhya on his wall. One day he finds that Ayodhya has disappeared from the picture and an unruly crowd with weapons has taken its place. The protagonist, a saint, cries and thinks that the God is angry at him. Suddenly, Ram appears and tells the saint that he was not angry with him but sad at the disappearance of Ayodhya. Both then go in search of Ayodhya.

Qurratulain Hyder's *Aag Ka Darya* has several references to Ayodhya as well as to Kapilvastu, Prayaag and Gaya. Even the minor characters tell the story of Ayodhya and Raja Dasharath. Beneath thick layers of philosophy lies Hyder's thesis that religion is influenced by its milieu. She cites a piece of Islamic poetry which talks of Sita as the ideal woman, also mentions Ram and a sacred place called Ayodhya. An important character, Champa, who appears several times in the novel, mentions the tragedy of Hanumangarhi, where Wajid Ali Shah ordered that Muslim clerics be fired upon in order to save a temple.

Intezar Hussain is famous for citing Jatakas and Hindu mythology in his stories. He does not refer much to Ayodhya but describes Ramayana as the real story of Hindus. The novella *Sita-haran* has one of the few references to Ayodhya. "Ayodhya is more dearer to me than Baikunth," Ram says in the novella.

Kunwar Narain's *Ayodhya 1992* captures the despondency of the times. "*Is sey bada kya ho sakta hai/ Hey Ram, jiwān ek katu yatarth hai/ Aur tum ek Mahakavya* (What can be bigger than this? Oh Ram, life is a bitter truth, and you just an epic)."

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TEN YEARS ago, when I was getting into politics, I was advised that as a woman, I can't have an impactful political career unless I came from a politically connected family or I was a well-established celebrity or someone with lots of money. But for me, politics was an opportunity to be the change I was seeking. I wanted to break the overwhelmingly negative narratives for women who sought to be equal partners in policy making. So that is how my journey began — I put on hold my entrepreneurial venture and made my family second priority since it was about changing the way women themselves perceive their space in politics and limit their participation in it.

This in no way implies that I have been the only one attempting this, but it is the story of plenty of women who continue to struggle in their individual spaces in politics and have been unable to leverage this space to make their voices heard as a critical and collective mass/effort. I say this at the cost of being criticised — it is because we women in political spaces aren't a collective voice that we have been continuously denied reservations or kept away from specific policies that encourage us rather than confine us to merely being voters, not leaders.

When the Constituent Assembly framed our Constitution, participation of women in politics was perceived as a natural outcome as it gave the country and every citizen the right to vote and participate in the political sphere. However,

I knew what I signed up for — the uncertainties, power games, internal fight for survival, the external persona, the personal becoming public and vice-versa. Nothing comes easy these days except for criticism, memes and sick, judgmental jokes

with every passing decade of the Republic, women kept getting sidelined and relegated to the fringe. I am happy that many regional parties are willing to change the status quo and many, including mine, have started to address this issue in earnest.

It surprises me when people who do not know enough of the Shiv Sena rush to label it as a misogynist party. The truth is far from that. Of its 91 corporators in Mumbai, 50 are women. Many women were given tickets in the open category seats, the ones not reserved for women. Through its Pratham Ti (Woman First) initiative, the party is not just grooming young women leaders, but giving them equal organisational responsibility along with important tasks. The party's election manifesto had several women leaders taking the lead in drafting it. Pratham Ti teams, who were also at the forefront of the election campaign, have now been entrusted to reach out to farmers and help address their problems.

While the sad reality is that not many women choose politics as a career choice,

# My space, my politics



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

it is the responsibility of political parties to chart out a roadmap for those who do.

It is not surprising that it is the woman who is under constant pressure to prove her worth and capability at every rung of

her political growth story. She is judged on various parameters, not just internally in her political organisation, but also by political opponents outside of her own party. A woman choosing to fight this head on and move forward in her political role is always assessed as someone who got things too soon, with an implied connection to some god-father or some compromise. It is indeed strange to see two sets of reaction

for those who climb the success ladder — one for the man and the other for the woman. For the man, it's 'commitment' that ensures success, but for the woman, it is 'compromise'!

There are several examples of women politicians being publicly shamed with insinuations on their character — Jaya Prada, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Mayawati, Sushma Swaraj, Hema Malini, Vasundhara Raje, J Jayalalithaa, Sonia Gandhi, have all been subjected to this. Powerful women all. Now imagine women who are struggling in their own political spaces.

My political journey has been wit-

nessed by many and spoken about by many, especially on social media platforms, but it is a journey I have traversed on my own terms. I regret not one bit of it. I knew what I signed up for when I chose to undertake this journey — the uncertainties, the ups and downs, the power games, the internal fight for survival, the external persona, the personal becoming public and vice-versa, yes, everything. Nothing comes easy these days except for criticism, memes and sick and judgmental jokes cracked at someone's expense.

Since I have been the media face, it is natural that many people across the nation were invested in me and I do respect that. I have always maintained that while I have been overwhelmed with the love I have got over the years, I have been equally appalled but not deterred when I have seen people crack cheap jokes just to hit back at me.

I have always wondered if those indulging in personal slander and vulgar memes or jokes about me have paused to think that my 16-year-old tech-savvy son could be seeing those messages or if my 12-year-old daughter could be impacted? Of course my children aren't the nation's responsibility, but do pause and think before making that joke on anyone in public life — are you attacking the individual or her idea or her identity or her decisions?

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Out of MY MIND

MEGHNAD DESAI



IT IS easy for the winner to say there is no winner and no loser. The loser is the one who has to be truly magnanimous, swallow the humiliation of the loss and not ask for a review of the verdict. It was said immediately after the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram Janmabhoomi case on November 9 that this will provide a closure. Maybe, as to legal proceedings, it might. But will the wounds heal?

That depends on the winners showing true magnanimity. So far there has been no sign. What would truly reverberate is for the VHP to say sorry for the

# Now, RSS turn to show magnanimity

destruction of the Babri Mosque. It did serve their purpose after all. They broke the law and won the site. Instead we learn that they demand of the government that the guilty *karsevaks* have their cases withdrawn. If the government complies, that would be an open invitation to them to start on Mathura and Kashi regardless of the Supreme Court citation of the Places of Worship Act, 1991. Having broken the law once and secured their aim, what would stop anyone from repeating the same? It would have to be for the BJP/RSS to lay down the law and stop any such possibility. In 1992, the Parivar was harbouring a sense of deprivation and exclusion. Now being

in power, it should accept responsibility. Legal judgments are binding pro tem. They are based on the legal myth that the rival parties stand on an equal footing. But they rarely do. This is why legal judgments never settle troublesome issues which arise from inequalities of power. How many decisions of the colonial courts are accepted by any of us?

The Supreme Court Bench was aware of the political minefield it was treading. Hence, the unanimity as well as the anonymity, both devices preserving the names of individual justices from appearing in public. But there have been attempts already to breach the defences. There is talk of different fonts having been

used in different parts of the thousand-page judgment as a clue to who wrote what. Let us hope the secret is preserved.

Reading the many subsequent articles in half-a-dozen newspapers over the days since the judgement, it would appear that as each day passes, there are more conflicting opinions. Yet, they are not divided by obvious Hindu/Muslim binary. On both sides of the issue, members of both communities appear. That is a sign that gives one hope.

Imagine the alternative. The Supreme Court, the temple of Justice as Prime Minister Narendra Modi reminded us, could have pronounced that the destruction of the mosque — not to say the instal-

lation of the Ram Lalla in 1949, Rajiv Gandhi's unlocking of the doors and his permission of Shilanyas — being illegal, the government should establish a trust to rebuild the mosque. And that Ram Lalla Virajaman should get 5 acres in the neighbourhood to build the temple.

Could that judgment have been welcome with similar enthusiasm, not to say a sense of relief? Very unlikely. The beauty of the present judgment is that it accommodates the realities of power with requirements of legality in a way which bequeaths a legitimacy which is conducive to public peace if not harmony.

Let us face it. We may not be always so lucky.



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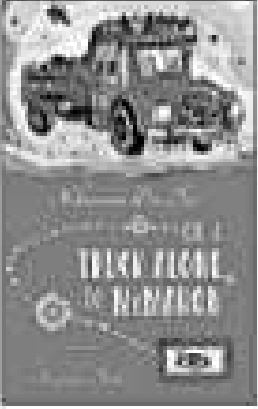
BOOKS

EXPRESS EDITORS

RECOMMEND

SAHITYA AKADEMI award-winning writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen passed away last week, leaving behind a legacy that is rich and varied. Poetry, short stories, novels, travelogues and essays — she delved into different literary forms and ensured that through it all, her unique voice and sharp wit always stood out. Contemporary social issues, narratives that explored gender identities, immigration and exile — Sen was a deft artist with words and a deeply empathetic author. Here is a selection to familiarise readers with the range of Sen’s literary arc:

**TRUCKBAHONE MCMAHONE**  
Originally published in Bengali in 1984, Sen presents a humorous travelogue in this book. It is an account



of the author’s journey across northeast India on a truck, upto the border between India and China called the McMahon Line. A first-person narrative spanning over fifty chapters, the book traces the author’s travels from Assam to Arunachal. The writer’s encounters with locals along the way, arguably at a time people were less familiar with a middle-aged woman on a solo road trip, make for an engaging read. The English version is a translation by Arunava Sinha.

**SITA THEKE SHURU**

An anthology featuring short stories with women as central protagonists in all the narratives. It is divided into three parts broadly. Mythological retellings, a collection of sketches called Matriarchy and contemporary short stories. Much before epics as a literary genre became trendy, Sen offered us alternative feminist perspectives on the Ramayana. The second part of the book showcases the lives of three generations of women, presenting the domesticity of daily existence for those who live it. The third section of the book offers short stories that were in sync with the times then, and which remain relevant in contemporary times today.

**BHALOBASHA KARE KAY**



A collection of short sketches written in first-person that explore with a keen eye the themes of love, relationship, longing, identity and the shifting sentiment of the idea of home.

**I, ANUPAM (AMI ANUPAM)**

The first novel where the Naxal movement in West Bengal became the central context. Against the contours of a turbulent period, this book depicts a deeply personal story of the protagonist who suffered betrayal at the hands of the political leaders of the times. A translation was released early this year.

LOOKOUT NOTICE

**PANJAB: JOURNEYS THROUGH FAULT LINES**

Journalist and novelist Amandeep Sandhu’s is a nuanced, extensive account of Punjab’s history. Sandhu spent three years travelling across the state researching for this book and it comes through in the insightful, detailed narratives he has to offer. From the crisis within Sikhism, farmers’ unrest over crop failures, the effects of the Green Revolution, to the lasting effects of militancy in the state — Sandhu covers good ground here. This book is mandatory reading for anyone looking to get an idea of Punjab’s intricate socio-political landscape.

Stephen Alter’s exhaustive biography of the Himalayas is an exceptional tribute to the world’s mightiest mountains



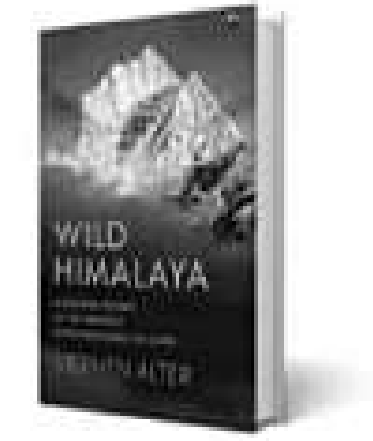
(Below) Stephen Alter; Mount Everest as seen from an aircraft in Bhutan. Wikimedia Commons

RANJIT LAL

NONORMAL person can be left untouched or unmoved by mountains. And when you’re fortunate enough to be born and raised amongst the greatest, grandest mountains in the world, the mighty Himalaya, it’s pretty much given that they’re going to rule your life. They can impart fear and sorrow as well as sublime joy, and more riches than all the gold in the world. Stephen Alter, a “naturalized” American born and raised in Landour, Mussoorie, was one such lucky person — and he has given back to these mountains as much as they have given him in his lifetime, by writing an immense biography of this 2500 km long, 9 km high, shining mountain range.

*Wild Himalaya* is a well-organised book, with different sections dealing with different aspects of the mountain range. Naturally, we start at the beginning: how these monumental mountains rose up from the floor of the seabed due to continental drift — when the Indian subcontinent crashed into the rest of Asia millions of years ago. Alter delves into geology and geography, picking up ancient fossils as he treks. He moves smoothly into the next section dealing with the geography, the great physical attributes of the mountains: the mighty (and now threatened) glaciers, the rivers that are born here and become lifelines for the entire subcontinent, the climate (and how it’s being disastrously affected by global warming), the fetid wetlands, and the forests.

Sections on flora and fauna follow, detailing birds, insects (both of which make monumental migratory journeys) and



**WILD HIMALAYA**  
STEPHEN ALTER  
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440 pages  
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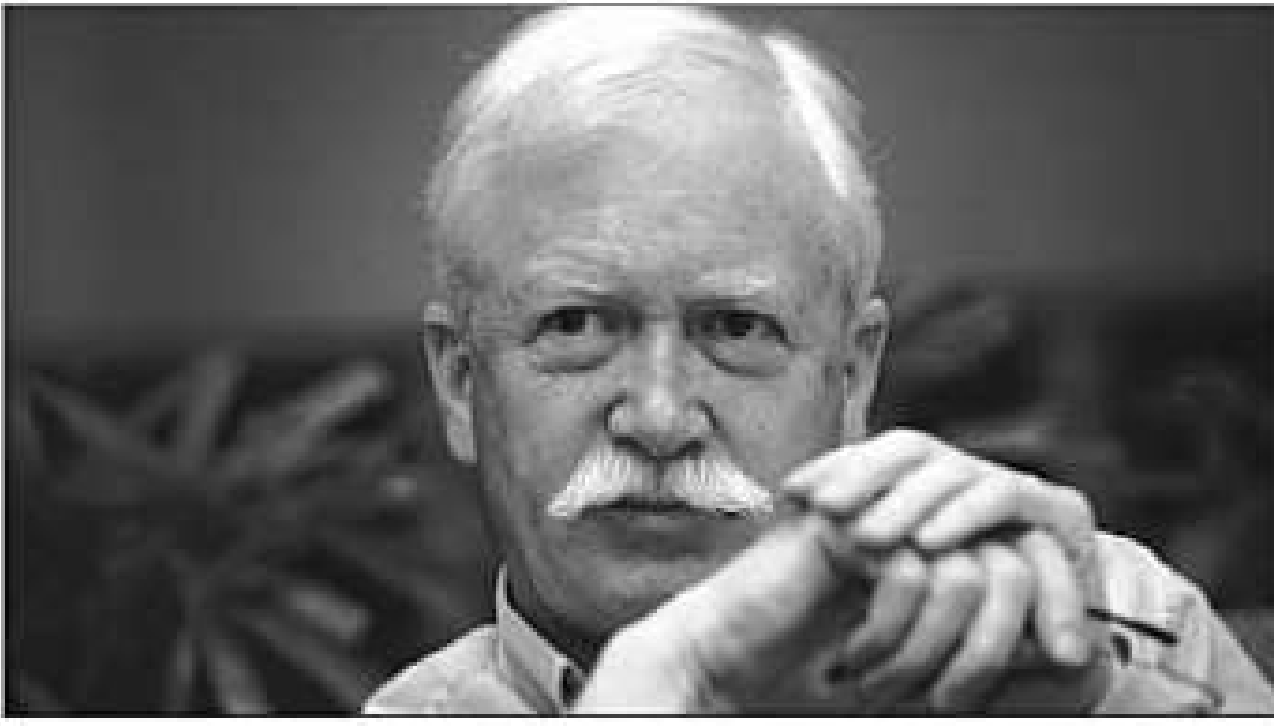
mammals which have adjusted their lifestyles to suit the often hostile, severe conditions, be they snow leopards, red pandas, blue sheep or bears. In the section ‘Ancestral Journeys’, he outlines the stories of people who moved into these Himalayan landscapes and settled there, or just went up and down the mountains according to the seasons. There were also the pioneering explorers — brave, great, even venal and selfish — who mapped these mighty mountains west to east and north to south, surveying their heights and valleys and plotting the courses of their glaciers and rivers.

No Himalayan story could be complete without its army of mountaineers, that often grim bunch of men and women who were determined to get to the top, sometimes at any (occasionally selfish) cost. The peaks took their blood money too, as many perished on the slopes. Alter tells us of the strange psychology at work here: a climber is never happier than while climbing, though he or she may be in pain, exhausted and just driven upwards by grim determination and willpower. The relief when he or she is back safely down is enormous, but staying at home causes depression and they can’t wait to get up again. But as one famous mountaineer is credited with saying, it’s worth remembering that “you do not conquer Everest, Everest allows you to climb her.”

The final section deals with mythology, Himalayan art and legends — including of course the ever-elusive yeti. As much as it is about the Himalaya, this book is about the people who went there and lived there, whether as explorers, mountaineers, trekkers, surveyors, botanists, birdwatchers,

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Looking back to all that has occurred to me since that eventful day, I am scarcely able to believe in the reality of my adventures. They were truly so wonderful that even now I am bewildered when I think of them — *A Journey to the Centre of the Earth*, Jules Verne



biologists, geologists, farmers, shepherds, yogis and people mostly like you or me, who must get their dose of the mountains at least once a year. Alter has trekked north and south and east and west, meeting such people, observing festivals and listening to legends. Any mountain range as monumental will have attracted its share of superstitious and religious fervour — with the Himalayas it’s mainly Hinduism and Buddhism.

The problems associated with people and the mountains are also examined throughout the text: the effects of global warming (causing flash floods), our reckless meddling with the rivers, rampant damming (which could cause earthquakes), mountaineers and tourists littering everywhere, and (often hideous) infrastructure — like hotels springing up like warts on the slopes. In addition, the Forest Department (beginning with colo-

nial times) ravaged the forests and grew what could produce a quick and hefty return on investment — often not the right choice, botanically and biologically speaking. As always, the driving force is getting obnoxiously rich very, very quickly and at any cost.

I would (if I could!) make this book mandatory reading for anyone planning to visit the Himalaya. (There are stupendous pictures too!) Hopefully, it will help you stop demanding wifi and cable TV from your hotel and make you go out to the window, and stand and stare. You can be sure, that as they have been doing for millennia, the mountains will reach out to you, and gently deflate your overblown ego in the best way possible.

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BRIDGITAL DREAMS

A timely account of the ways in which harnessing technology can help the disempowered citizenry

JANMEJAYA SINHA

CHANDRASEKARAN, CHAIRMAN of Tata Sons, and Purushothaman, chief economist of Tata Group, have written an important book on how low-skilled people enabled by technology can solve the biggest problems facing India today. They identify access and jobs as the two biggest problems facing India. Access to basic services in healthcare and education (especially to women) and a lack of productive jobs for young Indians entering the job market, prevent India from reaching its full potential. Importantly, they also rue the decline of women’s participation in the workforce and the significant benefits foregone by the nation as a result.

These issues are not new, so why is this book important? In the year that Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo get the Nobel Prize in economics for their work on poverty alleviation using a methodology of randomised trials and field experiments to suggest the best interventions, it is appropriate that

*Bridigital Nation* is written. The book is similarly grounded and shows, in an accessible and poignant manner, how serious the problems of the poor are, and how relatively unqualified people too, enabled by technology, can help address them. In contemporary jargon, the authors illustrate some key “people journeys” in trying to access basic services of healthcare, education and finance. They explore these journeys like ethnographers, rather than by administering a typical customer survey. They talk about real people and how they try and navigate what should, in fact, be basic services. They capture the pain points and show the debilitating costs that are imposed on the poor in getting served. They write with empathy, observing behaviour, understanding its logic and then crafting real solutions combining technology, people and reimagined processes. As we read, the obvious solutions possible today cry out to us. You can sense the opportunity and see that the solutions are within reach.

The book begins with Nikhil Burman, a driver in Silchar with no medical training,

navigating the quagmire of Indian healthcare services for the poor. Parking his truck on the kerb of National Highway 37, with a phone, he obtains doctors’ appointments, fixes affordable lodgings, provides honest expectations around cures, costs and timelines. He is an empathetic middleman who charges modest sums for invaluable services. The lines of people waiting to see him highlight how the poor value his services. But all he does could be done so much better, faster and cheaper if he was aided by changed processes using technology. Chandra and Roopa illustrate this by describing two current TCS experiments — one in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the other in Kolar district. In the Kolar experiment, a sanatorium at one edge of town provided by the state, is converted into a Digital Nerve Centre by TCS. The objective is to redefine certain roles and create a new set of technology-enabled semi-qualified health workers. The responsibilities of doctors are recrafted and many

routine tasks are delegated to others. This releases 4,000 extra doctor hours. Locally-recruited ASHAs equipped with iPads make home visits, record symptoms, give advice and make patient records and store them in the cloud. The nerve centre acts also as a local health call centre for both outreach and to answer routine queries, connecting people to doctors remotely and dealing with simple requests like setting up hospital appointments. In a short period, the primary health centres in Kolar have been reinvigorated, meaningful jobs for semi-skilled people have been created, precious doctor time has been released, and health care services have become easier and more convenient to navigate for the people. The book tells other stories of how one single action has often changed the fortunes of the family — like that of Jasleen, whose family’s support allowed her to study and join the police.

All the stories highlight the essence of bridgital, the combination of bridgital

processes (processes reimagined with technology), bridgital technology (the need for an integrated physical digital perspective) and bridgital workers (increasing the reach and spread of technology through trained, semi-skilled workers). The potential that this combination has for addressing many critical problems of Indians is enormous, and spans sectors such as education, skilling, agriculture and access to other basic services. One wishes they had explored these options more extensively.

This is a simple book, but it is not simplistic. It urges us to solve big problems using the resources that India has, supported by the power of technology. A technology that is empowered because processes have been recreated, and, reach and spread have been improved by training and empowering unskilled Indians. Chandra and Purushothaman want to reduce the pain of the underprivileged in navigating life in India. They try to illustrate problems by showing us, through real experiments, what is possible today. They give us hope and show us that the Prime Minister’s vision of *sabka saath, sabka vikas*, with *sabka vishwas*, is truly within our reach. They have written an important book that should be read by bureaucrats and politicians alike. As a nation, we need to act bridgitally!

Janmejaya Sinha is chairman, BCG India



# Classifieds

**PERSONAL**

**I, Sunil Kumar S/o Subhash Chander R/O-House No.56, Ground Floor, Pocket-10, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086, have changed the name of my minor Daughter from Nehal to Nehal Agarwal for all purposes.**  
0040520713-1

**I, Surinder Singh S/o Jodh Singh R/o WZ-34/1, Gali No.22, Sant Garh, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name from Surinder Singh to Surinder Singh Kuchhar, for all legal purposes.**  
0040520717-1

**I, Sanjay Kumar Gupta S/o Anand Kumar Gupta R/O-C-383, Defence Colony, 3rd-Floor, N.Delhi-110024 Changed My Name To Sanjay Gupta.**  
0040520779-6

**I, Sandeep S/o Jiya Ram Dahiya, resident: C-69, New Multan Nagar, Delhi-110056, have changed my name to Sandeep Dahiya.**  
0040520737-2

**I, Sahreem Khan D/o Basim Irfani R/o 1-35 Abul Fazal Enclave Jamia Nagar Okhla N.Delhi-25, inform that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my 10th & 12th Marksheet as Sahreem Khan. My correct name is Sahreem Khan.**  
0040520690-1

**I, Ravi Kant S/o Ramesh Sethi R/o-654, Arya samaj wali Gali, Tohana, Haryana, changed my name to Ravi Sethi.**  
0040520806-1

**I, Rajesh S/o Dhannar R/o 1/281, Flat No.S-2, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP-201012, have changed my name to Rajesh Sharma for all purposes.**  
0040520697-1

**I, Rajendr Singh S/o Sh.Baljeet Singh R/o F-21, Gali No:-6 West Jyoti Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-94, have changed my name Rajendr Singh to Rajendra Singh for all future purposes.**  
0040520722-1

**I, Rajender Singh S/o Gopal Singh R/o B-46 Subhash-Park Extn Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059. Have changed the name of my minor son Shasank Rawat aged 15-years and he shall hereafter be known as Shashank Rawat, for all purposes.**  
0040520806-3

**I, Rajender Kumar s/o Trilok Nath R/o-1/6331, GaliNo-5, East Roshas-Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Rajender Kumar Bhasin Permanently.**  
0040520765-4

**I, R.Kalaivani W/O No JC 312907Y Nb Sub Raju.K.R/O Sandhaithanampatti, Andikarai-(Post), Metturu (TK), Salem-(Dist), Tamilnadu-636404, that My Date of birth was Wrongly written in my husband Army Service Record is 11/12/1983. But my Correct Date of birth is-13/5/1998. Which may be amended accordingly, Vide Affidavit Date-16/11/2019 Sworn before Notary Delhi.**  
0040520765-10

**I, Paramjeet Singh Chalotra S/o Daleep Singh R/o 655 Rishi Nagar Shakur Basti, Delhi, have changed my name to Paramjeet Singh permanently.**  
0040520735-1

**I, Nishkala Arora W/o Amit Arora R/o D-74 Sector-52 Noida-201301 U.P. have changed my name to Nishkala Arora.**  
0040520699-1

**I, Naresh Kumar Beniwal S/o Randhir Singh R/o 90, Sector-6, Bahadurgarh District-Jhajjar, Haryana, have changed my name to Naresh Kumar permanently.**  
0040520735-3

**I, Naaz Farha W/o Nadeem Ahmed, resident: V-182, Gali No.23, Vijay Park, Majupur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Farha Naaz.**  
0040520737-1

**I, Mohd Shahid R/O B-23, Street No-4, Brahmpuri, Delhi-110053. Changed My Minor Son's Name Mohd Ashmeer To Mohammad Abdullah.**  
0040520779-4

**I, Mohd Jahangir S/o-Mohd Haseeb R/o J-3/50, Khirki-Extention, Malviya-Nagar, New-Delhi-17, have changed my name to Jahangeer, for all future purposes.**  
0040520779-3

**I, Md Manzarul Islam Siddiqui S/o Mohammad Saiful Islam Siddiqui R/O-C-212, F/F, Shaheen-Bagh, Thokar No-8, ND-25, have changed my name from Manzarul Islam Siddiqui to Mohd Manzurul Islam Siddiqui, for all purposes.**  
0040520779-2

**I, Savita W/o Rajesh Sharma R/o 1/281, Flat No-2, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP-201012, have changed my name to Savita Sharma for all purposes.**  
0040520697-2

**I, MAHAVIR Prasad S/o Bihari Lal R/o-h.no-1/4362 S.t- no 7 Ram-Nagar mandoli-road shahdara-Delhi-32, inform that name of my has been wrongly mentioned as Mahavir Prashad in my MTNL service-record the correct name is Mahavir Prasad, for all future purposes.**  
0040520779-1

**I, Lata w/o Shri Subhash Chaudhary R/o G-223A Sector-22 Noida district-Gautambudh Nagar UP have changed my name to Pinki permanently.**  
0040520778-1

**I, Lalita Chalotra W/o Paramjeet Singh R/o 655 Rishi Nagar Shakur Basti, Delhi, have changed my name to Lalita Rani permanently.**  
0040520735-2

**I, Vikas Kumar S/o Vinod Kumar R/o Flat No.-60, Pushpanjali Apartment, Plot No.-10, Sector-4, Dwarka, Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Vikas Vashist.**  
0040520736-1

**I, Nitherto Inder Preet Singh Kulkreja alias Inder Preet Singh S/o Sh. Arvind Pal Singh R/o CA-95-C DDA Flats Hari Nagar ND-64 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter be Known as Inder Preet Singh.**  
0040520779-7

**I, Prasanna Bera S/o J.K. Bera R/o.C-1003, Design Arch, Surajpur Site-C Greater, Noida, U.P., have changed my name from Prasanna Kumar Bera to Prasanna Bera for all purposes.**  
0040520751-3

**I, Vinod Kumar Jha, R/o-B-02, Harmukh Apartment, Alpha-1, Greater Noida, U.P., declare that in the documents of my daughter Anyanya my name is wrongly written as Vinod Jha, whereas my correct name is Vinod Kumar Jha. Infuture, I shall be known as Vinod Kumar Jha for all purposes.**  
0040520751-2

**I, Km. Seema Devi W/O Rajendra Singh R/O Flat No-230, Veer Awas Apartments, Sector-18a, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, changed My Name To Seema.**  
0040520779-5

**I, I. Sunil Kumar Gupta S/O Late Shri Rajeshwar Pershad Gupta have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sunil Kumar Gupta adding my surname Gupta. Hence, I shall be known as Sunil Kumar Gupta for all purposes. 2. Change of address I have also shifted from Delhi to Noida Old address is 2532-A, Churiwalan, Sadak Prem Narayan, Delhi 110006. New address Noida due to permanently shifted at my new residence Address is: B 0402, Boronia, Tower E, Victory Cross Road, Sector 143B, FNG Road, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida-201304 Uttar Pradesh my new address will be applicable for all purposes as my correspondence and permanent address.**  
0070683996-1

**I, Mast. Devanshu S/o Sanjeev Goel R/O-B-92, F-2 Ramprastha Colony Chander Nagar Ghaziabad UP-201011 have changed my name to Deepanshu Goel.**  
0040520765-6

**I, Mukesh S/o Chandeshwer Singh R/o 1252 Block-32 Sector-56-A Ballabgarh Faridabad have changed my name to Mukesh Kumar**  
0040520692-2

**I, Rachana S/O Mustar R/O-H.No-1883 Gali Wazir Beg Turkman Gate Delhi-110006. Have Change My Name To Abdul Rehman.**  
0040520765-8

**I, Rakesh Kumar Sharawat S/o Daljeet Singh R/o 57, Sahipur Village, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar, for all purposes.**  
0040520765-9

**I, Tirpurari Kumar S/o Anirudh Prasad Srivastav, H.No.-907/29 2nd-Floor Mahatma Gandhi-Marg RajNagar-2 Palam-Colony Bagdola Delhi-77 have changed my name to Tirpurari Kumar.**  
0040520765-7

**I, hitherto known as SHASHI SHARMA W/o ANAND SHARMA residing at 297, C8, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name & shall hereafter be known as SHWETA SHARMA**  
0050158536-1

**I, Amim Ahmed S/o Shabbir Ahmed R/o 2762 Street Chandi Wali, Pahari Bhojla Turkman Gate, Delhi-6 have changed my name to Syed Ameer Ahmed for all purposes.**  
0040520731-1

**I, Ankush Saini S/o Sh.Harkesh R/o-H.No-13, Kartare Wali Gali, Kushakh-Hiranki, Delhi-110036, My Name has been Wrongly Written as Ankush in My Aadhar-Card and Pan-Card, the Actual Name of Mine is Ankush Saini, Ankush Saini and Ankush Same and one Person for all purposes.**  
0040520692-1

**I, Charanjit Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh Babra R/o 106 Kohat Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 changed my name to Charanjit Kaur Babra.**  
0040520765-2

**I, Charu Kumar W/o Harpreet Singh R/o-402, Street No.23, Chattarpur Hills, New Delhi-110074, have changed my name to Kamia Kumari after-marriage.**  
0040520806-2

**I, Hardeep Singh S/o Dalbir Singh R/o 106 Kohat Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 changed my minor daughter's name Tismehar Kaur to Tismehar Kaur Babra.**  
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**I, Hardeep Singh Babra R/o 106 Kohat Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 changed my minor daughter's name Tismehar Kaur to Tismehar Kaur Babra.**  
0040520765-3

**I, Jyoti Bamola W/o Kuldeep R/o G-29, Gali No-1, Som Bazar Road, Raja Puri, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Jyoti Pokhriyal for all purposes.**  
0040519773-1

**I, Heena Shahid W/o Suhail Ahmed R/o 2747, Mohalla Nihariyan, Behind G.B Road, Delhi-110066 have changed my name to Hina Begum.**  
0040520765-5

**I, Harpreet Kaur W/o Sunpreet Singh Anand R/o A-8/43, Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi, have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur Anand permanently.**  
0040520735-4

**I, Esogipeta Narmda w/o Esogipeta Madhusudhan R/o flat.No-203 Tower-CS-5 Supertech Capetown sector-74 Noida Gautambudh Nagar UP have change my name to ESOGIPETA Narmda.**  
0040520778-2

**I, Emelia ChaaKma D/o Basanta Chakma R/o D-342, First Floor, Street No-12, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Lisa Chakma for all future purposes.**  
0040520696-1

**My clients: Sh. Gurnam Singh, S/o Late Sh. Mahi Singh and his wife Smt. Lakh Kaur, W/o Sh. Gurnam Singh both residents of R-24, FFPS, A-Block, Vasthese Park, Delhi, hereby down their son Sh. Sahen Singh and daughter-Nam Singh Rajji Kaur, and declare them from inheriting any movable or immovable property belonging to the clients. Any one dealing with the clients persons shall be doing so at his own risk and consequences.**  
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## Kushinagar mosque blast case: 1 more held

**Lucknow:** The Special Task Force (STF), investigating the Kushinagar mosque blast case, arrested another accused from Turkpatti police station area of the district late on Friday night.

This arrest has taken the total number of accused held to seven. **ENS**

कानपुर विद्युत आपूर्ति कम्पनी लिमिटेड 14/71, सिविल लाइन्स “केसा हाउस” कानपुर अति-अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा सीलबन्द निविदायें पृथक-पृथक दो भागों में वाहन का वाणिज्यिक पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र, बीमा प्रपत्र, जी.एस.टी. विभाग में पंजीकृत, वाणिज्यिक धारक चालक आदि शर्तें पूर्ण करने वाली संस्थाओं से निम्न वाहनों की आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदा वेबसाइट [www.kesco.co.in/](http://www.kesco.co.in/) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। केस्को ई-निविदायें प्रपत्र पूर्ण कर निविदादाताओं द्वारा वेबसाइट पर खुलने की तिथि को अपरान्ह 12.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है। उक्त ई-निविदा उसी दिन 15.00 बजे से 17.00 बजे तक वेबसाइट पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में नियत समय पर खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा धनराशि का भुगतान ऑनलाईन ई-न.एफ.टी/आर.टी.जी.एस. (खाता सं. 628805018266 आई.एफ.एस.सी.- ICIC0006288) के रूप में, केस्को कानपुर के पक्ष में देय होगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर दिये गये समय से दो घण्टे पूर्व तक वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ यू.टी.आर. की स्कैनड प्रति अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग में धरोहर धनराशि का भुगतान ऑफ लाईन/ऑनलाईन एफ.डी.आर./बैंक गारण्टी के रूप में स्वीकार किया जायेगा जो कि केस्को कानपुर के नाम पर देय होगी एवं निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित पी.व्यू.आर. एवं तकनीकी अभिलेख होंगे तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दर्े एवम् व्यावसायिक शर्तें होगी, बिना धरोहर धनराशि के तथा सशर्त निविदायें खोली/स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। ई-निविदा सं. 15/19-20 पात्र फर्में सक्षम ठेकेदार विवरण सी.एन.जी./डीजल कार/जीप चालक सहित तीन वर्ष हेतु कराये पर केस्को मुख्यालय में लगाने हेतु जिनका पंजीकरण अप्रैल-16 से पूर्व का न हो। धरोहर धनराशि (रु.) 250000/- निविदा धनराशि रु. में (जी.एस.टी. के साथ) 5900/- ई-निविदा अपलोड करने एवं खोलने की तिथि 26.11.2019, उपरोक्त ई-निविदा की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया केस्को की ई-टेंडरिंग वेबसाइट [www.kesco.co.in/https://etender.up.nic.in](http://www.kesco.co.in/https://etender.up.nic.in) के माध्यम से की जायेगी। तकनीकी योग्यता पूरा न करने वाले निविदादाता के निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। सामग्री क्रय की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा। राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचावें। हस्ता./- (मनीष कुमार गुप्ता) अधिशासी अभियन्ता (मण्डार क्रय) संख्या: STP/A-11/799/19-20 दिनांक 16/11/2019

# Bad environment cannot be good economics: Supreme Court judge

**SOFIAHSAAN**  
MOHALI, NOVEMBER 16

**QUESTIONING** The model of sustainable development in India, Supreme Court judge, Justice Deepak Gupta Saturday said that bad environment can never be good economics.

“Bad environment can never be good economics. It is only in a healthy environment that there can be a good economy. More damage has been done in the name of sustainable development than benefit. Sustainable development meant that you will bring in such industry and development that does not cause harm to the environment or where it can be re-compensated in real terms,” Justice Gupta said.

He was addressing the inaugural function of Global Law Conference in Chandigarh University here.

Directly addressing Union Minister for Railways, Industries and Commerce, Piyush Goyal, who was also present, Justice Gupta also delved into the issue of compensatory afforestation and added that money can be no compensation for the environment. “Yes, we need industries and mines, since growth of the country is also linked to it, but at the same time, our plans for compulsory afforestation have been ridiculously low. The figures would be less than 10 per cent of the actual proposed afforestation,” he said. “When there is development, there is always going to be a conflict. But if two views are possible, then the view in favour of environment must prevail.”

Addressing the audience, he said when the health of the common man is affected “because of the smog and all this”, the government has to put in more money into the healthcare. “It impacts the economy,” he said, adding that he sometimes wonders why the judiciary



At the Global Law Conference in Chandigarh University on Saturday. *Express*

should get involved in the matter.

“It is not our job. But then, when I look back, had there been no T N Godavaram case, there would have been no forests in this country. Had there been no M C Mehta case, the air pollution would (have created) a disaster,” he added.

Referring to the air pollution in the National Capital, Justice Gupta said that an application on his phone informs him that he is “smoking 16 cigarettes a day in Delhi” while the number is “three cigarettes a day in Chandigarh”.

“We have become so immune to the damage caused to the environment that an AQI of 200 seems really good. It is only when it crosses 400 or 500 mark that we start getting worried,” he said, adding that there were yet to realise how the climate change will affect us. “To the deniers of climate change, all I can say is that you are denying what is in front of you.”

Adding an environmental aspect to the issue of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), Justice Gupta said the temperature rise will also lead to more immigration from countries such as Bangladesh. He added that the biggest sufferers are not going to be the US or Europe, but the Sub-

Saharan region and South East Asia.

“I am not going into the political aspect or judicial aspect of the NRC but we are worried about immigration from other countries. If the temperature worldwide rises by more than 2 degrees, our coastal areas will be inundated. There will be a huge inundation in Bangladesh and those people will have no other option but to again move towards India for sustenance. When damage occurs to the environment, it hits the poorest first,” he said.

Stressing on the need for sensitization, Justice Gupta said it has to be done by all concerned - from the government and judiciary, to academicians, students, and anybody who is involved with conservation and preservation of the environment. “We have enough laws in country, our problem is the lack of enforcement and regulation,” he added.

Later, Justice Siddharth Mridul of Delhi High Court, addressing a technical session on climate change said he will not talk about PM 2.5 or PM 10 and the AQI “which was hovering in the vicinity of 500”. He, however, added that the pollution was so thick that the one “can cut it with a knife”.

## Goyal stresses on balance between environmental concerns, needs of population

**CHAHAT RANA**  
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 16

**STRESSING ON** the need to put development goals at par with environmental conservation, Union Minister Piyush Goyal Saturday said “good economics can make for a good environment” and added that India will lead the world in combating the challenges of poverty, terrorism and climate change in the 21st century.

“One needs to have a very delicate balance between concerns for the environment and the needs of the society and progress, especially poverty alleviation. When we are at the cusp of development, it is important to balance our environmental concerns with the growing needs of the population of 130 crore people,” said Goyal.

“India will lead the world in the 21st century when it comes to combating the challenges of poverty, terrorism and climate change. Against all these three, India is in the vanguard of the fight,” he said, adding that environment conservation and eco-friendly practices were part of Indian tradition and heritage.



There was controversy after maneater tigress T1 was killed by a sharpshooter last year. *File*

## NTCA bars killing of tigers by private shooters, Wildlife Act still allows it

**VIVEK DESHPANDE**  
NAGPUR, NOVEMBER 16

**THE** National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has barred all state forest departments from engaging a private shooter to kill a tiger for which shoot orders have been issued. There is, however, no clarity if the new guideline is strictly enforceable since the Wildlife Protection Act still contains the provision to engage such persons.

The NTCA has also dropped the use of the word ‘man-eater’ for the animal for which shooting orders have been issued. It will henceforth be described as “dangerous to human life”. The NTCA has also removed the restriction on the bore size of the gun — ‘not below .375 magnum’ — to be used to kill the animal.

The changes were conveyed to the officials concerned of various states in a letter dated November 11, days after wildlife activists held candlelight marches at many places to observe the first death anniversary of Pandharkawda tigress T1, popularly called Awani, on November 2. The NTCA’s decisions, however, were taken in a meeting on October 13.

Earlier, the text of the standard operating procedure (SOP) dealing with the procedure to shoot the animal read, “After declaring the man-eater, its elimination should be done by a departmental personnel having the desired proficiency while providing the firearm with the appropriate bore size not below .375 magnum. In case, such expertise is not available within the department, an expert may be co-opted from the other state governments or outside with due authorisation.”

The revised text reads: “After declaring the animal as dangerous to human life, its elimination should be done by departmental personnel having the desired proficiency while providing the firearm with the appropriate bore size. In case such expertise

is not available within the department, an expert may be co-opted from the other competent government department.”

A controversy had arisen last year after private shooter Shafath Ali Khan was tasked to kill T1, with activists and tiger lovers opposing his appointment. The controversy had deepened after Khan’s son Asghar shot dead the tigress on November 2 “after failed attempt to tranquilise her, and in self-defence, when the tigress allegedly charged at the tracking team”. Two inquiries, one by the state government and the other by NTCA, had pointed out violations of SOP in the manner in which T1 was killed.

Khan and his team have been tasked with capturing or shooting problem animals, including tigers and leopards in various states, for many years.

On condition of anonymity, an official said, “Section 11 of the Wild life Protection Act clearly empowers the chief wildlife wardens for all states to hire any person they deem fit for the job and there is no restriction on hiring a private shooter. But NTCA has powers to issue guidelines to states Under Section 38 of the same Act. Clearly, Section 11 can be interpreted as having overriding effect, unless a suitable change is also made in that section.”

“Section 11 doesn’t use the word man-eater. It uses ‘animals dangerous to human life’. The NTCA has only changed its own earlier SOP text, were it had used the word man-eater, to get in tune with the original terminology of the Act,” said the official.

A senior lawyer, who has handled wildlife cases for years, said no such SOP or guideline can hold as long as Section 11 allows engaging any person to shoot the animal. “But since wildlife is a subject on the Concurrent List, the state government can effect any desired change by passage of amendments in the state legislature,” he said.

## ‘Journalist’ held for ‘hurtful’ tweets on Ayodhya verdict

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

**UTTAR PRADESH** Police arrested a 35-year-old man from Delhi on Saturday for alleged “hurtful” tweets on the Ayodhya verdict. He has been identified as Ali Sohrab, who claims to be a journalist in his Twitter biography and has over a lakh followers on the social media platform.

Another complaint was filed against him for an alleged “hurtful” tweet related to the murder of former Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha president Kamlesh Tiwari last month.

Sohrab was picked up from his relatives’ house at Nand Nagri in Delhi. His brother Sabre Alam told *The Sunday Express* that he had come to visit them. “Today (Saturday), some policemen in civil clothes came to our house and started asking about him. There were around seven UP policemen and they

arrested him, besides seizing his two laptops and a phone,” said Alam.

Alam said the police said that an FIR was filed against him in Lucknow’s Hazratganj police station and that he was being taken there. “They just said that the FIR was related to his tweets.”

According to Lucknow police, earlier another complaint was filed on October 20 against Sohrab by Sub-inspector Shrikant Mishra at Lucknow Cyber Crime police station. The complaint stated that “@alisoahrb007 is knowingly posting tweets, in which a particular religion is being disrespected, causing enmity between different religious groups.”

“The arrest was made by the Lucknow police team with help from their Ghaziabad counterparts. The team included an inspector, a sub-inspector and other constables. The accused was taken to Lucknow where further proceedings would take place,” said Prakash Kumar, Additional SP, Crime, Ghaziabad.

## TSRTC union leader begins indefinite fast

**Hyderabad:** Stepping up their stir, the striking employees of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) organised a ‘bus roko’ at various places in the state on Saturday and a union leader began an indefinite fast in support of their demands.

The employees, who began their strike on October 5, stopped buses from plying as part of the bus roko protest. The leader of the striking employees’ unions, Aswathama Reddy, claimed he was not allowed to undertake his fast at the union’s office in the city and that he was confined to home by the police.

Reddy said he began an indefinite fast at his home.

The bus roko was peaceful and no major issue cropped anywhere, a senior police official said. **PTI**

## First night trial of Agni-II missile conducted successfully

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
BALASORE (ODISHA), NOVEMBER 16

**INDIA ON** Saturday successfully conducted the first night trial of

‘Agni-II’, its versatile surface-to-surface medium range nuclear capable missile from Dr Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast, defence sources said.

The missile has a strike range of 2000 km, the sources said soon after it blasted off from a mobile launcher at the Launch Complex-4 of the

Integrated Test Range (ITR).

‘Agni-II’, an intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM) has already been inducted into the armed forces. A defence official said this was the first time that the sophisticated missile was testfired at night. The entire trajectory of the trial was tracked by a battery of sophisticated radars, telemetry observation stations, electro-optic instruments and two naval ships located near the impact point in the down range area of Bay of Bengal, DRDO sources said.

The 20-metre two stage ballistic missile has a launch weight of 17 tonnes and can carry a pay-

load of 1000 kg over a distance of 2000 km, the sources said. The two-stage missile, equipped with advanced high accuracy navigation system, was guided by a novel state-of-the-art command and control system and propelled by solid rocket propellant system, the defence official said.

Saturday’s test was carried out by the specially formed Strategic Forces Command (SFC) of the Army with logistic support from the DRDO.

‘Agni-II’ was developed by Advanced Systems Laboratory along with other DRDO laboratories and integrated by the Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad, the sources said.

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## Institutes of eminence

tag and monitoring the progress of those who have been awarded the status.

Speaking to The Sunday Express, a senior official of the HRD Ministry, when asked about the funding issues raised by the public IoEs, pointed to unspent funds with the institutes. “There is a protocol for release of funds. The unspent balance with the institute has to be reduced to 20% for further (fund) release,” said the official.

According to a statement of funding reviewed by The Sunday Express, IIT-Delhi has Rs 73.54 crore, IIT-Bombay has Rs 42.97 crore, and IISc has Rs 56.53 as unspent balance as on September 30.

“What we are requesting the government is more flexibility. Funding (for IoEs) should be looked at (by the ministry) as a broad enabler for achiev-

ing excellence, rather than a fine-grained approach to release and utilisation,” said an official of one of the three IoEs, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

“We cannot start a big project or activity if funds are released in piecemeal (manner). It’ll be much easier if funding is linked to an activity (or project) and not to fixed conventional heads under which the government usually releases funds,” said the official.

The three IoEs are leant to have also raised the issue of the government asking for progress reports within short intervals of time.

The IoE scheme is aimed at creating an enabling architecture for 10 public and 10 private institutions to emerge as world-class institutions. They are proposed to have greater autonomy, including on deciding their fees, course duration and structure. Their academic collaborations with foreign institutions will also be exempt from approvals.

The 10 private IoEs are not entitled to any government funds.

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदाएं दो भागों में (जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवशील ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से आमंत्रित की जाती है, निविदा के प्रथम भाग (ऑन-लाइन) में निविदा मूल्य तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.एफ.आई.टी./बैंक गारण्टी के माध्यम से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, मुरादाबाद के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, मुख्य शाखा मुरादाबाद से संचालित चालू खाता सं.- 10896364702, IFSC CODE- SBIN 0000682 (MICR No. 110024101) में निविदा खुलने की तिथि से 01 एक दिन पूर्व सायं 17:00 बजे तक जमा कर, जारी करने वाले बैंक अधिकारी तथा निविदादाता द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित प्रति, इन्कम टैक्स, पैन नं., जी.एस.टी. पंजीकरण प्रपत्र की छायाप्रति, अनुभव सम्बन्धी पत्र तथा पात्रता की अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें अवश्य होने चाहिये अन्यथा की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग- 2 विचारणीय नहीं होगा। द्वितीय भाग में दर्े होनी चाहिये। निविदा सभी प्रपत्रों सहित खुलने की निर्धारित दिनांक को 13:00 बजे तक ई-माध्यम से प्राप्त की जायेगी और उसी दिन ई-माध्यम से प्रथम भाग 15:00 बजे तथा प्रथम भाग के परीक्षणोपरान्त द्वितीय भाग खोला जायेगा। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। आमंत्रित निविदायें केवल ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट ‘<http://etender.up.nic.in>’ पर ही खुलने के दिनांक को समय 13:00 बजे तक ही **Download/ submit** की जा सकेंगी। निविदा प्रपत्र उपरोक्त पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर निविदा submit करने की दिनांक व समय तक उपलब्ध रहेंगे। दसों की वैधता निविदा खुलने की तिथि से कम से कम 90 दिन होनी चाहिये। अन्य नियम व शर्तें विभाग के निर्धारित नियम व शर्तें उ.प्र. पावर कारपोरेशन लि. के फार्म ए/ बी के अनुसार होगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। किसी भी या समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकार/ निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षर की वना कोई कारण बताए सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा सम्बन्धी निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि जमा करने सम्बन्धी उक्त पे-इन-रिलिए निविदा खुलने से एक दिवस पूर्व इस कार्यालय को ऑनलाईन (seetdmdbd@gmail.com) उपलब्ध कराना अनिवार्य है, अन्यथा की स्थिति में निविदा नहीं खोली जाएगी। निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि के जमा होने के सम्बन्ध में बैंक स्टेटमेंट

की उपलब्धता पर जांचोपरान्त ही निविदा का भाग- 2 खोला जायेगा। (अ) अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा खुलने का दिनांक- 30.11.2019: 1- अल्प कालीन ई-निविदा संख्या- 194/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220 केवी एवं 132 केवी लाइनों के डिस्क इन्सुलेटर की सफाई एवं धुलाई का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 7000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1180/-, (ब) ई-निविदा खुलने का दिनांक- 18.12.2019: 1- ई-निविदा संख्या-195/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, मुरादाबाद पर कंट्रोल रूप एवं स्टोर शैड में वायरिंग एवं उपकेन्द्र पर एलईडी की आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 2- ई-निविदा संख्या- 196/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, दांडा पर सैंड बरीयर कवर एवं हॉफ कट ड्रम आदि लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 3- ई-निविदा संख्या- 197/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर पर पुराने एवं जंगप्रस्त 33 केवी सीटी/पीटी जंक्शन बॉक्सेज को हटाकर नये 33 केवी सीटी/पीटी जंक्शन बॉक्सेज का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 4- ई-निविदा संख्या- 198/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर पर पुराने एवं जंगप्रस्त 33 केवी सीटी/पीटी जंक्शन बॉक्सेज को हटाकर नये 33 केवी सीटी/पीटी जंक्शन बॉक्सेज का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 5- ई-निविदा संख्या- 199/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, चन्दीसी पर 10 एमवीएआर कैपेसिटर बैंक की स्थापना का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 6- ई-निविदा संख्या- 200/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, शाहबाद पर सर्विलांस सिस्टम हेतु कैमरा की आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 7- ई-निविदा संख्या- 201/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र,

बिलासपुर एवं लालपुर पर हॉफ कट फ्लारर ड्रम बनाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, (स) ई-निविदा खुलने का दिनांक- 20.12.2019: 8- ई-निविदा संख्या- 202/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, सम्मल एवं चन्दीसी पर वर्टीकल ब्लाईंड्स की सभी फिटिंग सहित आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 9- ई-निविदा संख्या- 203/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर पर वर्टीकल ब्लाईंड्स की सभी फिटिंग सहित आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 10- ई-निविदा संख्या- 204/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर एवं 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, शाहबाद पर सैंड बरीयर बनाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 11- ई-निविदा संख्या- 205/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों तथा खण्ड कार्यालय में वाटर प्यूरीफायर की आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 12- ई-निविदा संख्या- 206/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर पर सर्विलांस सिस्टम हेतु कैमरा की आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 13- ई-निविदा संख्या- 207/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, बिलासपुर पर सर्विलांस सिस्टम हेतु कैमरा की आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 14- ई-निविदा संख्या- 208/ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, सम्मल पर विभिन्न उपकरणों की पेंटिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 6000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1180/-, “राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाव” हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल-प्रथम उ.प्र.पा.टो.कालि. मुरादाबाद पत्रांक: 2692/वि.पा.सं.मु./ई-निविदा/2019-20 दि. 15-11-2019

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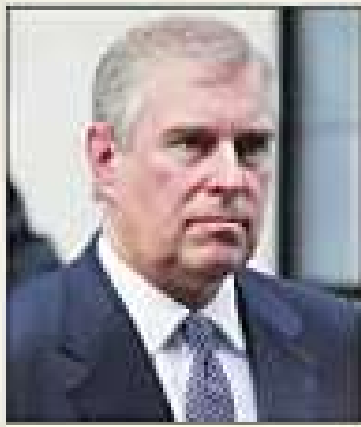
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Prince Andrew

UK  
No recollection  
of Epstein sex  
accuser: Andrew

London: Britain's Prince Andrew has said he does not remember meeting Virginia Roberts, one of US financier Jeffrey Epstein's alleged victims, who claims she was forced to have sex with the royal. But Andrew said in an interview with the BBC due to be broadcast on Saturday that his decision to remain friends with Epstein after he was convicted of soliciting prostitution from a minor was a serious error of judgement. "I have no recollection of ever meeting this lady, none whatsoever," Andrew said.

BOLIVIA  
Five killed in  
clash as protests  
turn deadly

Sacaba: Bolivia's political crisis turned deadly after security forces opened fire on supporters of Evo Morales in a central town, killing at least five people, injuring dozens and threatening the interim government's efforts to restore stability following the resignation of the former president in an election dispute. Most of the dead and injured Friday in Sacaba near the city of Cochabamba suffered bullet wounds, Guadalberto Lara, director of the town's Mexico Hospital, told The Associated Press. He called it the worst violence he's seen in his 30-year career.

SUDAN  
Six troops killed  
in attack by  
Yemeni rebels

Cairo: Officials in Sudan are saying an attack by Yemeni rebels has killed six members of a Sudanese paramilitary force that's been fighting in Yemen. The officials said Saturday that the attack earlier this week targeted a position on the Saudi-Yemen border held by Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. Sudanese troops have been deployed in Yemen for years as part of the Saudi-led military coalition's war against Houthi rebels. Emirati and Sudanese troops were pulling out of Yemen in recent months.

US  
California high  
school shooter  
dies of injuries

Los Angeles: The teenager who gunned down classmates at a California high school before shooting himself died Friday, leaving detectives baffled over the motive of a Boy Scout with no obvious alarm bells in his background. Nathaniel Berhow died in a hospital one day after shooting himself in the head at the end of a 16th birthday rampage that left two fellow students dead. Berhow had been in critical condition since police officers storming the campus found him lying among the wounded. The sheriff's department confirmed Berhow's death on Friday.

# Sri Lankans cast vote for new president amid stray violence



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SRI LANKANS cast their vote on Saturday to choose the successor of President Maithripali Sirisena, in a day that saw stray poll-related incidents including an attack on minority voters. Polling booths closed with an overall turnout of about 80 per cent, with southern Sri Lanka recording the most votes, while the northern and eastern provinces that have a significant number of Tamil and minority voters recorded a lower turnout. As many as 12,845 polling stations were set up across the country for 15.9 million voters. Polls opened at 7 am local time and concluded at 5 pm with overall voter turnout at almost 80 per cent, the National Elections Commission said. The ruling United National Party (UNP) has fielded its candidate, Sajith Premadasa, against Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the former defence secretary during the war and the younger brother of former President Mahinda



At a polling centre in Sri Lanka on Saturday. Express

Rajapaksa. The current president, Sirisena, who defeated Rajapaksa in the 2015 election, did not contest this time. The two frontrunners, Premadasa and Rajapaksa, voted in their respective home districts, Hambantota in the Deep South and near capital Colombo. Sirisena, who is supporting neither, voted in his home district Polonnaruwa. The ballot allows voters to choose their three top candidates in order of preference, which will determine the winner if no candidate secures over half the first place votes. About 400,000 election officials have been placed on duty and over 60,000 police personnel and over 8,000 Civil Defence Force (CDF) personnel were deployed to maintain law and order. While isolated incidents were reported, predictions of widespread violence were not realised. A senior Sri Lanka Police officer said there were several Army roadblocks at Palali and surrounding areas in the Tamil-populated northern province. While it was alleged that some roadblocks were an attempt to discourage Tamil voters from going to polling booths, the officer said the blocks were removed after the police reported them to the Election Commission. The firing incident was reported early on Saturday near Anuradhapura against a convoy of buses. An official who monitored the developments said the buses were carrying mostly Muslim voters from Puttalam to Mannar, where they had registered to vote.

"Attack was to prevent a large number of Muslims going to polling booths. Unidentified gangs tried to create roadblocks against a convoy of buses arranged by a Muslim politician who supports ruling party candidate Sajith Premadasa. After police forces intervened and removed the blocks, some buses were fired upon from a distance. At least three buses were damaged but no injuries were reported," the official said. Police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekera said 26 people were arrested for law violations, including clicking photos inside polling stations. The Colombo-based Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) reported 69 incidents till 10 am. Tamil areas that witnessed unusually busy polling in the 2015 election saw a lower turnout due to factors including a heavy downpour in Jaffna in the afternoon and an indifference to Premadasa and Gotabaya, said sources.

Kusal Perera, a political commentator based in Colombo, said the reduced voter percentage in the north and east are significant. "Unlike in 2015, people in the north and east had no reason to rush to the polling booths this time. While Gotabaya continues to be unpopular among Tamil and Muslim minority voters, Sajith's UNP has failed to keep promises they made after their 2015 victory," he said. WITHPTI

GENEVA

## CLIMATE PROTESTERS BLOCK PVT JET TERMINAL

Dozens of climate activists blocked access to the private jet terminal at Geneva airport Saturday, demanding a halt to the "absurd" mode of luxury transportation. Around 100 people took part, organised by pressure group Extinction Rebellion, large groups sitting in front of three entrances to block access to the building for several hours

# Leaked files expose how China organised mass detentions of Muslims

AUSTIN RAMZY &  
CHRIS BUCKLEY  
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 16

THE STUDENTS booked their tickets home at the end of the semester, hoping for a relaxing break after exams and a summer of happy reunions with family in China's far west.

Instead, they would soon be told that their parents were gone, relatives had vanished and neighbors were missing - all of them locked up in an expanding network of detention camps built to hold Muslim ethnic minorities.

The authorities in the Xinjiang region worried the situation was a powder keg. And so they prepared.

The leadership distributed a classified directive advising local officials to corner returning students as soon as they arrived and keep them quiet. It included a chillingly bureaucratic guide for how to handle their anguished questions, beginning with the most obvious: Where is my family?

The directive was among 403 pages of internal documents that have been shared with *The New York Times* in one of the most significant leaks of government papers from inside China's ruling Communist Party in decades. They provide an unprecedented inside view of the continuing clampdown in Xinjiang, in

which the authorities have corralled as many as a million ethnic Uighurs, Kazakhs and others into internment camps and prisons over the past three years.

The party has rejected international criticism of the camps and described them as job-training centers that use mild methods to fight Islamic extremism. But the documents confirm the coercive nature of the crack-down in the words and orders of the officials who conceived it.

Even as the government presented its efforts in Xinjiang to the public as benevolent and unexceptional, it discussed and organized a ruthless and extraordinary campaign in these internal communications. Senior party leaders are recorded ordering drastic and urgent action against extremist violence, including the mass detentions, and discussing the consequences with cool detachment.

Children saw their parents taken away, students wondered who would pay their tuition and crops could not be planted or harvested for lack of manpower, the reports noted. Yet officials were directed to tell people who complained to be grateful for the Communist Party's help and stay quiet. The key disclosures in the documents include:

■ President Xi Jinping, the party chief, laid the groundwork for the crackdown in a series of

speeches delivered in private to officials during and after a visit to Xinjiang in April 2014, just weeks after Uighur militants stabbed more than 150 people at a train station, killing 31. Xi called for an all-out "struggle against terrorism, infiltration and separatism" using the "organs of dictatorship," and showing "absolutely no mercy."

■ Terrorist attacks abroad and the drawdown of American troops in Afghanistan heightened the leadership's fears and helped shape the crackdown. Officials argued that attacks in Britain resulted from policies that put "human rights above security," and Mr. Xi urged the party to emulate aspects of America's "war on terror" after the Sept. 11 attacks.

■ The internment camps in Xinjiang expanded rapidly after the appointment in August 2016 of Chen Quanguo, a zealous new party boss for the region. He distributed Mr. Xi's speeches to justify the campaign.

■ The crackdown encountered doubts and resistance from local officials who feared it would exacerbate ethnic tensions and stifle economic growth. Chen responded by purging officials suspected of standing in his way, including one county leader who was jailed after quietly releasing thousands of inmates from the camps. NYT

IMPEACHMENT HEARING

# Trump asked about Ukraine probe: US official

NICHOLAS FANDOS  
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 16

AN OFFICIAL from the US Embassy in Kyiv confirmed to House impeachment investigators Friday that he had overheard a call between President Donald Trump and a top US diplomat in July in which the president asked whether Ukraine was going to move forward with an investigation he wanted.

The official, David Holmes, testified privately that he was at a restaurant in Kyiv when he overheard Trump on a cellphone call loudly asking Gordon Sondland, the US ambassador to the European Union, if Ukraine's president had agreed to conduct an investigation into one of his leading political rivals. Sondland, who had just come from a meeting with top Ukrainian officials and the country's president, replied in the affirmative.

"So, he's going to do the investigation?" Trump asked, according to a copy of Holmes' opening statement posted by CNN and confirmed by *The New York Times*.

Sondland, a wealthy hotelier and political donor turned ambassador, told Trump that President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine "loves your a\*\*\*\*" and would conduct the investigation and do "anything you ask him to," according to Holmes' statement.

Holmes asked if it was true that Trump did not care about

FRANCE TO HOST  
PUTIN, ZELENSKY IN  
BID TO END CONFLICT

Paris: Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris on December 9 for their first face-to-face encounter, seeking to end the half-decade conflict in Ukraine, the French presidency said Friday.

The leaders will join French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel for the four-day summit aimed at resolving the conflict in the east of Ukraine, where pro-Moscow separatists have declared breakaway regions, the Elysee Palace said. PTI

Ukraine. Sondland, he testified, agreed. As per Holmes' account, the ambassador said Trump cared only about the "big stuff." Holmes noted Ukraine had "big stuff" going on, like a war with Russia. But Sondland had something else in mind. He told Holmes he meant "big stuff" that benefits the president," like the "Biden investigation" that his lawyer Rudy Giuliani was pushing for, because it affected him personally. NYT

## IRAN PROTESTS OVER PETROL PRICE HIKE



People protest against the increased petrol price in Tehran on Saturday. Reuters

■ One civilian was killed and other people injured in Iran's Sirjan, the semi-official news agency ISNA said Saturday, a day after protests in the central city over a petrol price hike

■ 'Unfortunately someone was killed,' Sirjan's acting governor Mohammad Mahmoudabadi said in the report, adding the cause of the death and whether 'the individual was shot or not' was still unclear

■ Mahmoudabadi said that 'security forces did not have permission to shoot and were only allowed to fire warning shots... which they did'. He said it was a 'calm gathering' that was exploited by some who 'destroyed public property, damaged fuel stations...' PTI

AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF UNREST

# For first time since protests began, China deploys PLA troops in Hong Kong

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NOVEMBER 16

CHINA ON Saturday deployed its troops in Hong Kong for the first time since the unprecedented pro-democracy protests began more than five months ago, with soldiers in plain clothes clearing the roadblocks.

The Hong Kong administration, however, has distanced itself from the troop deployment, saying Beijing has sent the soldiers

on its own without any request. Soldiers from the Hong Kong Garrison of People's Liberation Army (PLA) — the world's largest military — have been deployed for the first time in more than five months of civil unrest in Hong Kong, as dozens marched from their Kowloon garrison to help clear roadblocks, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

It was also the first time in over a year that the PLA local garrison has been involved in the public community work.

EXPLAINED  
Conditions, precedent of  
PLA troop deployment

AS PER Hong Kong law, the People's Liberation Army cannot interfere in local affairs, but can be deployed if the local government requests it. One exception is that the garrison can act in matters of relief efforts, such as during clean-up after a typhoon in 2018. China has downplayed the incident, with officials saying the soldiers were not in uniform and had volunteered during their break. Activists have, nevertheless, voiced concerns that the incident could set a "grave precedent".

THE RING MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FOUND IF NOT FOR ‘THE BIGGEST BURGLARY IN ENGLISH LEGAL HISTORY’

# Oscar Wilde’s stolen golden ring recovered by ‘art detective’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
AMSTERDAM, NOVEMBER 16

A GOLDEN ring once given as a present by the famed Irish writer Oscar Wilde has been recovered by a Dutch "art detective" nearly 20 years after it was stolen from Britain's Oxford University.

The friendship ring, a joint gift from Wilde to a fellow student in 1876, was taken during a burglary in 2002 at Magdalen College, where the legendary dandy studied. At the time it was valued at 35,000 pounds (40,650 euros, \$45,000).

The trinket's whereabouts remained a mystery for years and



A painting of Oscar Wilde at a former UK jail. Reuters/file

there were fears that the ring — shaped like a belt and buckle and made from 18-carat gold — had

even been melted down. But Arthur Brand, a Dutchman dubbed the "Indiana Jones of the

Art World" for recovering a series of high-profile stolen artworks, used his underworld connections to finally find it.

Mark Blandford-Baker, home bursar of Magdalen College, said they were "very pleased to have back a stolen item that forms part of a collection relating to one of our more famous alumni." "We had given up hope of seeing it again," he told AFP.

The ring was a present from Wilde and fellow student Reginald Harding to their friend William Ward in 1876 while the Irishman was a student at Magdalen, one of the three dozen colleges that make up Oxford University.

The ring bears the inscription in Greek that says "Gift of love, to one who wishes love." It also has the initials of "OFOFVW + RRH to WWWW" on the inside.

Disaster struck in 2002 when a former college cleaner named Eamonn Andrews broke into Magdalen, got drunk on whisky from the college bar, then stole the ring and two unrelated medals. The college at the time offered a 3,500 pounds reward for the ring's safe return — but after he was caught, the burglar told a court that he had sold the golden band to a scrap dealer.

"Rumours started in 2015 in the art underworld that a

Victorian ring has surfaced 'with some Russian writing on it,'" Brand told an AFP correspondent, who saw the ring at an apartment in Amsterdam.

Together with a London-based antiques dealer named William Veres, their enquiries eventually led them to George Crump, a man whom Brand described as a "decent man with knowledge of the London criminal underworld because of his late uncle, a well-known casino owner."

Through Crump, Brand and Veres managed to track down and negotiate the safe return of the stolen ring. The story of his latest find may have a final twist worthy of one of Wilde's tales.

Wilde's ring may have never been discovered were it not for another heist, when a gang of elderly criminals raided a vault in London's jewellery district in 2015 in what was described as the "biggest burglary in English legal history."

"There are very strong indications that the appearance of the ring is linked to the 2015 burglary at Hatton Garden Safe Deposit. Rumours that the ring has reappeared first started a few weeks after the burglary," said Brand. "And I was given the ring right in front of the Hatton Garden Safe Deposit... which I thought was a bit of English humour."



# 20 ECONOMY

SOME SUGGESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED, SAYS REVENUE SECRETARY

## FM holds meeting on GST simplification; similar talks across country on Dec 7

Discussions with chartered accountants, tax practitioners, traders and various other stakeholders

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

IN ORDER to understand the various issues being faced by Goods and Services Tax (GST) taxpayers while filing their tax returns, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday held a meeting with chartered accountants, tax practitioners, traders and other stakeholders. Taxpayers are finding making amendments to their GST returns as the most challenging task, Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said after the meeting, adding that a similar exercise would be undertaken by indirect tax commissioners at the circle level on December 7. Each group of tax practitioners and other stakeholders filed different returns (GSTR 3B, 1 and 9 among others) to demonstrate the shortcomings before the Finance Minister on a real-time basis. "By and large, straightforward return-filing was smooth

### EXPLAINED Will help in smooth roll-out of new returns system

AFTER THE recent extension given for filing GST annual returns for 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Finance Ministry reached out to stakeholders to understand and resolve the pending issues being faced in filing the returns. Technical glitches were one of the main issues faced by taxpayers when the new indirect tax regime was rolled out in July 2017. With the new GST returns proposed to be rolled out from April 1 next year, hearing out and resolving taxpayers' issues and a constant exchange between the CBIC and the GSTN will help in improving compliance and preparing for a smoother roll-out of the new returns system.

and the problem areas pertained to making changes and amendments to the returns filed earlier and issue of credit/debit notes," Pandey said. He added that some suggestions on introducing new functionalities would be considered.

Indirect tax commissioners have been asked to conduct similar exercise at the circle level next month, Pandey said. "They will invite assessee along with their accountants and file returns, both old and proposed, before the official. Any issues that

arise can be dealt with at the spot," he said. The new simplified return formats will be implemented from April 1 next year. The taxpayers can upload their invoices while the system prepares a return for them under the new system. New GST return is available on the portal for trial and consultations will be held all across the country on December 7 to get feedback on the new system, he said, adding about 85,000 returns on voluntary basis have been filed so far although the new form becomes mandatory from April 1, 2020. Further, Pandey said that it was also decided that the indirect tax department and GST Network will meet regularly to thrash out issues. "The system is by and large robust as over 70 lakh people are filing returns every month. However, various previously unseen scenarios do occur when 1.2 crore taxpayers file returns," Pandey said. He added that some of the issues are related to taxpayers not knowing the existence of a functionality in the system, while some other problems occur because of manual errors. Some of the suggestions were with regard to change or amendment to entries in the filing, credit and debit note, he said. "This meeting was fruitful. In some cases they were not aware of the existing instructions, in some cases they pointed out to confusion and some suggestions with regard to further easing were made," he said, adding that some clarificatory circular would be issued wherever required and other suggestions would be implemented. Earlier this week, the government had to extend the deadline for filing annual returns for GST for both FY18 and FY19 as various representations were received regarding challenges faced by taxpayers in filing of GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C. The FY18 annual returns had already seen at least four previous extensions.

### BRIEFLY

#### 'Govt working on policy to push MSME exports'

New Delhi: The government is working on two policies to increase MSME exports and bring down imports by encouraging local production, Union MSME and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Saturday.

#### LIC Housing eyes to disburse ₹55K cr in FY20

New Delhi: LIC Housing Finance Ltd has set a target of disbursing Rs 55,000 crore worth loans during the current financial year, LIC Housing Finance Managing Director and CEO Siddhartha Mohanty said.

#### SC's Essar order to bring certainty: Ficci

New Delhi: The Supreme Court's judgement in the Essar Steel case would bring certainty to the resolution process in India at par with the global practices, industry body Ficci said on Saturday. **PTI**

#### EU 2020 Budget talks stuck

Brussels: Talks setting the EU's budget for next year are going down to the wire because of disagreement between member states and European Parliament, officials said Saturday. Both sides held negotiations into late Friday but "suspended the talks without agreement," the parliament said in a statement. **AFP**

## 'Focus on level playing field in trade talks with Britain'

REUTERS  
DUBLIN, NOVEMBER 16

THE EUROPEAN Union's focus in trade talks with Britain will be on level-playing-field provisions and the defence of the single market, the incoming head of the European Council Charles Michel said on Friday.

"We are ready to cooperate with the UK, but we are also ready to promote and to defend the level playing field and an important point for the future: to protect the integrity of the single market," Michel told journalists in Dublin following a meeting with Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar. Asked if he thought it was realistic to conclude a new trade

### FOCAL POINTS

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■ He added the EU was ready to cooperate with the UK

agreement with London by the end of next year, Michel, who is due to take over from Donald Tusk on December 1, said "we will see."

## Dollar domination: Why global markets depend on the US currency

From the dominant reserve currency for central banks to the main conduit for global trade and borrowing, US dollars are the lifeblood for banks and markets around the world

**HALF THE 1.6 TN** of dollar bank notes in circulation were outside the US as per a Fed paper this year

**EFFORTS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE:** Governments and central banks have tried to reduce their dollar-dependency, with Bank of England Governor Mark Carney describing its role in the world economy as "destabilising"

**HERE ARE SOME WAYS THE DOLLAR IS USED:**

### CENTRAL BANK RESERVE HOLDINGS

■ Reserves of different currencies are held by central banks to settle international claims, intervene in foreign exchange markets or as rainy-day funds

■ The euro is the second most popular reserve currency

### INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS

■ The dollar is dominant for transactions between non-US exporters and importers

■ In 2018, over half of all goods imported into the EU



**70%** of all dollars are held outside the United States and 60 per cent of all \$100 bills circulated overseas, as per a Fed research paper from 2017

from non-members were invoiced in US dollars, Eurostat data shows

■ Companies operating in global markets, such as the airplane-maker Airbus, often list their prices in dollars

## Distress in China could spill over to US, global markets: Fed

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WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 16

THE US Federal Reserve on Friday said a prolonged, rapid credit expansion in China has rendered its corporate sector highly vulnerable to a sharp downturn and warned that adverse developments in Beijing also could spill over to the United States and other global markets.

"Because of the size of the Chinese economy, significant distress in China could spill over to the US and global markets through a retrenchment of risk appetite, US dollar appreciation, and declines in trade and commodity prices," said US Federal Reserve in its latest edition of the Financial Stability Report.

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**"Because of the size of the Chinese economy, significant distress in China could spill over to the US and global markets through a retrenchment of risk appetite, dollar appreciation, and decline in trade"**

### US FEDERAL RESERVE IN THE FINANCIAL STABILITY REPORT

dered its nonfinancial corporate sector highly vulnerable to a sharp downturn in addition to poor asset quality and notable interconnections between banks," the Federal Reserve said, adding developments in domestic and international markets could pose a number of near-term risks to the financial system.

According to the Federal Reserve, trade frictions — centered on the US-China dispute — remained the most widely cited potential near-term shock.

"Respondents generally ex-

pected higher tariffs on Chinese imports to persist well into next year and noted that the tariffs had started to affect US economic activity," it said, referring to a survey it did as part of the report.

Some contacts worried about a deterioration in broader US-China relations, rooted in technology and national security issues, said the report adding they were also concerned about the regional geopolitical risks in Hong Kong, Taiwan and North Korea that may amplify bilateral tensions. **PTI**

## Boeing: Timing of 737 MAX return in hands of regulators

REUTERS  
DUBAI, NOVEMBER 16

BOEING MOVED on Saturday to ease tensions with regulators over the return to service of its 737 MAX, saying it was up to the US Federal Aviation Administration and its global counterparts to approve changes to the jet in the wake of two accidents.

The FAA told its staff this week to take whatever time was needed to review the grounded plane after Boeing said it expected the FAA to certify the 737 MAX in mid-December.

"We put some targets out that still line up to December ... type certification," Stan Deal, chief executive of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, told reporters.

## 'Overcome issues to get India into RCEP'

Convention, Teo elaborated on India and ASEAN trade pacts, pointing out, "We already have the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA), which came into effect in 2010. But there is more potential."

Teo added India and Singapore are also exploring linking "our national single window platforms to facilitate cross-border exchange of trade information digitally".

He cited the example of India's RuPay and Singapore's NETS, a tie-up launched last year to facilitate cross-border payments.

Among other cooperation between the two countries, Teo noted Singapore's Sembcorp Marine Rigs and Floaters having recently collaborated with Shapoorji Pallonji of India and Malaysia's Bumi Armada to convert a very large crude carrier (VLCC) into a floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) unit.

## Anil Ambani, 4 others quit board of Reliance Communications

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

ANIL AMBANI has resigned as director of Reliance Communications (RCom), which is currently going through the insolvency process. The company, on Friday, announced a loss of Rs 30,142 crore for the September quarter of financial year 2019-20.

According to a stock exchange filing, Ambani, along with Chhaya Virani, Ryna Karani, Manjari Kacker and Suresh Rangachar, has resigned as a director of RCom.

"Your good office may also note that Manikantan V has also tendered his resignation as a Director and Chief Financial Officer of the company earlier. The resignations shall be put up to the committee of creditors of the Company for their consideration," the filing said.

In May 2019, following a National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) directive, RCom informed the stock exchanges that the administration of the company would be taken over by the interim resolution professional (RP) and the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP)

## Q2 GDP growth to fall to 4.9%: NCAER

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE COUNTRY'S GDP growth is likely to decline to 4.9 per cent in the second quarter of this fiscal year due to sustained slowdown in virtually all the sectors, economic think-tank National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) said Saturday.

India's economy grew at 5 per cent in the first quarter of 2019-20 — the slowest pace in over six years. For the full fiscal 2019-20, the NCAER has pegged GDP growth at 4.9 per cent as against 6.8 per cent in 2018-19.

The NCAER said the monetary policy measures are unlikely to revive growth at this juncture and suggested providing fiscal stimulus, which, too, can be challenging unless it can be financed through better revenue generation. "Whether the growth decel-

## Alphabet features self-driving garbage cans, noise monitors

REUTERS  
TORONTO, NOVEMBER 16

ALPHABET'S SIDEWALK Labs has provided more details on the technology it intends to use to develop a futuristic smart city in Toronto, which includes self-driving garbage cans and infra-red sensors to track foot traffic in stores, a document released by the company on Friday said.

Sidewalk, owned by the parent company of Google, released a 483-page document in response to criticism from an arm of the government-mandated body developing the project that called the initial proposal "frustratingly abstract."

Waterfront Toronto, the agency in charge of developing the waterfront area of Canada's biggest city, gave a tentative ap-

### CRUDE WATCH

#### OIL GAINS 2% DESPITE RISING SUPPLIES

New York: Oil futures gained nearly 2 per cent, as comments from a top US official raised optimism for a US-China trade deal, but worries about increasing crude supplies capped prices. Brent crude gained \$1.02, or 1.6 per cent, to settle at \$63.30 a barrel. **REUTERS**

### FIRM IS UNDER THE INSOLVENCY PROCESS

■ Chhaya Virani, Ryna Karani, Manjari Kacker and Suresh Rangachar have also resigned as directors

■ In May 2019, following a NCLT directive, RCom informed the stock exchanges that the administration of the

company would be taken over by the resolution professional and corporate insolvency resolution process would resume

■ It has provided for estimated liability aggregating to Rs 25,588 crore up to September 30

would resume. "The powers of the board of directors or the partners of the corporate debtor, as the case may be, shall stand suspended and be exercised by the interim resolution professional," the company had said in the filing.

On Friday, RCom posted a loss of Rs 30,142 crore for the September quarter of fiscal 2019-20 due to provisioning for liabilities after the Supreme Court ruling on statutory dues.

The company had reported Rs 338 crore in losses for the June quarter (Q1), and a profit of Rs 1,295 crore in Q2 last year. It reported Rs 305 crore in revenue, down from Rs 866 crore in Q1.

On Thursday, Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel had reported a

combined loss of Rs 74,000 crore for the September quarter.

RCom has provided for estimated liability aggregating to Rs 25,588 crore up to September 30, 2019, of Rs 21,420 crore towards license fee (Rs 3,892 crore, Rs 4,967 crore and Rs 12,561 crore towards principal, penalty, and interest on principal and penalty respectively) and Rs 4,168 crore towards Spectrum Usage Charges (Rs 936 crore, Rs 355 crore and Rs 2,877 crore towards principal, penalty and interest on principal and penalty respectively) as exceptional items that may undergo revision based on demands from DoT and/or any developments in this matter, it said.

## US judge reduces J&J's opioid payout to \$465 million

REUTERS  
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 16

AN OKLAHOMA judge on Friday said Johnson & Johnson must pay that state \$465 million for fueling the opioid epidemic through the deceptive marketing of painkillers, down from his original award of \$572 million.

The decision by Cleveland County District Judge Thad Balkman in Norman, Oklahoma, came in the first case to go to trial out of 2,700 nationally by states, counties and cities seeking to hold drug companies responsible for the deadly epidemic.

Balkman reduced the amount he had awarded in August by \$107 million after agreeing with New Brunswick, New Jersey-based J&J that he had made a math error.

sign and responsive sounds to help blind people find their way around, the document showed.

Sidewalk would implement a pay-as-you-throw system of garbage deposition, with volume sensors installed on each bin to indicate when it should empty itself, and optical sensors that would allow each self-driving bin to navigate through the public realm.

It said the majority of the services it is proposing have already been partially or fully implemented in an existing project in various cities around the world.

Sidewalk said the objective of this list is to "not only describe the 'what' and the 'why,' but also the 'how' and 'who' for each service. "It also can help provide a clear, single source for what data collection activities are proposed — and importantly, what activities are not."

## China central bank to stick to prudent monetary policy

REUTERS  
BEIJING, NOVEMBER 16

CHINA'S CENTRAL bank said on Saturday it will maintain prudent monetary policy to prevent inflation from spreading.

In its third quarter monetary policy report, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) also said it was studying plans to switch the benchmark rate for existing loans to the new loan prime rate (LPR).

China's economic growth for the third quarter tumbled to its slowest pace in nearly three decades, under pressure from slowing global demand and the ongoing trade war between China and the United States.

At the same time, China's consumer inflation has quickened to

a near eight-year high of 3.8 per cent, driven in part by soaring pork prices as a result of an outbreak of African Swine Fever in the country, posing a dilemma for the central bank.

"The PBOC is increasingly concerned about rising CPI inflation and inflation expectations," economists at Nomura said in a note on Friday, saying those risks may incline policymakers to lower profile easing measures in the near term. The PBOC had unexpectedly made a 200 billion yuan liquidity injection earlier in the day.

Despite the higher inflation rates the central bank is expected to lower the LPR next Wednesday, for the third time since it was introduced in August. LPR is a lending benchmark for bank loans to households and businesses.



BRIDGE

The defender who can “see” what the winning defense is, takes charge. The best play with this heart combination for one loser is to take two finesses.

Dir: North

Vul: E-W

NORTH (Dummy)		EAST	
♠ J4		♠ A963	
♥ J975		♥ KQ6	
♦ AQ108		♦ 2	
♣ KQ9		♣ A87654	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass			
Pass			

OPENING LEAD: SK Plan your defense.

Your partner greets your opening lead with the 10 so you continue with the ace and both follow - It's still your turn - What do you lead at trick three?

WEST HAND: ♠KQ1082 ♥2♦98743 ♣J3

SOUTH HAND: ♠75♥A10843♦KJ5♣A102

Take charge! Overtake partner's opening lead and switch to your singleton diamond. Assuming dummy wins and a heart is led, split your

honors. Then you get in with your other heart honor lead a spade to partner's queen and get your diamond ruff.

Dir: South

Vul: Both

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 76		♠ AKJ854	
♥ AK852		♥ KJ	
♦ 954		♦ 32	
♣ KQ2		♣ 10864	
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♣
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass			
Pass			

OPENING LEAD: SQ Plan your defense.

JUMBLED WORDS

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

No one else can represent your \_\_\_\_ - Native American Proverb (10)

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SOLUTION: EVOKKE, FINIS, DOCENT, CROUCH  
Answer: No one else can represent your conscience - Native American Proverb

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2243

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Office or school boy's item (6,9)
- Spar supporting sail (4-3)
- Pertaining to melanism (7)
- Nymph of paradise (5)
- Italian appetizer (9)
- Martial art (9)
- Indifferent gesture (5)
- A body embalmed for burial (5)
- Incandescent lamp (9)
- Maltreat (9)
- Not on land - and confused 1 (2,3)
- Unimportant (7)
- Chemical agent that oxidizes (7)
- Winter garment (8,7)

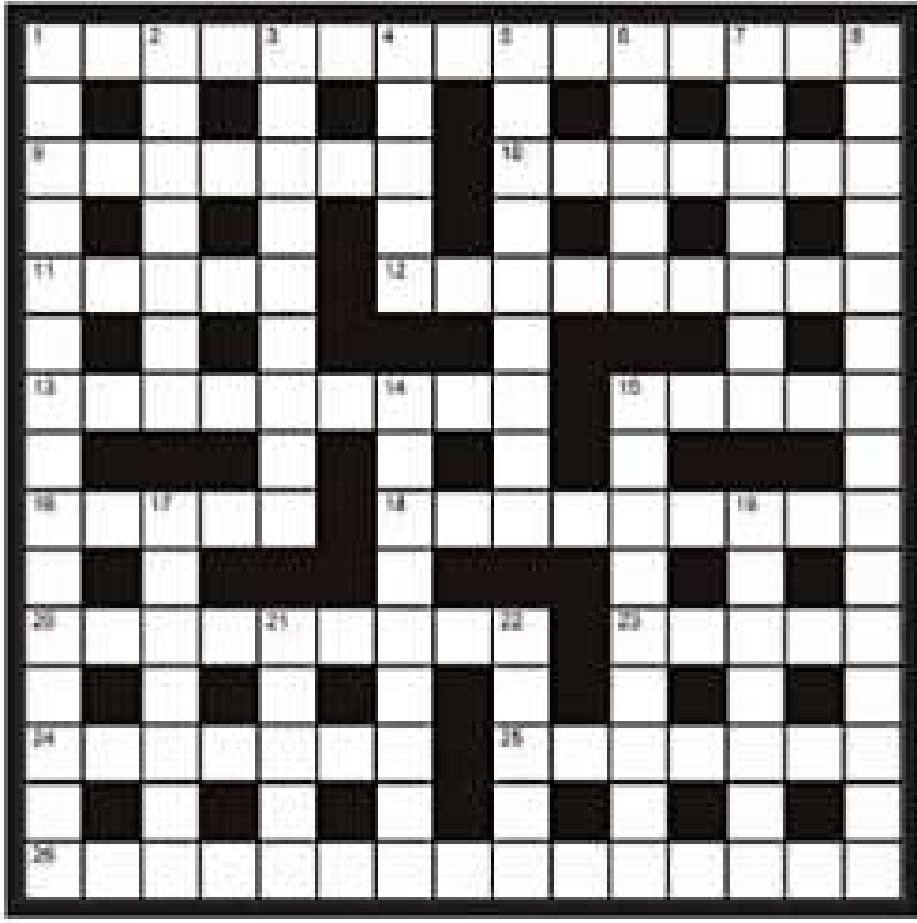
DOWN

- Hallucinatory (15)
- Upbringing (7)
- Grandly or grandiosely ? (21,3,3)
- Where Pago Pago is (5)
- First man to set foot on moon (9)
- Individual coral (5)
- "Son sure" to change for one who do not consume ? (3-4)
- Mediterranean landmark (4,2,9)
- Where Alexandria is (9)
- Puts by, keeps in abeyance (4,5)
- Filthier (7)
- Parvenu (7)
- Legal defence (5)
- Islets - "yes to" change ? (5)

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Smart Alec having fifty per cent, excess capacity ? (3,6,2,4)
- Say nothing about why Dad works? (4,3)
- She came round when Alan and I got up (7)
- Muse with a wayward tear over love (5)
- Send a message that might be a great help (9)
- I see the old hag left with the newspaper (9)
- Re-ignited when put up by tradesman (5)
- Appeal for quiet conduct (5)
- Badly presented next trio on stage will demand payment (9)
- Nice work - point out the



- beginning (9)
- Attends gathering of male journalists (5)
- Blunt and futile! (2,5)
- Chuckle first heard from Lewis Carroll (7)
- Tidy wearer of the triple chevron ? (7,8)
- Head (7)
- Inactive state is resistant to change (7)
- Peril of a regular traveller ? (5)
- Crane damaged by Pearl's mother, say (5)

Solutions to 2242

QUICK CLUES Across: Dynamics, 5 Redgum, 10 Modicum, 11 Netball, 12 Boffo, 13 Imitation, 14 Nomenclature, 18 Incompatible, 21 Mussolini, 23 Quirk, 24 Erosion, 25 Amateur, 26 System, 27 Severely. Down: 1 Demos, 2 No off, 3 Microcosm, 4 Commiserations, 5 Extra, 7 Gracious, 8 Malinger, 9 Indiscriminate, 15 All square, 16 Firmness, 17 Scissors, 19 Birnie, 20 Sherry, 22 Olive. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Malemute, 5 Scoffs, 10 Malaria, 11 Hostage, 12 Liana, 13 Kennelled, 14 Escape notice, 18 Intermission, 21 Hoi polloi, 23 Ewell, 24 Othello, 25 Mooting, 26 Dosing, 27 Print-run. Down: 1 Mumble, 2 Liana, 3 Merganser, 4 Thanks a million, 6 Castle, 7 Fraulein, 8 Steadies, 9 Channel swimmer, 15 On one's own, 16 Withhold, 17 Stathees, 19 Denier, 20 Plug in, 22 Orion.

SUDOKU 4032

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

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4031



**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF COAL MANAGEMENT**  
Kanke, Ranchi-834006, Jharkhand, India  
Website : www.iicm.ac.in  
Ref. No.: IICM/Civil/Tender Publication/CMPDIL/19-20/247 Date: 15.11.2019  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Following Tenders are invited on-line on the website <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> from the eligible bidders :  
**Name of Work** : Repairing of RCC Structures at IICM, Ranchi,  
**NIT No.** : IICM/Civil/RCC Repair/19-20/238 dated 05.11.2019,  
**Estimated Cost** : Rs. 65,96,948.57, **Availability of Tender Document**: 18.11.2019 to 04.12.2019.  
**Note**: Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Documents including terms and conditions of works shall be available on e-tendering portal <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> and Tender Notice shall be available at websites [www.iicm.ac.in](http://www.iicm.ac.in) and <http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp>.  
**Chief Manager (Civil)**

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA, SRINAGAR KASHMIR**  
**Department of Materials Management (Imports Section)**  
**E-mail:- ammoinports@skims.ac.in, Fax: 0194-2403404**

**EXTENSION**  
Subject:- First Extension to the eNIT No. SIMS-324-NIT 16 (Imports) of 2019 dated 03.10.2019 (Tender -ID 2019\_SKIMS\_83006\_1 to Tender -ID 2019\_SKIMS\_83006\_7) regarding Supply/ Installation, Testing & Commissioning of various Bio-Medical Equipments for Cardiology, SKIMS.  
The NIT is hereby extended as per following schedule:-  

Last Date for Submission of Online Bids	26.11.2019 upto 04.00 P.M.
Date of Opening of Technical Bids	30.11.2019 at 12.30 P.M.

  
Besides the specifications for the item have been revised & same are available on SKIMS website as well as on [www.jktender.gov.in](http://www.jktender.gov.in).  
**Sd/- Asstt. Materials Management Officer, SKIMS.**  
No.-: SIMS-324-eNIT 16 (Imports) 2019-4551-57-3801-04  
Dated: 11.11.2019

**Office of The Authorised Officer & Assistant Conservator Of Forest, Panvel**  
Takka Forest Colony Tal. Panvel Dist. Raigad (Maharashtra) Pin Code 410206.  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Under Indian Forest Act, 1927 section 61B  
Particularly :-  
**NOTICE** is hereby given to above mention persons/firms and to public at large that Range Forest Officer, Karjat (west) and Neral Police seized property along with notified Forest Produce (Red Sanders) more particularly describe in the schedule hereunder written and booked an offence and submitted their report u/s 52(2) of Indian Forest Act, 1927 along with property to this office for taking decision of the said property.  
I am authorised under section 61A of Indian Forest Act, 1927 to take legal decision on said seized property.  
All persons having or claiming any right, claim interest of the said seized property or to any thereof by way of ownership, possession, sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, license, gift, inheritance, bequest possession, encumbrance of whatsoever nature or otherwise are hereby requested to attend before me personally to the undersigned at the address mention above of any such claim accompanied with all necessary and supporting documents within 14(Fourteen) days from the date of publication hereof failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims and that claims, if any have been waived off and the undersigned shall proceed to take action of the said seized property u/s 61A of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.  
**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY**  

Sr. No.	F.I.R. No/Date	Vehicle No	Chassis No	Engine No	Seized Forest Produce
1	Neral Police Station FIR No. 89/2015	GJ-05/JK-0870	MALBMS1R LEM019526	----	Red Sanders Log No. Cmt.

  
**Sd/- (N. N. Kupte)**  
Authorised Officer & Assistant Conservator of Forest  
Panvel, Dist. Raigad (M.S.)  
DGIPR 2019/2020/3662

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY**  
**DIRECTORATE OF PURCHASE AND STORES**  
**HEAVY WATER PLANT, TALCHER**  
**CORRIGENDUM**  
With reference to our NIT No. DPS/HWP/TAL/ DISPOSAL/MP/2M-49 (e-Tender ID : 46741) for Dismantling and Disposal of Heavy Water Main Plant at HWP Talcher, Odisha, certain amendments have been incorporated in the tender w.r.t. Consortium, Delivery Schedule, Material Inspection, Due Date & Time etc. Tenders are to be submitted online only. The Last Date of Submission is extended up to 09.12.2019 (02:30 PM). For further details, please visit the website at <https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in>.  
**Assistant Stores Officer**

**GSRTC**  
**GUJARAT STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION**  
**GSRTC invites online tenders**  
for appointment of operator for operating Electric Buses for GSRTC on Gross Cost Contract Model under FAME India Scheme Phase-II.  
As per tender specification, pre-qualification criteria and conditions mentioned in respective RFP. Please visit the website mentioned below for the details regarding submission of tender documents through online e-tender process <https://gem.gov.in>  
For further details please contact on Phone No. 079-22801236 (in office hours) email at: [cmegsrtc@yahoo.co.in](mailto:cmegsrtc@yahoo.co.in)  
**CME, GSRTC Ahmedabad**

**NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
**OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (M-I) NARELA ZONAL OFFICE, NARELA, DELHI-110040**  
**No. : EE/M-I/Narela/2019-2020/17 Date: 15.11.2019**  
**SHORT NOTICE**  
Start Date of Sale Download of Tender Document : 15.11.2019 17.30 Hrs.  
Last Date of Tender Document online submission : 22.11.2019 upto 12.00 Hrs.  
Opening of Financial Bid : 25.11.2019 upto 12.30 Hrs.  
For online tendering time table please refer <http://medtenders.com> sealed percentage Rate tenders are invited for execution of the following works by the North DMC from eligible registered contractor having experience in the similar filed and will be received as per time table and will be opened at 25.11.2019, on 12.30 on website <http://medtenders.com> by MCO- E-Tendering in the office of EE(M-I)Narela Zonal, Building Narela Zone Delhi-110040. The eligible contractor has to quote their rates subject to the conditions that they are neither black listed nor debarred at the time of submission of their tenders through e-tendering process.  

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Tender amount	E.M.D. In (Rs.)	Time of Completion	Validity of rates	Tender cost
1.	EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019- 2020/17.1.	Improvement and Development of road from Durga Store to Gopi house, Radhey house to Vaidhya Dharamshala and Nareesh to Bhim house in Nai Basti Narela in ward No 11N, Narela in Narela Zone H/A/- XL-VIII-S (d)	14269310	285400	6 Months	5 Months	1500/-
2.	EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/17.2.	Improvement of lanes by providing CC pavement in Udayan Pana in ward No 1 (Narela) in Narela Zone SH -I lane from Ramphal to Mahender house, Ambey to Kanksham house, Rajender to Devender house, Dharamshala to Bhagat Singh Park, New Happy School to Ambedkar park and sides lane, Rajesh to Lovely house, Sundernagar to Umed house, Charanjit to Maman house H/A/- XL-VIII-2F-I	10562509	211300	6 Months	5 Months	1500/-
3.	EE/M-I/Narela/TC/ 2019-2020/17.3.	Imp. of Banker Bawana road by pvg. CC pavement and RCC drain from Shiv service station to park corner in ward No 5N (Bankner) in Narela Zone H/A/- XL-VIII-S (d)	18222844	262500	6 Months	5 Months	1500/-
4.	EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/17.4.	Improvement of lanes by providing CC pavement in ward No 1 (Narela) in Narela Zone SH-I from Dharambiri to Kumar Electronics and Sastri to Railway road in Indira Colony from Manoj Kiranya to Sunil and upto railway road in Vijay Nagar from Sasthi to Govt School, Rajender to Subhash and Dinesh to Mohan in Shivaji Nagar, Sadarani Gupta to Gopi house, Chhabra Niwas to Keshav Shop, Mahender to Tellu Ram and Sudershan to Kurenti more. H/A/- XL-VIII-2F-I	11899925	240000	6 Months	5 Months	1500/-

  
Bidding document can be downloaded from the website <http://www.tenderwizard.com>  
**RO No. 150/DPI/North/2019-20 Ex. Engineer (M-I) Narela**

**TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-TENDERING PROCESS)**  

Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	SE/M-II/NCTPS-2	111 (Due date Extension)	1

  
For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: [www.tangedco.gov.in](http://www.tangedco.gov.in), [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in), [www.tntenders.gov.in/nigep/app](http://www.tntenders.gov.in/nigep/app)  
DIPR/4367/TENDER/2019

**STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED**  
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI - 600 008.  
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967  
**Tender Notice NIT No.26/CW/DO/IT.No.37 & 38/2019-20, Dt. 14.11.2019**  
For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Two Cover System" for the following work from Civil / Electrical Class-I State level Civil / Electrical Contractors registered in State / Central or Quasi Government Organisations having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 P.M. on 19.12.2019 and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 P.M.  

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
1) Improvement of roads and other works in SIPCOT Industrial Complex / Growth Centre / Parks at Pillaiappakkam, Hosur, Bargur, Cheyyar, Pudukottai, Nilakottai, Manamadurai, Perundurai and Oragadam.	Rs.802.94 Lakhs	Rs.4,12,000/-
2) Formation of Roads, Improvement and strengthening of roads, street lights and other works in SIPCOT Industrial Complexes / Growth Centre, Parks at Thervoykandigai, Gummidipoondi, Cuddalore and Gurubapallai.	Rs.853.00 Lakhs	Rs.4,36,500/-

  
EMD in the form of DD in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai.  
The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in) and [www.sipcot.in](http://www.sipcot.in).  
DIPR/4369/Tender/2019 **Superintending Engineer, SIPCOT, Chennai-8**

**STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED**  
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI - 600 008.  
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967  
**TENDER NOTICE NIT.No.27/CW/DO/IT.No.39 & 40/2019-20, Dt.14.11.2019**  
For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Two Cover System" for the following work from Civil / Electrical Class-I State level Civil / Electrical Contractors registered in State/Central or Quasi Government Organisations having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 PM on 19.12.2019 and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM.  

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
1) Renovation of Street light arrangements in SIPCOT Industrial Complex/ Growth Centre/ Parks at Nilakottai, Pudukottai, Manamadurai, Oragadam and Sripurumbudur.	Rs.398.50 lakhs	Rs.2,10,000/-
2) Providing Highmast lights and street light arrangements in SIPCOT Industrial Complexes / Growth Centre, Parks at Pillaiappakkam, Thervoykandigai, Cuddalore, Irungutkottai, Cheyyar and Sripurumbudur.	Rs.572.61 lakhs	Rs.2,97,000/-

  
EMD in the form of DD in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai.  
The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in) and [www.sipcot.in](http://www.sipcot.in)  
DIPR/4368/TENDER/2019 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SIPCOT, Chennai-8**

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**  
The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division No. II, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, I&FC Wing, Vikas Bhawan-II, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054. invites on behalf of the President of India, online tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with authorized department/Ministry, Govt. of NCT of Delhi/Govt. of India for the following works:  
**N.O.W:-** R & M of Delhi Govt. Consumer Petrol Pump at Mall Road and Shanti Van under Petrol Supply Scheme for the year 2019-20.  
**S.W :-** Providing of Security Guards for Watch and Ward round the clock duty at Delhi Govt. Consumer Petrol Pumps Mall Road Mughal Bund (Shanti Van) Delhi for 12 month.  
**(H.O.A:-** MH 2075 Petrol Supply Scheme) Revenue  
**Estimated Cost:** Rs. 16,38,528/-  
**Earnest Money:** Rs. 32,771/-  
**Period of completion:** (365) Days, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 25/11/2019. (Tender I.D 2019\_IFC\_183681\_1)  
**Note**  
1) The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>  
DIP/Shabdarth/1006/1920

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
This may be a profoundly restless week, one which lays the ground for a series of deep changes in the most intimate realms of your life. By the month's end you will be on a new emotional course. When partners realise what's going on, they'll see you in an entirely new light.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
In spite of what close companions may believe, you must realise that business considerations are highly relevant to your romantic life. The confidence bred by success will encourage you to expect more of other people socially, no longer settling for second best.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
You must make a choice affecting a person who touches you on your deepest emotional levels. You know now that an unsatisfactory situation can carry on no longer and that it is up to you to call a halt. You also know in your heart that once you have made a decision the storm clouds will disappear.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
A powerful consortium of planets is urging you to play it safe and tuck yourself away in your shell for a while. What this means is that you must choose very carefully how and when you act, particularly if other people are involved. Remember that the whole world is bound to move your way.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
The source of any trouble will be people who don't know you very well. Quite why they should make such unjustified assumptions about your plans and intentions is not clear, but may be due to your typical Leonine refusal to explain yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
You have been faced with a number of important decisions, as is right and proper for any wise and thoughtful person, which have brought in their train a degree of self-criticism and self-doubt. Now, though, is the time for a determined boost in your confidence.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
Those who have planned holidays or time off are well placed. Those who have not, will be champing at the bit, eager for a spot of adventure. You should seize this opportunity to resolve any questions with legal overtones. And don't bend the rules.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
You will begin to feel much happier about the state of play in your associations with friends and lovers. Venus' passionate relationship with Pluto brings matters to a head one way or the other, and you will decide to stick with your current situation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
If you learn how to handle opposition from partners and rivalry from colleagues, you will gain in experience to the point where you'll be in an ideal position to handle the next phase of growth. All you can do is offer suggestions, provide advice and assistance and generally play second fiddle at the moment.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
You will be called to account for your financial goals. It is not possible to say for sure whether the outcome will be favourable or not, although I would guess that it will be. What is certain is that there will be a flurry of activity which will drive other, more personal concerns underground for a while.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
Mercury, god of communication, will give you the speed of mind to overcome any difficulties. If partners give in to the demands of unreason and anger, you can do no worse than present them with the facts.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
The pressure to implement further changes will reach a peak and from there on will begin to die down, finally fading out at the end of July. This period will be ideal for reaching agreements whether property transactions are underway, or if the matters bothering you are intensely personal.

**SALUTE THE SOLDIER**

(Maj Ajay Upreti, SM) (Lt Amit Kumar Beniwal) (Nk Kishore Dung Dung) (Nk Bhukhan Oraon)

(Nk Amrit Lal Horo) (L / Nk Saiba Baskey) (Sep Chandan Kumar Jha)

Today, we pay homage to the Veer Biharis of 8 BIHAR who laid down their lives on 17 Nov 2008, while carrying out search and rescue operations in the hazardous, snow covered peaks of Gurez Sector in J&K. Their selfless actions were in the highest traditions of the Indian Army. We, the fraternity of the Veer Biharis, salute them.

**The Bihar Regiment Association**

**GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT**  
**Directorate of Forensic Science**  
Sector-18 A, Near Police Bhavan, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar - 382 007  
Phone & Fax - 079-232 56276, 232 56393  
**e-TENDER NOTICE: DFS/ET-32/2019-20**  
Tenders are invited online from reputed manufacturers/authorized representatives/dealers appointed by manufacturer for the purpose of equipments/accessories costing approx **Rs. 1044.60 Lacs**. Interested bidders are requested to submit offers through e-tender process. For downloading the tender documents & other details please visit [www.dfs.nprocure.com](http://www.dfs.nprocure.com) / [www.gujaratindia.com](http://www.gujaratindia.com) / [www.csopgujarat.gov.in](http://www.csopgujarat.gov.in) / [www.statetenders.com](http://www.statetenders.com) and this office notice board.  

Duration of Downloading & submission of Tender (online):	18/11/2019 to 09/12/2019 upto 18.00 hrs.
Last date for physical submission:	11/12/2019 upto 18.00 hrs.
Opening date of Technical Bid (online):	13/12/2019, 11.00 hrs.

  
**(INF/1526/19-20) ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR**

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**"e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**E-mail : [ceroads.bbbsr@gmail.com](mailto:ceroads.bbbsr@gmail.com)**  
**Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-16/2019-20**  
1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road/ Bridge works as mentioned below :  
2. Nature of work : Road and Bridge works  
3. No. of work : 02 Nos.  
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs. 10,000.00  
5. Class of Contractor : 'A' Class/ Special Class/ Super Class as noted against each work  
6. Available of bid : From 10.00 A.M. of 14.11.2019 to document in the 5.00 PM of 03.12.2019 website  
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 04.12.2019 at 11.30 AM  
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.  
**Sd/-**  
34117/11/0046/1920 **Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha**



THE MONK WHO SOLD HIS DUCATI

Taking a set off Roger Federer at US Open might have been the highlight of Sumit Nagal’s year. But what defines 2019 for the young Indian tennis talent is the new-found maturity and poise in his game, as he remains grateful for staying injury-free and forging ahead with his furious forehand, finds SHAHID JUDGE

BOY, not yet 10, takes his place in a queue at the baseline of a tennis court in a government school in New Delhi, awaiting his turn at the top of the line. He doesn’t know much about this game, but finds a similarity with his favoured sport cricket — hit ball with racquet. But when his turn comes, he misses. The ball he’s played his cricket with, at home, or in the neighbourhood streets of Jhajar in Haryana, was a rubber ball that was heavy and didn’t bounce much. This yellow furry tennis ball though jumps, and bounces well over his head.

No matter. He walks back to the back of the queue and awaits his turn again. The exercise goes on for a while, and he estimates that he hit perhaps just one or two shots in around 30 attempts. A few years later, the boy, Sumit Nagal, now 13, is on a court in Canada and coming to the end of a practice session. But there’s one more drill his coach Bobby Mahal has for him. It’s an exercise that the youngster would be forced to do at the end of every practice session for the next four years.

“(Mahal) would feed 30-40 balls to my forehand and said hit it as hard as possible,” Nagal recalls. “Flat and hard, use the legs, full racquet-head speed, full body power. No drop shots allowed, nothing cute or fancy, no fooling around. Just full-blooded shots. He said he wanted me to develop a forehand because a big forehand is going to take a lot of time to learn.”

In August 2019, Nagal walks onto another court, the fabled Arthur Ashe Stadium — the world’s largest tennis arena — set to take on a certain Roger Federer. It is a match he could never have hoped to win, but by no means would he bow out without putting up a fight. His game is all about grinding, and he brought that to court against the 20-time Grand Slam champion, along with the forehand that is arguably the biggest among Indian players. Federer was impressed.

“He actually does a really good job, especially on the inside-out, how he gets around. That was impressive,” the former world no 1 would say after winning the match in four sets.

As the year nears conclusion, so does Nagal’s first full season in the four years he’s been playing on the professional circuit. The 22-year-old has exceeded all expectations, as he rose from the threat of becoming an injury-ravaged tennis nomad to being the most talked about Indian singles player this year. He started the year grimacing from a shoulder problem and a low world rank that made it a struggle to gain entry into tournaments. But now he’s reached a career-high 127 and is closing in on breaking the top 100.



The promenade that overlooks the outer courts of the Balewadi Tennis Stadium in Pune has become longer now for Nagal. A walk across the length of it takes more time for him, as he’s stopped for photographs and autographs. He laps it up, smiling politely in every selfie, and courteously signing caps, notebooks, racquets alike. He’s here for the KPT Pune Challenger, his last event of the season, and he’s enjoying all the fandom he’s been getting in his first tournament in India since his rise up the ranking ladder.

This reception though is a far cry from what transpired when he was last at the very same venue, at the Tata Open Maharashtra back in January.

“I came here but didn’t get in,” he says, sitting in the room now marked ‘VIP lounge’ that was meant only for competing players during India’s only ATP 250.

He had come at the time, with his kitbag close at hand, hoping for a wild-card entry into the same tournament that saw him, in 2018, make his tour level main draw debut. But his rank of 340 was not good enough for a spot even in the qualifiers. A week later he’d drop down to 361 and the struggle to get into tournaments anywhere in the world became all the more brutal. And expensive.

“(There were) financial problems because if I was getting entry on Friday for tournaments that start on Monday, then the last minute tickets were getting expensive,” he says. “The first five tournaments I played this year, every ticket I bought was over \$1,000 one-way which would normally be at least half the price.”

But Nagal was desperate to play. The

promise of better days ahead outweighed the high costs of travelling. He was struggling to get into tournaments, but he had started preparing himself for the grind in the right way, with a coach and trainer. Once he started getting into tournaments in the first few months, wherever it was in the world (Vietnam, Germany, Canada, Chile, Italy, the United States...) Nagal knew things would only improve.



In early 2017, two years after he won the junior Wimbledon double’s title, Nagal was reeling with a shoulder strain. Surgery was an option, a rather risky one, but instead he opted for a longer recovery. The pain did go away, but he needed almost two years to get fit. And by the time he started the 2019 season, a few niggles were there, but more daunting was the mental fear of the shoulder flaring up again.

“Earlier when I had this problem I would always think twice before hitting a ball. There was always a thought that ‘what if I do this and it starts to hurt?’” Nagal says. “I don’t have that thought now so I can play more freely. I can serve more freely. I can hit more freely and that’s definitely one of the good things.”

A part of the freedom comes from him having the confidence in his own body. The other part comes from having a calm and clear mind. He realised that he needed to take the mental aspect of the game as seriously as the physicality. And so in April, he started working with a psychologist to help him channel his on-court aggression.

“It’s just more about knowing myself, realising, and analysing the mistakes,” he says. “People say to stay in the moment, but I don’t think that’s possible. How can you forget it when it just happened seconds ago?”

“So now what I do with the (psychologist) is try to find the reason for why I miss a ball. Just analysing. It’s about watching videos and realising what I was feeling like, how my mind was during the match and what I feel like now seeing it again. It’s realising that, ‘oh, why did I get mad if I hit a cross court and the ball came back and I had no option. Why am I getting mad?’”

“And also working on the nervousness. Everyone gets nervous, it’s normal. But now I’ve learnt to channel it elsewhere. Maybe I’d run more, use my legs more, focus on putting some more height on the ball. Basically put that nervousness somewhere else except the outcome.”

Channelling that nervousness elsewhere made room for the remarkable composure Nagal put on display when playing Federer, in front of 21,000 odd fans, in the world’s largest tennis stadium, and then winning the first set against the Swiss maestro, that too in his first ever Grand Slam main draw match. Again, Federer was impressed.

“I guess maybe how he handled the moment. Never easy to come out and play your best. Even though it’s kind of what you live for, you dream about, playing on the big stage. So I think he did that very well,” Federer said about Nagal’s mentality.

Working with a psychologist is one thing, a major upswing in Nagal’s season came with his working with coach Sascha Nensel — who has worked with former world no 4 Nicolas Kiefer and former WTA world no 9 Julia Goerges — and trainer Milos Galesic, who has previously worked with former India no 1 Somdev Devvarman.

“Working with Sascha and Milos, it’s the environment they bring,” Nagal states. “All three of us have a really good, fun relationship. Sascha is always in a good mood, we joke around and the body language is always happy. If I’m happy, I always look forward to go on court or do the fitness, and you always want to work harder. That is very important to me.”

Nagal has been staying ‘happy’ for quite a while this year, and as a result, he’s spent a good amount of time on court going deep into tournaments. He’s made it to semi-final or better of eight ATP Challengers this year, going through to the final twice and winning the title in Buenos Aires. Along the way, he’s beaten former world no 17 Albert Ramos-Vinolas and former world no 24 Martin Klizan, along with making it to the main draw of an ATP 500 (Hamburg) for the first time in his career. Then in August, he played seven sets in the US Open qualifiers



Sumit Nagal started the year grimacing from a shoulder problem and a low world rank that made it a struggle to gain entry into tournaments. Now he’s closing in on breaking the top 100. Ashish Kale



to set up that memorable clash against Federer.

He remembers getting a lot of messages from friends and family after that match. The ones that sticks out though were those from his old friends in the junior academy group who have all turned professional now.

“Hey, good job,” Nagal recites, “you’re finally coming back. We can feel it.”



Nagal remembers talking to his father only a day after the Federer match. Amidst the wave of emotion, he recalls his father saying the words: “Today, you have made us very proud.”

It was only then that the youngster remembers his own mood lightening up. He owes his tennis career to his father, Suresh Nagal, even if he didn’t know what he was doing when he first started playing the sport.

“When I was young, I was always out of the house playing something or the other,

either tag, or hide-and-seek, or cricket. Anything,” says the Jhajar-native. “Dad started to think that I’m wasting my time because, well, you can’t do much being good at hide-and-seek when you grow up. And he wasn’t even interested in cricket. It had to be tennis.”

There was no word of protest from Nagal as his father, a teacher at a government school, signed him up for the academy in New Delhi. After the initial struggle with judging the bounce of a tennis ball, Nagal started showing some promise in the game. And once he started hitting with confidence, Suresh decided it was time to work on fitness.

“Somehow, and I don’t know till date who told him this, Dad always thought fitness was important. He didn’t have the knowledge and fitness work meant just running, doing lots of sprints and movement. But he made sure I did it,” Nagal says. “He’d come home in the evening and I’d be ready. So from around six in the evening to 9:30 at night, we were out doing fitness for at least two years. Who would have thought then that my game would be shaped around it?”

The fitness was in place, but Nagal still wasn’t the brightest junior coming up when Mahesh Bhupathi came to Delhi to hold trials for the Apollo Academy in 2007. Nagal wasn’t keen to go though, especially when his father fell sick on the morning of the trials. But he still travelled the 20-odd kilometres to Delhi with his mother, impressed the 12-time Grand Slam champion and earned a spot in the academy.

But when the academy shut down, the financial strain prompted the youngster to quit the game. Until two months later, he got a call from Bhupathi.

“He asked me if I’d play if he were to sponsor me. Of course, I said ‘yes.’”

Under Bhupathi’s guidance, Nagal travelled to Canada and later on to Germany, on the way to becoming a talented counter-

puncher with a killer forehand. And Nagal would have it no other way, for it’s the slugfests that he enjoys the most.

“When you win comfortably, you can’t take much from it because maybe you played too well and the opponent couldn’t do much. You don’t get those often,” he says. “But when you win the ugly ones, the dogfights, you know that you were mentally there and you really feel good. Those are the biggest wins, and I feel very confident in those, the dogfights.”



In Pune, Nagal’s run ends in the quarter-final after a straight-sets loss to compatriot Ramkumar Ramanathan. But the responsibility on his shoulders is bound to increase in the coming season. He’s made his mark this year, in the first season of his four-year career that hasn’t been cut-short by injury. The biggest challenge for next year though will be to prove that he can maintain the ranking points he earned in 2019, and go even further.

In the next few weeks, he will return to the Davis Cup fold to spearhead the Indian team, as the team prepares to compete for a World Group Playoff spot against Pakistan.

At the same time, he’s set his own targets for the next year.

“The first target is to break into the top-100. And after that it is to make the cut for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics,” he says. “I’ll be chasing that. I think the cut-off for the Olympics comes in July. So I’ve got six-seven months to get as many points as possible.”

Over the last year, Nagal has changed from the short-tempered, injury-prone promising youngster he was when he first came out onto the tour. He’s matured, both on and off the court.

When he was 16, he had asked his father to buy him a Ducati, a powerful and expensive motorcycle, for his 18th birthday. He remembers his father saving up for around two years to get him the gift. But the rigours and constant travel on tour did not allow the youngster much time to spend on his treasured vehicle. Soon enough, he saw it practical to sell it.

“It was just standing there. Then it didn’t make sense. At the end I probably asked for it because I was young blood, hot blood, you know. You just want to drive fast, ride fast,” he says. “And I’m so happy that, even though I enjoy riding and driving, I’m out of that zone where I want to driver faster. Now I’m in the slow lane, chilling, listening to music, enjoying the car, enjoying the environment.”

The struggles with injury have brought about a greater appreciation for the time he spends on court. And that is the most important thing to him. But he’s still working his way up, and he’s doing it the way he loves to.

Running hard, hitting hard, playing with a free mind.





# Takeaway from home delivery

India’s latest innings victory demonstrates they’re making the rest of the Test cricket world play catch-up with them at home

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INDORE, NOVEMBER 16

THE MOST intense contest on Saturday at the Holkar Stadium was the thrilling chase between a bunch of hefty security men and a bald-headed semi-streaker. It was the slow reaction time of the men in uniform that saw the fence-jumping, shirtless fan just about win the race to sneak into the Indian huddle and touch Virat Kohli’s feet.

Meanwhile, as for the feature event, the India-Bangladesh Test, it was more of a one-sided exhibition tie that toggled seamlessly between India’s overwhelming superiority and Bangladesh’s inferiority. The Saturday crowd 16,000 raised the proverbial roof when wickets fell and mocked the visitors when they looked technically inept to play the longest, and the most difficult, format of the game.

Virat Kohli & Co.’s 130 run-win — their third straight innings victory and a record sixth consecutive Test match triumph at home — was further evidence that the cricket-watching experience of fans during home Tests has well and truly been changed. These days there’s no tumult, no anxiety, no anguish, or even euphoria over the fall of the final wicket.

For those following the World No.1 Test side at home, it’s just a wait for the eventual-ity when Kohli takes the victory lap. This change is a tribute to the team that has kept complacency far from the dressing room. As the team’s batting coach Vikram Rathour said after the win: “It’s the team culture, it’s not about batting or bowling. The team wants to be the No.1 team in the world. That’s why you see the hunger.”

The fat lady no longer bothers to turn up at stadiums for India games. She stays put at home, mourning her irrelevance. At Indore, all the singing was done by the fans for Kohli and his fast bowlers. The wait didn’t last long. On a sporting pitch, Kohli’s team finished the Test in three days.

First, a few numbers to highlight the disparity between the two teams. The grand total of Bangladesh’s first-innings score and runs scored by their top order in the second — 150 and 72/5 — happens to be less than Mayank Agarwal’s 243. Four of their bowlers bowled 89 overs between them for just 2 wickets. In their first innings, four Bangladesh bowlers — Ebadat Hossain, Abu Jayed, Taijul Islam and Mehidy Hasan Miraz — went for over 100 runs each. For India on Day 1, the three quicks — Ishant Sharma, Umesh Yadav, Mohammad Shami — conceded only 94 runs between them.

Beyond these depressing numbers there was more darkness looming on Bangladesh’s Test horizon. The visiting openers couldn’t play the moving the ball, their middle-order didn’t have the patience to grind out and at least one tailender backed off towards the square-leg umpire when facing the quicks.

Openers Shadman Islam and Imrul Kayes weren’t equipped to deal with the new red ball, and inspired little confidence as to how they would fare against the pink ball in less than a week’s time. They didn’t quite cover the line and try to read the swing or seam movement. Ishant’s consistent off-stump line and the away movement was way too much to handle for the men more used to playing in coloured clothing and facing the white ball.

### M-barrasment

The three Ms — Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah — did show shades of Test match temperament, but they don’t have it in them to be the team’s mainstay. In the absence of the main batting stars — Tamim and Shakib — they were pushed into the limelight, but they were found wanting. Mushfiqur’s 150-ball 64 in the second innings can qualify to be called good only when there’s no Shakib hundred in the scoreboard. In Indore, all that the diminutive batsmen, who famously squan-



## ONLY ONE TEAM IS PLAYING

Opener Imrul Keyes has his stump uprooted by an Umesh Yadav delivery on Day 3 in Indore on Saturday. India won the first Test with over two days to spare. *BCCI*

**3** It was just the third time in the history of the game that a team has won three successive Tests by an innings and 100-plus-run margin. Australia achieved it in 1931. Pakistan accomplished the feat in 2001.

**6** It was India’s 6th successive Test win. It’s the country’s longest winning streak and managed just once before, under MS Dhoni. Kohli also became the joint-fifth successful Test captain (tied with Allan Border).

**10** Kohli also eclipsed his predecessor MS Dhoni as the Indian skipper with the most innings wins under his belt. India have inflicted four innings defeats in 10 meetings against Bangladesh.

**71** 71.3 is Ravindra Jadeja’s batting average this year—in nine innings, he has collected 428 runs including five half-centuries. Four of those innings and 156 runs were scored outside Asia.

**Rather than us (support staff) pushing them, they push us. Somebody like Mayank, after scoring so many runs, is still coming and asking what better he can do, what are the areas he can improve upon. That’s a great character to have. And that’s not one guy, everyone in the team is like that.”**

VIKRAM RATHOUR  
INDIA’S BATTING COACH

dered a famous T20 chase against India three years ago, got was sympathy.

The worst advertisement of Bangladesh cricket was the sight of the tailenders at the crease. In an era when teams bat deep, the visiting bowlers were backing off towards the square leg umpire when facing Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Shami. Aware of Umesh’s consistency with his toe-crushers, they hopped around on the crease even before the ball was released.

It was the kind of humiliating loss that can trigger several drastic thoughts in the losing side’s dressing room. Seniors start thinking about retirement and juniors get riddled with self-doubts. With an easier and shorter format as a very viable option, these Test misfits might be tempted to embrace the high-paying T20 franchise model.

Bangladesh’s new coach Russell

Domingo has a task at hand. He needs to motivate his defeated side. He has spoken about phasing out the seniors and also following the Indian model. “Bangladesh needs to do so 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,” Domingo said.

Bangladesh’s falling Test standard isn’t just a problem for coach Domingo or the Bangladesh cricket officials who are still reeling after the latest corruption scandal involving their biggest star. Even for the International Cricket Council (ICC), which is banking on the ongoing World Test Championship to monetise Test cricket, the three-day India-Bangladesh finish could be a cause of concern. India with 300 points, and 6 wins from as many games, is at the top of the table while Bangladesh is yet to open its account. New Zealand is in the second spot, trailing by 240 points.

The Test Championship has certainly given context to Test cricket. But one-sided three-day games are a spoiler. Indore filled the stadium on Saturday and cheered India all day long. On Sunday, they would have turned up again, but Bangladesh’s Test match incompetence killed the contest.

Minus the magical intensity, edge-of-the-seat drama, riveting suspense that even makes the neutrals excited, sport loses its essence. India can’t be blamed for it, the world needs to raise the bar.

## Focus is on lifting the standard in each game: India captain

INDIA THRASHED Bangladesh inside three days in the opening test to inch closer to their 12th successive home series victory but skipper Virat Kohli is only interested in maintaining high standards and not in flattering numbers.

Table-topping India have now won all six tests since the World Test Championship kicked in, including a 3-0 whitewash against South Africa last month to record their 11th consecutive test series victory at home. India hardly broke a sweat as they triumphed by an innings and 130 runs to go 1-0 up in the two-test series which culminated with a day-night test in Kolkata from Nov. 22.

Saturday’s win was also the 10th innings victory under Kohli, the most by any Indian captain. Asked if his team could dominate the game like Australia did in recent past, Kohli said: “The numbers and the records are there for everyone to see, that remains in the books. We haven’t really focused on it. Our focus has been on taking Indian cricket higher and higher; to keep the standards up and motivate the next lot of players to come and do the same. The motivation has been right, the intent has been right, we just have to push in that direction. We don’t care about numbers at all”

Kohli was visibly encouraging his teammates on Friday. Dismissed for a second-ball

duck, the home captain was seen gesturing from the dressing room to opener Mayank Agarwal to first push for a double century and then a triple hundred. “I know how much time it took me to get those big hundreds. I know the importance of getting big runs,” said the batting stalwart. “It’s important as a senior batter to let them know that ‘you need to focus, they need to keep going’. I want the guys to not make the mistakes that I made as a youngster, and learn quickly so they can be a world-class player very soon.”

Mominul Haque began his tenure as Bangladesh test captain with a resounding defeat and the task would only get tougher in the pink-ball test in Kolkata.

Apart from winning the toss, hardly anything went right for Bangladesh, who could not bowl out India in their only innings and managed totals of 150 and 213 at the Holkar Cricket Stadium.

The 28-year-old found positives in Abu Jayed’s lion-hearted bowling effort and Mushfiqur Rahim’s fighting knocks in both innings. “We take quite a few positives, especially the bowling of Abu Jayed who picked four wickets. In batting, Mushfiqur was superb with the bat in both innings. Liton Das did well too,” he said.

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### Ind vs Ban

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B’DESH 1ST INNG **150 IN 58.3 OV**

IND 1ST INNG **493/6D IN 114 OV**

<b>M Agarwal</b> c Jayed b Miraz	<b>243</b>
(330b, 28x4, 8x6)	
<b>R Sharma</b> c †Liton b Jayed	<b>6</b> (14b, 1x4)
<b>C Pujara</b> c sub (Saif) b Jayed	<b>54</b> (72b, 9x4)
<b>V Kohli</b> lbw b Jayed	<b>0</b> (2b)
<b>A Rahane</b> c T Islam b Jayed	<b>86</b> (172b, 9x4)
<b>R Jadeja</b> not out	<b>60</b> (76b, 6x4, 2x6)
<b>W Saha</b> b Ebadat	<b>12</b> (11b, 2x4)
<b>U Yadav</b> not out	<b>25</b> (10b, 1x4, 3x6)

■ **Extras:** (lb 1, nb 3, w 3) **7**  
■ **Fall of wickets:** 1-14 (Rohit, 7.2 ov), 2-105 (Pujara, 29.5 ov), 3-119 (Kohli, 31.5 ov), 4-309 (Rahane, 85.4 ov), 5-432 (Agarwal, 107.3 ov), 6-454 (Saha, 110.5 ov)

■ <b>Bowling:</b>	
<b>Ebadat Hossain</b>	31-5- <b>115-1</b>
<b>Abu Jayed</b>	25-3- <b>108-4</b>
<b>Taijul Islam</b>	28-4- <b>120-0</b>
<b>Mehidy Hasan Miraz</b>	27-0- <b>125-1</b>
<b>Mahmudullah</b>	3-0- <b>24-0</b>

B’DESH 2ND INNG **213 IN 58.3 OV**

<b>S Islam</b> b I Sharma	<b>6</b> (24b, 0x4)
<b>I Kayes</b> b Yadav	<b>6</b> (13b, 1x4)
<b>M Haque</b> lbw b Shami	<b>7</b> (20b, 6x4)
<b>Mohd Mithun</b> c Agarwal b Shami	<b>18</b>
(26b, 4x4)	

**M Rahim** c Pujara b Ashwin **64**

(150b, 7x4)

**Mahmudullah** c R Sharma b Shami **15**

(35b, 2x4)

**L Das** c & b Ashwin **35** (39b, 6x4)

**MH Miraz** b Yadav **38** (55b, 5x4, 1x6)

**T Islam** c †Saha b Shami **6** (43b, 1x4)

**A Jayed** not out **4** (9b, 1x4)

**E Hossain** c Yadav b Ashwin **1** (3)

■ **Extras:** (b 2, lb 9, nb 1, w 1) **13**

■ **Fall of wickets:** 1-10 (Imrul Kayes, 5.1 ov), 2-16 (Shadman Islam, 6.6 ov), 3-37 (Mominul Haque, 12.5 ov), 4-44 (Mohammad Mithun, 14.1 ov), 5-72 (Mahmudullah, 26.3 ov), 6-135 (Liton Das, 39.2 ov), 7-194 (Mehidy Hasan, 54.5 ov), 8-208 (Taijul Islam, 66.3 ov), 9-208 (Mushfiqur Rahim, 67.5 ov), 10-213 (Ebadot Hossain, 69.2 ov)

■ <b>Bowling:</b>	
<b>Ishant Sharma</b>	11-3- <b>31-1</b>
<b>Umesh Yadav</b>	14-1- <b>51-2</b>
<b>Mohd Shami</b>	16-7- <b>31-4</b>
<b>Ravindra Jadeja</b>	14-2- <b>47-0</b>
<b>Ravichandran Ashwin</b>	14-2- <b>42-2</b>



A spectator intruded the pitch on Day 3 and hugged Virat Kohli.

# Kohli’s dream pace pack keeps getting wilier and craftier

SRIRAM VEERA  
INDORE, NOVEMBER 16

VIRAT KOHLI ran out from the slip cordon to Ishant Sharma with a suggestion. Until then, Ishant was providing the person entrusted with highlights package with eye-popping visuals of balls curving away sensationally from the stumps, away from the left-handed openers. Aesthetically appealing stuff from round the stumps but the wickets column wasn’t populated. Kohli gestured him to bowl straighter at the stumps, and even signalled for the ball coming in with the angle and mimicked a left-hander’s prod. Until then, the curlers weren’t forcing the batsmen to play; bereft of the surprise nip-backer, they were letting everything go. The occasional ones that landed on the middle and off were still curving away and were pushed out to the off-side without much fuss.

The ball that comes in from around the stumps—with the angle that triggers some doubts in batsmen about not just that particular delivery but the subsequent away-benders—wasn’t a left-of-the-field suggestion but it was something Ishant wasn’t comfortable doing. Ishant nodded at Kohli and walked back briskly – a trait he picked in the county last year where his team’s coach Jason Gillespie felt Ishant’s slow trudge was stalling the game and hurting his momentum.

It turns out that Ishant had been working on that in-with-the-angle delivery with bowling coach Bharat Arun on Friday. “It’s something he started to do yesterday,”

Arun would say later. But probably the confidence to try out in the middle wasn’t there or perhaps he wanted to wait a little longer—whatever may have been the reason, he course-corrected after the chat with Kohli.

The result came not too far after that. A surprised Shadman Islam, unsure of its destination, stabbed hurriedly at a delivery that tilted into thread the bat-pad gap and clatter the stumps. “I’m 31, bowling is taking a toll on my body but I am enjoying trying out different variations,” Ishant said later.

### Ever-evolving attack

It’s in these little things that this Indian attack continues to evolve. Take Umesh Yadav for example. Last year, when he was out of the Test team and mopping around in domestic cricket, he was a bit down. Understandably so, of course. The fastest Indian bowler reduced to a home-conditions bowler. He has reverse swing and the pace to hurry the batsmen in slower spin-friendly Indian tracks but abroad the more skilful seamers were ahead.

So what does he do? He gets more control over the outswinging curler and makes it more venomous. It’s a perfect gut-buster for the left-handed batsmen, who now can’t push their front foot too far across to tackle the away-slanting deliveries that Umesh bowls a lot to them. Harried by a packed slip cordon, Imrul Keyes was worried by the ones that shaped away with the angle and wanted to get closer to the ball. Mistake. The moment he chose to press his front foot across was also the moment that Umesh chose to rip out the incoming curler. Boom. It crashed



Mohammed Shami took seven wickets in the match.

through the defences to leave a red stain on the stumps. No wonder it was Umesh’s “character” that stood out for Arun in this latest comeback.

Mohammed Shami has to be the most improved fast bowler in the world in the last couple of years. Barring Zaheer Khan, and probably Ishant Sharma to an extent, India’s pace bowlers have tended to wither as years rolled on. Shami, however, has

gone to a different zone. Fitter and hence pacier through the day, he has developed immense control over his art. In Arun’s estimation, “Shami has the best seam presentation in world cricket these days”. And who can argue with that?

How many other pacers can skid the ball and also produce the ‘heavy ball’ that kicks up from back-of-length and hits the bat rather than the other way around? Skidder

and hustler – double jeopardy that batsmen have struggled to handle. He skidded one from around the stumps to trap the Bangladesh captain Mominul Haque, easily the batsman who looked most compact and aware of his off-stump. So after testing out his GPS reading of the off-stump and finding it pretty good, Shami switched tracks, went round the stumps and skidded one in to trap his man.

Shami then produced the heavy ball and Mohammad Mithun, who was in an aggressive mood, having hit 4 fours, went for the pull but found the ball had not only climbed more than he thought but had arrived much quicker than he anticipated. The ball lobbed up to short midwicket where Mayank Agarwal pounced it. It was a good surprise option considering that until then Shami was trying to nail him lbw with the skidders like he had done him in the first innings. When that didn’t work, he effort-lessly changed his options. “The more we get tired, the better fun we have, we push each other, and enjoy each other’s success,” Shami said about his pace colleagues.

### No Bumrah, no matter

Such has been the searing bowling attack that India have achieved a hat-trick of innings wins without the help of Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

“It looks like a different pitch when they (Indian fast bowlers) bowl. Right now Jasprit is not a part of the attack, when he comes back, it will be one heck of an attack to counter, a dream bowling combination for any skipper,” Kohli said.

So much so that a question was shot at

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the press conference at Arun: “Is there a chance that someday India might go with all-out pace attack in Indian conditions?” There was no jest in the question and there were some smiles in the press room and even as Arun said something about the conditions helping the spinners a bit, the question swirled in the mind. For the first time ever in the history of Indian cricket, such a thought can even be allowed to escape the head. Rather, such a thought can even realistically pop in the first place.

Four men hurtling in, five men crouching in the slip cordon, the crowd screaming ‘India India’. Who would have thought of such a scenario even a couple of years ago? The land of Mankad, Bedi, Chandrasekhar, Prasanna, Kumble and you can go on and on, the place where under-paid curators would rake up the pitches to support the tweekers, is now contemplating an all-out pace attack. The world has gone deliriously mad – and as that line goes, what a time to be alive!



# Finnish at the starting line

## Ritu earns dominant win in MMA debut

Finland qualify for Euro 2020 to end 80-year long wait; Nordic neighbour Sweden book berth too

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AFTER MORE than 80 years of trying, Finland has finally made it to a major soccer tournament. Its neighbor, Sweden, will be at next year's European Championship, too.

It was a great night for the Nordic nations on Friday as they took the number of teams to seal places in the first ever Europe-wide championship to 12. The celebrations were most wild in Finland, which ended a run of 32 failed qualifying campaigns for either the World Cup or European Championship stretching back to 1938.

"Oh Finland is, oh Finland is, oh Finland is finally in the men's soccer championship!" Finland's Prime Minister, Antti Rinne, tweeted after the "Huuhkajat" — as the national team is known at home — beat Liechtenstein 3-0 to guarantee second place behind Italy in Group J with a game to spare.

The top two qualify from each of the 10 groups, with four more teams advancing via the playoffs in March.

Sweden booked its place at Euro 2020 a few hours later by winning at Romania 2-0 to ensure qualification from Group F along with Spain. It'll be a sixth straight appearance at the Euros for the Swedes, who were quarter-finalists at last year's World Cup in Russia.

Denmark, another Nordic country, will have to wait to seal qualification, however, despite beating Gibraltar 6-0 to go top of Group D. With Switzerland winning 1-0 at home to Georgia to move into second place, the group will go down to the final round of matches. Ireland, in third place, is three points behind Denmark heading into their meeting in Dublin on Monday and would qualify with a win. Switzerland is sure to progress by beating Gibraltar away on the same night.

### #PukkiParty

If there was going to be a party in Finland on Friday night, it was inevitable that Pukki would be leading the celebrations.

The hashtag "PukkiParty" has been a popular one over the past few months, with the striker scoring freely for his national team and his Norwich club in the English Premier League.

After scoring the goals that clinched Finland's spot at Euro 2020, Pukki sprayed champagne and led the chants in the locker room after the game against Liechtenstein.



Teemu Pukki, the team's most celebrated player, added two goals after halftime in front of Finland's jubilant fans.

Norwich was hosting an official "Pukki Party" in a night club in Helsinki later in the night and it's hard to imagine the celebrations ending anytime soon.

"We have dreamt of THIS since we first attended the 1938 WC Qualifiers," the Twitter feed of the Finland team posted. "THE DREAM OF GENERATIONS has come true and next summer the whole Finland will party like NEVER before."

Pukki took his tally of goals in qualifying to nine in nine games with his double against Liechtenstein, after Jasse Tuominen opened the scoring at Telia 5G-arena.

The team is coached by Markku Kanerva, a former primary school teacher who inherited a side that had gone all of 2016 without a competitive win, and he was drenched in champagne by his players after the match.

### Perfect Italy

Italy made it nine wins from nine quali-

fiers by beating Bosnia-Herzegovina 3-0 away, setting a national record in the process with its 10th successive victory. Francesco Acerbi, Lorenzo Insigne and Andrea Belotti were the scorers for the Azzurri, who can complete a perfect qualification with a home win over Armenia on Monday. The 10 straight wins eclipsed Italy's record of nine in 1938-39 under Vittorio Pozzo.

### No Zlatan, no problem

Sweden is doing just fine without Zlatan Ibrahimovic. Since the striker retired from the national team after Euro 2016, Sweden has reached the World Cup in 2018 — getting to the last eight for the first time since 1994 — and has cruised into Euro 2020 with just one loss in nine qualifiers, and that was away to Spain.

The first goal against Romania was scored by Ibrahimovic's replacement as sole striker: Marcus Berg headed in a left-wing cross by

Emil Forsberg in the 18th. Berg then laid the ball off for Robin Quaison to prod home a second goal in the 34th.

### Stroll for Spain

Spain sealed first place in Group F after a 7-0 home win over Malta, with Alvaro Morata and Santi Cazorla — with his first international goal in four years — scoring in the first half and further strikes by Pau Torres, Pablo Sarabia, Dani Olmo, Gerard Moreno and Jesus Navas.

Like Italy, the Spanish are unbeaten but have drawn two of their games. Spain qualified in October so the match against lowly Malta was a chance for coach Roberto Moreno to give some young players an opportunity.

Torres and Olmo scored moments after going on as second-half substitutes for their debuts, while Sarabia and Moreno also recorded their first international goals.

GAURAV BHATT

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

IN THE build-up to her MMA debut, Ritu Phogat often appeared more anxious than excited, acknowledging the nerves ahead of the high-profile One Championship bout in Beijing. It only added to the intrigue. Her wrestling pedigree was unquestioned, but what happens when Ritu gets punched in the face? After all, the fights start standing up.

On Saturday, the 25-year-old answered all questions, in a debut that was as good as it gets. Sure, a 10-second knockout would have been more hysterical. But Ritu's 3minute40second-dismantling of South Korea's Nam Hee Kim ticked all the boxes. Puzzling everyone who expected her to start shooting for takedowns from the get go, Ritu began jabbing away, establishing distance and tempting counter. Then when she got the chance, Ritu entered for a double leg takedown, leg-tripped Kim and muscled her down. Inexplicably, she conceded the top position and let her opponent stand, only to take her down more emphatically a minute later.

She also got caught. Punches from better opponents will be cleaner and stronger, and that Ritu started flinching thereafter shows there remain holes in her stand-up game. But as long as she gets hold of fighters, Ritu will

put them down. She tried letting her opponent stand for a second time, waited, and then jumped on top her her.

Also missing is the killer instinct, which will only come with more time in the cage (or a kickboxing ring, in this case). On top of Kim for more than a minute, Ritu worked to a mounted crucifix position, leaving her opponent defenseless. She then rained down a flurry of punches on Kim's face, which was more agitating than damaging. Experienced fighter would have used their elbows to deadly effect; her corner had to scream to prompt the Indian to do so. Eventually the 'ground-and-pound' was sustained enough for the referee to stop the fight.

Most importantly though, Ritu looked composed, both in the ring and while jogging down the ramp to AR Rahman's 'Vande Mataram.'

"I have only one goal and that's to win the ONE Atomweight World Championship for my country," she said afterwards. "That's why I chose 'Vande Mataram' as my walkout song, listening to it fills me with enthusiasm and makes me want to do something for India. For me it's all about becoming the first Indian world champion in MMA."

"I want to thank my sisters and my family, they believed in me and motivated me... I want thank everyone for their support, I promise I'll always give my one hundred per-cent."



Ritu Phogat beat South Korea's Nam Hee Kim. One Championship

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### Tsitsipas beats Federer to enter final

London: **Stefanos Tsitsipas** shocked Roger Federer 6-3, 6-4 to reach the final of the ATP Finals in his tournament debut on Saturday. The Greek sixth seed, 17 years younger than his 38-year-old opponent, beat the Swiss at the Australian Open but had fallen to him twice since then. Federer was unrecognisable from the player who dominated Novak Djokovic in his final round-robin match, struggling on serve and hitting a total of 26 unforced errors compared with just five against the Serbian. But Tsitsipas belied his years with a performance full of confidence and grit, saving 11 out of 12 break points. **AFP**



## Shiv Kapur takes share of lead

**Gurugram:** Golfer Shiv Kapur carded a second straight five-under 67 to grab a share of the three-way lead at the Panasonic Open which saw four Indians feature in the top 10 on Saturday. Giving Kapur company in top-10 were Rashid Khan (67-70), S Chikkarangappa (69-68) and Vikrant Chopra (67-70) at seven-under and tied-sixth place. Though play began on the at 7 am for the first time this week, the tournament has been reduced to 54 holes due to severe smog earlier this week. The third and final round will be played from two tees. The cut fell at one-under with 67 players making it, of them as many as 30 were Indians. Kapur at 10-under shared the lead with Australians, Adam Blyth (71-63) and the seasoned Terry Pilkadaris (68-66). **PTI**

## Janat's five-for helps Afghans level series

**New Delhi:** Medium pacer Karim Janat returned excellent figures of 5/11 and powered Afghanistan to a series-levelling 41-run victory over West Indies in the second T20 International in Lucknow on Saturday. Batting first after winning the toss, Afghanistan managed 147 for even in the stipulated 20 overs, and then, stopped West Indies at 106 for eight at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium. The 21-year-old Janat was the day's top performer, picking the wickets of Evin Lewis, Shimron Hetmyer, Sherfane Rutherford, Kieron Pollard and Keemo Paul.

# DDCA prez Sharma resigns, blames people with 'vested interests'

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

RAJAT SHARMA, the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) president, stepped down on Friday along with the two members of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) and the state unit's CEO. After putting in his papers, Sharma was scathing in his criticism of people with 'vested interest' in the DDCA who he alleged did not care about the sport.

"Cricket administration here is full of pulls and pressures all the time. I feel that vested interests are always actively working against the interest of cricket. It seems that it may not be possible to carry on in DDCA with my principles of integrity, honesty and transparency, which I am not willing to compromise at any cost. That's why I have decided to call it a day and hereby tender my resignation to the Apex Council from the post of President, DDCA with immediate effect," Sharma, a veteran journalist who runs India TV news channel, said in a statement.

On the day Sharma resigned, CEO Ravikant Chopra also put in his papers and so did former cricketers Sunil Valsan and Yashpal Sharma — members of the CAC. Sharma and the DDCA secretary, Vinod Tihara, have been at loggerheads over administrative powers. Tihara had been suspended by the DDCA executive committee last year.

However, the events of the past 24 hours turned the tide in favour of the suspended secretary. DDCA director (cricket) Sanjay Bhardwaj confirmed that a resolution by circulation, signed by nine members of the Apex Council, was issued to reinstate Tihara as secretary on Friday.

"Nine of the 16 members of the Apex Council agreed to withdraw the power of the president to run day-to-day affairs of the DDCA. It was also decided that secretary Tihara would be re-instated and he would have full powers as per articles of association of the DDCA," Bhardwaj said.

DDCA's representative at the BCCI AGM on December 1 could well be Tihara.

"I would like to be the DDCA representative at the BCCI AGM. However, the decision as to who will represent DDCA will be taken by the Apex Council," Tihara said.

Sharma alleged corruption in the DDCA when it came to tenders and team selection and hoped his resignation would result in the Supreme Court and the Board of Control for Cricket in India taking a closer look at what was happening in the state unit.

"I wanted to expose the real face of DDCA through this resignation. Even today, there are people who are in the DDCA for their

**"My resignation should set the alarm bells ringing and all stakeholders including the Supreme Court, cricketers and BCCI should come to know that such vested interests are still very much at play in the DDCA and it is for them to decide the future course of action."**



RAJAT SHARMA

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VINOD TIHARA,  
DDCA TREASURER

vested interests, getting contracts and tenders besides interfering in selection matters," Sharma said at a media interaction. "My resignation should set the alarm bells ringing and all stakeholders including the Supreme Court, cricketers and BCCI should come to know that such vested interests are still very much at play in the DDCA and it is for them to decide the future course of action. I could have easily stayed on for another two years of my tenure. But I thought if I don't resign today, it would be unfair to the members," he said.

However, Tihara countered this argument. "Rajat Sharma was running a one-man show in the DDCA. He had all the decision-making powers and he is responsible for the current state of affairs. He can't now turn around and blame 'vested interests'," Tihara said.

Though he has resigned, Sharma said that he would continue to fight people with vested interest in the DDCA. "I will continue my fight against the system and vested interests in my capacity as DDCA's member. My resignation as president gives me the freedom to work even more diligently towards my vision for Delhi cricket," Sharma added.

CEO Chopra said he had put in his papers because of the various roadblocks he faced. "There were several impediments from various vested interests within. Left to themselves, they would not have allowed us to follow the laid down rules and regulations," Chopra said in a statement.

Following Sharma's resignation, vice president Rakesh Bansal has taken over as DDCA acting president.

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