



## THE SOVEREIGN TEST

WhatsApp breach violates rights of Indian citizens.  
Government must ensure those responsible are held to account

WILL CATHCART, THE global head of WhatsApp, wrote in *The Washington Post* on October 30, in the backdrop of the ongoing lawsuit by Facebook Inc against Israeli cyber security firm NSO, that “Governments and companies need to do more to protect vulnerable groups and individuals”. He was referring to spyware attacks, like the one that the messaging platform succumbed to from Pegasus, a malicious software developed by NSO. As first reported in this newspaper, WhatsApp has disclosed that a “not insignificant” number of Indian journalists, rights activists and lawyers were targeted using Pegasus. Cathcart is right — especially in placing the responsibility on both tech companies and governments. WhatsApp has often claimed that its end-to-end encryption makes it a safe and private way to communicate. That claim is now being contested. How it responds will signal whether its invocation of privacy as a first principle is more than a mere marketing ploy. The proceedings of the ongoing lawsuit will be closely watched, to track the culpabilities and complicities of the actors involved.

Earlier this year, NSO severed its contract with Saudi Arabia after accusations by a journalist that its software was used to hack his phone, which allowed Saudi agencies to track journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who was assassinated in Istanbul. The fact remains that in the digital age, companies will emerge and operate in the grey areas of the intersection between technology and security to make a profit. But inviolable as it is, national security must not be used as a shield by either governments or private players to justify the violation of fundamental rights.

India is a constitutional democracy, where the courts have read the right to privacy in the right to life and liberty. In the government’s first response after the Pegasus hack, Law and IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has said he has asked WhatsApp to explain the breach, while the home ministry has said it will take strict action against those violating the law. Earlier, the Indian government, and parliamentary committees, have summoned executives from Facebook and Twitter, and Indians continue to be the largest user base for WhatsApp. India also enjoys close ties with Israel. The government must leverage this to hold NSO to account. And it must deliver on its promise to punish anyone — whosoever they may be — found guilty of unlawfully violating the privacy of Indian citizens. The current government has made it clear that it holds on to its sovereign right over the data of its citizens. But the idea of data sovereignty must include a citizen’s right to her privacy. How the government deals with the aftermath of the WhatsApp hack will demonstrate its commitment to that principle, as well as to the rights enshrined in the Constitution.

## ODD EVEN AGAIN

Delhi government’s implementation of odd-even policy will be watched. Blaming it on neighbours is not a good beginning

IN SEPTEMBER, WHEN the Delhi government announced that it would ration roads for private cars over a 12-day period in November, the national capital was enjoying an unusual spell of clean air. But when the odd-even policy kicks in on November 4, it will be, for all practical purposes, an emergency measure. On Friday, the Supreme Court-mandated Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority declared a “public health emergency” in Delhi. Road rationing will be accompanied by other anti-pollution measures, including a ban on construction activity in the capital. However, given the importance attached to vehicular pollution in the discourse on the capital’s air quality, the Delhi government will be watched for the way in which it implements the odd-even policy.

The AAP government will have to coordinate with the other environmental management bodies in the capital — the EPCA, National Green Tribunal and Central Pollution Control Board — as well as the agencies responsible for the management of the capital’s transport facilities. Its past record is underwhelming. In 2017, for example, the implementation of road rationing was stalled at the eleventh hour because the Delhi government and the NGT could not agree over exemptions to two-wheelers. The Kejriwal government had stated then that the shortfall in Delhi’s public transport did not allow it to extend the policy to two-wheelers. The national capital’s public transport fleet continues to fall well short of the city’s requirements, two years later. The government has proposed to rope in private bus operators. However, private operators have not shown much interest in operating their vehicles under the Delhi government’s public transport rubric.

The Delhi government followed up its September announcement on road rationing with other pollution control measures. In themselves, these initiatives — cleanliness drives, campaigns for a cracker-free Delhi — may not have made much of a dent in the bad air over. But they did signal that the government was alert to the city’s pollution concerns. In the run-up to the implementation of the odd-even policy, that zeal seems to be fading. The Kejriwal government is laying the blame for Delhi’s pollution on stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana. It would do well to not lose focus on matters that are under its own control.

## BEST AND WORST OF TIMES

English sports is doing very well, in a Britain convulsed by political uncertainty

THIS SUMMER COULD be the greatest yet in English sports. The cricket World Cup came home for the first time ever in the most nerve-clanging of ways, two English clubs played the Champions League final in Madrid and the women’s football team only stumbled in the semis to eventual champions USA. And on Saturday, they could be coronated the rugby champions of the world in Tokyo. A day later, Lewis Hamilton could, rather should, defend his Formula One crown in the US. England is shimmering in unprecedented sporting glory.

Ironically, this has come at a time when England is wading through uncertain times. As the Brexit irresolution drags on, there is an overwhelming sense of disillusionment. Firms are packing up from London, the unemployment rate is increasing, pound sterling is plummeting and anxiety is running high about London’s future as a financial hub. An anonymous poet with a dark sense of humour tweaked TS Eliot’s ‘Journey of the Magi’ to reflect the situation: “A cold shoulder we had of it/ Just the worst time of the year/ For a Brexit, and such a hard Brexit/ Warehouses full, the economy slow/ The 31st of October.”

It’s strange — and spectacular — how political unease often coincides with sporting glory, how sports can be a balm for political chaos. If England overpowers South Africa, it could turn out to be the most cherished of sporting memories this year, bigger arguably than the cricket world cup, which they started as favourites. Here, they fought the odds, muscled and scrapped past gnarled opponents. The team itself is diverse and a triumph could change perceptions of the game, which is still seen to be a white middle-class pre-occupation. This is a multicultural team comprising men from diverse backgrounds and classes. There are men of Samoan, Jamaican, Nigerian, Kiwi, Guyanese, Palestinian and Grenadian descent. It will be the ultimate triumph of England’s cultural diversity. It could also be the most stinging metaphor for Brexit’s flawed foundations.



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THE MENTION OF a population explosion by the prime minister in his Independence Day speech has rekindled debate on population growth and family planning. The responses have varied. Some have called for a law to limit family size; some others have asked for disincentives for large families. Some have attributed the problem to specific communities.

It is important to understand the dynamics of population growth for designing an appropriate response. There are two major factors leading to high population growth:

One, householders wanting larger families, particularly more than the replacement level of a total fertility rate of 2.1 where a mother is replaced by a daughter; two, the population momentum, that is, a larger number of people entering the reproductive age group of 15-49 years compared to those leaving this age group. This is the age-composition effect of earlier levels of high fertility.

As the Economic Survey (2018-19) has pointed out, fertility has been declining everywhere and in every community, although rates of decline vary. The national fertility rate is estimated to be 2.2 in 2016, very close to the replacement level and is projected to reach it around 2021. However, some states have fertility rates higher than the replacement fertility level. In particular, the states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have substantially higher fertility rates at 2.74 and 3.41 respectively, according to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) 2015-16. In the 1990s, the fertility rate was higher in UP than in Bihar, but it has declined faster in UP. The Economic Survey (2018-19) has estimated that fertility will reach the replacement level in UP by 2021 and in Bihar by 2031. This may be somewhat optimistic and will need appropriate action.

To the extent the fertility decline can be accelerated, the population growth will decline faster. The desired fertility rate indicates the level of fertility that would result if all unwanted births were prevented. Although it is not a precise indicator of intentions, the gap between the actual and desired fertility rate in India has declined from 0.8 in 2005-06 to 0.4 in 2015-16. This gap is 0.9 in Bihar and 0.6 in UP. Therefore, family planning services, including effective behaviour change communication, choice of contraceptive method, and

# Facts of life

India needs a more informed debate, a better policy design, to address population growth

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good quality of care to the users of contraception to assuage their concerns regarding possible adverse health effects need to be strengthened, particularly in UP and Bihar. The government has identified 145 districts with high fertility under “Mission Parivar Vikas districts” and has instituted higher incentives for acceptors of sterilisation as well as sought to strengthen family planning services in these districts. Nearly two-thirds of these districts are in Bihar and UP and much more needs to be done there.

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Many seem to believe that population will not grow once replacement fertility is reached. However, most of the future population growth in India will now be because of population momentum. For instance, fertility rate in Tamil Nadu had reached near replacement level around the year 2000 but the natural rate of population growth in 2017 was still 0.83 per cent per year with birth and death rates of 1.49 and 0.66 per 100 population (Sample Registration System 2017).

Concerned with high fertility rate of 2.9 in year 1980, China instituted a one-child policy with some exceptions for specific population segments. Near replacement fertility was reached around 1991 with an estimated population of 115 crore. However, the population continued to grow, peaking to about 140 crore around now, nearly three decades later, and it will soon begin to decline. It should also be noted that once fertility declines to a lower than desired level, it is difficult to arrest its decline. For instance, China has recently relaxed the one-child policy but it is not clear that fer-

tility has begun to increase.

What can be done to reduce the momentum effect? To the extent couples delay their first child and space their second, the effect will be mitigated to some extent. Therefore, young couples need to be approached and encouraged to consciously and proactively plan their families. This requires special attention.

The government has two schemes for this purpose: Ensuring Spacing at Birth (ESB); Under this scheme, ASHAs’ services are utilised for counselling newly married couples to ensure spacing of two years after marriage and couples with one child to have spacing of three years after the birth of first child. The scheme is operational in 18 states and has partially been expanded to a few others. ASHAs are paid Rs 500 for each couple delaying the first child birth by two years after marriage and Rs 500 for each couple spacing the birth of the second child by three years. The budget allocation in the National Health Mission for the above scheme in 2018-19 was meant to cover 10 lakh couples (National Health Mission Programme Implementation Plans). Considering an estimated 2.5 crore births in that year, this is meagre.

The UN Population Division estimates that the medium fertility variant, the most likely scenario, will result in a peak population of 165 crore in the year 2061 and a decline thereafter. In comparison, the low fertility variant is estimated to result in a peak population of 150 crore in the year 2041, a 9 per cent reduction.

What, then, are the relevant policy prescriptions for the future? First and foremost, special attention must be paid to UP and Bihar to bring down the fertility rate. India has now enough experience in family planning and we need to draw lessons from our own experience. Second, as mentioned earlier, spacing of children can moderate the momentum effect. This may be relevant particularly in the case of states which have already achieved the replacement level. However, legal actions or significant disincentives need to be carefully evaluated for their medium to long term consequences. Given the current scenario, these may best be avoided.

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NEGLECTED TROPICAL diseases (NTDs) affect the lives of people who are at the bottom of the pyramid with limited access to health services. The quest to achieve universal health coverage (UHC), leaving no one behind, is incumbent on eliminating NTDs. For long, these diseases have been neglected, but our government has pledged to bring change and ensure that diseases such as Lymphatic Filariasis (Hathi Paon) and Visceral Leishmaniasis (Kala-Azar) are eliminated from India. With a well-designed approach combining technology, research, human capital, innovation, strategic partnerships and financial commitments, we are well placed to fulfil this resolve.

Declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the second most common cause of long-term disability after mental illness, Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) is one of the biggest public health challenges that India faces today. The infection, spread by mosquitoes, is manifested in the form of painfully swollen limbs, and if left untreated, can incapacitate individuals during the peak of their productive years. Even today, a large section of the society remains unaware of the disease and the importance of taking preventive medication.

India is the first country in southeast Asia to adopt a game-changing drug regime to prevent LF. The triple drug therapy that administers a single dose of three anti-filarial drugs: Ivermectin, Diethylcarbamazine and Albendazole (IDA), is a radical step towards intensifying LF prevention efforts and the Government of India is committed to scale-

## HEALTH OF A NATION

India is making long strides in eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis

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up these efforts across the country in 21 of 37 endemic states and UTs. Such progressive interventions are meant to ensure access to essential preventive services for the neglected and the worst affected members of the society.

In line with the government’s will and vision to eliminate this threat, by the end of February 2019, IDA was rolled out in a phased manner across four pilot districts, namely Arwal in Bihar, Simdega in Jharkhand, Nagpur in Maharashtra and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. As a result, over 90 lakh beneficiaries have benefited across these four districts and are protected against this completely preventable NTD. By the end of 2019, an additional 4.5 crore people will receive IDA drugs.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide an effective framework for successful elimination of NTDs. SDGs emphasise the interrelated nature of health and development and encourage a broad, multi-dimensional approach that is essential to uproot NTDs. Importantly, the SDG framework ensures that our commitment to leaving no one behind facilitates a mind-set attuned to the needs of the society’s most vulnerable. If we can end NTDs, it will show that we can meet the needs of the most marginalised and address the key factors that drive social, economic and health inequalities.

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ventable but those affected by it can improve their quality of life. The Accelerated Plan for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (APELF) provides free morbidity management and disability prevention services through kits and corrective surgeries. Our government’s initiatives such as the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) are already playing an important role in addressing the source of these vector-borne diseases.

We need to continue to expand our definition of partnership, and explore how NTD programmes can strengthen our health systems and benefit other disease programmes as well.

I appeal to the community leaders and elected representatives to raise awareness through a mass movement in their respective constituencies, and to help improve community compliance of these preventive drugs that are distributed free of cost under APELF. The Government of India is committed to provide adequate resources and is working with the states governments to ensure that these programmes are widely accepted and reach all individuals who are at risk of contracting such diseases.

We are committed, we are focused, and we are ready. The eradication of polio in India is a testimony to the feat that can be achieved once science and society join hands. Now, by accelerating the elimination of LF, India can lead the world towards securing a prosperous and healthy disease-free future.

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## NOVEMBER 2, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

### IN NEED OF NEHRU

SPEAKERS AT A Delhi symposium on “the relevance of Nehru today” made an impassioned plea for the need to uphold the ideals and policies of Jawaharlal Nehru, particularly when attacks on this “great statesman have become more frequent and open.” In fact, H N Bahuguna, leader of the Congress for Democracy, in an obvious reference to the Janata leader, Jagjivan Ram, who was present at the symposium, said that “time has come when all the defenders of Nehru should unite.” The symposium was organised by the Krishna Menon Memorial Society.

### CONG-LOK DAL TIES

THE QUESTION MARK over the Congress and the Lok Dal fighting the elections on a joint manifesto got a little shorter but did not look like getting deleted altogether. C Subramaniam, Chandrajit Yadav and Banke Behari Das — Congress leaders, had a one-and-a-half hour meeting with Prime Minister Charan Singh to iron out the manifesto kinks. An informed Congress source said that the two parties had agreed that the 27-point programme of the alliance government would form the basis of the joint manifesto. Narendra Singh, general secretary of Lok Dal, was also present at today’s meeting.

### CONG IRRELEVANCE

TALKING TO NEWSMEN at the Ram Manohar Lohia Nursing Home, Raj Narain, working president of the Lok Dal, said the Congress had become irrelevant in today’s context. “If they cannot merge with the Lok Dal, the least they could do was to stay in the alliance by agreeing to a minimum programme without trying to find fault with it,” Narain said that he could not prepare himself to accept Nehruism — “We dissociated ourselves with the Congress because of our opposition to Nehruism. Even Mahatma Gandhi had said that the role of the Congress was over with the attainment of independence”.



# The love triangle

India can counter China's strategic gains in Nepal by winning over the confidence of its people



ASHOK K MEHTA

FOR SOME THINKING Indians, President Xi Jinping flying straight from Chennai to Kathmandu was provocative, even an affront to India. This is incomprehensible. Nepal has been waiting for Xi since 2014, his trips being periodically postponed. He had been waiting for the right timing: For Nepal to have a full-fledged communist government with a massive and unprecedented electoral majority that would allow the Nepal Communist Party leader and prime minister, Khadga Prasad Oli, to pick Beijing over New Delhi, the dominant power for decades. India's marginalisation in Nepal — which is geo-strategically vital in its security calculus — is largely self-inflicted: Clumsy diplomacy. In his first term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose Nepal for his first visit, when he mesmerised Nepalis of all shades with his promise of resetting India-Nepal relations. That never happened and the rest is history.

Then, Xi came calling. His visit was meticulously planned: Preceded by visits of foreign minister Wang Yi, a 40-member delegation of the Communist Party of China, carrying *Xi Jinping Thought* for exchanges with Nepal's Communist Party, and, a signed article by Xi which appeared in Nepali newspapers, tracing the historical and cultural links in the China-Nepal relationship which he wished to upgrade to long-term strategic and security cooperation. He pledged to safeguard Nepal's national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. The entire Nepal cabinet, led by Oli and president Bidya Bhandari, was present to give a reception no foreign visitor has received in recent times.

As in the past, the deliverables in the 18 agreements and two letters of exchange were not as spectacular as was expected. Boundary Management Systems — which helps insulate China's northern reaches with Nepal — is a perennial issue relating to the illegal passage of Tibetans. China's main security concern relates to anti-China activities by 20,000 Tibetans living in Nepal who are virtually under lockdown during such visits. Mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, which Beijing hopes will ultimately result in an extradition treaty, figured prominently. Xi also announced a financial assistance package of \$495 mn for the next two years which India will find difficult to match. Already China has overtaken India in FDI to Nepal which was about \$300 mn in 2018. The feasibility study for Cross Himalayan Connectivity Network of a railway from Kyirong to Kathmandu was approved. This will ultimately be extended via Pokhara to Lumbini in Terai as the China-Nepal Economic Corridor component of the Belt and Road Initiative. A preliminary study by China Railway First Survey and Design Institute Group Co Ltd has noted formidable technical, geological, scientific and engineering challenges to this, including its security along with high costs and risks that far outweigh the benefits. One estimate puts the cost of the Kathmandu-Kyirong section which includes a 28 km tunnel at \$2.7 bn. The question of funding invokes in the minds of the Nepalese, the Hambantota debt trap. A



CR Sasikumar

railway line from Lhasa to Kathmandu, unless it reaches the border with India, makes little commercial sense. On the other hand, it will raise strategic doubts and uncertainties between New Delhi and Beijing given the taut state of current relations.

Nepal, of course, does not view the CNEC as a threat but an opportunity for it to play the bridge between the two fastest growing economies, China and India. King Prithvi Narayan Shah, founder of Nepal, had said in 1770 that Nepal is a root vegetable between two big boulders, calling for balance and equidistance, which has never been possible. Given the great rise of China, and its involvement in Nepal's domestic politics, Kathmandu may be forced to make major strategic choices. In the past, former prime ministers, Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda and Babu Ram Bhattarai, had sought to encourage India to join the triangular India-Nepal-China grouping. In 2016, at Kathmandu's behest, the three countries did discuss it. But India shied away, preferring to deal bilaterally with Nepal like other countries in the neighbourhood. After Wuhan, then Chinese Ambassador to India, Luo Zhaohui had mooted 'China-India-plus one' as a new model, as the two countries agreed to jointly train Afghan diplomats. He was aiming for India-China-Nepal: the idea re-gurgitated by Xi was to also include Pakistan as plus one.

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Given its new pre-eminence in Nepal and deep pockets, Beijing has sought parity with India including enhanced defence and military cooperation as part of the new blueprint in Nepal-China relations, which, for the first time, have become strategic. The CNEC is more strategic than economic, especially its envisaged outreach to Lumbini which will breach India's red line on Chinese activities in Nepal. New Delhi has completed its feasibility study of a railway line from Raxaul to Kathmandu. How the Kathmandu-Kyirong rail will connect with the Indian section to the south, given the different railway gauges, is unclear. The Indian military still views a PLA challenge, both overt and covert, through Nepal to the strategic Indo-Gangetic plains, as very real. Very recently, a conference was held by the Army to consider the military implications of China's enhanced presence and influence in Nepal.

Xi's dream — to be the sole leader of the Asian century — is attainable: By keeping India anchored to the region using Pakistan, even as Beijing, assisted by Kathmandu, blocks New Delhi's traditional strategic space in Nepal. But, not all is lost for India. Geography, including the open border, for one, is in India's favour. Winning back Nepal and the confidence of its people is the challenge.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“China itself would greatly benefit by opening up Xinjiang and letting the Uighurs and other Muslim communities take part in their religious and cultural practices freely.” — DAWN

# Pakistan, China and a grey area

Uighur terrorism brewing in Pakistan is drawing China's ire



KHALED AHMED

THE PARIS-BASED 39-member Financial Action Task Force (FATF), against money-laundering and terror-funding, strongly urged Pakistan last month to comply with its demands by February 2020 or face being included in the FATF “black list” — meaning sanctions. It said: “To date, Pakistan has only largely addressed five of the 27 action items, with varying levels of progress made on the rest of the action plan.”

Pakistan has been on the “grey list” of FATF because many of its “non-state actors” used in proxy wars belonged to other states like Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and China. China is heading the FATF these days through Xiangmin Liu of the People's Bank of China, now the president of FATF. It's not only Afghanistan and Uzbekistan that complain about Pakistan keeping their terrorists on its territory; China too is a complainant. In 2017, China got together with Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa in the BRICS trading bloc to express “joint concern” about Pakistan-based terrorists listed as “Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Haqqani Network, Lashkar-e-Tayba, Jaish-e-Muhammad, Tehreek Taliban Pakistan, and Hizbut Tahrir”.

Pakistan has had to act on FATF's directions because of China. It can't afford to offend China and knows it has not been very mindful of the Uighur Muslims from Chinese Xinjiang on its soil engaging cross-border terrorism. Pakistan has, therefore, put the leaders of the major terrorist organisations under house-arrest and taken over their madrasas where hundreds of thousands of young men learn how to become “pious warriors” in the service of Islam. Much of this takeover is credible but a lot more remains to be done, as FATF observed; although, it remains doubtful if Pakistan can run the madrasas competently when its own schools are in bad shape.

Andrew Small in his book, *The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia's New Geopolitics* (2015), revealed that the Red Mosque of Islamabad was attacked by Pakistani commandos in 2007 after China warned that the mosque, a watering hole of al-Qaeda and its affiliated terrorists right in the heart of the capital city, was sheltering Uighurs from China who had attacked and captured some Chinese working in a massage parlour in Islamabad. When the assault on the mosque was over, 14 Uighur terrorists were

found among the dead. No one in Pakistan got to know that the attack on the mosque was triggered by a Chinese protest.

Ahmed Rashid in *Pakistan on the Brink* (2012), the third book of his trilogy on the same subject, observed: “China now faces the threat of Islamic militancy. Chinese Muslims, or Uighurs, from Xingjian have long journeyed to Pakistan to trade and to perform hajj in Saudi Arabia along a route that was part of the ancient Silk Road. But in the 1980s, Uighurs went to study in Pakistani madrasas and then went on to fight the Soviets in Afghanistan. Now some are fighting along with the Taliban. Uighur nationalism is becoming much stronger in Chinese Xinjiang but the greater fear is that Uighur Islamic extremism will grow; it is still a minor threat, but China blames Islamic groups for unrest in its eastern province.”

China is most upset over the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM) — declared a terrorist organisation in 2002 by the UN. In October 2003, it got the Pakistan Army to kill ETIM leader Hasan Mahsum, and, in January 2010, his successor, Abdul Haq Turkistani — the latter, reportedly, by a US drone attack, both in Pakistan's tribal area, FATA. An earlier outfit not ousted by Pakistan is the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, that grew into a pan-Central Asian group and was ensconced in FATA recruiting Uighurs into terrorism. Another group upset China too: This was the Turkistan Islamic Party which, in September 2011, claimed responsibility for some attacks in Chinese Xinjiang.

In 2009, al-Qaeda in Pakistan too started attacking inside China. It called for attacks on Chinese interests after riots in Urumqi left 200 Han Chinese Uighurs dead. After that, one couldn't blame China for getting alarmed by the shadowy Uighur warriors taking refuge in FATA. The Pakistani military intelligence, the ISI, has regularly informed the Chinese about Uighurs operating out of Pakistan, which has helped its Chinese counterpart in fending off the attacks. The ISI finally captured and extradited to China 14 Uighurs in 1997, seven in 2002, nine in 2009, and five in 2011, “including a woman and two children”.

In July 2011, the Uighurs attacked a police station in Hotan — or Khotan — inside China, killing 20, and thus leading *China Daily*, on August 2, 2011, to reveal that the attackers had taken their training at some ETIM camps in Pakistan. Ahmed writes: “This prompted ISI chief General Pasha to rush to Beijing, where he reassured the Chinese that Pakistan would counter the ETIM”. And it was also in 2011 that China demanded the return of Uighurs settled in Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Nepal and Kazakhstan.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ABOUT DELHI'S AIR

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Battle on air' (IE, November 1). Some doctors and residents have very rightly urged authorities in Delhi to shut schools and cancel outdoor sporting events in the capital as air pollution remained at the most severe level for the third day running on Thursday. Farm fires in Punjab and Haryana have sent clouds of smoke floating over the city, posing a health risk to its 20 million residents, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) air warning guidance. The CPCB AQI has exceeded 400, classified as “severe”, which means it can seriously affect those with existing respiratory illnesses, and even those who are healthy. The governments of Delhi, Punjab and Haryana must resolve the issue of stubble burning.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Battle on air' (IE, November 1). Pollutants do travel far. So, it should not be denied that pollution in Delhi's neighbourhood has a bearing on the city's air quality. Air quality in major cities of Punjab and Haryana is also not in a healthy state. It is, therefore, imperative that authorities in the region make collective efforts to control air pollution by monitoring various sources like vehicles, industries and construction activities.

Subhash Vaid, Noida

### VIOLATION OF RIGHTS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'WhatsApp confirms: Israeli spyware was used to snoop on Indian journalists, activists' (IE, October 31). Such spying is a violation of fundamental rights of privacy, freedom of speech and expression guaranteed under the Constitution. The lack of response from the Secretaries of Home, and Electronics and Information Technology is telling. Recently, the Supreme Court restrained the

### LETTER OF THE WEEK

#### COARSE HUMOUR

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Look who's joking' (IE, November 1). Are men really funnier than women? That is an interesting question. The study that suggests that men have higher humour fails to point out that most of this humour is cynical and risqué and stems from a sense of privilege and entitlement. It is not so uncommon to see boisterous men regale others with stories of their imagined romantic liaisons as they take digs at women in general. It is patriarchy at play. It's not that men have more humour, it's just that it is a lot coarser.

Sangeeta Kampani, Delhi

Chhattisgarh government from conducting such surveillance on IPS officer and their family members and friends.

LR Murmu, Delhi

#### A NEW VALLEY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Task in the Valley' (IE, October 31). Jammu and Kashmir has got a new identity from November 1. What really matters is if locals become part of mainstream. For that to happen, the release of state leaders from prison and more freedom to speak up will go a long way. Attacks on migrant workers are testimony that despite security and lock-down, the situation is not at all peaceful. People are as vulnerable as before August 5. It's up to the government to bring peace to the region.

Bal Govind, Noida

# Call of the river

Bill for speedy resolution of water disputes should factor in recent SC verdicts



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THE LOK Sabha passed the long awaited amendment to the Interstate River Water Disputes Act 1956 in July. The Bill, yet to be discussed in the Rajya Sabha, proposes a permanent tribunal and several other measures to improve the settlement of interstate river water disputes. It has elements that convey the government's seriousness to look for out of the box solutions. Even then, the proposed piece of legislation makes one wonder if it has enough to fix the longstanding problem.

Policy making is an incremental process. That is particularly so in case of a matter as complex as interstate river water disputes — as enigmatic as the rivers themselves. The American poet Henry Longfellow's tribute to the River Charles captures this, “Half in rest, and half in strife”.

The Interstate River Water Disputes Amendment Bill 2019 is a modified version of a piece of legislation that was placed in Parliament in 2017. It was referred to a Standing Committee. Put simply, the bill has three new elements — one, a permanent tribunal with exclusive benches for each dispute instead of separate tribunals in the principal act; two, a Disputes Resolution Committee (DRC) to attempt an ex-ante resolution through mediated negotiations, instead of the Centre's mediation; and three, a provision for appointing a technical agency for a data bank to support dispute resolution. The details of the first two elements have gone through extensive modifications in the Bill.

The rationale of a permanent tribunal mechanism is to reduce the delays in resolving interstate river disputes. It may now take six and a half years at most for the tribunal to arrive at a decision on an interstate river-water dispute. A permanent tribunal could also save costs compared to long-running individual tribunals. It is an opportunity to build a corpus of knowledge on particular approaches to interstate river water disputes resolution in India — and potentially transboundary river water governance in South Asia.

The Bill goes into much detail over the functioning of DRC. It has been given a year and a half to accomplish its task. Its role has been elevated from that of a perfunctory “techno-legal” body to an agency with a proactive role. An officer of secretary rank will head the DRC and the body will have senior officers from the states that are party to a river water dispute, as members. However, there are two concerns: First, is the DRC adequately empowered? We may recall the experience of the Cauvery Supervisory Committee (CSC) which had a similar composition. It did not have much success. Secondly, the DRC aims at a politically negotiated settlement, for river water disputes are deeply political at their core. Its raison d'être is to avoid legal adjudication, not to supplement it. Can the DRC — as conceived now — meet this expectation?

Further, the devil is in the detail. Will the DRC function as part of the Permanent Tribunal or will it work separately? Each dis-

pute will need to have a separate DRC. How will their processes be streamlined? How can we make sure that the DRC process is neutral and they ensure meaningful participation by states that are party to a river water dispute? Will it help to locate the agency under the Interstate Council - as Feroze Varun Gandhi suggested in the Lok Sabha debate?

The need for a credible databank has been long-felt. So, the ambiguity in the Bill about the agency performing this function is puzzling. Identifying the institution under this new piece of legislation may give it the necessary heft to engage with states.

The bill has at least three blind spots. One, it is oblivious to the recent landmark decisions of the Supreme Court. A December 2016 ruling effectively established the Court's jurisdiction over interstate river water disputes. The party states can now appeal against the decisions of the tribunal. The Court followed it up with another order in February 2018 where it modified the allocations of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal Final award of 2007. The bill does not address the implications of these decisions. The bill has to resolve this conundrum first. In simple terms, the Supreme Court says it has jurisdiction over interstate river water disputes while the legislature says it doesn't.

The Supreme Court may have to deal with this contradiction next time a dispute escalates and is brought before it. The politicised nature of river water disputes makes the chances of such an escalation rife.

Two, the challenges around implementing the tribunal/Supreme Court's decisions persist. The power to create the mechanism remains with Parliament, as provided by the principal act. The last instance of creating a mechanism was under the Supreme Court's orders when the Centre created the Cauvery Water Management Authority. Will that be the model to replicate, and will such a model work?

Three, one cannot miss the inclusion of a committee to select the tribunal judges. The committee comprises the prime minister or a nominee as the Chairperson, the Minister of Law and Justice, the Minister of Jal Shakti and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. There may be good reasons for this, but the likely consequences do not bode well for effective resolution. States often thrive on politicising disputes. This composition will now risk states politicising not just the disputes, but their adjudication by the tribunal. This creates a situation where the dispute could escalate to the Supreme Court. Is the Court ready to do the permanent finisher's job?

Longfellow's tribute continues: *Half in rest, and half in strife/ I have seen thy waters stealing/ Onward, like the stream of life/ Thou hast taught me, Silent River!/ Many a lesson, deep and long/ Thou hast been a generous giver/ I can give thee but a song.*

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## TELLING NUMBERS

### Electoral bonds: Rs 6,128 crore sold so far, highest in Mumbai

THE STATE Bank of India has sold electoral bonds worth Rs 6,128 crore since their introduction in March 2018, according to the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR).

Announced in the 2017 Union Budget, electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds that are used to donate money anonymously to political parties. The bonds are issued in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore; SBI is the only bank authorised to sell them. Buyers can donate the bonds to a party of their choice and these can then be cashed by the party through its verified account within 15 days.

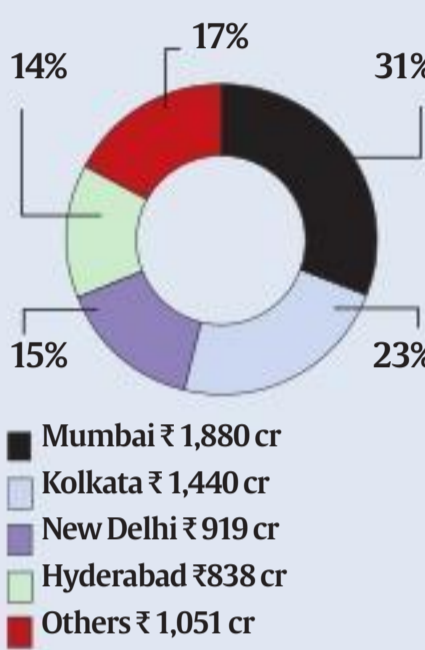
At the time of its announcement in 2017, then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the scheme was aimed at protecting the identity of donors who fear adverse consequences for contributing to one political party. However, the Election Commission and civil society have opposed the scheme and the opacity it has brought into political funding. A petition challenging the scheme is pending with the Supreme Court.

According to ADR figures, the largest value of electoral bonds (Rs 4,444 crore) was sold during the quarter coinciding with the Lok Sabha elections. The highest sale (Rs 2,256 crore) happened in the month of May. Among the cities, Mumbai topped the list with a sale of bonds worth Rs 1,880 crore, followed by Kolkata (Rs 1,440 crore) and New Delhi (Rs 919 crore).

#### PEAK IN APRIL 2019

Phase	Bonds sold
March 2018	Rs 222 cr
April 2018	Rs 115 cr
May 2018	Rs 101 cr
July 2018	Rs 33 cr
Oct 2018	Rs 402 cr
Nov 2018	Rs 184 cr
Jan 2019	Rs 350 cr
March 2019	Rs 1,366 cr
April 2019	Rs 2,256 cr
May 2019	Rs 822 cr
July 2019	Rs 45 cr
Oct 2019	Rs 232 cr

#### WHERE THEY WERE SOLD



## FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

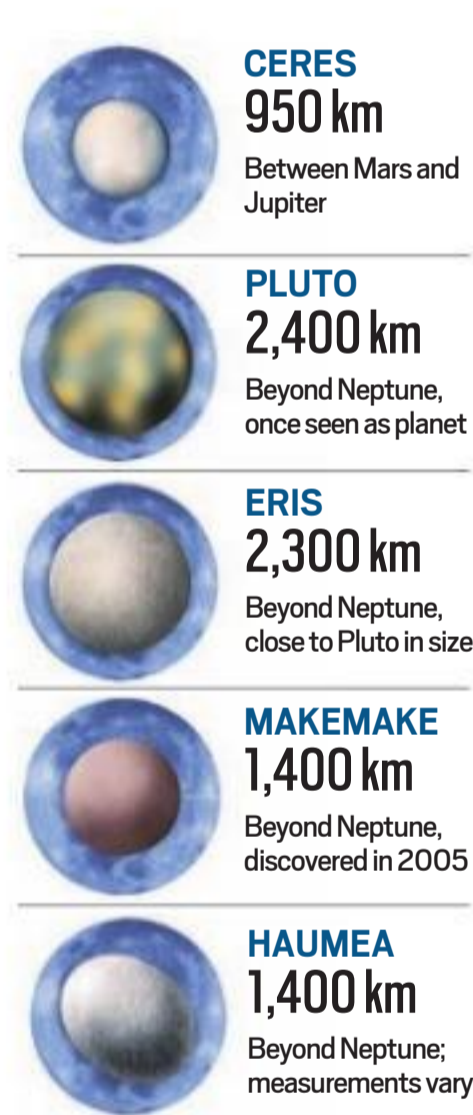
### FIVE DWARF PLANETS AND A NEW CANDIDATE: HOW IS IT DECIDED?

AS OF today, there are officially five dwarf planets in our Solar System. The most famous is Pluto, downgraded from the status of a planet in 2006. The other four, in order of size, are Eris, Makemake, Haumea and Ceres. Now, there is a claimant for a sixth dwarf planet.

Called Hygiea, it has so far been taken to be an asteroid. It lies in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. Using observations made through the European Space Organisation's SPHERE instrument at the Very Large Telescope (VLT), astronomers have now found Hygiea may possibly be a dwarf planet. They have reported their findings in the journal *Nature Astronomy*.

If it qualifies, Hygiea will be the smallest dwarf planet in the Solar System. The International Astronomical Union sets four criteria for a dwarf planet, and Hygiea already satisfies three — it orbits around the Sun, it is not a moon, and it has not cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit. The fourth requirement is that it have enough mass that its own gravity pulls it into a roughly spherical shape. According to the new study, VLT observations now show Hygiea satisfied that condition, too. This is the first time astronomers have observed Hygiea in high resolution to study its surface and determine its shape and size.

#### DWARFS, THEIR DIAMETERS



A new SPHERE/VLT image of Hygiea. European Space Organisation

# What it means to host COP

Chile has pulled out as hosts of annual climate change event, citing unrest at home, and Spain has now stepped in. How is the host decided, and why are some countries not enthusiastic about that role?

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PUNE, NOVEMBER 1

CHILE, THE designated host for this year's UN climate change conference, has said it would not be able to organise the December event because of political unrest at home. Spain has stepped in and offered to host it on the same dates, December 2-13. Spain's offer was accepted on Friday evening, and Madrid now faces the herculean task of making arrangements for the two-week event, which has over 20,000 delegates and attendees every year.

The year-end conference, called COP (Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change), have been held since 1995, and never been postponed.

#### The event

The signatories to the 1992 UNFCCC (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) meet to discuss and decide on steps that countries need to take to fight climate change. This will be the 25th edition of the meeting, hence COP25. It is the same meeting that, at COP3, delivered the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, the first international agreement to fight climate change. The Kyoto Protocol was later deemed to be inadequate, and after several years of negotiations, COP21 in 2015 delivered the Paris Agreement.

In subsequent years, countries have been trying to finalise the rules and procedures that will govern the implementation of the Paris Agreement. One of the most important tasks at the upcoming COP is to complete the negotiations over the rulebook.

#### Hosts by rotation

The venue for the COP meeting is rotated among the five UN-identified regions — Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, and Western Europe and Others. The countries in the region have to propose a candidate, and a host is usually decided at least two years in advance. If no one else agrees to do it, Bonn in Germany, as headquarters of the UNFCCC secretariat, has to step in and host the event.

The rotation cycle has not been followed very strictly. The first and second COPs were both held in western Europe (Berlin and Geneva), and so were the fifth and sixth (Bonn and the Hague). After the 2012 COP in Doha, the event has not returned to Asia. That is because Fiji, the host in 2017, lacked the resources to organise an event of this scale; as a compromise, the event had to be held in Bonn under the Fijian presidency.

#### Reluctant hosts

Even before the ongoing unrest, Chile had been a reluctant host. It had agreed to host the event after much persuasion, and Santiago could be named the COP25 venue only towards the end of COP24 in Katowice, Poland, last year. Chile had been arguing that as hosts of the Asia Pacific Economic Conference this year, it had to organise year-round meetings, including leaders' summit in November, and that it would be difficult to organise another big event in December. Those APEC meetings too have been put off now.

The only other contender from the region to host COP25 was Costa Rica, but it lacked the resources. And UNFCCC was not very enthusiastic about another event at its headquarters.

The host city incurs huge expenditure on the event, not all of which is reimbursed. Apart from the over 20,000 participants, the city has to make arrangements for visits by heads of states and governments, and other personalities. Side events and demonstrations invariably come with the conference, and the host city has to brace for such disruptions for more than two weeks. The event does help local economy, and tourism, but many countries do not see that as adequate incentive.

#### Climate leadership

There is another reason why some countries do not seem very enthusiastic about hosting the event. The host country presides over the conference, and as such is expected



Rioting and police action with teargas in Concepción, Chile, on Thursday. Reuters

## What's happening in Chile?

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE "difficult circumstances" — fiery street protests, mob violence, arson, and looting — cited by Chile's President Sebastián Piñera to back out of hosting the COP25 and APEC Summit have surprised the world, which has long regarded the country as a remarkable example of prosperity and political stability in generally turbulent Latin America.

#### How did the protests start and spread?

The trigger was a modest 4% increase in subway fares announced on October 1. On October 7, the day after the new fares came into effect, school students launched a campaign to dodge them, jumping turnstiles on the Santiago Metro in civil disobedience, and trended #EvasionMasiva, or 'Mass Evasion' on social media.

As the campaign spread, there were violent incidents, and several Metro stations were shut on October 15. Three days later, the entire grid was shut down, and Piñera announced a 15-day curfew. However, the rioting continued, and spread from Santiago to Concepción, San Antonio, and Valparaíso.

The government cancelled the fare hike on October 19, but the protests did not cease. On October 26, over a million people marched in the streets of Santiago.

At least 20 people have died in the demonstrations and violence so far; prosecutors said on Wednesday that they were investigating a total 23 deaths believed to be linked to the protests. Many Metro stations have been destroyed, supermarkets set afire, and stores have been looted. The protests have been described as the most tumultuous of the last 30 years, since the country returned to democracy at the end of General Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship. Interior Minister Andrés Chadwick has called the situation "more violent and barbaric than anything in (his) memory".

On Thursday, thousands of protesters wearing Halloween masks and alien cos-

tumes swarmed Santiago's Plaza Baquedano in response to a leaked recording of First Lady Cecilia Morel saying it seemed as though aliens had invaded Chile, while other groups clashed with police at the presidential palace.

#### But why are Chileans so angry?

The protesters represent the voices of those left out of the economic growth and prosperity that most non-Chileans have come to identify the country with. Discontent against broad income inequality is the key provocation. People are angry about low incomes from salaries and pensions, and are unsatisfied with public healthcare and education.

A major driver of the protests has been the fear of poverty in old age, which has seen many elderly Chileans marching alongside the youth. Chile has a defined contribution pension scheme in which workers pay at least 10% of their wages each month to for-profit funds, called AFPs. Over the years, these AFPs have come to hold an enormous corpus — \$216 billion, or about 80% of the nation's GDP at present — and have huge investments in Chile and overseas.

However, not all Chileans benefit from the pension scheme. Many can't contribute enough regularly, and end up with small payouts. A third of Chileans who work in informal jobs, as well as those who don't have jobs, and women who quit to raise children, lose out too. In essence, critics say, the AFPs have helped fuel an economic boom that has been visible in impressive skylines and apparent prosperity, but has really benefited only a relatively small elite.

#### What is the government doing?

Piñera has acknowledged most of the protesters' demands. He has offered a reform package that includes higher taxes for the rich, and multiple policies of redistribution of wealth. This week, he fired several ministers against whom the public has expressed anger. He has said he would increase the state's contribution to basic pensions by 20% for the poorest Chileans, and

would raise employer contributions.

"We have listened with humility to the powerful voice of the people and their legitimate demands for urgent solutions to problems which we all know have dragged on for many decades," he said last week. However, the protesters remain unmoved, and want Piñera, one of the richest people in the country who has been President since 2018, to go. Opposition parties too, have indicated that they would not simply rubber-stamp the government's attempts to fast-track pension reform.

#### Is there a counter-argument?

The AFPs argue that the problem does not lie with the pension scheme, but rather with low wages, a weak job market, and the country's ageing population. There are many in the country who do not sympathise with the protesters, or who disagree with their violent methods.

The Santiago-based Spanish language daily *La Tercera* said in an editorial on October 24 that it was "essential to be clear on the origin of these happenings and those who are responsible... This violence must be very clearly distinguished from peaceful protests... (The violence) only seeks the destabilisation of the country, and has nothing to do with the demands of the marches."

In its editorial of the previous day, *La Tercera* had praised Piñera's reforms package as "effectively taking care of the needs most felt by the people, particularly the most vulnerable sections, and allowing for a new political and social dialogue".

A letter to the editor in *La Nación* said: "Chile has 9% poverty, 2.3% destitution. There is access to credit, and interest rates are around 2%. Although there exists the problem of distribution, the country continues to be rich and orderly. The complaints of the middle classes do not justify the setting ablaze and destroying of a nation that is a model of development for the region."

to demonstrate leadership in taking individual steps to combat climate change. For countries with smaller greenhouse gas emissions, this is not much of a problem, but such expectations explain why the US, China or Russia have not shown much interest in hosting the event. Neither have countries like Japan, Australia or Canada, generally consid-

ered climate laggards. Japan hosted the 1997 event that produced the Kyoto Protocol, but it also happened to be the first country to walk out of it in 2011. Canada hosted it in 2005. Australia, which too withdrew from Kyoto Protocol, has never hosted it. Spain will now host it for the first time, and so will the UK, in Glasgow next year.

India, the third largest emitter, hosted the 2002 COP in New Delhi, much before climate change became this big.

The European Union, which has a relatively strong climate change action plan, has hosted the most COP editions — 11 of 24 COPs, with Madrid now the 12th of 25. Germany and Poland have been hosts three times each.

# Naga flag: what is its history, how significant has it been earlier and now?

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE DEADLINE for a final Naga peace accord passed on Thursday, amid assertions from both sides that peace talks would continue. Among the issues that have been contentious are the demand for a separate Naga constitution and use of the Naga flag, for decades a symbol of Naga nationalism.

#### The Nagas & the Indian Union

In a memorandum to the Simon Commission in 1929, representatives of Naga tribes demanded that Nagas be left free after Independence and not be included in the Indian Union. Ahead of Independence, a nine-point agreement was signed between the Government of India and the Naga

National Council which included "an experimental coexistence with India for a period of 10 years" to be reviewed at the end of that period. While the Nagas saw this provision as temporary, with a right to self-determination after 10 years, Naga historians say the Indian government has interpreted the "trial period" as accession to the Indian Union.

The tallest leader of the Naga struggle, Dr AZ Phizo, met MK Gandhi in Delhi on July 19, 1947. According to Naga historians, Gandhi agreed that the Nagas would celebrate their independence a day ahead of India, on August 14, 1947. To this day, Nagas across Nagaland, Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh celebrate August 14 as Independence Day.

#### The Naga flag's history

On August 14, it is not just the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah),



Th Muivah at an NSCN(I-M) event at Camp Hebron, near Dimapur.

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or NSCN(I-M), that hoists the now contentious Naga flag. It is also hoisted in camps of various insurgent Naga groups, and even at homes of civilians who are often chased away by police who take the flag down. This year, in the backdrop of the Naga peace talks, a fresh burst of Naga nationalism saw large gatherings of Nagas hoisting the flag and taking it out in processions, especially in the Naga-inhabited Ukhrul district of Manipur, where NSCN(I-M) chief Th Muivah's village is located.

In the Naga narrative, passed down generations by word of mouth, the Naga flag was not designed by a mortal but is of divine origin. As Naga groups battled the Indian armed forces, the legend goes, Phizo and his closest colleagues had a vision — a rainbow, in a startlingly blue sky that had appeared after a storm. "The Naga flag was

a gift from God," said an NSCN(I-M) leader.

A woman of the Rengma tribe, one of the tribes under the Naga umbrella, was commissioned to weave the flag. It was hoisted for the first time in Parashen in Rengma on March 22, 1956.

The flag has a blue background, representing the sky. A red, yellow and green rainbow arches across the centre. The Star of Bethlehem adorns the top left corner of the flag; Nagas are predominantly Christian.

#### The Naga flag today

The flag remains a symbol of the Nagas' "struggle" for over 60 years, of their religious faith, of the aspirations of the Naga people, and of their identity. It helps bind all the different Naga tribes together. Outside Nagaland state, in particular, the flag continues to elicit strong emotions of iden-

tity from Nagas.

Inside the state, common citizens are today divided on its importance. Certain sections believe that with secession from the Indian Union no longer possible, the Naga flag has lost some of its relevance. The moderates have supported a complete inclusion in the Indian state, for access to the latter's development project, infrastructure, and its education and health facilities. But a large section of the Nagas still hold dear the idea of the Naga identity and of their tribal roots.

The Naga struggle claimed thousands of lives over decades and devastated countless homes, all over the idea of a sovereign Naga nation. If the NSCN(I-M) accedes to economic and political packages alone, without a separate flag and constitution, it remains to be seen whether it will be seen as a solution, or as a defeat.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Nawaz Sharif

PAKISTAN

Ailing ex-PM Sharif’s health improves

**Lahore:** Pakistan’s former prime minister Nawaz Sharif’s health has shown signs of improvement as his platelet count rose to 51,000 even though his blood pressure and sugar level is still high, according to a media report on Friday. The 69-year-old Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo, who is admitted in Services Hospital here, was on Thursday examined by a medical board. Sharif’s platelets on Thursday increased from 35,000 to 51,000, showing improvement in his condition, doctors said, as per *Dawn*.

NIGERIA

15 people found chained up in church rescued

**Lagos:** Police in Nigeria said they rescued 15 people chained up in a church in Lagos during the latest raid in a nationwide crackdown on religious institutions accused of abuse. Detectives “stormed a prayer house used as a detention camp” on Wednesday evening and discovered 15 men and women aged between 19 and 50 chained by the legs, Lagos police spokesman Bala Elkana said. The pastor of the church, “prophet” Sunday Joseph Ojo, and 10 others were arrested, Elkana said late Thursday.

UNITED KINGDOM

Keith Vaz suspended for six months

**London:** The UK Parliament Thursday suspended one Indian-origin MP Keith Vaz for six months after he was found to have “expressed willingness” to purchase cocaine for male prostitutes. MPs approved the suspension after the Parliament Standards Committee concluded in its report that the 62-year-old Goan-origin Labour Party MP for Leicester East had “expressed willingness” to purchase cocaine for male prostitutes. The watchdog said there was “convincing evidence” that Vaz was “evasive or unhelpful” during an investigation into his conduct.



Supporters of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl offer prayers during an anti-government march in Islamabad on Friday. *AP*

‘THE GORBACHEV OF PAKISTAN MUST GO’

Azadi March: Cleric gives Imran two-day ultimatum to step down

Gone are the days when one used to use Islam to gain power, this is a new Pakistan: Imran Khan

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 1

PAKISTAN’S HARD-LINE cleric Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Friday gave Prime Minister Imran Khan a two-day ultimatum to resign, saying the “Gorbachev of Pakistan” must step down without testing the patience of peaceful protestors. Addressing a massive protest rally, dubbed ‘Azadi March’, held here to topple the incumbent government, Rehman said only people of Pakistan and not any “institution” had the right to govern the country. The much-hyped rally led by the right-wing opposition leader’s Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) reached its final destination Islamabad on Thursday after it set off from the Sindh province and left Lahore on Wednesday. Along with Rehman, leaders of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakistan



Fazlur Rehman, president of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam - Fazal (JUI-F) and Shehbaz Sharif, brother of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif at the protest rally. *Reuters*

People’s Party (PPP), and Awami National Party (ANP) participated in the march held to topple Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government led by Prime Minister Khan.

“The elections of 25 July were fraud elections. We neither accept the results nor the government that came into power after

those elections. We gave this government one year but now we cannot give them any more time,” he said.

He said the Khan’s Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government has destroyed the economy while endangering the very existence of the country.

“The Gorbachev of Pakistan

EXPLAINED

2014 and 2019: The two Azadi marches

THE 2019 Azadi March is not the first in the country: in 2014, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran Khan had taken out a similar Azadi March, also termed “tsunami march”.

The 2014 and 2019 protest marches, both of which saw large numbers of people participate, have some elements in common. The protest led by Khan had levied allegations of election rigging and corruption, among other charges, against the Nawaz Sharif regime. Five years later, Khan now faces similar charges, with opposition leaders alleging that the July 25 polls were “fraud elections”.

must go. We give (Khan) two days to resign, otherwise, we will decide about the future,” he said.

Prime Minister Khan, while addressing a rally in Gilgit-Baltistan, told protesters that when they run out of food, more will be sent to them, but their leaders should not expect any relief. “Gone are the days when one

used to use Islam to gain power. This is a new Pakistan. Sit however long you want...” he said.

“I will put all of them into jail,” he said, in an apparent reference to former premier Nawaz Sharif, his brother Shehbaz, former President Asif Ali Zardari and former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi. **PTI**

US targets Iran’s construction sector with new sanctions

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 1

THE UNITED States on Thursday extended its sanctions on Iran by taking aim at its construction sector, which Washington linked to the country’s Revolutionary Guards.

The sanctions, it said, would also target “four strategic materials as being used in connection with Iran’s nuclear, military, or ballistic missile programs.”

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo imposed the sanctions after the construction sector was identified as “being controlled directly or indirectly by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC),” spokes-



“Rather than dig itself deeper, US should abandon failed policies & return to #JCPOA (the 2015 nuclear deal)”

MOHAMMAD ZARIF  
IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

woman Morgan Ortagus said. The latest sanctions “will help preserve oversight of Iran’s civil nuclear program, reduce proliferation risks and constrain Iran’s ability to shorten its ‘breakout time’ to a nuclear weapon”, Ortagus said.

Turkey, Russia begin joint patrols in northeast Syria

BULENT USTA

SEVIMLI, NOVEMBER 1

TURKISH AND Russian troops began their first joint ground patrols in northeast Syria on Friday under a deal between the two countries that forced a Kurdish militia away from territory near Turkey’s border.

Turkey and allied Syrian rebels launched a cross-border offensive on Oct. 9 against the Kurdish YPG militia, seizing control of 120 km (75 miles) of land along the frontier.

Last week, Ankara and Moscow agreed to remove the militia fighters to a depth of at least 30 km (19 miles) south of the border and Russia has told Turkey that the YPG left the strip. Turkish armoured vehicles



Military vehicles on the Turkish-Syrian border

on Friday drove through country roads across the border to join their Russian counterparts, according to Reuters television footage filmed from the Turkish side of the border.

Ground and air units were involved in the patrol in the area of

the Syrian border town of Darbasiya, the Turkish Defence Ministry said on Twitter, showing photos of soldiers studying a map and of four armoured vehicles.

The 110-km joint patrol with Russian military police, consisting of nine military vehicles, was starting at Darbasiya and travelling west along the border, the Russian Defence Ministry said.

Overnight, the Turkish Defence Ministry said Turkey had handed over to the Russians 18 men, believed to be Syrian government soldiers, who were detained in Syria near the Turkish border this week. It said the move was coordinated with Russia but did not say who they were handed to. The 18 men were seized on Tuesday during operations southeast of the Syrian town of Ras al Ain. **REUTERS**

LAYS OUT PLAN TO BOOST PATRIOTISM

Won’t tolerate dissent in Hong Kong, says China

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 1

CHINA WARNED Friday it would not tolerate any challenge to Hong Kong’s governing system, as it laid out plans to boost patriotism in the city and change how its leader is chosen or removed after months of pro-democracy protests.

The unrest in the semi-autonomous city was an important topic at a major, four-day meeting of the Communist Party chaired by President Xi Jinping this week in Beijing, said Shen Chunyao, director of the Hong Kong, Macau and Basic Law Commission.

All eyes have been on whether the party leadership will assert more control over the situation if the demonstrations spin out of control. Shen said party leaders agreed to “further improve the central government’s system of governance over the region” and maintain its “long-term prosperity and stability.”

China, he added, will “never tolerate any act that challenges the bottom line of ‘one country, two systems’, never tolerate any act that splits the country and endangers national security, and resolutely prevent and contain foreign forces’ interference in Hong Kong and Macau business.” Hong Kong’s chief executive is not directly elected, a source of major friction and a headache for the leaders because they have no popular mandate. Currently the leader is chosen by a committee.



Protesters in masks. *Reuters*

TARGETING PRO-DEM PROTESTERS

■ An anonymous website is targeting Hong Kong pro-democracy figures using Russia-based servers and promoted by powerful groups linked to China’s Communist Party — and there is almost no way to stop it

■ About 200 people seen as supporting Hong Kong’s protest have been “doxxed” — had their details posted online — by HK Leaks, since it emerged in August

■ More than two million people follow Facebook pages that have shared HK Leaks posts and the site has received more than 175,000 unique page views, as per sources

Trump backs ‘fantastic’ Boris over ‘bad’ Corbyn

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, NOVEMBER 1

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump ruffled a few feathers in the UK with an intervention on the country’s upcoming General Election by backing his “friend” UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and categorising Opposition Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn as “so bad” for Britain.

In an interview with LBC Radio with host and far-right Brexit Party Leader Nigel Farage on the phone overnight on Thursday, Trump pushed for an alliance between the Conservatives and Farage’s party as an “unstoppable” force for the December 12 polls.

“I have great relationships with many of the leaders, including Boris who’s a fantastic man - I think he’s the exact right guy for the times,” Trump said.

“I know that you and him will end up doing something that could be terrific - if you and he get together it’s [an] unstoppable force,” he said.

In reference to Corbyn, the US President was scathing.

“Corbyn would be so bad for your country, he’d be so bad, he’d take you in such a bad way. He’d take you into such bad places. But your country has tremendous potential, it’s a great country,” Trump said.

DROP BREXIT DEAL AND I’LL HELP YOU WIN: FARAGE TO PM

**London:** British euroskeptic politician Nigel Farage tried to ramp up pressure on Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Friday, saying his Brexit Party would run against Conservatives unless Johnson abandons his deal with the European Union. “Boris tell us this is a great new deal. It is not. It is a bad old treaty and simply it is not Brexit,” Farage said.

Farage said that if Johnson agreed to abandon his deal, the Brexit Party would form a “non-aggression pact” with the Conservatives, standing aside in many areas. “I believe the only way to solve this is to build a ‘leave’ alliance across this country,” Farage said. **PTI**

The remarks prompted Corbyn to take to Twitter to accuse the US President of “trying to interfere” in Britain’s internal affairs to get “his friend Boris Johnson elected”. **PTI**

‘HOW DO WE MAKE PROGRESS? HOW CAN WE PRODUCE INVENTIONS IN THIS ENVIRONMENT?’

In China’s universities, students keep tabs on ideological leanings of professors

JAVIER C. HERNÁNDEZ

CHENGDU, NOVEMBER 1

WITH A neon-red backpack and white Adidas shoes, he looks like any other undergraduate on the campus of Sichuan University in southwestern China. But Peng Wei, a 21-year-old chemistry major, has a special mission: He is both student and spy.

Peng is one of a growing number of “student information officers” who keep tabs on their professors’ ideological views. They are there to help root out teachers who show any sign of disloyalty to President Xi Jinping

and the ruling Communist Party. “It’s our duty to make sure that the learning environment is pure,” Peng said, “and that professors are following the rules.”

In a throwback to the Mao Zedong era, Chinese universities are deploying students as watchdogs against their teachers, part of a sweeping campaign by Xi to eliminate dissent and turn universities into party strongholds.

The use of student informers has surged under Xi, China’s most powerful leader in decades, with hundreds of universities now employing the practice, according to interviews with more than two dozen professors and students.



You Shengdong was fired after students reported him for questioning President Xi’s trademark slogan. *NYT*

“Everyone feels they are in danger,” said You Shengdong, a

longtime economics professor at Xiamen University in eastern

China who was fired last year after students reported him for criticising one of Xi’s favorite propaganda slogans. “How do we make progress,” You asked, “how can we produce inventions in this environment?”

Universities are posting advertisements recruiting students to spy on their teachers, with some aiming to have one in every classroom. It has created a chilling effect that some have compared to the ideological purification campaigns of the decadelong Cultural Revolution, in which radical students attacked Mao’s perceived enemies.

At a time when Xi is seeking

to ward off supposed threats to social stability and to silence pockets of opposition to his authoritarian policies, students are increasingly playing a key role by monitoring how teachers view Xi, the party and ideas like democracy. In exchange, they are promised rewards like scholarships, higher grades and advancement within prestigious Communist Party groups.

“Teachers can be reported for anything,” said Tang Yun, a veteran literature professor at Chongqing Normal University in southwestern China.

Tang, 56, was speaking from experience. While teaching a

class earlier this year, he criticised a popular, folksy phrase Xi uses often — “roll up your sleeves and work hard” - as coarse. A student complained, prompting officials at Chongqing Normal to strip him of his teaching credentials and reassign him to the library.

You, the economics professor who had been fired from Xiamen University, said students reported him for questioning Xi’s trademark slogan, the “Chinese dream,” a vision of prosperity and strength for the nation.

You, 71, who has since relocated to New York, said his students began referring to him as

extreme and “anti-Communist.” His classroom was equipped with a video camera, which is standard at many Chinese universities.

Carl Minzner, a professor of law at Fordham University in New York, said the rise of student informers was part of Xi’s efforts to make the party “a leading force in state and society alike.”

“Xi’s goal is to reintroduce that element of self-censorship so that people start to think twice about speaking,” he said. “When political orthodoxy takes over, that’s how the collective mind of society begins to close down.” **NYT**

## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**I, Vipul Bhardwaj S/o Girish Bhardwaj R/o 293, Ambica Vihar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087,** state that my actual and correct name is Vipul Bhardwaj S/o Girish Bhardwaj vide Affidavit dated 31-10-2019.This is for all record and future purposes. 0040518047-1

**I, Vinay Kumar S/o Bhim Singh Chauhan R/o-S-21/3 Pandav Nagar Delhi-110092,** have changed my name to Vinay Kumar Chauhan for all purposes. 0040518085-3

**I, Nirmala Spouse of Rakesh Anil R/o-WZ-519 Raj Nagar-I, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045,** have changed my name from Nirmala to Nirmala Anil vide affidavit dated-29.10.2019, before Notary Public, New Delhi. 0040518085-5

**I, Navin Chandra Upreti S/o.Late. Pooran Chandra Upreti R/o-Flat.No.5221,ATS Dolce,Zeta-1, Greater Noida,U.P.,** have changed my minor,Son's name from Tanishq Upreti to Tanishq Navin Upreti for all,tushq purposes. 0040518094-2

**I, Abhishek S/o Sh. Rakesh Anil R/o-WZ-519 Raj Nagar-I, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045,** have changed my name from Abhishek to Abhishek Rawat vide affidavit dated-29.10.2019, before Notary Public, New Delhi. 0040518085-6

**I, hitherto known as Yatinder Kumar S/o Dinesh Kumar R/o.H.No.-211, Gali-No-8, Village-Mandoli, Nand-Nagri, Delhi-110093.** Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Yatinder Kumar Bhardwaj. 0040518149-2

**I, hitherto known as Jenender Kumar S/o Shri.Mahendra Dass Jain Employed as Executive-Engineer (Civil) in Delhi Development-Authority, residing at Flat.No.322, Pocket GH-5&7, Paschim-Vihar, New Delhi-110087.** Have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Jenender Kumar Jain. 0040518149-5

**I, hitherto known as Bharti Joardar alias Bharati Bhowmick D/o Late Amulya Kumar Bhowmick W/o Late Kamlendu Joardar residing at H.No.-32, Second Lane, Zulu Park, P.O-Hazariabagh, Jharkhand-825301,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bharati Bhowmick. 0040518092-1

**I, Vijay Kumar S/o Late Shri.Hari Singh, R/o-3047, Ground-Floor, Street no.-21, Ranjeet-Nagar, New Delhi-110008,** inform that the name of my son was changed from Prince to Shubham Jhinjheria for all future records and purposes. 0040518097-7

**I, Syed Shahzad Hassan S/o-Masud Hasan R/O-A-30, 4th-Floor, Jangpura-B, N.Delhi-110014,**changed my name, from Syed Shahzad Hassan to Shahzad Hasan, for all purposes. 0040518088-2

**I, Yograj S/o Prem Chand Jain R/o-GP-139 First Floor Pitampura Delhi-110034,** have changed my name to Yograj Jain. 0040518097-9

**I, Syed Saddam Hassan S/o-Shahzad Hasan R/O-A-30, 4th-Floor, Jangpura-B, N.Delhi-110014,**changed my name, from Syed Saddam Hassan to Syed Saddam, for all purposes. 0040518088-1

**I, Sumita D/o Jitender Kaushik R/o H.No.413, Mehrauli-Road, Mata-Wali-Gali, Village-Sukhrali, Gurugram, Haryana-122001** that Sumita & Shivani Kaushik are one and same person. 0040518149-4

**I, Sulekha/Sulekha Kaul W/O Ravi Brararo R/O-Flat.No-201, Basera Appartment-4, Shalimar Garden-Extension-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201005.** Have changed my name to Sulekha Bararo. 0040518113-6

**I, Suchetana Sengupta D/o Mr. Shyamal Sengupta R/o-Z-99-A, Second-Floor, Dayal Sar-Road, Uttam-Nagar (West), Delhi-110059** divorced from Mr.Arnab Saha vide ordat dated 20.02.2017 in MAT No.1561/2016, ADJ,Barast, W.B.and thereafter married Mr.Himanshu Sharma. Now have changed name of my minor son from Samyak Saha to Samyak Sharma, aged 7yrs, by affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Delhi on 10-October-2019 for all purposes. 0040518163-9

**I, Shreya Khurana D/O Suresh Khurana R/O B-245, Surajmal Vihar, Delhi-110092** have changed my to Shreya. 0040518097-2

**I, Shalu Arora W/o-Chandan Arora R/O-AD-87, third-floor, Tagore-Garden, Delhi 110027,** have changed my name to Shalini Arora. 0040518149-3

**I, Shailu w/o Paramjeet Singh R/O-A-8, Shiv-Vihar, Chandervihar, Nilothi-Extn., Nilothi, Delhi-110041** have changed my name to Sarabpreet Kaur. 0040518113-1

**I, Shailendra Pratap Singh Yadav S/o Suleh Singh Yadav R/O-H.No.12, JDS Royal-Enclave, Chhapraulia, GautamBudh-Nagar, UP,** have changed my name to Shailendra Yadav. 40518097-6

**I, Semranjit Singh S/o Amarjit Singh R/o-64-B, BS-Block Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088** have changed my name to Simranjeet Singh. 040518097-8

**I, Savitri D/o Sh. Moti Ram R/O B-625, Phase-2, Nangloi New Delhi-110041** have changed my name to Soni For all Future Purposes. 0040518066-1

**I, Satish Kumar S/o Shri Batle Ram R/O-H.No.438, Village-Neelwal, Post-Office Tikri Kalan, Delhi-110041,** inform that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Satte in my Land Records/Farad. My actual and Correct name is Satish Kuma, for all purposes. 0040518097-3

**I, Sanjay Kumar Verma S/o-Late Shri.Satyapaul Verma, R/O-C-104 B.K.Dutt Cily, Lodhi-Colony, New-Delhi-013,** have changed my name to Sanjay Verma, for all purposes. 0040518163-8

**I, Sangeeta Chopra D/o Shri Ved Prakash Chopra W/o Shri Garish Kumar Arora R/o 142, GF Pocket-9, Sector-21, Rohini-110086** have changed my name to Heena Arora for all purposes. 0040518087-1

**I, Sandeep Nanchahal R/o 429-C, Shipra Suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014,** have changed my minor daughter's name from Yashvi to Yashvi Nanchahal. 0040518058-2

**I, Sandeep Nanchahal R/o 429-C, Shipra Suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014,** have changed my minor daughter's name from Palak to Palak Nanchahal. 0040518058-1

**I, Shabana Katoon W/o Zafar Hussain Rizvi R/O-C-1/169 Sector-55, Noida Gautam Budh-Nagar UP-201301.** Have changed my name to Shabana Khatoon, for all purposes. 0040518113-2

**I, Sachin Kumar Chauhan S/o Hariram Chauhan R/O E-113, Near Metro Station, Sector-15, Noida G.B.Nagar (U.P.)** have changed my name from Sachin Kumar Chauhan to Sachin Chauhan for all purposes. 0040518105-1

**I, Rishabh Menan. S/O Rajeev Sharma R/O-P-46 3rd-Floor Pratap Nagar Delhi-110007** Changed My Name To Rishabh Manan. 0040518163-1

**I, Ranju Chawla W/o-Satish Kumar Chawla R/O.House. No.421/10, Near-Durga Mandir,Chhattarpur, New Delhi-74,inform that Ranju Chawla and Ranju Bala both name are same person.** 0040518094-3

**I, Ranjita W/O Ajit Kumar R/O-Flat B/102, Ekta Apartment, Plot-17&18, Pochanpur-Extn, Dwarka, Sector-23b, N.Delhi-110077.,** Changed My Name To Ranjita Kumar. 0040518172-3

**I, Ranjana Kapoor D/o Jagdesh Kishan Kapoor W/O Deepak Mahajan R/O-F-2/10 Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051,** have changed my name to Dimple Mahajan for all purposes. 0040518085-2

**I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Mahender R/O 31/183, Block-31, Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091,** have changed my name to Rajesh for all purposes. 0040518044-1

**I, Nusrat W/o Shahzad Hasan R/O-A-30, 4th-Floor, Jangpura-B, New Delhi-110014,**have changed my name from Nusrat to Nusrat Jahan, for all purposes. 0040518088-3

**I, Nirmal Kumar / Nirmal/ Nirmal Kumar Pagaria S/o Madan Lal Pagaria R/O-A-13-14, Jhilimil Colony, Delhi-95,** have changed my name to Nirmal Pagaria for all purposes. 0040518059-1

**I, Narinder Kumar S/o Parmanand Kumar H.No.487, 1st-Floor, B-Block, Sudershan Park, Delhi-110015** have changed my name to Narender Kumar. 0040518097-1

**I, Namit Arora S/o.Shri S.K.Arora R/O-A-47,Block-A, Sector-53,Noida,Distt-GautamBudh Nagar,UP.-201301,**have changed my name Namit Rajpal to Namit Arora for all purpose in future. 0040518094-1

**I, Monika Gupta D/o Budh Prakash Gupta W/O Satish Garg R/O-1/2298 Street No.6,Ram Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032,**have changed my name to Monika Garg for all purposes. 0040518085-7

**I, Mohd. Yusuf S/o Mr. Mohammad Yunus, R/o 1196, Gali Chowkidar Wali, Haveli Hisamuddin, Ballimaran, Delhi-110006** have changed my name from Mohd. Yusuf to Mohd. Yusuf for all future purposes. 0040518080-1

**I, Moham Tadhir Hussen S/O Yamin R/O H.No.454, Block-P4, Sultanpuri, Delhi-110086.** Have Changed My Name To Mohammad Tahir Hussain. 0040518163-2

**I, Meenu W/O Rajesh Pruthi R/O-6/217, 2nd-Floor, Sunder-Vihar, Paschim-Vihar, New Delhi** Have Changed My Name To Meenu Pruthi After Marriage For All Future Purposes. 004518097-4

**I, Mazhar Ali Khan S/O Ailm Khan R/O 374, B.I.W. Colony, B.T.P.S. Jaitpur, N.Delhi-110044.** Changed My Name To Mazhar Khan. 0040518163-5

**I, Manoj S/O Jashbir Singh, H-No-280/6, Gali No-D-29, Molarband Extn, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044.,** Changed My Name To Manoj Raghav. 0040518172-2

**I, Manju Panwar W/o Manoj Kumar D/O Inder Pal Panwar R/O-H-7, Mansarovar-Park, Shahdara Delhi-32,**have Changed my name to Manju Verma 0040518038-1

**I, Manjit Singh S/O Sohan Singh R/O Wz-60, Plot no.199, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018.** Changed My Name To Manjeet Singh. 0040518163-4

**I, Mahesh Kumar S/O Jaman Lal R/O 1069, IInd-Floor, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034.** Have Changed My Name To Mahesh Kumar Hans. 0040518163-3

**I, Lal Bahadur S/o-Dal Bahadur R/O-E-55/24, Dilshad-Vihar Colony, Dilshad-Garden, Delhi-110095,** inform that my name is wrongly-written as Lil Bahadur in my P/F Account. That the actual name of mine is Lal Bahadur. 0040518149-1

**I, Km.Suman Devi Gupta W/O Anuroop Gupta R/O-A-3/241, New Kondli, Mayur-Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110096.,** changed My Name To Suman Kumari. 0040518172-4

**I, Kavleen Kaur Gujral W/O Gaganpreet Singh Chadha R/O-J6/141, Ground Floor, Rajouri Garden, N.Delhi-110027.,**changed My Name To Kavleen Kaur. 0040518163-6

**I, Kamal Kishore S/o Lallu Ram R/o-EE-2787, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033,** have changed my name to Kamal Kishore Vaid. 0040518113-3

**I, Jayoti W/O-Amit Goyal Add-976/23, Dif-Colony Chowk. Opp. Mata Mandir Rohtak Haryana 124001,** Changed My Name To Jyoti Goyal. 0040518113-4

**I, Heena Chaudhary D/o Toheed Khan R/O H.No. 1067, Ward No.7, Ground Floor, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030** have changed my name to Heena Khan for all purposes. 0040518048-1

**I, Harsimran Kaur D/o Jatinder Singh Hira R/O D-341, Tagore Garden Extn., New Delhi-110027,** have changed my name from Harsimran Kaur to Harsimran Kaur Hira for all legal purposes. 0040518072-1

**I, Hardeep Singh S/o Surinder Singh Ahuja R/O 5/04, Azad Gali, Jheel Khuranja, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110051,** have changed my name to Hardeep Singh Ahuja, for all purposes. 0040518075-1

**I, Gagandeep Kaur W/o Manjeet Singh R/O-467, Sector-2B, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad** have changed my name to Shikha Singh for all purposes. 0040518163-7

**I, Deepak Madhukar Gokarn s/o Madhukar Ramrao Gokarn, R/O 4/32A, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026,** have changed my name to Deepak Gokarn, for all purposes. 0040518055-1

**I, Deepak Kumar Sharma S/o Lachman Prasad Sharma R/O B-5/412, Yamuna Vihar, New Delhi** have changed my name to Deepak Sharma. 0040518113-5

**I, Deepak Ahluwalia R/O-54, Sec-14, Gurugram,** informs that I have changed my son's name from Arya Veer Singh to Aryaveer Singh for all purposes. 0040518060-1

**I, Akhilesh Kumar S/o Mithai Lal Yadav R/O 7/602, East End Apartment, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, East Delhi-110096,** have changed my name to Akhilesh Yadav for all purposes. 0040518045-1

**I, Shashi Bhushan Kumar S/o Sh.Mod Narayan Jha R/O Flat No.B-9/159, Sector-5, Rohini, Rohini Sector-7, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085** have changed my name to Shashi Bhushan Jha for all purposes. 0040518041-1

**I, Ravi Kumar S/O Pran Nath Brararo R/O-Flat No-201, Basera-appartment-4, Shalimar-Garden Extension-2, Sahibabad Ghaziabad U.P.201005.** Have Changed my Name to Ravi Brararo. 0040518097-10

**I, Praveen Chauhan S/o Dara Singh Chauhan R/O H.No F-348 Gali.No.17 Molarband Extension Badarpur, Jaitpur, New Delhi 110044** have changed my name from Praveen to Praveen Chauhan for all purposes. 0040518050-1

**I, Nand Kishor S/o Sh.Ram Phal R/O H.No. 93-A, Gali No.2, Sanjay Colony, Narela, North West Delhi, Delhi-110040** have changed my name to Nikhil for all purposes. 0040518041-2

**I, Khushboo Aggarwal D/O Pramod Kumar Aggarwal Resident-C-366, Second Floor, Yojana Vihar Delhi-110092** have changed my name to Khushboo Aggarwal. 0040518172-1

**I, Jagadish Kumar Bharatiya S/o Ram Nath R/O-117/3, Gali No-9, Radha-Vihar Mukundpur Delhi-42,** have changed my name to Jagdish Kumar. 0040518097-5

**I, Hitherto Know as Kusum Lata Punj D/O Ram Niranjan Punj W/O Parveen Kumar R/O-WZ-243/1, Gali No-9 Hastals-Road, UttamNagar, New Delhi-110059** Have Changed my Name and Shall hereafter be known as Kusum Lata. 0040518172-6

## LOST & FOUND

**I, Bhagwati Bora W/o Mahender Singh Bora R/O 263-B, Pocket-A6, Paschim Vihar N.D.** have lost DDA Original papers as Demand Letter, Possession Letter, NOC, Possession Slip and Bank Challans of Flat No. 263-B, Pocket-A6, Paschim Vihar N.D on 10.20.2016 in Paschim Vihar Market. Finder may contact- 9810545710 0040518086-1

**I, Bharti Sharma W/o R.O.Sharma R/O-B-13/F-2 Dilshad Garden, Delhi-95,** have lost Sale Deed No.12946, Volume No.617 on pages-190-193 dated-26/09/1966 Regd. with S.R.Delhi at Dilshad Garden Delhi. If anyone trace the same, kindly inform at B-13/F-2 Dilshad Garden, Delhi-95, M.No. 9711753939 & 9910732117. 0040518085-4

**Lost my original ATS between B.D Nagpal to Laxmi Devi of Flat No.-181, Ground Floor, Pocket-4, Sector-24, Rohini Delhi-110085,** if found please contact to, Binla Devi W/o Shri. Anand Singh, Flat No.-181, Aksh Ganga-Apartment, Pocket-4, Sector-24, Rohini Delhi-110085. 0040518172-7

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My clients Shri Rameshwar Bagoria S/o Shri Badri Ram Bagoria and his wife Smt. Barfi Devi both R/o H.No.6-27, Jwalapur, Camp No.5, Jwalapur, Distt. West Delhi-110087 have severed all relationship from their son Yogesh Bagoria and his wife Smt. Neetu due to their disobedient, disrespectful behavior towards my clients and their family members. They are living separately from my clients after their marriage. My clients have disclaimed themselves from their moveable, immovable properties. My clients shall not be responsible for any kind of their acts and deeds. If any person deals with them shall do so at his/her own risks, costs and consequences.  
**MOHD. MOSIN-ADVOCATE**  
Ch. No. C-158, C.L. Joseph Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Under instructions from and on behalf of my client Smt. Nareesh Kumar W/o Lt. Vijay Kumar R/o 1709, Amardeep Colony, Kailarni Road, Hissar, Haryana-125001, I have severed all her relations with her son named Karikay, debarred and disowned him from all her moveable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him shall be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility and my client shall not be responsible for the same.  
**Ajay Malik (Advocate)**  
Ch. No. B-12, B.G.S. Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My client Saroj Magan W/O SH. SATISH MAGAN aged about 63 yrs. R/o 340, SAINIK VIHAR, DELHI-110004 HAVE SEVERED ALL HER RELATIONS & DISOWNED HER SON SUMIT MAGAN S/O SATISH MAGAN & HIS WIFE SMT. SONIA KHATTAR MAGAN FROM ALL HER MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES DUE TO THEIR DISOBEDIENT BEHAVIOR. MY CLIENT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTS IN FUTURE.  
**Gulshan Kumar (Advocate)**  
Ch. No. 498, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My Client Mrs. Purnam Devi W/o late Sh. Chit Charan R/O H.No. B-4432, Nand Nagar, Nand Nagar, North East Delhi-110093 have disowne/debarred her sons Rajender and his wife Matia, Nanak Chand and his wife Ramwati and Dhanwar and wife Anuradha from her all moveable and immovable properties due to their adamant and intolerable behavior. My client shall not be responsible for any dealings with them in future. Whosoever deals with them may do so at their own risk, costs and consequences.  
**Sd/- ABHISHEK KASHYAP (Advocate)**  
Seat No.80, Central Hall, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is to bring to your kind notice that I Umesh Kumar Shukla Advocate on behalf of my clients Mrs. Poonam Mehta W/o Sh. Ravinder Mehta R/O-42, First Floor, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110087 hereby, declare the notice to the General Public that my above named client has debarred/disowned and disclaimed to oust their son Mr. Mukund Gupta from their house and all their moveable and immovable properties whatsoever and wherever. They have no relation with their son in any manner. Any dealings by any person with their son, Mr. Mukund Gupta, of any nature whatsoever shall be at their risks and costs and the same shall not have any connection with notice and they shall not be liable for any communication or commission or any other dealings by him. My client will have no connection with him.  
**Sd/- Deepak Sahbawal Advocate**  
A-19, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048

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Seat No.80, Central Hall, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

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**Sd/- ABHISHEK KASHYAP (Advocate)**  
Ch. No. 1121, Lawyers Chambers, Rohini Courts, Delhi-110085

**NOTICE**  
This is to inform that I have changed my name from Farooq Idrisi to **Mohammad Farooq**. In future I must be known as **Mohammad Farooq**. - **Mohammad Farooq S/O Late Mohammad Akhtar, R/o 14/495, Nai Basti, Murad Ali Lane, Post Hazratganj, Thana Hussainganj, Lucknow.**

**NOTICE**  
This is to inform that I have changed my name from Tahir Mahmood S/o Sri Mohammad Salim Mammon to **Mahmood Khan S/o Sri Mammu Khan**. In future I must be known as **Mahmood Khan S/o Sri Mammu Khan**. - **Mahmood Khan S/o Sri Mammu Khan, R/o Mohaan Road, Khushhaiganj, Kakori, Thana-Paara, Lucknow.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public at large are hereby informed that my client, Sh. Bimle Nanda W/o Sh. Surya Prakash Nanda, R/o C-4, Pocket A-12, Kalkaji Extn., New Delhi-19 whereas the vendor is the owner of Property No. 224/1 (left side portion), Gali No-3 (old no. 224/3) measuring 62.5sq. mtrs., out of Khalsa No. 599/2, situated at Govind, Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, vide Sale Deed duly dated with S/R New Delhi as document No. 4147, Book No.11, Volume No. 15000 on page 52 to go on dated 27.07.2018 and colony duly registered vide DDA Reso No. 27 on dated 02.04.1979. If any persons who has got rights, interest, title, claim, encumbrances, charges of any nature whatsoever in respect of above mentioned property of any part thereof can send their objections with their documentary evidence at below address within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that the said property in entirety is free from all such claims, interest, charges etc.  
**S.K. Gupta (Advocate)**  
E.No. 104/8-09, Chamber No. D-209, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110032

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
General public is hereby informed that Sh. Mohan Lal & Sh. Sushil Kumar sons of Sh. Ram Ditta is the owner of Property/Plot bearing No. 55 area measuring 166.66 Sq. Yds. Situated at New Anaj Mandi, Sohna The Sohna, Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana and lost their Original Document i.e. 1. Sale Deed dated 27.10.93 having Doc. No. 1016 executed by Sh. Sunder Lal S/o Sh. Girdhari Lal in favour of Sh. Mohan Lal & Sh. Sushil Kumar sons of Sh. Ram Ditta regarding which police complaint has been lodged on 20.03.09. The said property is being mortgaged with Corporation Bank for the purpose of obtaining Loan on the said property. Incase anybody finds the said document, kindly intimate the same to the undersigned within 15 days.  
**Adv. Indu Kaul (Panel Advocate of Corporation Bank), Contact No. 989064376, Ch. No. 376, Patiala House Court, New Delhi**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is to bring to your kind notice that I Umesh Kumar Shukla Advocate on behalf of my clients M/S AKS Homes & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., through its Authorised signatory Sh. Anup Sehgal S/o Sh. K.K. Sehgal R/o Hile-10, First Floor, North Anand Road, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi, that the 1. Sale Deed by Chief Commissioner Delhi in favour of Rehabilitation Housing Corporation Ltd., Dated on 17.10.1956 & 2. Sale Deed by Rehabilitation Housing Corporation Ltd., In favour of Doctor Banwari Lal Nagyal, of the property bearing Plot No-12, in Block no-Disturbed Colony known as Kirti Nagar area, New Delhi, if found by anyone, may kindly be return to the aforesaid address of my client.  
**Umesh Kumar Shukla (Advocate)**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
General public is hereby informed that my client Salig Ram Sharma S/o Sh. K.R. Sharma R/o 1283-B, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 hereby sever all his relations from his son named Satish Kumar Sharma S/o Salig Ram Sharma due to his disobeying, misbehavior and hereby disowned and debarred him from all his moveable and immovable properties forever. Any person dealing with him shall be doing so at his/her own risk cost and responsibility, in future my client will not be held responsible for his any act and deeds.  
**Sd/- RAMESH KUMAR, ADVOCATE**  
S.S.I.I.S Service Industry Building, District Centre, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, Deepak Sahbawal Advocate, on behalf of my client Sh. Madan Lal Gupta, S/o Sh. Ram Chait Gupta and Smt. Kavita Gupta, both R/o 470, H-Block, New Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi-110068 hereby, declare the notice to the General Public that my above named client has debarred/disowned and disclaimed to oust their son Mr. Mukund Gupta from their house and all their moveable and immovable properties whatsoever and wherever. They have no relation with their son in any manner. Any dealings by any person with their son, Mr. Mukund Gupta, of any nature whatsoever shall be at their risks and costs and the same shall not have any connection with notice and they shall not be liable for any communication or commission or any other dealings by him. My client will have no connection with him.  
**Sd/- Deepak Sahbawal Advocate**  
A-19, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Uwesi, S/o: Mustafa, R/o: H. No. G-601, Shakur Pur, JJ Colony, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 23.09.2019. In this regard FIR No. 340/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 23.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped boy is as under:  
**Name: Uwesi, Age: 12 Years, Height: 4'9", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Wearing: Green T-shirt, nikkar and chappal in feet.**  
If anyone have any information about this missing/ kidnapped boy please inform P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi.

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## POLICY WATCH

### BLACK MONEY

# ‘Elephant bonds can bring back \$500 bn stashed overseas’

PRABHARAGHAVAN  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

A HIGH-LEVEL trade panel estimates that India could recover up to \$500 billion of black money stashed overseas if it implements its proposal to issue a type of long-term government bond to those with undisclosed wealth. The High Level Advisory Group on Trade Policy (HLAG), which released its recommendations to boost India’s trade this week, intends for the money collected via this mechanism to be used towards funding infrastructure projects in the country.

These ‘elephant bonds’ would be an avenue for people to bring their offshore undisclosed wealth into India without fear of prosecution, suggests the report. Subscribers will invest 40 per cent of their undisclosed wealth in the bonds and will be issued a fixed coupon security.

“The HLAG estimates that creation of elephant bonds could help fund (approximately) \$500 billion worth of infrastructure projects,” stated the HLAG, which was set up under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry last year and chaired by economist and former member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Surjit S Bhalla. He has recently been appointed Executive Director for India at the IMF. He is also a Contributing Editor to *The Indian Express*.

“If we get even \$300 billion, that would solve our infrastructure finance problem and finance the gap between investment and savings. It will bring about an immense lowering of the real interest rate...it will also have a tendency to strengthen the rupee,” Bhalla told *The Indian Express*.

While 45 per cent of the wealth brought in by subscribing to these elephant bonds will be credited with the depositor, the remaining 15 per cent will be collected as tax deducted at source by the government. Of the amount invested in the bonds, the HLAG

has recommended that 75 per cent of the interests earned be collected as tax. One of the key features of the proposed mechanism is that those disclosing their black money will receive “immunity from all laws including under foreign exchange, black money laws and taxation laws,” stated the group’s report.

“Countries around the world are now co-operating in a crackdown on black money, and this provides a perfect opportunity to escape from illegal (black) money,” said Bhalla, adding that those with undisclosed wealth would only be paying 15 per cent tax and no penalties under the elephant bonds instrument proposed.

“There is a gap in the market for specialised security product, the proceeds of which will only be applied towards addressing the infrastructure requirement,” stated the HLAG.

Countries like Indonesia, Pakistan, Argentina and the Philippines have already launched their own tax amnesty schemes for persons to disclose undeclared income without the risk of prosecution. Indonesia, which had launched its tax amnesty scheme in 2016 to forgive taxes and criminal sanctions, received declarations of hidden assets valued at \$367.9 billion from around 970,000 participants during the amnesty period, according to the HLAG.

“This scheme is much more stringent than what Indonesia had implemented, and they managed to collect around \$1.5-\$2 billion,” Bhalla said. The scheme will also be consistent with the earlier directions of the Supreme Court on undisclosed income in India, according to him.

Apart from this, the HLAG has also proposed measures that would simplify the country’s regulatory and tax framework to attract more overseas investments both from individuals and funds. “What we are proposing is, you can participate in the Indian market even if you’re stationed on the moon,” said Bhalla.

## GOVT’S GROSS TAX REVENUES MAY FALL SHORT BY ₹2.5-3 TN

# Oct GST collection falls 5.29%; shrinks third time since roll-out

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE GOODS and Services Tax (GST) collection in October contracted by 5.29 per cent to Rs 95,380 crore from Rs 1,00,710 crore in the same month a year ago, marking the third instance of a contraction since the July 2017 roll-out of the indirect tax regime. Fall in indirect tax collections reflect the continued weakness in consumption demand and that the economy is yet to show signs of reversal of weak growth. Along with the corporate tax cut announced by the government, the Centre could face significant shortfall in tax collections upsetting its fiscal deficit target, analysts note.

This is also the third consecutive month when GST mop-up remained below the Rs 1 lakh crore mark. There were only six more months when the GST revenue crossed Rs 1 lakh crore. The September GST mop-up was Rs 91,916 crore, a 19-month low, and these were 2.7 per cent lower than the year-ago month.

“The gross GST revenue collected in the month of October, 2019 is Rs 95,380 crore of which CGST is Rs 17,582 crore, SGST is Rs 23,674 crore, IGST is Rs 46,517 crore (including Rs 21,446 crore collected on imports) and cess is Rs 7,607 crore (including Rs 774 crore collected on imports),” said

EXPLAINED

## Jolt to fiscal deficit target, consumption still not picking up

SUBDUED CONSUMPTION demand, along with cuts in the GST rates, led to a more than 5 per cent contraction in GST collections in October.

Combined with corporate tax cut announced by the Centre, slowdown indirect tax mop-up could raise worries over fiscal position of the government, with analysts estimating shortfall in collections of over Rs 2.5 lakh crore for the current year. The data shows the broader economy is yet to show any signs of reversal of the slowdown.

the Finance Ministry.

“The year-on-year decline in the headline GST collections in October 2019 is disturbing, although it can partly be explained by the cumulative impact of GST rate cuts as well as subdued consumption growth. The next month’s collections, which will cover the festive period, will provide critical cues as to the extent of slippage that we could expect in the GST collections in FY2020 relative to the budgeted target,” said Aditi Nayar, principal economist at ICRA.

The total number of GSTR 3B returns (summary of self-assessed return) filed for the month of September (up to October 30) was 73.83 lakh. The low October

GST mop-up was despite the fact that October was festival month and could have been a high-revenue month for the government.

ICRA estimates that the gross tax revenues of the government would need to expand by a sharp 31.3 per cent in October-March period (H2 FY2020), to meet the FY2020 Budget Estimate. It expects the tax collections to fall short of budget targets by as much as Rs 3 lakh crore.

“With direct and indirect tax revenues reporting a subdued performance in recent months, a mixed outlook for economic growth in H2FY20, and the anticipated impact of the cut in corporate tax rates, we anticipate that the Gol’s gross tax revenues may

## Govt following fiscal glide path: DEA Secretary

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry on Friday said it was committed to following a glide path to reduce fiscal deficit notwithstanding a slowdown in the economy. The Centre is following a glide path on fiscal deficit, said Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty, responding to a question on finances. **PTI**

trail the FY20 Budget estimate of Rs. 246 trillion by a considerable Rs 2.5-3.0 trillion,” Nayar said.

This is the second consecutive month where the mop-up is less than the corresponding period of last year. While for April to September 19, there is still over 3 per cent growth, compared to corresponding period last year, it is declining steadily, said Pratik Jain, partner and leader, indirect tax, PwC India. “For November, the collection should be better given the festivities in October. With simplification of compliances and tightening of administrative measures, collection could slightly improve in next few months, there is definitely a need of stimulus to spur demand,” Jain said.



# India, US discuss money laundering, terrorism, easing FDI

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

INDIA AND the US on Friday discussed a range of issues including global and Indian economic outlooks, global debt sustainability, financial sector reforms, leveraging of capital flows and investment, and tackling money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism.

These discussions were held in Delhi during the seventh India-US Economic and Financial Partnership (EFP) dialogue. The Indian delegation was led by Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance and the US side was led by Steven Mnuchin, the US Secretary of the Treasury.

“India and the United States discussed policies to stimulate

economic growth and noted the significant steps India has taken to strengthen the financial sector, including Public Sector Bank recapitalisation and plans to merge some of the state-owned banks. Both sides also discussed capital flows, investment promotion related issues, and the external economic environment,” the countries said in a joint statement after the meeting.

Further opening up of Indian markets to foreign portfolio investors was also discussed during the meeting.

“We look forward to the opening up of certain markets where US companies can continue to invest here. We discussed the importance of paying greater attention to transparency and debt sustainability and development lending in Asia and beyond,” *PTI*



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin in New Delhi on Friday. *PTI*

reported Mnuchin as saying.

The US committed its support to India in hosting a successful G20 summit in 2022. “India and the United States look forward to enhanced collaboration to address the challenges to global

growth under the G20 Presidency of Saudi Arabia. As India gears up for the 2022 Presidency of the G20, the United States stands ready to support India in hosting a successful and focused Presidency,” the statement said.

The statement said India has demonstrated its support for action against non-compliant countries. In addition, India and the United States continue to work on developing AML/CFT frameworks to mitigate the associated illicit finance risks. Both sides will continue to collaborate and share experiences for tackling offshore tax evasion, it said.

“Our cooperation includes but is not limited to, information exchanges to combat global terrorist financing and to support the designation of specific terrorist facilitators and financiers, coordinating on AML/CFT and maintaining the integrity of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) global standards for AML/CFT,” the statement said.

It further said India and the US are working together to attract

more private sector capital to finance India’s infrastructure needs and further raise growth for both countries. India has set up the National Infrastructure and Investment Fund (NIIF) to catalyze private institutional investment in Indian infrastructure, for which the United States has provided technical support.

“The United States helped the Indian city of Pune successfully launch municipal bonds in 2017 to finance local infrastructure needs to support the government’s Smart Cities initiative. India and the United States look forward to working together for preparing more cities to issue municipal bonds, including technical assistance, and to having a more broad-based relationship with respect to institutional investment into infrastructure in India,” it said.

# Festive season buying lifts auto sales in October

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

AFTER A prolonged slowdown, automobile firms, including Maruti Suzuki India, Mahindra & Mahindra and Toyota Kirloskar Motor, on Friday reported improved sales in October driven by festive season demand. A series of output cuts, which led to better inventory management by manufacturers, also contributed to improved numbers.

Maruti Suzuki India, the largest passenger vehicle manufacturer, posted a growth of 4.5 per cent in its domestic wholesales at 1,44,277 units.

This is the first time in the last seven months that the company has seen an increase in its domestic sales. Despite being in the negative territory, Mahindra & Mahindra managed to arrest a decline in sales, posting an 11 per cent dip at 49,193 units. In September the company reported a decline of 21 per cent in domestic sales at 40,692 units.

Overall, passenger vehicles despatches witnessed an estimated decline of around 4 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in October, in contrast to over 20 per cent y-o-y dip in monthly volumes for the past one year. Manufacturers said retail demand picked up as the majority of the festivals fell in October including Dhanteras, which accounts for over half of festive sales.

Mahindra & Mahindra and Tata Motors (which also reported double-digit decline in wholesales) said that their retail sales were much better and wholesales do not reflect the actual demand.

Anand Mahindra, chairman, M&M, said the industry needs to switch to reporting retails and not wholesale volumes. “There are some strong signs of life in the

SLIDE CONTINUES

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market and pipeline stocks have been slashed by controlling billings to dealers,” Mahindra said.

“In October retail sales were the highest in this fiscal recording a 70 per cent increase month-on-month,” said Mayank Pareek, president, passenger vehicles business at Tata Motors.

Analysts said retail sales showed some signs of recovery in passenger vehicles in October.

Two-wheeler sales, however, failed to pick up in October as volumes declined by around 19.2 per cent y-o-y. As inventory at dealers was the highest in this category, manufacturers produced lesser units. Analysts, however, believe retails improved in October compared to a month earlier.

Commercial vehicle demand continued to remain sluggish with overall sales declining by an estimated 25 per cent y-o-y, the ninth consecutive month of fall. Volumes were down, impacted by plant shutdown by manufacturers including Ashok Leyland and M&M and Tata Motors. In October, while Ashok Leyland’s volumes fell 37 per cent y-o-y, M&M and Tata Motors reported a 3 per cent y-o-y and 34 per cent y-o-y dip in despatches, respectively. **FE**

## I-T cancels registration of six Tata Trusts from Oct 31, 2019, not 2015 as sought by Tatas

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 1

THE OFFICE of the Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Mumbai, has cancelled the income-tax registration of six Tata Trusts, the majority shareholder of Tata Sons, with effect from October 31, 2019, instead of 2015 as proposed by the Trusts.

The six trusts are Jamsetji Tata Trust, R.D. Tata Trust, Tata Education Trust, Tata Social Welfare Trust, Sarvajaniik Seva Trust and Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust.

Earlier, Tata Trusts contested the reopening of assessment by the IT department, saying they had already surrendered registration provisions under the I-T Act and the levy of additional income tax when a charitable trust converts into or merges with a non-charitable trust or transfers its assets on dissolution to a non-charitable institution cannot be applied to them.

“While the Tax Department’s order has cancelled the Trusts’ registration with immediate effect (October 31), we believe that as a matter of law and consistent with the department’s own decision in the past, the cancellation should take effect from 2015,

when the registrations were surrendered and the Trusts themselves consented to cancellation,” Tata Trusts said in a statement.

Tata Trusts said, “this order of cancellation is a culmination of the decision taken by these six Trusts in 2015 to surrender, of their own volition, their registration under the Income Tax Act and to not claim the associated income tax exemptions.” The decision to surrender the registration (an option available in law) was taken in the best interests of the Trust and to maximise the resources available to the Trust for their charitable work which is the principal object and focus of the Trusts, it said.

The Trusts are examining the order and will take necessary next steps in accordance with the law, it said. “The Trusts have effective legal options to vindicate their grievances against today’s order both factually and legally,” it said.

“We would also like to clarify that Trusts have not received any demand notice from the Income Tax Department pursuant to the cancellation order, as has been speculated in certain sections of the media. It is equally surprising how the issue of seizure of the Trusts’ assets has been raised today,” the Trusts said.

# Google to buy Fitbit Inc for \$2.1 billion

AKANKSHA RANA & NOOR ZAINAB HUSSAIN  
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 1

ALPHABET-OWNED Google will buy Fitbit Inc for \$2.1 billion, as the biggest Web search company looks to take on Apple and Samsung in the crowded market for fitness trackers and smart watches.

Google said on Friday that it sees an opportunity to introduce its own wearable devices and invest more in digital health. The purchase will also bring a rich trove of health data gathered by millions of Fitbit’s devices.

Fitbit’s fitness trackers and other devices monitor users’ daily steps, calories burned and distance traveled. They also measure floors climbed, sleep duration and



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quality, and heart rate.

Fitbit’s share of the fitness tracking market has been threatened by deeper-pocketed companies such as Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd as

well as cheaper offerings from China’s Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and Xiaomi Corp.

“We believe Google is a natural fit. The deep health and fitness data, coupled with the 28 million active users on the Fitbit platform, offer a tremendous value,” Craig Hallum analysts wrote in a note. Xiaomi dominates the global wearables market, with a 17.3 per cent market share in the second quarter of 2019, followed by Apple. Fitbit owns 10 per cent of the market, according to data from market research firm International Data Corp.

Reuters first reported the deal on Monday.

Fitbit, which helped pioneer the wearable devices craze, has been partnering with health insurers and has been making tuck-

in acquisitions in the healthcare market, as part of efforts to diversify its revenue stream. Analysts have said much of the firm’s value may now lie in its health data.

US antitrust regulators have little reason to oppose Alphabet’s plans to buy Fitbit, but that does not mean that US officials, backed by a bevy of anti-Google lawmakers, will not give the proposed purchase extra scrutiny.

Google is under antitrust probe by the Justice Department, the US House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and state attorneys general for allegedly using its market power to crush competitors.

Fitbit has raised privacy concerns in the past. The firm has said its users’ health data will not be used for Google ads. **REUTERS**

# Apple TV+ goes live in India, at ₹99/month

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

A SMALL amount of Rs 99 per month is all one needs to tune into Apple TV+, the video-streaming service from iPhone-maker Apple that went live in India on Friday.

That is quite a steal considering the palette of exclusive original content that the service promises to offer: The Morning Show starring Jennifer Aniston of Friends fame, and Oprah Winfrey’s Book Club to name a few. Additional programming will be added each month, the firm said.

Further, Apple is offering a free one-year subscription of Apple TV+ to customers who purchase any new company products.

Through family sharing, up to six family members can share one Apple TV+ subscription. Existing customers can avail a seven-day free trial of the streaming service. The strategy of the free dole-out is to maximise the subscriber base, CEO Tim Cook said.

“Apple TV+ is an unprecedented global video service with an all-original slate,” Jamie Erlich, head of Worldwide Video at Apple, said.

Global players Netflix and Amazon Prime Video, who are already shelling out a considerable portion from their coffers to woo Indian viewers, will find a new competitor in Apple — fuelled by cheap data prices, about \$50 million consumers in the country are expected to take to online video viewing by FY2023, according to

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a recent KPMG-Eros Now report.

While Amazon can bank upon its e-commerce play to add to Prime subscribers, Netflix, whose basic plan for India starts at Rs 499, may face a tough contender in Apple, which is an aspirational brand for many consumers, analysts said. The California-based firm’s mobile-specific plan also costs Rs 100 more than Apple’s pricing. Netflix, nonetheless, has been ramping up its slate of regional

content to cater to the masses besides launching original properties like Sacred Games and the recent Bard of Blood. Netflix currently has a library comprising over 10 regional languages (including Hindi).

Analysts at Boston Consulting Group estimate Netflix to have invested around \$70 million-\$80 million on India original content; Amazon Prime Video spent close to \$70 million. India’s video over-the-top (OTT) space has over 30 players scrambling for eyeballs. The number stood at nine in 2012.

In India, Hotstar is the top app in terms of downloads and monthly active users (MAU). It had 300 million MAU (monthly active users) in June 2019, a RedSeer Consulting report showed. **FE**



# Replace P&W engines by Jan 31 or face grounding: DGCA to IndiGo

**PARTH KHATAU**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 1

THE DIRECTORATE General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued an ultimatum to IndiGo that its aircraft (Airbus A320neo) with unmodified engines (Pratt & Whitney) will not be allowed to fly after January 31, 2020. Directing the carrier to ensure that all aircraft with unmodified engines are provided with modified LPT by January 31, "at all costs", the DGCA said: "In case, it is not done, such aircraft shall not be allowed to fly with unmodified engines."

Four days after issuing a notice to IndiGo and GoAir about modifications to the Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engines that power their Airbus A320neo aircraft, the DGCA issued a further notice to IndiGo after identifying seven more aircraft on their fleet that did not meet the stipulated parameters, taking the total number to 23.

These aircraft include those that are currently running with unmodified engines for more than 2,900 hours. The Airbus A320neo is a twin-engine aircraft

## Emergency landing of IndiGo flight

**New Delhi:** An IndiGo flight, 6E 1751, flying from Chennai to Kuwait, with around 150 passengers on board, made an emergency landing in Chennai early Friday morning, shortly after take-off when the pilot noticed the smoke detector had gone off in the cargo hold. However, an IndiGo statement said the alarm was false. **ENS**

and the DGCA requires one of the two engines to be modified as per their safety standards.

In a statement on Friday, the DGCA said, "An additional 7 days are allowed to the airline to accomplish the task (of engine modifications) and so it must be completed by November 19."

IndiGo said they are 'confident' of meeting the DGCA's directive and that 45 per cent of the engines of its Airbus A320neo fleet were

being already modified. "We are working with both P&W and Airbus on mitigation so that we have enough modified spare engines by January 31, 2020," the airline said in a statement.

A source said even though replacing 23 engines in around three weeks seems like an uphill task, every airline has spare engines in their workshops. "The airline definitely will not want any aircraft grounded as any non-operational aircraft is a liability. Hence all efforts will be made to ensure they continue flying come November 19," the source said.

In response to the DGCA order, P&W on Friday said in a statement, "Pratt & Whitney is working in coordination with our airline customers to incorporate upgrades improving the durability of the low-pressure turbine in the PW1100G-JM fleet to address a known issue. We certified hardware improvements which are incorporated into all new production engines and during planned maintenance visits. We are committed to supporting our customers to ensure minimal disruption during the fleet retrofit."

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 1

THE RESERVE Bank of India Friday reorganised its regulatory and supervisory departments in order to "address the growing complexities, size and inter-connectedness as also to deal more effectively with potential systemic risk".

The RBI has decided to integrate the supervision function into a unified Department of Supervision and regulatory functions into a unified Department of Regulation with effect from November 1. The reorganisation comes at a time when the financial sector is facing a liquidity crunch, defaults by IL&FS and DHFL, along with the collapse of Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank. On the other hand, banks are still struggling with bad loans, with some private lenders facing corporate governance issues.

The Department of Super-

## CENTRAL BOARD OF RBI GAVE NOD

■ On May 21, the Central Board of the RBI gave nod to creation of the separate supervisory and regulatory cadre

■ RBI said this will lead to efficient allocation of human resources

vision and Department of Regulation will oversee functions hitherto handled by six different departments. Currently, supervision of financial sector entities is undertaken by three separate departments: Department of Banking Supervision, Department of Non-Banking Supervision and Department of Co-operative Bank Supervision.

Similarly, regulatory functions

relating to financial sector entities are carried out through three separate departments: Department of Banking Regulation, Department of Non-Banking Regulation and Department of Cooperative Banking Regulation.

"The restructuring will make supervisory and regulatory process more activity based rather than being segmented purely based on the organizational structure of regulated entities. It will bestow graded supervisory approach to all the RBI supervised entities linked to their size and complexity and facilitate more effective consolidated supervision of financial conglomerates among the RBI supervised entities," the central bank said.

It added that the reorganisation is "a holistic approach to supervision and regulation of the regulated entities so as to address growing complexities, size and inter-connectedness as also to deal more effectively with potential

systemic risk that could arise due to possible supervisory arbitrage and information asymmetry".

According to the RBI, it will also result in more efficient allocation of human resources attending to regulation and supervision of financial sector entities under the bank's purview and help build an experienced and skilled human resources in the area of regulation and supervision of financial sector entities.

On May 21, the Central Board of the RBI approved the creation of the separate supervisory and regulatory cadre. "The restructuring of the regulation and supervision function is among a series of steps that the RBI will take to implement this decision," RBI said.

There were complaints from some quarters that the central bank was slow in reacting to the systemic issues, including mismanagement in financial sector entities like IL&FS and DHFL and the collapse of PMC Bank.

## CMIE: India's October jobless rate rises to 8.5%

**REUTERS**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE COUNTRY'S unemployment rate in October rose to 8.5 per cent — the highest since August 2016, and up from 7.2 per cent in September, according to data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) on Friday.

The data released by the independent think tank is reflective of the impact of a slowdown in the Indian economy.

According to data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry on Thursday, infrastructure output fell 5.2 per cent in September from a year earlier — the worst performance in recent years.

Further, the industrial output shrank at its fastest rate in more than six years in August, the Ministry data showed.

## India's e-cig ban rings a bell in UK Parliament

**PRABHARAGHAVAN**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE INDIAN government's decision to ban e-cigarettes in September was scrutinised in the United Kingdom Parliament this week, with some members claiming it was "not based on evidence" and questioning whether it was a result of a "massive vested public interest" in the country's tobacco industry.

India, on September 18, approved an ordinance prohibiting electronic cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems like vapes, e-hookahs and e-cigs in the country, making their possession and trade a punishable offence. India's e-cigarette ban was referenced during a debate in UK Parliament related to the country's science and technology committee's report on the products.

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**"It is fair to say that opinions on e-cigarettes are divided, both in the UK and globally. It is important that we listen to concerns, while looking objectively at the evidence base and seeking to build it further..."**

**JOHANNA PETA CHURCHILL**  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, BURY ST EDMUNDS

at the evidence base and seeking to build it further ... I note the right honourable Gentleman's comments about India and the fact that making decisions too quickly, not based on the research that is available, has unintended consequences," said Member of Parliament for Bury St Edmunds, Johanna Peta Churchill, who also serves as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health.

She was reiterating the view of Norman Peter Lamb, Member of Parliament for North Norfolk and chair of the select committee that submitted the report. India is "one of several countries" that appears to be responding to the outbreak of lung disease among cannabis vapers "by proposing a ban on nicotine

inhalers," he had said, citing an explanation by UK government executive agency 'Public Health England'.

"It (Public Health England) has also explained that smoking is far more prevalent in India and causes seven million deaths a year there," he added.

The Indian Express has viewed a transcript of the debate, which was published on the UK government affiliated website 'Hansard', a "substantially verbatim" report of what is said in the country's Parliament.

"Is it not true that India has a massive vested public interest in the tobacco industry?" asked Member of Parliament for Rother Valley Kevin John Barron.

Lamb responded, "I suspect that the right honourable gen-

tleman knows better than I do, but I note the point that he makes. My view, based on the evidence that the Committee heard, is that the action taken by India is not based on evidence and is likely to result in more people dying of lung cancer."

The Indian government, as reported earlier, holds stake, directly and through government held entities, in at least two listed companies with exposure to the tobacco business—ITC Ltd and VST Industries.

The Centre cited a study by the Indian Council of Medical Research calling for a complete ban on these products due to their various health risks. The government feels its decision will help protect "especially youth and children" from the risk of nicotine addiction through e-cigarettes.

India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also sought public comments until November 8 on a Bill banning e-cigarettes that it plans to introduce in the upcoming Parliament session starting November 18.

## Trai sets mobile call ring time at 30 seconds; 60 for landline

**New Delhi:** Telecom regulator Trai Friday fixed phone call ring time at 30 seconds for mobiles and 60 seconds for landline phones in case the call is neither answered nor rejected by a subscriber.

The new rules will come into effect after 15 days. International Telecommunication Union has specifications for international calls or circuits in the range of 1.5 minutes to 3 minutes. **PTI**

## 'Centre orders SFIO probe against crisis-hit DHFL'

**New Delhi:** The Centre has ordered an SFIO probe into alleged financial irregularities at mortgage lender DHFL after finding instances of suspected fund diversions, according to a source. Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL) came under the scanner in the wake of allegations that the company had siphoned off

Rs 31,000 crore worth bank loans through layers of shell entities.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs carried out a detailed examination of the allegations of financial misdoings against the company's promoters through the Registrar of Companies (RoC). **PTI**

**TAMILNADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION**  
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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

No. : QC2/045015/2019 Dated : 16.10.19  
e-Tender No.: TNCSC/19-20/ET/08

Online electronic tender for **"THE SUPPLY OF 10000 Nos. LOW DENSITY BLACK POLY ETHYLENE COWERS (9.8 X 6.4 X 5.2 METRES) SIZE"** with 250 micron thickness.

Complete tender can be viewed and uploaded through <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eproc/home/tncsc> from 02.11.19 to 02.12.19

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED, Phone: 25222842 / 25251910 / 25261005 e-Mail : [mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in](mailto:mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in)

Last Date for Online Submission : **02.12.19 up to 2.00 PM**

Tender Opening Date & Time : **02.12.19 at 3.30 PM**

DIPR/ 3966 /Tender/2019 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.**  
SHED NO. 10/8, VIDYUT BHAWAN, JYOTI NAGAR, JAIPUR-302025

**E-TENDER NOTICE: TN-31(RVU1920GL0801332)**

E-tenders are invited for Procurement of Light Diesel Oil (LDO) for various Power Project or RVUN (KTPS, kota/ STPS-O&M, Suratgarh/ STPS-SC, Suratgarh/ CTPP-O&M, Chhabra/ CTPP-SC, Chhabra/ KaTTP, Jhalawar) as per specification. Tender details are available on websites <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> (for e-tender), [www.energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/rvuni](http://www.energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/rvuni) & [www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in)

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No. F3/90(FIN/JCTSL/FAME-India/100-eBus/2019-20/D-5573 Date: 30.10.2019  
CORRIGENDUM - 4  
NIB No. 05/2019-20 dated 03.10.2019  
EPROC ID NO.: 2019\_JCTS\_165344\_1

In the RFP enclosed with the subject NIB, the time and dates of submitting online bids on e-procurement portal, submission of original bid security, proof of payment of RISL processing fee and price of bidding document, and opening of technical bids are extended as follows:-

i) Last time and date of submission of bids.	Upto 11:00 am of 11.11.2019
ii) Time span and date of depositing original bid security, proof of payment of RISL processing fee and price of bidding document.	Between 11:00 am to 2:30 pm of 11.11.2019
iii) Time and date of Opening of Technical Bids.	03:00 pm of 11.11.2019

Raj. Samwadi/C/3463/2019-20 OSD, JCTSL, Jaipur

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**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

UBN NO.

Tender No./ Date	192/25.10.2019
Name of the work	Supply of 3000 M.T. of Indian Art Card Cover Paper
Estimated Tender Value	Rs. 22.50 Crore
Date of release of tender document through e-procurement platform	25.10.2019 : 17.00 PM
Last date and time for receipt of tender through e-tender procurement solution	18.11.2019 : 11.00 AM
Date and time of opening of Technical Bids through e-procurement	18.11.2019 : 15.00 PM

Further details can be seen at <http://education.rajjasthan.gov.in/rstb> and Rajasthan Government portal of <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in> and <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>

Bidders who wish to participate in online tenders should have legally valid Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act 2000 Procured through any of the license certifying Authority of India using which they can sign their electronic bids

Raj. Samwadi/C/3424/2019-20 **Secretary**

**All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur**  
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**:-NIT:-**

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur invites the following NIT:-  
**N.I.T. No.:- AIIMS-JDH/EE/ELECT/2019-20/05**  
**Name of Work:-** Comprehensive Maintenance of Civil & Electrical part of all the buildings of Hospital Complex, Medical College Complex, Nursing College, Hostels and Residential Complex buildings at AIIMS, Jodhpur.  
**Estimated Cost:-** ₹ 4,48,78,504/-; **E.M.D.:-** ₹ 8,97,570/-  
**Stipulated time of Completion:-** 1 year  
**Last Date & time of Online Submission of tender:** 21.11.2019 upto 03:00 PM  
Tender Document may be downloaded from following websites:  
[www.aiimsodhpur.edu.in](http://www.aiimsodhpur.edu.in), <https://eprocure.gov.in>.  
- Executive Engineer (E)

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR GANDERBAL**

**e- TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF BUSES**  
(NIT No. 04 of 2019)

For and on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, online tenders through E-Tendering mode are invited from reputed OEMs and/or their authorized/ approved distributors for the supply of Buses to the University as per the detailed specifications given in the e-tender document.

**Tender Schedule/Critical Dates**

1. Bid submission start date	01.11.2019 (10.00 A.M.)
2. Bid submission end date	21.11.2019 (06.00 P.M.)
3. Date & Time of opening of bids	27.11.2019 (02.30 P.M.)

The detailed Bid/Tender document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of Terms & Conditions of the NIT & other relevant information is available on the University website: [www.cukashmir.ac.in](http://www.cukashmir.ac.in) & at CPP Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)). The e-tenders/ Bids are to be submitted at CPP Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)) only. However, bidders have to submit the EMD in the form of D.D/ FDR, by or before 23.11.2019 (04.00 P.M.) in the office of the Registrar at the Central University of Kashmir, Green Campus, Ganderbal-191201 (J&K).

**F.No. : CUKMr/Pur/F.No. 467/16/135** Sd/-  
**Date: 30.10.2019** Registrar

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVIDING HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES**  
(NIT No. Est. - 04 of 2019)

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Kashmir, online tenders through E-Tendering mode are invited from reputed and Government registered Agencies for providing Housekeeping Services across different Campuses of the University at Ganderbal on outsource basis. The detailed specifications are given in the e-tender document.

**Tender Schedule/Critical Dates**

1. Bid submission start date	31.10.2019 (04.00 P.M.)
2. Bid submission end date	21.11.2019 (04.00 P.M.)
3. Last date for receiving hard copy of Technical Bid along with Cost of Tender and original EMD	21.11.2019 (04.00 P.M.)
4. Date & Time of opening of bids	27.11.2019 (11.00 A.M.)

The detailed Bid/Tender document consisting of Qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of Terms & Conditions of the Contract & other relevant information is available on the University website: [www.cukashmir.ac.in](http://www.cukashmir.ac.in) & on CPP Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)) or can be obtained from Estates Section, Central University of Kashmir, B-22 Green Campus, Ganderbal, J&K-191201 as per the notified schedule. The e-tenders/ Bids are to be submitted at CPP Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)) only. However, bidders have to submit the hard copy of the technical bid along with all the requisite documents mentioned in the NIT.

**No. : Est. - 4 of 2019** Sd/-  
**Date: 31.10.2019** Registrar  
0194-2416107

**PARADIP PORT TRUST**

**e-TENDER CALL NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited on behalf of Paradip Port Trust for the work "Providing manpower for office work, Housekeeping and Para-Medical Worker for PPT Hospital". The last date & time of submission of tender 19.11.2019 on 17.15 Hrs. For details, please refer website : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

**Chief Medical Officer**  
PPT/PR/427/19-20, DT.31.10.2019

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

**CORRIGENDUM**

Ref: Open Tender Notice No. PI (EP)/19-20/07

Following changes is made:-

- The Tender Item is at Sr.No.69. (Surgeon Skill Lab) due on 21.11.2019 has been withdrawn due to technical reasons.
- The tender item is at Sr.No.42 (Digital Photography Unit for Gross Specimen) due on 12.12.2019 has been withdrawn due to technical reasons.

All other details shall remain the same.

**Professor In-Charge (EP)**  
735/PGI

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**GLOBAL TENDER**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SPOT/LONG TERM TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF-TRIMMING PANAMAX GEARED VESSEL WITH DEAD WEIGHT CAPACITY OF ABOUT 68000 TO 75000 DWT.**

Sealed tenders are invited from the owners /disponent owners of Indian / Foreign flag vessels or through their authorized brokers for spot/ long term time chartering of one self trimming panamax geared vessel for coastal transportation of thermal coal, on account of TANGEDCO are as follows:

One Self Trimming Panamax geared vessel with the lay days from 09.12.2019 to 24.12.2019

**TENDER NO. H/OP/ SPPGED/182/002/19-20 (Spot Time Charter)**

**Period: - 3 months + 3 months +/- 10 days.**

Last date for issue of Tender book - on 02.12.2019 upto 12:00 hours  
Tender box to be closed at - on 02.12.2019 at 15:00 hours  
Tender box to be opened at - on 02.12.2019 at 15:30 hours

**TENDER NO. H/OP/ LTPGED/182/001/19-20 (Long Term Time Charter)**

**Period: - 9 months + 1 month choption +/- 10 days choption.**

Last date for issue of Tender book - on 02.12.2019 upto 12:00 hours  
Tender box to be closed at - on 02.12.2019 at 15:00 hours  
Tender box to be opened at - on 02.12.2019 at 16:00 hours

EMD	- Rs.10 Lakhs - For Indian flag vessels
	- USD 17,000 - For Foreign flag vessels
Cost of tender document	- Rs.5,000/- each (Indian Flag)
	- USD 100 each (Foreign Flag)

Separate Tender documents for spot time chartering are available in our website from 04.11.2019 & the same may be downloaded from our website: [www.tamilship.com](http://www.tamilship.com) / [www.tntenders.gov.in](http://www.tntenders.gov.in) at free of cost.

For more details visit our website [www.tamilship.com](http://www.tamilship.com) / [www.tntenders.gov.in](http://www.tntenders.gov.in)

DIPR/ 3982 /TENDER/2019 **GENERAL MANAGER (OPS)**

# 19 BODY & MIND

## The traffic-light approach to coaching skills in children

It is only when they feel valued, loved and safe in a relationship that kids can be open to coaching



IMAGINE  
BY SHELJA SEN

I AM asked a lot of times if it is okay to say 'No' to children and if parents can insist on boundaries despite the push back. Children thrive in homes where there are clear, non-threatening boundaries and parents step in to establish limits to keep their children safe or to help them build muscles of responsibility and self-regulation. So, let's talk about the nuts and bolts of what I prefer to call coaching and how we can build these at home. But before I do that, I would like to add that an essential prerequisite to coaching is our strong connect with our children. It is only when they feel valued, loved and safe in a relationship that children can even be open to coaching. If we try to do it on a strained relationship, then there are chances that they will fight it tooth and nail and we will be just stuck in a vicious cycle.

What are the areas that children need limits? There is no prescriptive list here as it is different for each child and for each family. I like to take a 'Traffic Light Approach' for limits and boundaries: A red light is for behaviours that need a zero-tolerance, non-negotiable approach. These could range from clarity on issues like violence, abusive language and bullying to stipulated screen time. The yellow light could be for behaviours or habits the child is still learning to master, like sitting down for homework, packing her bag at night, etc. These are skills that the child needs training in with your support. The green light is for behaviours that are all right with you or the ones that you do not want to address right now. For example, you might not want to make an issue of the fact that your child is still coming to your bed in the middle of the night once or twice a week. This approach gives us clarity, lets us choose our priorities and helps us choose our battles. We are not aiming for perfect children after all, as that is a total myth!

These boundaries are just not for children but for everybody at home, including parents, grandparents and domestic help. Children will respect them if they know that there are no double standards about them.

Some crucial points to keep in mind as far as boundaries and limits are concerned:

**1. Avoid words like 'rules' and 'routines':**

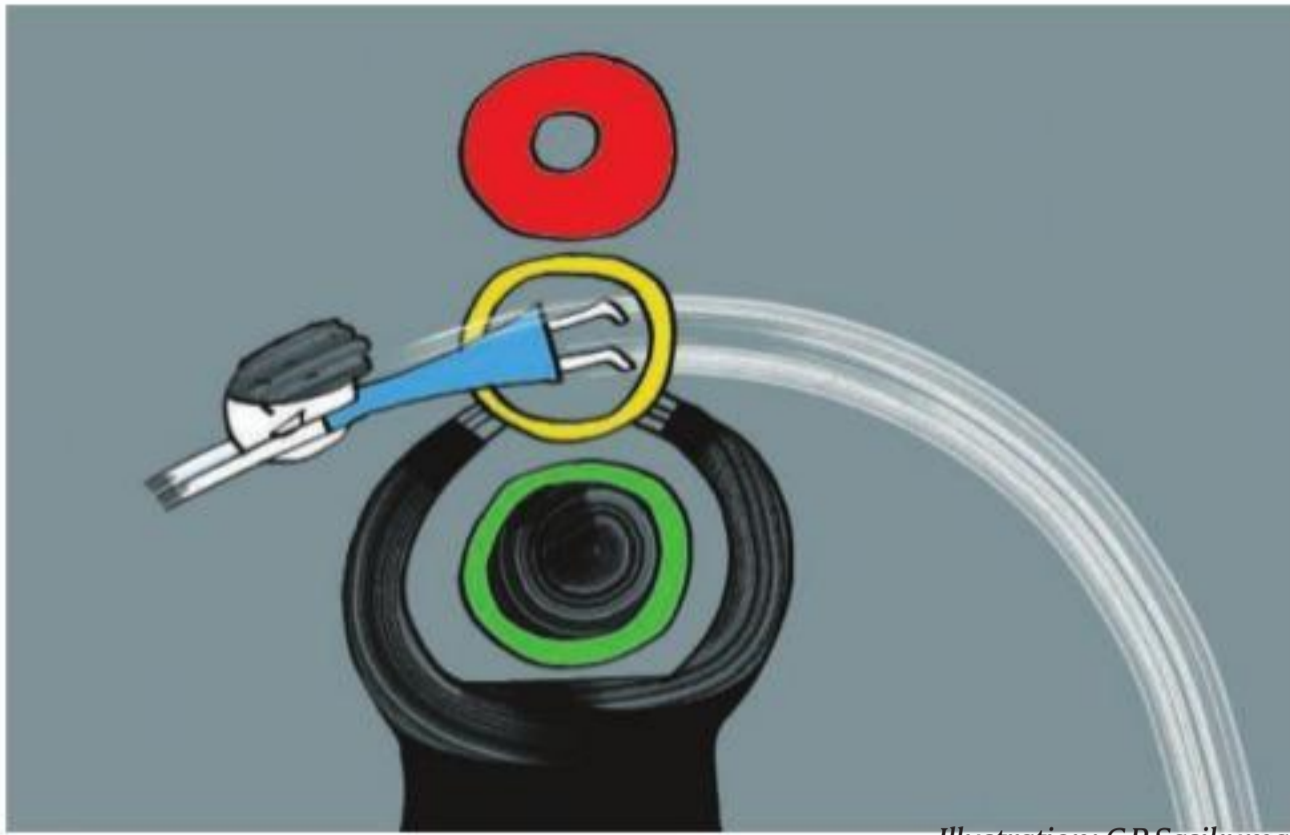


Illustration: C R Sasikumar

Some children are allergic to the use of words like rules and routines. Let's admit that these are very emotionally loaded words. If you were to start working in a new place, which communication would you prefer? There is a rule that everybody has to report by 9 am', or 'Our practice is to be at work by 9 am'. So, depending on your children and what you would prefer, I would say that we interchange rules with words like 'procedures'. This is the way we do things in our home', 'practices' or even 'boundaries'.

**2. Everyone should understand the boundaries clearly:** It is important that all

the family members and domestic help understand them clearly. Some families might reach the acceptable procedures after an open discussion with the children, 'We are all getting late every morning for our school bus and work. So maybe we need to sit down and have a clear idea on what time all of us need to get up every morning. Any ideas?'

**3. Clear guidelines which are able to give them an optimum stretch:** We have to start where the child is at and not where we want her to be and also discuss the logic to them so they are on the same page. If you are concerned about your child being physically un-

fit then it might be better to have a chat with him and together you might plan 15 minutes of running in the park in the evening rather than insisting that he has to exercise for one hour a day. ?

**4. You need to be convinced first:** It is important that you convince yourself before you insist he stick to a limit. If you think it is all right for your child to hit the domestic help when he is angry then your 'don't hit her, it is a wrong thing to do' will be water off a duck's back. You need to be convinced yourself and your 'No' needs to be conveyed with 100 per cent conviction. Children have very sensitive radars to check if you really mean business or you can be overlooked. Conviction also means that you do not feel guilty about establishing these boundaries and that you do not take the child's protests personally. Children will push and protest and try to break non-negotiable/red-light rules—that is part of their wiring but that should not make you doubt your conviction. ?

**5. Empathise with their discomfort, anger and annoyance at these boundaries:** They will protest, 'Everybody in my class has a phone', or 'My friend can watch as much TV as he wants in his house'. Listen to them, empathise with, 'I can understand that you must be upset that you get less TV than your friends'. I find it best not to take their resistance personally, get into long arguments or discussions around these boundaries. I have found that children do listen and respond positively if you tell them calmly, 'I know you are upset but this is something I have to do as

your mother as it is my responsibility.' It sends the message across that you love them enough to lay down tough boundaries.

**6. Try to stand united:** If the mother has made it very clear to the children that they cannot get any screen during weekdays but the father brushes it off as the mother being 'too harsh' then there are chances of the children making use of that divided stand (they are experts on this) and wriggle their way through the cracks to get what they want. For those living in joint families and having live-in domestic help, it becomes even more vital to get everybody on board. It can be really tough as we have very strong feelings about boundaries – for some it can rake up a lot of residual feelings of guilt, maybe pain or fears from their own childhood. ? So, for every boundary you impose, examine your own ?feelings and try to resolve them before discussing them with your children.

I once heard a very renowned and wise psychotherapist, Dr Salman Akhtar, use the Tarzan metaphor for parenting. He said that children are like Tarzans who have to swing from vine to vine, branch to branch, and that's what makes them who they are. Parents are like the tree they are swinging on. They have to let them do the swinging but they have to stay grounded and firm, and not let the swinging uproot them. So true!

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### DIET DIARY

## As air pollution rises, load up on antioxidants

The key is to take more antioxidants and optimum levels of immunity-boosting, anti-inflammatory nutrients



BY ISHI KHOSLA

THERE IS an emergency-like situation in Delhi due to the deteriorating air quality. From 'severe' to 'very poor' category, the Air Quality Index (AQI) is touching dangerous levels and taking a serious toll on the health of local residents, especially young children, elderly and those already afflicted with health problems.

While corrective measures by the authorities are on, it is important that individuals protect themselves from this toxic assault on their bodies. The impact of poor air quality is cumulative and restricted to not only upper respiratory disorders like cough, bronchitis, asthma, but more serious conditions like heart and lung diseases, which can precipitate potentially life-threatening events. Conditions like Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (COPD), high blood pressure and stroke can be triggered or worsened.

The key is to increase the levels of antioxidants to minimise oxidative stress, which damages the body cells, and to take optimum levels of immunity-boosting and anti-inflammatory nutrients. Several foods, vitamin and herbal supplements offer protection. Antioxidants neutralise free radicals which are formed as a result of exposure of our bodies to toxins and pollution in the environment. The following nutrients have been found to have powerful antioxidant properties: Vitamin A, Beta-Carotene, Vitamin B-2, Riboflavin, Magnesium, Zinc, Copper, Manganese and Selenium. These are essential and need to be consumed in optimal amounts through a healthy diet and supplements.

Herbs, spices, fruits and vegetables contain powerful health-modulating sub-

stances known as polyphenols and bioflavonoids. Herbs and spices rich in polyphenols and bioflavonoids include

■ Cayenne or red pepper contains a powerful antioxidant known as capsaicin. Capsaicin is a highly protective nutrient for the lungs. It is one of the most valuable substances for protecting against the damaging effects of pollution and cigarette smoke.

■ Thyme contains antioxidants and has long been used as a tea to help with coughs, bronchitis and other immune problems.

■ Turmeric contains a powerful antioxidant curcumin that has been found to inhibit even cancer in animal studies. Mixing it with ghee can be helpful for cough and asthma. Harad and jaggery, taken at bedtime, helps in reduction of phlegm.

■ Rosemary contains potent antioxidants and can be consumed as an infusion.

■ Other spices that have been found to have powerful antioxidant properties include cloves, cinnamon, cumin, fennel, fenugreek, basil, curry leaves, celery, parsley, coriander and ginger. A traditional blend called *sitopaladi churan* is believed to be beneficial for allergic cough.

■ Other beneficial foods which help detoxify poisons in the environment and boost immunity include lemon grass tea, green tea, beetroot, *neem*, papaya leaves, *amla*, aloe vera, giloe, spirulina, *ashwagandha*, wheat grass and *moringa*.

■ Healthy fats that can strengthen the immune system include *desi ghee*, virgin coconut oil, sesame oil, mustard oil, extra virgin olive oil.

■ Try and go organic as far as possible.

■ In addition to regular exercise (in low-pollution areas) stress management, yoga, meditation, healthy digestive tract, probiotics, adequate protein, vitamin D, sleep and plenty of alkaline water can help strengthen the immune system.

■ Steam inhalation is useful in keeping the upper respiratory tract moist and providing relief from congestion.

Author is a clinical nutritionist and founder of [www.theweightmonitor.com](http://www.theweightmonitor.com) and Whole Foods India



### GRETCHEN REYNOLDS

TAKING MORE steps during the day may be related to better sleep at night, according to an encouraging new study of lifestyle and sleep patterns. The study, which delved into the links between walking and snoozing, suggests that being active can influence how well we sleep, whether we actually exercise or not.

Sleep and exercise scientists have long been intrigued and befuddled by the ties between physical activity and somnolence. To most of us, it might seem as if that relationship should be uncomplicated, advantageous and one-way. You work out, grow tired and sleep better that night.

But a variety of past studies indicate that the effects of exercise on sleep are more scrambled than that. In some studies, when people work out strenuously, they sleep relatively poorly, suggesting that intense exercise might disrupt slumber. Other experiments have found that the impacts of exertion and sleep work both ways; after a night of ragged sleep, people often report finding their normal workout extra wearing. Past research also has produced conflicting results about whether and how the timing of exercise matters, and if afternoon workouts aid or impair that night's sleep.

Most of these past studies have focused on planned exercise, though, not more incidental, everyday physical activity, and much of the research has involved people with clinical sleep problems, such as insomnia. Little has been known about whether simply moving around more during the day, absent formal exercise, might influence sleep, particularly in people who already tend to sleep fairly well.

So, for the new study, which was published recently in Sleep Health, researchers at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., and other institutions decided to look into whether and how walking could be linked with sleep.

This study was part of a broader effort to encourage adults in the greater Boston area to be more active. For that initiative, researchers recruited 59 mostly middle-aged men and women in and around Boston who worked full time and were worried that they did not have enough time for physical activity. The researchers provided these volunteers with an activity monitor and, in some cases, sug-



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gestions about how to fit more walking time into their crowded schedules. (The study was, in part, testing the effects on activity of offering advice and encouragement versus only the monitor.)

The volunteers wore the devices for a month, tracking the number of steps they took every day and the number of minutes they spent moving in any way. Some of this

activity was light, including housework.

The volunteers also completed a variety of questionnaires at the start and end of the four weeks and during each day of the study. Several of these concerned their sleep, asking them to rate its quality — such as how long it took them to fall asleep, how often they woke up, or how refreshed they felt the next morning — as well as its quantity, measured

by when they reported going to bed and getting up.

For the current study, the researchers combed through the data for each of the 59 participants, focusing specifically on how much they had moved and how well they had slept, hoping to find discernible patterns.

They did. In fact, the relationships between moving and dozing turned out to be consistent and strong. In essence, the more steps people accumulated over the course of the month, the higher their self-rated sleep quality was during that time. Ditto when the researchers looked at the number of minutes they had spent moving; the more time someone was in motion during the month, the better they rated their sleep over all.

The linkages held even when the researchers drilled down to individual days. On any given day when someone had taken more steps than was typical for him or her, he or she usually reported better sleep quality that night. (There were few noticeable effects on sleep duration, since most of the volunteers already were sleeping about eight hours a night when the study began.)

"I think it's fair to say" that these results indicate that people who move more also sleep better, says Alycia Sullivan Bisson, a graduate student in psychology at Brandeis, who conducted the new study with her adviser, Margie Lachman, and others.

And the activity required to see higher sleep quality was not daunting, she adds. The average step count among the 59 volunteers was about 3,000 per day, which is about a mile and a half of walking. Covering greater ground was associated with better sleep, but even among the least active, upping their mileage a bit on some days was related to better sleep later.

Of course, the links here between stepping and sleep are only links; this kind of observational study cannot prove that more walking causes better sleep. The experiment also was short-term, relied on people's self-perceptions of how they slept, and was not set up to determine how, physiologically, walking affects the body and mind in ways that could later alter sleep.

But even with those caveats, those of us hoping for better shut-eye tonight, tomorrow and in the future might want to "incorporate more activity into our daily lives," Sullivan Bisson says.

NYT

### SHORT COURSE

#### [0-20 YEARS]

## Babies at higher risk for ADHD, autism if pregnant moms took acetaminophen

BABIES BORN to women who used acetaminophen late in pregnancy may be at increased risk of ADHD and autism spectrum disorder, a new study suggests. After examining stored blood samples from babies' umbilical cords, researchers determined that the risks of ADHD and autism were significantly increased in children whose blood had high levels of acetaminophen breakdown products, according to a report in *JAMA Psychiatry*. Because the metabolites, or breakdown products, of the drug appear to linger for nearly two days, researchers are

able to get an estimate of maternal acetaminophen use in the hours before delivery. When the researchers compared children with cord blood containing the highest levels of acetaminophen metabolites to those with the lowest levels, they found a significant association between acetaminophen metabolite levels and neuro-developmental disorders. Those at the highest levels were 2.86 times more likely than those at the lowest to have been diagnosed with ADHD and 3.62 times more likely to have an ASD diagnosis. REUTERS



#### [20-50 YEARS]

## Healthy diet may help relieve symptoms of depression to an extent, says study

THERE IS good evidence from observational studies that diet can affect mood, and now a randomised controlled trial suggests that healthy eating can modestly improve clinical levels of depression. The study, in PLOS One, randomised 76 college students with poor diet and depression symptoms to two groups. One group was put on a Mediterranean-style diet high in fruits, vegetables, fish, olive oil, nuts and seeds, and low in refined carbohydrates, sugar and saturated fat. The other continued their usual eating habits. At the beginning and end of the three-week

trial, all participants were assessed with well-validated scales measuring depression, anxiety, current mood, memory and self-efficacy (confidence in one's ability to exert control over behavior). Symptoms of depression improved, on average, in the diet group, shifting from the moderate severity range to the normal range. Depressive symptoms among the controls, meanwhile, remained stable, staying within the moderate severity range. On tests of anxiety and stress, the diet group had significantly lower scores than the controls. NYT



#### [50+ YEARS]

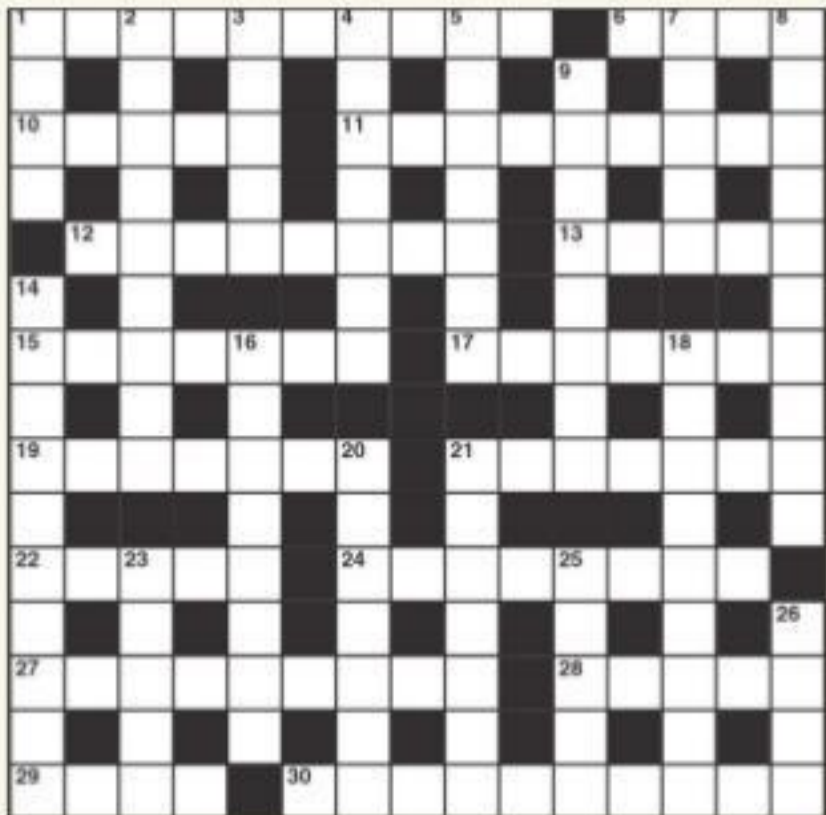
## Heavy soda consumption tied to higher fracture risk after menopause

OLDER WOMEN who drink more soda may be more likely to suffer hip fractures than their counterparts who consume little to no soda, a recent study suggests. Researchers examined data on soda consumption, bone health and fractures for more than 70,000 women who were 69 years old on average. Half the women were tracked for at least 12 years. Overall, 2,578 hip fractures occurred during follow-up. When the researchers looked at consumption of carbonated beverages, they found that women who drank an average of more than 14 12-ounce servings a

week were 26 per cent more likely to experience a hip fracture during the study period than women who never had soda. And women who had more than 14 servings a week of caffeine-free soda were 32 per cent more likely to experience hip fractures. "Based on our results, low or regular levels of soda consumption would not increase the risk of fractures in post-menopausal women," said a researcher. "However, after a certain amount, the equivalent of two cans per day, the risk would be significantly higher," he said. REUTERS



CROSSWORD 3952



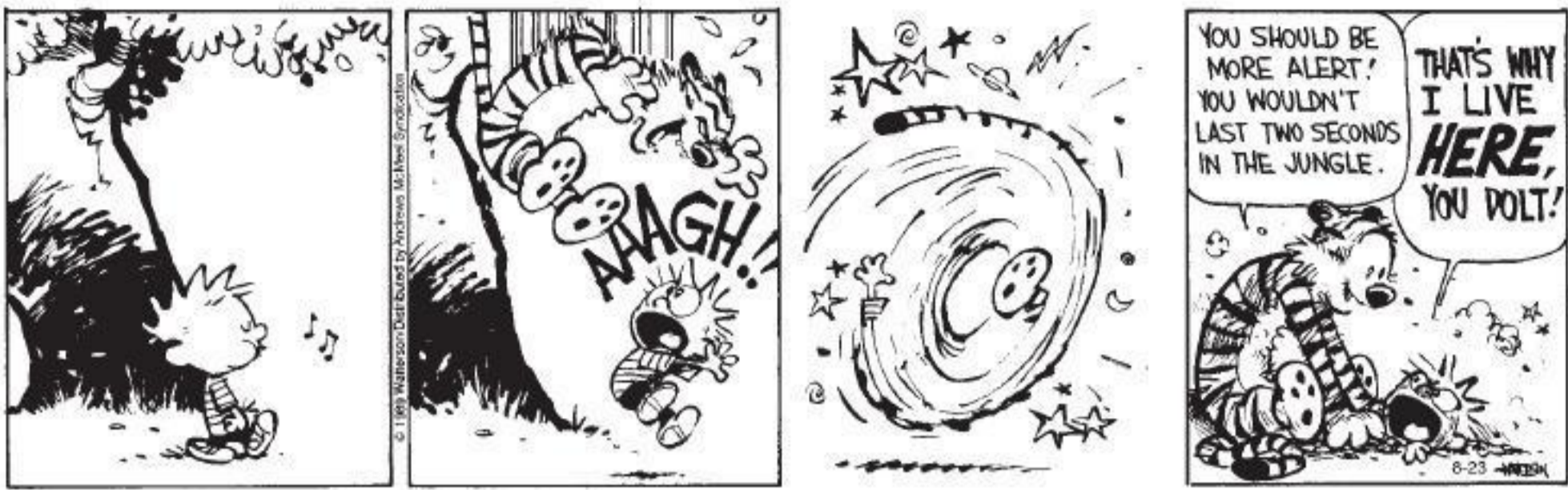
- ACROSS**
- Ignorant, as I will keep on saying (10)
  - Hitman, nothing less than tough maybe (4)
  - In these classes children take a point to heart (5)
  - Being in the wrong scene with the wrong exit (9)
  - Nevertheless last (5,3)
  - A strange yarn about a European (5)
  - Old instrument to strip, nevertheless (7)
  - US golfer putting about on one green (7)
  - More than one slice of the right allotment of shares (7)
  - Lives in a dress that is slovenly (7)
  - A patch put on a cuff, perhaps (5)
  - Bill is cut short, strange to tell (8)
  - He stows away at the docks (9)
  - Girl with love for a cowboy (5)
  - Act either way (4)
  - Unusual task a bored youngster may busy himself with (10)
- Down**
- They may be well held (4)
  - Seen when chins drop? (4,5)
  - Discrimination a cannibal appreciates in people (5)
  - A recent reform put through again (2-5)
  - One of three allowed to finish a journey (7)
  - The sweetest American endearment (5)
  - It's of growing importance to the serious gardener (10)
  - Guides about a thousand ships (8)
  - Put outside society - that's what makes it so sacred (10)
  - Gets inspiration from the braes (8)
  - The country encircling one's country? (9)
  - Long John Silver's line (3-4)
  - Petition from Queen Street (7)
  - Neat looker, that's Daisy! (5)
  - Spontaneous remark unusually bald, I admitted (2-3)
  - Charge the boy nothing to go in (4)

**Solutions Crossword 3951 Across:** 1 Descent, 5 Elope, 8 Endearing, 9 Fee, 10 Sobs, 12 Kangaroo, 14 Roosts, 15 Encore, 17 Peek-a-boo, 18 Eyot, 21 Tea, 22 Nil return, 24 Dread, 25 Earshot. **Down:** 1 Diets, 2 Sad, 3 Edam, 4 Tribal, 5 Engaging, 6 Offertory, 7 Eyesore, 11 Brokerage, 13 Strained, 14 Reputed, 16 Collie, 19 Tenet, 20 Bear, 23 Ugh.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

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

A...can travel halfway around the world while the ...is putting on its shoes - Mark Twain (3,...5)

**TENOR**


**ELPULT**


**ASVIT**


**CNPYHU**


**SOLUTION:** TENOR, TONER, VISTA, PULLEY, PUNCHY. Answer: He can travel halfway around the world while the **toner** is putting on its shoes.

SUDOKU 4017

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



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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4016



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You have been through a great deal, but you still can't tell where you're really heading. Give yourself another week if you wish to wait until life has calmed down. Expect major changes at work very soon, perhaps because people around you are coming and going without warning.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

According to the basic laws of astrology, every extreme condition is balanced by its opposite. Therefore, you may find that one particular decision is about to be completely reversed. Certain decisions may be totally undone probably to your relief.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Argumentative planetary aspects get you going, and I wouldn't be surprised if you spend part of the weekend walking around with your foot in your mouth. Still, you may be as much sinned against as sinning, so don't take all the blame. Do, though, realise that you can play your part in improving things.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Only you know what needs to be done and how to do it. The snag is that you currently lack certain practical skills. You may also be too impatient to grapple with the necessary details. But, then, impatience is, after all, one of your less-known weaknesses!

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You may get tired of partners lecturing you, but you may just have to put up with it for now! Travel stars are very strongly emphasised, but you're probably not quite sure what you want or where you should go. The best bet is to arrange a trip somewhere inspiring, rather than an ordinary run-of-the-mill break.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The problem today seems to lie in the ease with which happy-go-lucky events can suddenly turn into bad-tempered confrontations. The cause is people's readiness to pick up the wrong end of the stick, so it may be up to you to get the facts clear.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

The Moon's relationship with the more subtle areas of your chart makes this a day which may be uneventful, but, when the general trend suits you, you'll pick up speed and achieve something quite unexpected. Your peacemaking skills will be extraordinarily useful.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

The chances are that you will now have to lay down the law and set the world to rights. Friends, associates and loved ones must be made to see that, as far as you are concerned, they have overstepped the mark. What you have to do now is get them back into line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

This period does seem to be rather tense but in a good way. As far as you are concerned, the next few days may be considerably more pleasurable than the past week, with pressure to enjoy yourself all round. There might be a bit of emotional mopping up to be done first.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

The Moon aligns with one of your travel houses, giving you due cause to take whatever short trips are on your mind. Given that it's a good day to hold discussions and negotiations, you will get your way if you follow the still, small voice of your intuition.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Appropriately enough, it's a good time for short journeys. Take quick trips and get out and about as much as possible. All you need to do is seize the initiative, rather than wait around until other people take the lead. Otherwise you might just begin to feel as if life is passing you by.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Your major weakness at the present time is your tendency to go behind people's backs, but be aware that misunderstandings may result. Try to be clearer about your intentions. Any challenging aspects over the next few weeks should only serve to remind you that not everyone has your breadth of vision.

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NATIONAL CSR AWARD-POWERGRID

POWERGRID bagged the National CSR Award in the "Corporate Award for Excellence in CSR" category – companies having eligible CSR spend equal and above 100 crore – at Vigyan Bhawan on Oct 29, 2019.



NATIONAL CSR AWARD-INDIANOIL

Indian Oil recently won the National CSR Award instituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, under Women and Child Development category for its Assam Oil School of Nursing project at Digboi.



GAIL Award for Excellence in Cost Management

GAIL's Petrochemical unit at Pata came 1st in the 16th National Award for Excellence in Cost Management 2018 from ICAI, in Public Sector Manufacturing - Mega category. A.S. Thakur, MoS for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Gol, presented the award.



RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS-PNB

PNB observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on Oct 31, 2019, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. A "Pledge" and "Run for Unity" was organised in spirit of the event at PNB headquarters in Dwarka.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2019



**PRPC** To promote integrity, transparency and honesty in the day-to-day public life, Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed at PRPC from Oct 28 to Nov 2, 2019, on the theme "Integrity – A way of life".



**THDCIL** DV Singh, CMD, THDC India Limited, administered Integrity Pledge to the employees, on the event of Vigilance Awareness Week, in Rishikesh. On this occasion, a book on problem areas of corruption was also released by CMD.



**BOM**, Delhi Zone, organised a rally against corruption on the occasion of Vigilance Awareness week. The rally started from Safdurjung Enclave towards Bhikaji Cama Place, Zonal office, & around 50 staff members participated in this walkathon.



ET BFSI AWARDS 2019-MUTHOOT FINANCE

At the recently concluded ET BFSI Awards 2019, Muthoot Finance's 45-day mega activation effort at the Prayagraj Kumbh 2019 called "Muthoot Vishwaas Ki Tijori" bagged a special award for Mass Consumer Outreach.



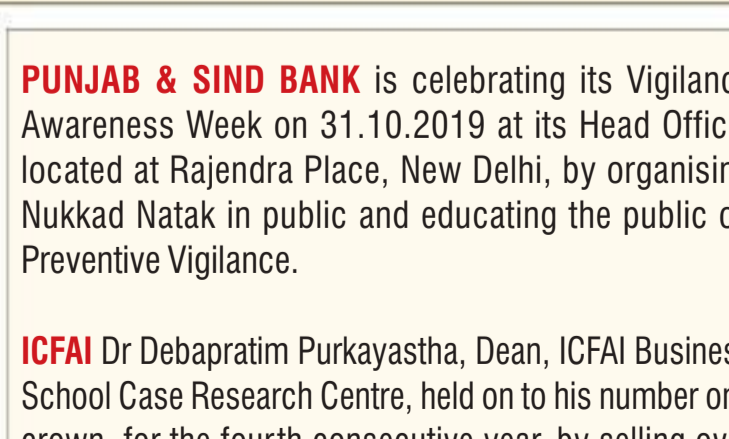
**NR** Sharad Kumar, CVO, was the Chief Guest at the function of Ministry of Railways held at Baroda House. He received the ceremonial "Agnishikha" and also unveiled the vigilance souvenirs named "Chetna Ahwan" & "Amrit Manthan".



**IOCL Refineries**, SM Vaidya, Director (Refineries), recently administered the Integrity Pledge to Team Refineries HQ, to start the Vigilance Awareness Week 2019. The senior management of RHQ was present in full strength to pledge their support.



**OBC** recently conducted a workshop at Harsha Bhawan, New Delhi, on occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week celebrations. P Daniel, Addl. Secretary, CVC, addressed the executives of OBC, in the presence of other senior officials.



**PUNJAB & SIND BANK** is celebrating its Vigilance Awareness Week on 31.10.2019 at its Head Office, located at Rajendra Place, New Delhi, by organising Nukkad Natak in public and educating the public on Preventive Vigilance.

**ICFAI** Dr Debapratim Purkayastha, Dean, ICFAI Business School Case Research Centre, held on to his number one crown, for the fourth consecutive year, by selling over 21,000 copies in 2018-19, out of more than 8,000 case authors worldwide. His cases were sold in over 370 organisations in 57 countries. The list is based on total sales (cases bought by B-schools around the world) from the cases for each author in the academic year 2018-19.

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क्रमांक :- नविन्या/बीका/2019-20/26933  
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**NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
Office of The Executive Engineer (Project) K.P. Zone  
Near Railway Under Bridge, Sawan Park, Delhi-110052  
No. : EEP/TC/KPZ/2019/004  
Dated : 28.10.2019  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Seq. No.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation Stage	Start Date	Expiry Time
1.	Request of Tender Document From	04.11.2019	17.30 Hrs.
2.	Issue of Tender Document From	04.11.2019	17.31 Hrs.
3.	Request of Tender Document To	18.11.2019	17.00 Hrs.
4.	Issue of Tender Document To	18.11.2019	17.30 Hrs.
5.	Tender Closing Date and Time	20.11.2019	12.00 Hrs.
6.	Cost Open Date and Time	20.11.2019	12.15 Hrs.

The Executive Engineer (PR)/KPZ on behalf of the Commissioner, North DMC invites sealed Item Rate/Percentage rate Tenders from the approved and eligible Contractors registered with (General Wing) for execution of following works only at the website <https://www.tenderwizard.com/> **NORTHDMCETENDER. The desirous contractors are requested to provide their firm name in price bid positively, if the name not mentioned in price bid, the same shall be rejected.**

S. No.	Name of Work	H/A	Tender Amount	Earnest Money
1.	Imp./Stg. of by providing Dense carpeting (i) Road from Police Station to Post Office in Central Market in Ashok Vihar Phase-I, (ii) Road from Parmeshwar Dham Mandir Marg to Sindhi Mandir in B-4 Block, Keshavpuram, (iii) Road between C-4/C-6 and C-7 Block Keshavpuram, (iv) Road between A-1 & A-2 Block in Keshavpuram, Ashok Vihar in C-75(N)/KPZ.			
				XL-VIII-S (d) @ Item Rate Rs. 2,68,250/-
				XL-VIII-S (d) Rs. 1,82,28,713/- Rs. 3,64,600/-
				XL-VIII-S (d) Rs. 1,00,87,131/- Rs. 2,01,750/-
				XL-VIII-S (d) Rs. 1,72,83,298/- Rs. 3,45,700/-
				XL-VIII-S (d) Rs. 1,47,09,826/- Rs. 2,94,200/-
				XL-VIII-S (d) Rs. 94,55,805/- Rs. 1,89,100/-

**Tender Cost** for all items is Rs. 1,000/-. **The time of Completion** for all items is 09 months. **Rate holds good** for all items is six months. **For item No. 1 above, additional conditions for dense carpet work will also be applicable.**  
R.O. No. 136/DPI/North/2019-20  
Executive Engineer (Pr.) KPZ

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निरस्त सूचना  
दिनांक 19.10.2019 को प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना संख्या 54-57, 59 & 62-NIT-NFR-19 के अनुसार निविदा खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 20.11.2019 थी। जिसे निरस्त किया जाता है।  
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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-TENDER NOTICE  
No. ECR-CAO-CON-C-N-ETN-101-19-20  
E-Tender is invited on Behalf of the president of India for the under mentioned work  
**Particular : SI No. 1. Name of work with its location :** Works in connection with Yard Remodeling work at Muzaffarpur, related with construction of two additional stabling tracks towards Ramdayalu Nagar end and Kaparpura end each including the basic facilities, involving E/W, extension of Bridges, track linking etc. at MFP Yard. **2. Approx. cost of the work of :** Rs. 17,72,29,065.91. **3. Earnest money to be deposited :** Rs. 10,36,200/- **4. Date and time for closing of tender :** 19.11.2019 at 14.30 hrs. **5. Website particular.** Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. : The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Note : In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 15 day before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc. in response to this E-tender.  
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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
Open E-Tender Notice  
No. RS-Outsourcing -WCC-MGS-19  
Date : 30.10.2019  
Sr. DME/ECR/MGS on behalf of the President of India invite "Open" "E-Tender" on "Two Packet System" from the eligible and experienced agency or contractor for e-tender no. RS-Outsourcing -WCC-MGS-19. Particular are as under :-  
**Details are as below:- S.No. 1. Name of the work with its location :** Outsourcing of various activity in WCC to provide an extra examination batch in each shift at DRY/MGS for a period of 02 years. **2. Approx. cost of the work :** Rs. 3,62,74,630/- (Rupees Three crore sixty two lakh seventy four thousand six hundred thirty) only **3. Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 3,31,400/- (Rupees Three lakhs thirty one thousand four hundred) only **4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender :** From 01.11.2019 up to closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 15.11.2019 **5. Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc :** IREPS Website : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids online through this website only. Manual offer are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.  
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THE CURRENT WAR ★★★

Director: Alfonso Gomez-Rejon Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch, Michael Shannon, Nicholas Hoult, Tom Holland, Matthew Macfadyen, Katherine Waterston

The Light Years

SHALINI LANGER

TOLD TO describe his feeling in the exact moment he lit an incandescent bulb and, literally, saw the light, Cumberbatch's Thomas Alva Edison, a showman-inventor never short of words, struggles. The essence of his long telling is the amount of time and number of hands that went into keeping that bulb lit for 13.5 hours.

Inventions, or discoveries, are almost always collaborative efforts such as these — unfolding through time. *The Current War* itself is about one such little-known chapter in the history of electricity — more than 120 years after it came to pass.

Through the late 1880s and 1890s, Edison and George Westinghouse (Shannon) raced against each other to bring electricity to entire towns. Edison had the head start, given his fame acquired through the electric bulb, and having given a demonstration where he lit up a portion of Manhattan. However, Westinghouse, having built a revolutionary rail air brake system, has the money and the heart to spot talent. There are two other fundamental differences between the men. 1) Edison isn't stuck on scruples for getting ahead, though he is determined not to use his genius to help build anything that can help kill another human; the stolid Westinghouse, on the other hand, believes they, and the world, would be better off if they collaborated with each other and doesn't see Edison as competition. 2) Having got off the mark first with direct current technology, Edison remains mulishly opposed to Westinghouse's alternating current method, not just ignoring its advantages but using dubious means to discredit it.

Their characters a study in contrasts, Cumberbatch and Shannon bring out what



puts them apart well. If Edison is the eccentric genius and nonchalant star that Cumberbatch does so well, Shannon is solemn and noble as Westinghouse, a role that is against his type. Hoult plays Nikola Tesla, another eccentric inventor who struggles hard to convince the world he can run motors on alternating current. However, he gets few chances to register himself in the film, and neither does Holland as Edison's loyal and long-suffering assistant.

*The Current War* then — including with its parallels to the present world of celebrity entrepreneurs — has everything going for it.

That may be one reason it has survived its Harvey Weinstein link, though arriving two years late to screen. Director Gomez-Rejon, whose work includes assistant-ships with names such as Martin Scorsese and Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, mounts a stately and rich period film as well as some breath-taking montages of light and dark. But what the film lacks, for large lengths of time, is that crackle of electricity. It's hard to put one's finger on the exact missing spark, but it could be the single-minded focus on the two men, to the exclusion of what their tussle meant for a world they are about to change. It's also

difficult not to feel chuffed about how the film treats Mrs Edison and Mrs Westinghouse, who are present as constant, uncomplaining backdrops.

Towards the end, there is a spike in voltage as a hard-pressed Edison and a rejuvenated Westinghouse compete to get the rights to light up the Chicago World Fair, even as a man heads for execution by electric chair, for the first time ever. There is genuine static there — more, and this film, would have been shining.

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SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME  
★★  
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Bad Hair Day

UJDA CHAMAN  
★

Director: Abhishek Pathak  
Cast: Sunny Singh, Maanvi Gargroo, Atul Kumar, Grusha Kapoor, Gagan Arora, Saurabh Shukla

SHUBHRA GUPTA

CHAMAN KOHLI, 30, teaches Hindi at a Delhi University College. He is in search of a life partner, and a full head of hair, but both are proving elusive.

This could have been the start of a working comedy with desired serious undertones. Is premature balding the death of self-esteem? For some people, it could be the end of everything, so sure, Chaman's (Singh) strained face makes some kind of sense, at least to start with.

But to have to watch that strain play across a largely expressionless face for two interminable hours taxes all your patience. Not only is the protagonist's approach to his receding hairline painful, his family, comprising of dad, mom and

younger brother (Kumar, Kapoor, Arora respectively), is loud and annoying.

Which bunch of students jeer at their teacher's state of hair, or the lack of it? Do undergraduate students at a premium DU college have nothing better to do? If the point of the film is to tell us that external appearances have nothing to do with our inner selves, it needed to have done it better. Much, much better.

The appearance of the sweet, plus sized Apsara (Gargroo) makes you perk up a bit, but no, there are no insights to be had around body-shaming. Gargroo is a capable actor, and shows up Singh's lack in that department. He's been adequate support in such films as *Sonu Ke...* but to have to heft an entire project is beyond him.

The dialogues are questionable. '*Ladka pure hai*' is meant to mean that the lad has had no sex, and repeating it several times over is meant to be funny. '*Virgin kya hota hai*', is another sample. If that kind of crass, tasteless stuff makes you laugh, well, here's the perfect film for you.

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And He's Back

TERMINATOR: DARK FATE  
★★

Director: Tim Miller  
Cast: Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mackenzie Davies, Natalia Reyes, Gabriel Luna

GRACE, FROM the year 2042, smashes a mobile phone and this helps her figure out the geographical coordinates of an anonymous text message sent to the device. Terminator Rev-9 dips his hands, literally, into cables at a data centre and images of his prey from across two countries flash through his neural network. As the others, presumably belonging to our current times, look on puzzled, Grace (Davies) explains with a shrug, "Future shit".

Yesterday, they say, is history, and future a mystery. When neither is neither, as in the Terminator universe, only the churlish would insist on something as banal as explanations.

Still, through its own timeline, of 35 years and six films, the series has had its share of tumbles. For the latest film, Terminator returns to creator James Cameron as producer, immortal Schwarzenegger as guiding light, and heroic Hamilton as warrior. It also largely reprises the story of the first Terminator film — the essence of which involved a destroyed world, at war with a form-less machine entity, which sends back robots called Terminators into the past, to kill anyone who could pose a threat to it in the future.

Hamilton's Sarah Connor was famously the target then, as the son she was to go on to bear (John) would one day be the leader of the Resistance against the machines. Schwarzenegger's T-800 was the hunter.

This time round, it's a Mexican auto industry worker called Dina (Reyes) who is on



the hit-list. An improved Terminator called Rev-9 (an unimpressive Luna) has arrived from the future into our present to kill her. Protecting her this time, with all she has got (and the lean, lithe and lonesome Davies adds up to a lot), is Grace. As she explains it, she is an "Augment", or an augmented human with increased speed and strength. Along the way, Linda, who has been hunting Terminators since 1984, joins their mission. Linda has a long-time benefactor helping her, and while there is really no surprise as to who that would be, it's ingenious to re-invent T-800 as Carl, a grizzled retiree with a human family, a dog, and the profession of a curtain draper. Carl's paramount concern is people not paying adequate attention to the curtains they

choose for their homes.

However, moments such as these, of conversation involving any sort of concerns, are rare in *Dark Fate*. The film is essentially one long battle against Rev-9, who can't be cut, burnt, sliced, shot, blasted, or drowned, to death; can duplicate itself; and still re-assemble itself (this time, as molten tar). There are chases on road, rail and in the sky, and in true Terminator spirit, Rev-9 keeps coming back, back, and back. Director Tim Miller, fresh off *Deadpool's* success, has trouble reeling it in.

More than the future, *Dark Fate* is prescient about the present. It looks for answers in Mexico (spending a good time there), gets its sexual politics right, and suggests that down whichever road we go, we may be headed for the same end. Carl calculates that as things exist, there is "74% chance of humanity descending into barbarism". You may snigger at that figure, but perhaps not at another one: in this Terminator timeline, a dystopian future is less than 25 years away.

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Made of Steel

DRIVE (Netflix)  
★★

Director: Tarun Mansukhani  
Cast: Sushant Singh Rajput, Jacqueline Fernandez, Boman Irani, Pankaj Tripathi, Sapna Pabbi, Vikramjit Virk

WHEN THIS film begins, you see hot wheels, hotter girls, lots of revving cars, and some chatter about racing and winning. So you think ok then, that's what *Drive* is all about. But no, that's not what it is about. Or shall we say, that's not what it is ALL about.

Our attention is drawn to a bunch of thieves burgling a jewellery store. Some other thieves are tracking those '*chors*'. For what purpose? Don't ask. Everyone is dressed like they just got off the sets of *Oceans 11/12* etc. I told you, don't ask, didn't I?

In yet another strand, a bunch of government officials are trying to track the stolen '*maal*'. There's a staid-looking middle-aged lady who is an expert at creaming off the top. Any top. Accompanying her is a colleague (Tripathi) who follows orders when he is not slapping about some reedy fellow. And hovering over them is a PM-*ke daftar-se* type (Irani) who is meant to solve all these mysteries.

Somewhere in the middle of this mess,

we see a sleek, well-combed guy (Rajput) trying to keep pace with a leggy, tumble-locked, pink-lipped gal (Fernandez), who likes hanging out with a buffed-up, inked character (Virk) who seems to have a soft spot for a pretty young thing (Pabbi). They are mostly to be found in a garage/hangar/den strewn with laptops and computers and sundry extras who show up to cheer now and then. They, psst, speak in 'patri-code'. Huh?

Everyone is chasing everyone else. Did I tell you that Rashtrapati Bhavan becomes a location in this movie? That's right. It is shown to be a warren of walkie-talkies and CCTVs and uniformed guards and a museum-like large room where there are paintings strewn about, and which has, yes, shhhh, a secret room.

The girls look all blow-dried and cat-walk ready, and break into dance whenever they need a break. A song goes, *Karma is a bitch*. Or a snitch? Who knows? And looking at the plot, or what passes for it, who cares? Who are the real '*chors*'? You don't even need to be specially smart to twig on: when the reveal is not a reveal, what is it? A sad joke.

That's really what this film is. It seems to have been strung up with influences from Hollywood films featuring sharp racing, sleek cars, and canny '*chors*', but has none of the smarts it is aiming at. Should it have been called 'Heist?' instead. You want to watch it, and tell me?

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THE ADDAMS FAMILY  
★★★

Director: Greg Tiernan, Conrad Vernon  
Voices: Charlize Theron, Oscar Isaac, Chloe Grace Moretz, Finn Wolfhard, Alison Janney, Elsie Fisher

A SUCCESSFUL franchise, a bright idea, a great cast. There is little reason for the latest *The Addams Family* to go wrong. And yet, it does — losing its way, ironically, chasing the outrageous when most ghosts are now to be found in the ordinary.

Giving America's famous spooky family an origin story, the film has them escaping blood-thirsty hordes into a castle high up on a hill near New Jersey. It once housed an asylum, but that suits this family — of mother Morticia (Theron), father Gomez (Isaac), daughter Wednesday (Moretz), son Pugsley (Wolfhard), along with Lurch and the Thing — just fine. (Bette Midler, Martin Short, Snoop Dogg also figure, in smaller roles.)

Thirteen years later, trouble arrives in the pink-and-orange clad, heeled, painted, and blonde-bouffant-topped form of Margeaux (Janney). She is an interior decorator, so to speak, and her mission in life is to have everyone live the same way. Her more immediate mission is to sell houses in a township that she has built in her image — which is purple roads and pink houses, and extra charge for handsome views.

Can this town called 'Assimilation' allow a family like the Addams, with their literally deathly ways and gothic looks, as neighbours? While we have seen many such stories to know how that one goes, particularly in animation, as Wednesday pairs with Margeaux's teenage daughter Parker, who isn't one of her mother's fans, the film has a thing going for a while.

Moretz perfects the droopy-eyed, lazy and recalcitrant drawl of a teenager. Parker (Fisher), and her joined-at-the-hip smartphone, are a competent foil. But can either girl of their age, however confident, escape

the pressures of peerhood, especially in the tricky alleys of junior high school? Does growing up mean conforming, or not, or forging your own path entirely?

The film clearly wants you to ask those questions, not only when it comes to Wednesday but also Pugsley, who has a sword test coming up that will determine his worth as an Addams. While laying this on more thickly than it needs to, the film tries to be a lot else too — about being "other", and about being neighbours, about being family, and about protecting it — with nothing new to show or say.

Hope shines briefly when, one day Wednesday goes to the mall and returns with a pink, glittery clip on her sternly braided, resolutely dark hair. A red balloon has already crashed her world and, as she puts it, she senses in it "the opposite of sad". Morticia is horrified, saying everyone knows that pink is "the getaway colour".

It's heartening that *The Addams Family* recognises this, that sometimes, pink, glitter, and a mall day, can be all you need for a pick-up.

Wish it had more of the same. Growing up is dreary enough, without the dark makeup.

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS

Who Let the Spy in?

The week woke up to news of US special forces killing IS chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi while India grapples with the moral issue of a spyware from an Israeli firm being used to target citizens



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

STUFF THAT matters is originating in foreign parts, and we do not refer to the guided tour of Kashmir for members of European Parliament, which TRT World, Turkey's state news channel, is reporting as an international public relations disaster. No, the significant video of the week was released by the US government on Thursday, showing special

forces creeping up on the last haven of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in northern Syria, followed by high-explosive detonations obliterating the area. Indian television anchors who have spent years ritually slaying al-Baghdadi over and over again, like in the legends of Orpheus and Durga, need not feel that life has become purposeless. The IS, accustomed to living in exciting times, anointed Ibrahim al-Hashemi al-Qurayshi caliph within a few hours of the US raid being publicised. The game will be afoot again, as soon as anchors wrap their heads around al-Qurayshi's CV.

The game is afoot in the UK, too. Stencil artist Banksy's *Devolved Parliament*, showing the House commandeered by a bunch of apes, which Sotheby's sold this month for £9.9 million, is an extremely apt illustration of the UK, poll-bound for want of politicians

who can deliver a Brexit deal. But the reason the artist, who guards his anonymity jealously, is in the news is the publication of *Banksy Captured*, by Steve Lazarides, his agent, photographer, driver and show manager of 11 years. The story broke on Thursday in the UK art press, NME and a few newspapers like *The Independent* and the *Manchester Evening News*. In keeping with the subject's retiring nature, it's a private release, with copies available only on the author's website, but it includes the only known images of Banksy at work on his most iconic images. His face is never visible. The viewer only learns that he has unruly, dark hair and wears Reeboks. Too bad there's no back-of-the-head recognition software.

Twitter, too, has turned over a new leaf with its global ban on political advertising,

and CEO Jack Dorsey made it clear, without naming Mark Zuckerberg, that he is targeting brazen serial offender Facebook. Recently, at Georgetown University, Zuckerberg had covered over his reluctance to police his network with a spurious free speech argument. Free speech protections don't apply to lies and manipulation, as Dorsey pointed out: "A political message earns reach when people decide to follow an account or retweet. Paying for reach removes that decision, forcing highly optimised and targeted political messages on people. We believe this decision should not be compromised by money... it's not credible for us to say, 'We're working hard to stop people from gaming our system to spread misleading info, but if someone pays us to target and force people to see their political ad... well... they can say whatever they want!'"

Dorsey is being criticised by both the left and the right in the US. The former believes that he is reducing the ability of liberals to organise, and the latter sees a direct hit on Donald Trump's election machinery. But this is a fine example of self-regulation, which is the only manner in which media can be credibly regulated. Not only has Dorsey shown a commitment to keeping his platform clean, he is also exerting moral pressure on its peers in social media.

A moral issue has struck India, too — the news that the Trojan spyware Pegasus, from the Israeli firm NSO, is being used to target citizens. The paradox is that NSO claims to sell only to governments for "lawful interception", but the IT ministry has made WhatsApp answerable for breach of privacy. Incidentally, there is a fundamental dichotomy between lawful interception and the use of spyware. For the lowdown on the effects of spyware, there is no better account than an investigative story by Hagar Shezaf and Jonathan Jacobson in the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* in October last year. Headlined 'Revealed: Israel's Cyber-spy Industry Helps World Dictators Hunt

Dissidents and Gays', the story lists instances of malicious and indiscriminate use of Pegasus in several countries. "The testimonies show that the Israeli equipment has been used to locate and detain human rights activists, persecute members of the LGBT community, silence citizens who were critical of their government..."

The story lists 27 countries which have bought Israeli spyware, and the most chilling account is from a trainer Azerbaijan. His students asked him casually if it was possible to read a person's sexual orientation from their Facebook footprint. Later, he learned that the country persecutes gays and, shortly after the product of another Israeli firm, Verint, was deployed there, police arrested and tortured 45 gays. There is lack of clarity on who bought spyware in India, and under whose control it was deployed. But we do know that the private equity firm Francisco Partners is the majority shareholder in NSO. In the past, big money was used to invest in heavy artillery. Now, they buy into weaponised software. More of the same, only looks different.

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BRIEFLY

Deodhar: Agarwal, Gill hit hundreds

*Ranchi:* Openers Shubman Gill and Mayank Agarwal smashed spectacular hundreds before Jalaj Saxena took a career-best seven-wicket haul, steering India C into the final of the Deodhar Trophy with a massive 232-run win over India A, here on Friday. India C skipper Gill (143 off 142, 6x6, 10x4) and Test opener Agarwal (120 off 111, 1x6, 15x4) shared a 226-run stand before a special knock from Suryakumar Yadav (72 not out off 29) propelled the team to 366 for three in 50 overs. India A were never in the chase and off-spinner Saxena (7/41) ran through their batting line-up with a memorable spell. It was India A's second successive defeat in as many days. India C and India B, who beat India A on Thursday, will play the final here on Monday. **PTI**  
**BRIEF SCORES:** India C 366/3 in 50 overs (Shubman Gill 143, Mayank Agarwal 120, Suryakumar Yadav 72 not out) beat India A 134 in 29.5 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 31, Jalaj Saxena 7-41, Ishan Porel 2-12) by 232 runs.

Vince, bowlers power England to victory

*Christchurch:* A maiden half century from James Vince powered England to a convincing seven-wicket victory over New Zealand in the opening Twenty20 international in Christchurch on Friday. Vince top-scored for the tourists with 59 as England chased down New Zealand's 154-run target in 18.3 overs to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. While Vince's man-of-the-match performance caught the eye, captain Eoin Morgan was also full of praise for his bowlers, who laid the platform for victory by restricting the Black Caps to 153 for five. England's win came despite the absence of several senior players, who have been rested for the series after a gruelling period that saw them win the World Cup and fail to reclaim the Ashes. Hostilities resume in Wellington on Sunday. **AFP**  
**BRIEF SCORES:** NZ 153/5 in 20 overs (Ross Taylor 44, Tim Seifert 32, Daryll Mitchell 30\*; Chris Jordan 2/28) lost to ENG 154/3 in 18.3 overs (James Vince 59, Eoin Morgan 34\*, Jonny Bairstow 34; Mitchell Santner 2/23) by seven wickets.

Warner on song, Aus clean-sweep SL

*Melbourne:* Australia cruised past Sri Lanka to clean-sweep their three-match T20 series Friday, with an in-form David Warner grinding out a third successive half-century in the seven wicket win. Sri Lanka's batting had been insipid until now, but they finally posted a competitive score of 142/6, with Kusal Perera hitting 57. However their bowlers have been no match for a quality Australian batting line-up, spearheaded by Warner who has now scored 217 in three innings without losing his wicket. **AFP**  
**BRIEF SCORES:** SL 142/6 in 20 overs (Kusal Perera 57; Pat Cummins 2/23, Kane Richardson 2/25) lost to Australia 145/3 in 17.4 overs (David Warner 57\*, Aaron Finch 37) by seven wickets.

# How Sanju Samson re-discovered himself, and love for the game

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HE CAN'T pinpoint the day or the train of thought which untied the knots in his mind, created out of the frustration of his cricket career being stuck. About four months ago, Sanju Samson turned off the switch in his mind which constantly relayed negative thoughts. Feeling like he had hit a nadir, Samson stopped obsessing about playing for India. This was shortly after the IPL season. When the India 'A' squads for 'Tests' and one-dayers were announced a month later, Samson missed the bus.

So instead of wearing blinders and thinking only about a potential India call-up, Samson spends his energy in grooming trainees at the Sports Authority of India's centre at the Medical College Ground in Thiruvananthapuram.

His long-time coach Biju George talks about Sanju being an active member of a WhatsApp group called 'MCC Spartans' which comprised budding cricketers, their parents and a few senior players. 'Spartans', George says was in reference to the basic facilities the boys made do with.

"When youngsters posted a message on the group asking about technique, Sanju would offer to help. He would ask them to either call him on his mobile phone or would tell them that he would talk to them the next day during training. Once he started helping these kids, he derived a lot of satisfaction. He was just like one among them. When he was at the training center, he was just *chetta* (elder brother in Malayalam) and not Sanju Samson," George says.

Samson, too, benefited from having a dedicated bunch of aspiring cricketers always willing to go out of their way to help him prepare. When he wanted to face a particular type of spinner, he would post a message on the group

and 'thumbs up' would immediately follow. "We have all types of spinners here, including some bowlers who can bowl off the wrong foot. Sanju would message that he would like to face a particular kind of bowler the next day on the centre wicket and everybody would be eager to bowl at him," the coach says.

At the end of a training session, Samson would indulge the budding cricketers. "Today he ordered parotta and curry for them," the coach said last week.

It was a treat to celebrate the India call-up to the T20 team for the three match series against Bangladesh.

Samson's only appearance for the senior India team has been a T20 international against Zimbabwe in 2015. His attacking game had been highly rated by former players but he didn't have the volume of runs to force his way into the India team. He would be talked up after a string of good scores but the wicket-keeper batsman found himself down the pecking order when it came to India selection. Ishan Kishen, the wicketkeeper-batsman from Jharkhand, was picked for the India 'A' squad when Rishabh Pant was called for national duty in July. An opportunity went abegging when Samson failed a yo-yo test before an India A' tour to England last year. He ran into headwinds back home with the Kerala Cricket Association and was sanctioned on two separate occasions.

However, over the past month he turned the corner. A 91 off just 48 balls against South Africa 'A' in a one-dayer and an unbeaten 212 against Goa in a Vijay Hazare Trophy game, the highest individual score in the tournament's history, provided him the breakthrough.

"I have to admit that I have gone through some very bad phases. People who have been close to me know what I went through and how bad it was. I started feeling 'why am I playing cricket' and 'what do I do now'. I was lost

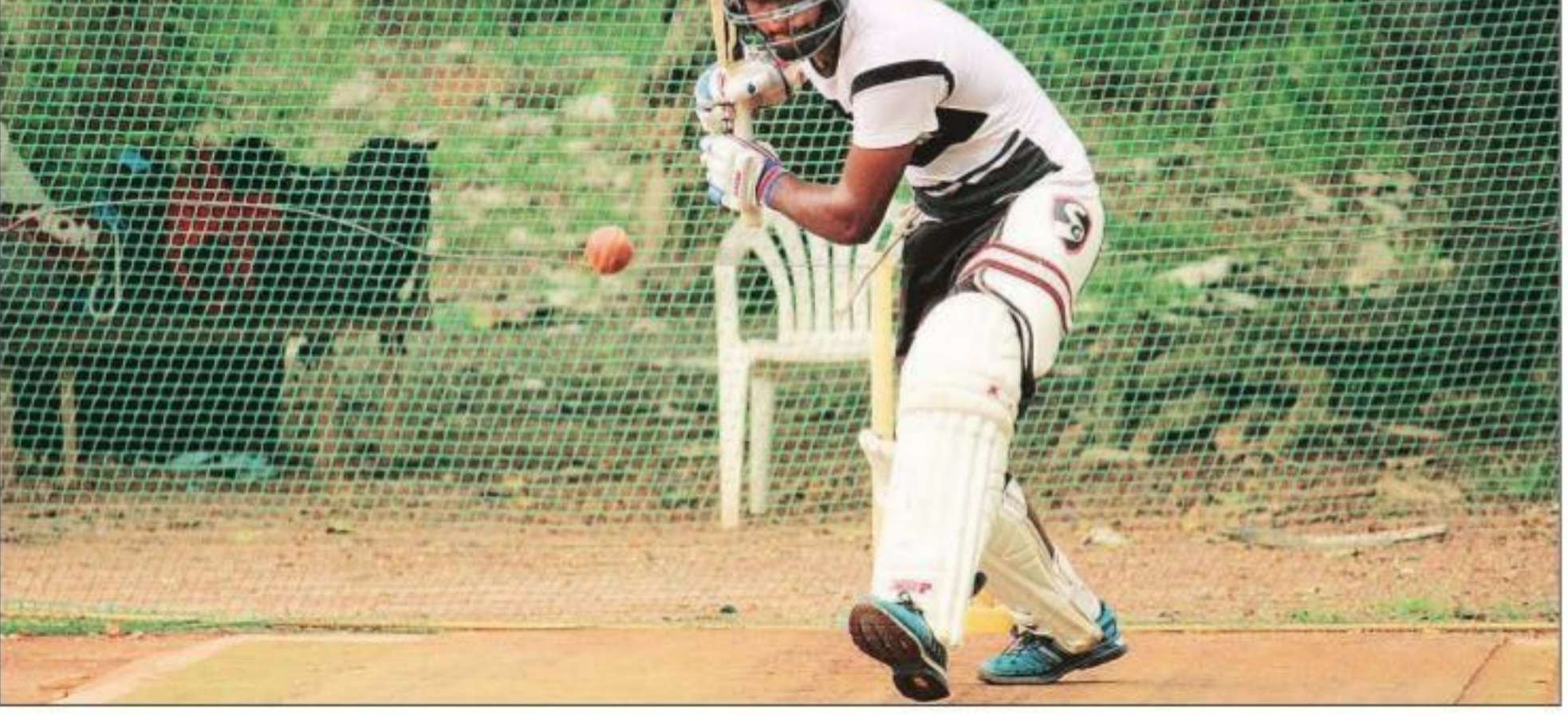
I have gone through some very bad phases. People who have been close to me know what I went through. I started feeling 'why am I playing cricket' and 'what do I do now'. I was lost and did not have any answers. I felt like it was a very deep failure for me. I was failing in matches but even when it came to cricketing thoughts I was failing (to think positive). Like 'why should I practice'. But looking back now, I feel it was good that I experienced these failures in the last four years. If things were easy and simple after the age of 19 when I made my debut I don't think I would have learnt how to recover after a failure," Samson says.

During the difficult times, Samson leaned on former Mumbai opener Zubin Bharucha who is the head of cricket at the Rajasthan Royals, the IPL team which gave Samson his first big break. Bharucha understood Samson like few others have and the conversations between the two weren't only restricted to technique.

"People may not know this, but Sanju is a very deep and complex person. Things do affect him a lot. He thinks a lot, he is deeply religious, he is conscientious. He is not superficial. We talked about the value of life beyond cricket, beyond the bat and ball. Understanding Sanju and his way of thinking is important," Bharucha says. "He is a cricketing prodigy who lost his way, he had to discover what drives him, he had to conquer his mind and he had to find himself."

Mentoring the young trainees at 'MCC Spartans' was part of Samson's quest to rediscover the joy of cricket, Bharucha adds.

The coach has a grievance against those



Sanju Samson practising at the medical college ground's SAI training centre in Thiruvananthapuram.

who hold Samson's lack of consistency against him. "The genius of players like Sanju need to be valued. People say Sanju is not consistent or for that matter they say the same about someone like Pant. I quote Ralph Waldo Emerson, the philosopher and poet: 'consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds'. If you appreciate their special talent then consistency will follow," Bharucha says.

At the time he went about clearing the cobwebs in his mind using yoga and meditation techniques, Samson also re-calibrated his fitness regimen. He enrolled himself at a curiously named gym Mad Shark. He started training with imported equipment used by rugby players and MMA fighters to develop

explosive strength. "Eat less and perform better is the philosophy Samson followed," says his trainer Sharan Kumar. "He worked on a combination of building explosive strength, speed and athleticism. He used to work out in the morning and then have his first meal only at 12 noon. And from 12 noon to 9 pm he would eat at regular intervals," Kumar, an Asian Kettlebell Champion, says.

The trainer elaborates on the benefits of exercising while depriving the body of food for a few hours.

"Exercising on an empty stomach or while intermittent fasting helps boost the endocrine system and boosts the body's growth hormone. Sanju is heavier but the 7 kilos he has

added is all lean muscle, which is good muscle and this means he is much stronger but at the same time he is agile," the trainer adds.

Changing his fitness routine, having 'life talks' with Bharucha and spending hours at his childhood coach George's training centre helped Samson re-energise himself and rediscover his love for the game.

"Nowadays I find myself relaxed when batting, even smiling while batting... even when I miss a ball. Earlier I would get angry with myself and say 'come on Sanju how could you miss that ball', now I tell myself 'it is ok, the bowler is also trying his best to get you out'. I have started enjoying the game once again, just like the times when I first started playing," he says.

# Hunters become the hunted, voluntarily

With an eye on the T20 World Cup, India want to get out of their comfort zone — chasing — and start actively setting targets

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INDIA CAPTAIN Virat Kohli relishes chases. In T20Is, he averages a sensational 81.23 while gunning down opposition targets. Last month, however, during the third and final T20 match against South Africa in Bengaluru, he decided to go against the grain and took first strike after winning the toss. The move backfired and India lost that match by 9 wickets. The loss did little to quell Kohli's confidence. During the press conference, he asserted that he did this to challenge his players and allow them to come out of their comfort zone by batting first precisely because T20 is a format where chasing was a lot easier.

"I would say that only in T20 cricket chasing is easier. In ODIs, bowlers have the time to make a comeback, but in this format, a partnership of 40-50 runs can take the game away from you," he said, before adding: "One good partnership and you're under the pump even if you are defending 200," he said.

The Bengaluru game provided a peek into the Indian captain's flexible mindset while chalking out his team's template in the run-up to the World T20 in Australia, which is scheduled in October 2020. Simply put, opting to bat first after winning the toss would be the way forward for India in the game's shortest format. "That's exactly what we want to do and this will be the template that we will follow for the games before the World Cup. The mindset has to be flexible and to try out things when situations are stacked against us. We will have games like this where we don't execute what we want. But as long as the intent is there to improve, we'll be in a good zone," Kohli explained.

Two days before India's opening T20 fixture against Bangladesh, team's batting coach Vikram Rathour reaffirmed the captain's mantra. "In the last series, we deliberately batted first in one of the matches that we lost, because we believe that's an area we need to work on. We need to bat better when we bat first as we are pretty confident while chasing," Rathour said.

India had endured a string of losses in recent times in T20s while batting first. In the last two years — starting from the series against Australia in 2017 — India have lost 7 matches and won 11 while taking first strike. Of the last five matches where they have batted first, they have lost four.

What makes Kohli quietly confident about this move is the talented pool of players at his disposal who have the insouciance and the temperament to pull off singular acts of brilliance in the face of adversity.

The Indian captain's decision is also based on the team's sudden implosions in the ICC events. The 2014 World T20 final against Sri Lanka in Dhaka and the semifinal against West Indies at the Wankhede two years later are two classic examples when India wilted while batting first.

This move is a bit paradoxical for a team that has continually befuddled during chases in ODIs. The World Cup semifinal loss to New Zealand at Old Trafford may seem a one-off instance, but even their other loss at the showpiece event in England came while chasing. Now, add to that the 2015 World Cup semifinal loss to Australia in Sydney, and to Pakistan two years later in the Champions Trophy final at The Oval, and you have a pretty



Rohit Sharma takes part in a practice session at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi on Friday. Praveen Khanna

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INDIA'S BATTING COACH

sombre looking list of self-combustions while chasing in the 50-over format.

That, however, is no reason to find fault with the team management's reasoning. "Mentally, if we put ourselves in a situation where we are ready to do anything rather than wanting to do one thing, we will be in a better position as a side to capitalise on any situation that we are in," insisted Kohli.

"Unless you do that, unless you start taking those risks, you are always going to be put under somewhere or the other. We

want to make sure that we iron all those out before we head into the World Cup."

With the World T20 barely a year away, the Indian team management believes that the time is ripe to carry out such experiments. One among them would be to bat first in T20s after winning the toss. So, what began in Bengaluru against South Africa last month, is all set to continue in the upcoming three-match T20 series against Bangladesh as well.

Rohit suffers injury scare

India captain Rohit Sharma was hit on his rib-cage while taking throwdowns during training session on Friday. Rohit, who will lead the team against Bangladesh, received the blow by Nuwan Seneviratne, a throw-down expert from Sri Lanka, who was brought in to counter left-arm seamers in the Bangladesh squad. "There is nothing to worry...he is absolutely fine," a team source told *The Indian Express*.

## Shakib episode will affect B'desh performance, concedes coach

*New Delhi:* Bangladesh coach Russell Domingo has said the recent ban on Shakib Al Hasan will likely affect the team's performance. Shakib was banned for two years, one year suspended, for failing to report three corrupt approaches from a suspected Indian bookie, a day before the team's departure.

"He has been a big player for Bangladesh and is close friends with a lot of players. So it has obviously affected a few players. Obviously he has made a mistake and he is paying the price for it," Domingo said.

"There's not much we can control. Obviously it affects the team's performance but we need to be focused on the series and the World Cup (T20). I haven't had a chance to know him personally but players have a

great respect for him. But as I said, he has made a mistake and paid the price for it," added Domingo, who took charge of the Bangladesh team about a month ago.

Domingo admitted that Shakib's dual skills, which fetched him more 11,000 runs and over 500 wickets across three formats, will be sorely missed. "He bats at No.3. Often, he opens the bowling, bowls first change, bowls four overs in every game, he is one of our leading batters. So you need to decide whether you replace the batsman or do you replace the bowler. Because you can't replace both as it is very difficult to get players who provide both skills. So you might find yourself short in some department and strengthened in one department," Domingo explained. **PTI**

# After first leg, one foot in Tokyo

Brandishing a clinical game, India’s women make short work of the Americans to reach a step closer to realising the Olympic dream

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THE TURN was so sharp, so deadly that an American defender who got tricked lay flat on her stomach, burying face in her hands. Facing the goal sideways to her right, Rani Rampal seemingly had nowhere to go when Sushila Chanu played a square pass inside the ‘D’ from a fluffed penalty corner. Rani had two defenders on her, both assuming Rani to either play it back to Sushila or pass it to a teammate a couple of yards behind her.

Instead, she locked the ball using the toe of her stick and executed a perfect 360-degree turn to open up space. Without even looking up, she found Neha Goyal on the baseline, who crossed it across the face of the USA goal and Lilima Minz tapped it in to put India ahead.

The 360 could well pass off as a metaphor for the turnaround in the Indian team in the recent years. In the 36-year competitive history between the two teams in International Hockey Federation (FIH) tournaments, India had never beaten the USA and had never scored more than two goals against them in one match.

On Friday, Rani’s quick-thinking led to the goal that came against the run of play but opened the floodgates for India, who eventually won the first of the two Olympic qualifiers 5-1. The result puts them in a commanding position to qualify for two consecutive Olympics for the first time ever, as the USA will now have to beat them by a similar margin to force a shoot-out, or a bigger difference to qualify directly.

Before the win that could well be decisive, though, there was very nearly a disaster. It had been 1,690 days since Indian women played a FIH match at home. When they finally did on Friday, the stage fright very nearly killed India’s Tokyo dreams. The range on the passes was missing and the trapping was pedestrian.

When they had to shoot, they were shy. When they had to defend, they erred. Their bodies won’t do what the mind said. And it was baffling how the USA had not taken the lead. It was even more perplexing how India entered the half time 1-0 ahead, via the Minz goal.

“I was not happy with the way we were playing in the first 30 minutes. They got nervous. So I told them this was not a matter of life and death. They did not have to fear anything. Just had to breathe, and think,” coach Sjoerd Marijne says.

With the fear of losing gone, India unleashed hell in the third quarter. In those 15 minutes, India gave an exhibition of near-perfect hockey.

### The tribal quintet

In deep defence, Deep Grace Ekka ensured the US did not enter India’s defensive third even once. To her left, Lilima ran up and down the wings tirelessly, giving midfielders Namita Toppo and Salima Tete options to pass. On the right, Nikki Pradhan played the perfect defensive cover in absence of the experienced Sunita Lakra.

The quintet from the tribal belts of Odisha and Jharkhand provided India the solidity in structure, which allowed the more creative players the freedom to push forward. That push came from Sushila Chanu, who wrestled control of the mid-field from USA captain Kathleen Sharkey, and Navjot Kaur, whose long, probing balls invariably found an Indian player inside the American ‘D’.

The full-court press employed in the third quarter choked USA’s outletting – the first pass from the back – and pushed them deep into their own half. And three goals that came as a result of it was a snapshot of the progress the team has made.

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## Pooja wrestles past hurdles to claim World silver

NITIN SHARMA  
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 1

WHEN SHE first took up the sport, a teenage Pooja Gehlot faced the dilemma most women wrestlers training at *akhadas* face – whether to grapple with boys. Mixed training sessions are commonplace yet for someone entering an *akhada* the first time it can be a culture shock. This particular nursery in Bankner, North-West Delhi, was run by Anand Prakash Dahiya but the only trainees were boys. Pooja took the plunge.

The decision, not to be put off by the training tradition and take up the sport, has paid off. On Friday, she won a silver at the Under-23 World Wrestling Championships in Budapest. Pooja, 22, lost to Japan’s Haruno Okuno 1-12 in the final. Though the difference in points is unflattering for Pooja, what must be accounted for was that she was up against a formidable wrestler. Okuno, just 20, has already won two senior world titles – in the 55 kg in 2017 and in the 53 kg in 2018. A day earlier, Pooja was impressive in the 8-4 win over 2018 Junior European Wrestling Championship gold-medallist Zeynep Yetgil of Turkey. Gehlot was solid in defence against the Turkish wrestler.



India’s were clinical in exposing the vulnerability of their American opponents to notch up the maiden win over them in an FIH tournament. *HI*

**RESULTS WOMEN**  
India 5 (Lilima Minz 28, Sharmila Devi 40, Gurjit Kaur 42, 51, Navneet Kaur 46) beat USA 1 (Erin Matson 54).

**MEN**  
India 4 (Harmanpreet Singh 5, Mandeep Singh 24 and 53, S Sunil 48) beat Russia 2 (Andriy Kurev 17, Semen Matkovskiy 54).

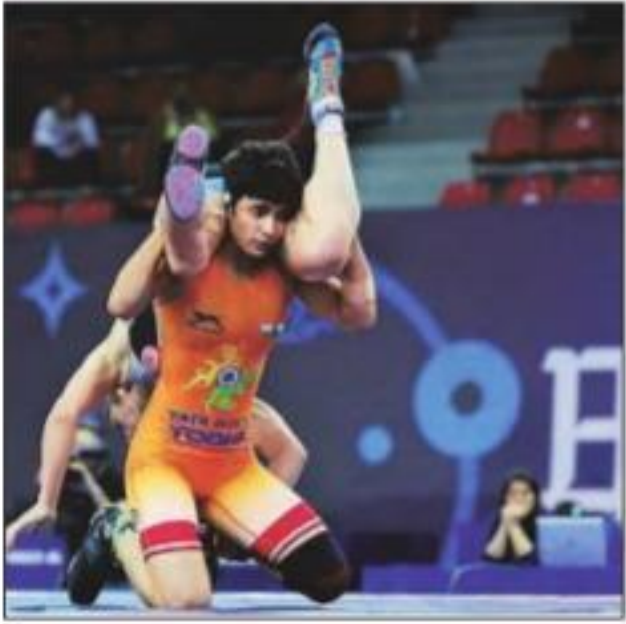
which doubled India’s lead, came from a blinding combination play between Navneet Kaur and Lilima, before Sharmila Devi finished it off (a move yesteryear commentators would’ve as—Lilima se Navneet, Navneet se Sharmila, *aur yeh* goal!)

Minutes later, India earned their second penalty corner of the quarter and Gurjit Kaur, by far India’s best woman drag-flicker, aimed it low towards USA goalkeeper Kealsie Robles’ right to triple the scoreline. And before USA could even breathe, India were at their doorsteps once again with 17-year-old Lalremsiami and 18-year-old Salima launching a breathtaking counterattack that was finished off by Navneet.

“Setting up an attack like that at this stage. I think every Indian can be proud of that,” Marijne says off the counterattack. “It was our best quarter.”

India did not show any signs of letting up in the final 15 minutes. It was only after Gurjit made it 5-0 by converting a penalty stroke that Rani & Co. got a little complacent. And they were punished for that almost immediately as USA pulled one back after Erin Matson – who had multiple scoring opportunities in the first half – scored from the spot.

Whether her goal is a consolation, or it sparks a comeback on Saturday, though, remains to be seen. After half-time in this two-match tie, it is India who have their one foot in the Olympics.



Pooja’s upper-body gives her an edge over her competitors. *File*

Pooja says her upper-body strength gives her an advantage and it comes from training with boys. “Initially, when I knew that I had to train with boys I was reluctant. But I wanted to be a wrestler and my father always motivated me to not think about such things. Training with Greco-Roman wrestlers helped make by defence rock-solid,” Pooja says.

Gehlot’s father Vijender Singh and family

## Gurjit, a drag-flick pioneer

MIHIR VASAVDA  
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 1

FOR GURJIT KAUR, drag-flicking was once a desperate measure. It is now India’s deadliest weapon. Irony, in one sense, because until she picked it up, India’s women teams had never really warmed up to this essential art that has been a must in modern hockey since the turn of the century.

“But there was a two-fold problem for the women,” former women’s team coach AK Bansal says. “Strength was one issue and the second was they did not have anyone to learn from.”

Drag-flicking is an aspect, Bansal says, that no coach teaches a player. “Coaches refine or make some tweaks, but most Indians who are expert flickers are drawn to the art by themselves. If any coach says he has produced a drag-flicker, he is lying,” Bansal, chief coach of the National Hockey Academy in Delhi, says.

Until very recently, a hit was the only option from a penalty corner for the women players. It was the go-to method for the likes of Suman Bala, Jaspreet Kaur or Asunta Lakra. There used to be variations, but they were seen as lacking the strength to execute a perfect penalty corner. In a way, Gurjit is single-handedly changing that perception.

Her first goal against the USA was the 20th of the year from drag-flicks for Gurjit, who is regarded as the first exponent of the art in India’s women’s hockey. She has, in fact, scored 21 out of the 73 goals India have scored in 2019, making her indispensable to the team. Just two years ago, however, she was a bench-warmer.

Like most women players in the country, Gurjit has been in the national team set-up from the time she was a teenager. “I got a few opportunities to play but in important series,



Gurjit Kaur netted a brace. *HI*

I was not getting chances,” she says.

A defender with no real expertise, Gurjit remained in-and-out of the team for three years. “That’s when I realized I needed some x-factor,” she says. “Our team did not have a drag-flicker, so I thought of giving it a shot since strength has never been an issue for me.”

There was, however, no one woman player she could turn to for tips. “So I started watching videos. I saw how the best men and women players took their penalty corners and tried to copy their technique in training,” she says.

In 2017, during a tour to Europe, Sjoerd Marijne arranged a training session for Gurjit with Toon Siepman, who has mentored some of the best drag-flickers of all-time, including Pakistan’s Sohail Abbas and, more

recently, Netherlands’ Mink van der Veerden.

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## Maxwell’s decision to seek treatment courageous: Waugh

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MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 1

FORMER CAPTAIN Steve Waugh, an alumni of the “tough school” of Australian cricket, has praised all-rounder Glenn Maxwell for having the courage to seek treatment for a mental health issue. Maxwell was ruled out of the Australian team indefinitely on Thursday after confiding in coach Justin Langer about his health issues ahead of a T20 match against Sri Lanka in Adelaide. “I think it’s a courageous decision and one that should be applauded,” Waugh told reporters on Friday of Maxwell’s break from the team. “It’s a high-pressure situation, professional sport, and people have got outside pressures and things happening in life just like normal people. Sometimes it becomes a bit too much.”

Waugh, who led a series of uncompromising teams in the late 1990s and early 2000s, is renowned for unabashedly championing “mental disintegration”, Australia’s tactic of putting opposition players off their games through targeted sledging.

He freely admitted that speaking about a

## Mandeep’s brace seals India’s 4-2 victory over plucky Russia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 1

MANDEEP SINGH struck twice as a below-par India struggled past minnows Russia 4-2 in the first-leg of the two-match hockey Olympic Qualifier here on Friday. Mandeep (24th, 53rd minutes) scored two field goals while Harmanpreet Singh (5th) and SV Sunil (48th) also hit the target for India.

It was an expected to be a ‘David vs Goliath’ contest going by the class and vast gap in world rankings between the two teams but world no. 22 Russia dished out a fighting effort to surprise the hosts and keep the difference of goals to just two.

World no.5 India still can’t breathe easy as Russia clearly showed they are capable of creating an upset in the second and final match on Saturday. The aggregate winner at the end of the two-match qualifier will seal its place for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

Russia had the first shot at the goal in the third minute with Pavel Golubev showing quick-thinking from a free-hit, taking it himself but his backhand effort was blocked by India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh. Two minutes later, Russia goalkeeper Marat Gafarov was called into action by India captain Manpreet Singh, whose first shot was saved but was fouled as he attempted his follow-up. The hosts made good use of the video referral to get a penalty stroke and Harmanpreet made no mistake. India were dominant but it was far from cakewalk for the hosts as two minutes later Sreejesh was forced to make another save before the Russians won a penalty corner. However, the chance went wasted because of a miss-trap at the top of the circle from Iaroslav Loginov.

But two minutes into the second quarter, India were in for a shock as Russia equalised through a field strike from Andrey Kuraev, who after receiving an overhead pass, cut across the top of the circle before guiding his shot into the bottom left corner past India’s second goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak. Minutes later, a diving Sergey Lepeshkin almost handed Russia the lead but his angled deflection from Evgeny Artemov’s pass from the right, missed the top corner of the Indian goal by a fraction.

India, however, restored their lead in the 24th minute through Mandeep, who thrashed home a backhand strike into the bottom left corner past Russia goalkeeper Gafarov. Just at the stroke of half-time, India secured their first penalty corner but Harmanpreet’s try was comfortably kept away by Gafarov as the hosts went into the break with a slender 2-1 lead.

The Russians continued their good show and made a bright start to the third quarter creating two good chances, the second of which almost produced the equaliser. Marat Khairullin received the ball unmarked in the Indian circle and smashed a blistering backhand strike just wide of the goal. Russia matched their faniced opponents stick for stick but India, somehow, managed to hold on to their slender lead at the end of the third quarter. After wasting their second penalty corner, India finally got some breathing space by extending their lead in the 48th minute through Sunil, who scored from close range following a goal-mouth scramble. Mandeep scored his second goal of the day in the 53rd minute from a counter attack to make the scoreline 4-1 in favour of the hosts.



Mandeep Singh was yet again clinical.

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mental health issue was taboo during his playing days. “It was a tough school back then, and I look at a lot of players I played with and I think back now, and maybe they had mental issues,” said the 54-year-old. “But at the time, it was almost a sign of weakness to put your hand up. I’m glad that that’s changed because so many people suffered in silence.”

Waugh felt social media was fuelling mental health issues “Everyone’s on Facebook and Instagram and nobody ever posts anything negative (about themselves), so when you see someone else’s post you think, ‘Maybe my life is not as good as it should be’, and you’re always trying to catch up and do things better.”

# Between England & pot of gold: The Rainbow Nation

After their upset win over All Blacks, Eddie Jones's team looks to get the better of Spring Boks and record a famous World Cup win

WHILE THE Springboks are known for their racial inclusion and mixed race team, England are slashing at labels of rugby belonging to privileged.

Andy Bull writing for *The Guardian*, highlights England's own rainbow composition. "Jack Nowell's and Luke Cowan-Dickie's fathers both work as trawlermen in Newlyn. Kyle Sinckler grew up on a council estate in Tooting, the son of a single mother and a father he never met. Sinckler was told by a lot of people, while growing up, that he wouldn't amount to anything. He feels urge to show what is possible. Ellis Genge's uncle is in prison for murder and the prop was arrested himself when he was young – but never charged – "for fights and scuffles and things that never should've happened. Star Manu Tuilagi stormed past the idea that rugby is exclusive.

He came to England from Samoa and stayed as an illegal immigrant on an expired tourist visa. Mako and Billy Vunipola, one born in Wellington, the other in Sydney, moved to a tiny terraced house in Pontypool so their father could play club rugby. Courtney Lawes' father emigrated from Jamaica, Anthony Watson's mother came from Nigeria, Jonathan Joseph's father moved from the island of Carriacou, part of Grenada, and Lewis Ludlam's grandmother on one side came from Guyana during Windrush and grandmother on the other is a Palestinian from Gaza. It's called a mix cause there's a bunch of well to do ones too," Bull writes. So who are England?

"They are multitudes. They have different backgrounds, different politics, different points of view. They are diverse, messy, complicated and contradictory. But they are together, and on Saturday they all have the same opportunity in front of them," Bull adds.

## MATCHUPS

■ **Cheslin Kolbe, standing at 1.71m and a light 80 kg, who returns for the Boks Vs Jonny May who has "got a lot of wheels" for the aerial battle and chasing up on the kick.**

■ **The kicking game will have Faf de Klerk, Handre Pollard and Willie leRoux go up against the arrogant Owen Farrell, and livewires George Ford and Elliot Daly. De Klerk will need to shade scrum-half Ben Youngs.**

■ **Sam Underhill will go up against Siya Kolisi for the turnover balls at breakdown. Or his Bath clubmate Francois Louw, should he start.**

■ **Maro Itoje and Eben Etzebeth – in the lineouts where men soar high, the English second row will be up against the former SA skipper. It's a 6-ft-5 Vs 6-ft-8 battle, though Itoje who speaks eloquently against racism, is up against one who is accused (but has denied) charges of assault and racist slurs.**

### All Physical

England's defence guru, John Mitchell, has spoken throughout this Rugby World Cup about the team's innate 'brutality' – and acknowledged they will need it in abundance on Saturday. The Red Rose players physically dominated the All Blacks in their semis and Mitchell reckons they will need to summon up even greater levels of ferocity in the final. Boks coach Rassie Erasmus has vowed to stick to "dull tactics" a limited, combative style. Boks might be

boring, but Rassie does not care and he will continue using their massive pack and strong mauling game. Defence has been the bedrock of World Cup finals. Springboks' rugby has always been built on the ability to create pressure. In England, there is now another team who can create that type of pressure. The formidable posse reads: Curry, Underhill, Lawes, Vunipola, Vunipola, Itoje, Sinckler, George. The Boks have the feared Duane Vermulean.

### Victory parade planned in London

A victory parade in central London is reportedly being organised after talks between the RFU and the mayor of London's office zeroed in on Tuesday, November 5 the likely date for the event.

### Back row trends

England Back rowers Sam Underhill and Tom curry will be expected to carry forward the trend of champion teams boasting a pair of hard-bitten, seen-it-all flankers. New Zealand's old firm of Richie McCaw and Jerome Kaino steered the All Blacks to glory at the past two Rugby World Cups. South Africa had the teak-tough Schalk Burger and Juan Smith in 2007, while England in 2003 benefitted from the high-class duo of Richard Hill and Neil Back. Curry though is 21, Underhill, 23, but the newly-minted word 'Undercurry' (strong, unyielding, seriously nasty) may soon be pushing for inclusion in the Oxford English Dictionary. England's youthful duo remind many of McCaw and the esteemed Wallaby David Pocock, though they are threateningly quicker with their chop tackling and insatiable work-rate and 'rocks and boulders in their shoulders" and discipline to tackle lower.

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# All Blacks take third place with six-try win over Wales

THE ALL Blacks bid farewell to coach Steve Hansen and cskipper Kieran Read with a 40-17 victory over Wales at Tokyo Stadium on Friday, claiming the one Rugby World Cup prize that no team sets out to win – third place.

Winger Ben Smith grabbed a brace and Joe Moody, Beauden Barrett, Ryan Crotty and Richie Mo'unga also crossed as New Zealand rebounded from their semi-final loss to England and extended their 66-year winning streak over Wales to 31 tests.

Both teams came to play and Wales, also saying farewell to coach Warren Gatland, ran the ball at every opportunity to score tries through fullback Hallam Amos and Josh Adams – a Welsh record seventh of the tournament for the winger.

South Africa, who beat Wales in the other semi-final last weekend, face off against England in the final at Yokohama International Stadium on Saturday.

"It was just important we came back and honoured the



New Zealand's Kieran Read with family after playing his final international match. Reuters

jersey and the fans and put that one last week behind us," said Hansen. "We've played good footy throughout, but one bad game and you're out. That's knockout footy. Really proud of the boys."

While pundits and fans had questioned the relevance of a third-placed playoff, both sides said the game was an opportunity to bury the demons of their semi-final losses.

It was also still a test between traditional rivals, with the All Blacks boasting a win-

ning streak against Wales that stretches back to 1953. Read and fellow veterans Crotty, Smith and Sonny Bill Williams, who were all playing their final games for the All Blacks, were superb as New Zealand built a 35-10 lead early in the second half.

The All Blacks threatened from the outset and scored a fifth-minute try from prop Moody, an example of how they can play when their ball handling and running into space clicks. REUTERS

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04030	Delhi	13:45	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:00	2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations
04038	Delhi	20:50	Chhapra	15:30	2A, 3A, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar & Siwan Jn. Stations

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