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Maharashtra wakes up to Fadnavis as CM, with a Pawar as his deputy

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

IN A dramatic turn of events, the BJP turned the tables on former ally Shiv Sena to bring back Devendra Fadnavis as Maharashtra Chief Minister on Saturday, taking the help of a faction of NCP MLAs led by Ajit Pawar. In an early morning ceremony, Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari swore in Fadnavis as CM and Ajit as Deputy CM.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar held a joint press conference with Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray to denounce Ajit, and to claim that of the 10-11 NCP MLAs who had accompanied him to the swearing-in, three had "returned". Ajit was later removed as NCP legislature party chief at a meeting of the NCP, where party leaders claimed 42 of its 54 MLAs were present.

NCP state president Jayant Patil said seven of the 12 missing MLAs had called to say they were with the party, while five were not reachable. All constitutional rights of a legislature party chief have been bestowed on Patil. The legislature party leader has the power to issue whip to MLAs.

The BJP has 105 MLAs, and claims the support of 14 Independents. BJP sources said 28 to 30 NCP MLAs were with Ajit, which would take their tally



Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar with Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan Saturday; Sharad Pawar and Sena leaders Uddhav, Aaditya Thackeray at a press conference in Mumbai



Black chapter for democracy, Gov a hitman for Amit Shah, says Congress

MANOJ CG & VISHWAS WAGHMODE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

OUTSMARTED AND outmanoeuvred in the Maharashtra game of thrones, the Congress on Saturday hit out at the central government, accusing it of "subverting the Constitution" and "throttling democracy".

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari had acted as a "hitman" of Home Minister Amit Shah, the Congress said. Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray described the BJP's action as "shameless". The Left parties and the Aam Aadmi Party too, strongly attacked the government.

However, there was a telling silence from the rest of the Opposition.

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to 147-149 MLAs in the 288-member House. The BJP is also said to be wooing the six Independents with the Sena.

The hunt for missing NCP MLAs saw it working in tandem with the Sena to ensure that the legislators seen as supporting Ajit did not slip out of Mumbai. After reports emerged that they might be flown out, scouts from the NCP and Sena were deployed at Mumbai airport and its vicinity. The NCP took the help of the Sena as the latter has a strong

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Ajit sacked as legislature party leader, most MLAs back, but floor test is key

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

ON SATURDAY, the power tussle within Maharashtra's most powerful political family, the Pawar clan, came out in the open, with Sharad Pawar's nephew Ajit, leading a faction of MLAs, split ranks to join hands with the BJP and form the government in the state.

While some questions are still being raised on whether Sharad Pawar was aware of Ajit's actions, the NCP patriarch, in a show of strength, made sure that most of the MLAs who had gone with his nephew returned to the party. At a party meeting where disciplinary action was initiated against Ajit, 42 out of the party's 54 MLAs were present.

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Sanjay Bhansod was brought back from the airport.

Nirmal Harindran **PAGE 13**

EXPLAINED **Ajit Pawar loses NCP Whip hand**

NO LONGER Legislature Party leader, Ajit's Whip will have no power in a floor test. MLAs who act against the new Whip may run risk of being disqualified by Speaker.

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Ajit comes out of Pawar shadow

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Sena-NCP-Cong in SC today, seek trust vote in 24 hours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

LATE SATURDAY evening, the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress combine filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking quashing of the Maharashtra Governor's decision to swear in Devendra Fadnavis as chief minister, and demanded that a floor test be held within 24 hours to

avoid "further horse trading". A Bench of Justices N V Ramana, Ashok Bhushan and Sanjiv Khanna will hear the plea on Sunday at 11.30 am.

The three parties also asked the court to direct Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari to invite them to form a government under the leadership of Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, saying they had finalised a common

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Dy CM Ajit Pawar was BJP target in irrigation, other 'scams'

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, NOVEMBER 23

AJIT PAWAR, who took oath as deputy chief minister in a BJP-led government on Saturday morning, has been linked to cases in the alleged multi-thousand crore irrigation scam currently before the Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court.

Although Ajit Pawar has not been named as accused yet in any of the cases, then Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) DGP Sanjay Barve had said in an affidavit in November 2018 that Pawar had intervened in the process of award of contracts for irrigation projects, by ensuring that mobilisation advance (MA) was given to contractors by tweaking rules, and also by approving irregular escalations of project costs.

The HC is scheduled to hear the matters on November 28. Late Saturday evening, it appeared that most NCP MLAs

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IN MAHARASHTRA DRAMA, THE KEY LEGAL PROVISION — ANTI-DEFECTION LAW

In the extraordinary political drama unfolding since dawn on November 23, it remains unclear how many NCP lawmakers are with Ajit Pawar in his decision to join hands with the BJP. NCP supremo Sharad Pawar has said that his nephew's action is an act of indiscipline, and attracts the provisions of the anti-defection law.

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FADNAVIS, AJIT PAWAR TAKE OATH

Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari administered the oath of office

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Dy CM Ajit Pawar was BJP target in irrigation, other 'scams'

were with party chief Sharad Pawar. When Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is required to seek a vote of confidence in the Assembly could depend on the proceedings in the Supreme Court on Sunday morning — when a petition by the Shiv Sena, NCP, and Congress against the Governor's action comes up for hearing.

The HC has repeatedly expressed dissatisfaction over the slow progress of the investigation. The first Devendra Fadnavis government had started the probe after being sharply nudged by the HC after about a year of coming to power in 2014. The first offence was registered on February 23, 2016, and the first chargesheet was filed on September 3 that year in a sessions court. On the directions of the HC, two Special Investigation Teams were formed on April 4, 2018. On August 23, 2018, the HC directed that all cases should be disposed of in three months.

As Leader of Opposition when the Congress-NCP was in power, Fadnavis had repeatedly accused Pawar — then deputy chief minister — of corruption and diverting irrigation funds meant for Vidarbha to western Maharashtra, and demanded an investigation by the CBI.

In the 2014 Maharashtra Assembly elections, the BJP used the alleged Rs 70,000 crore irrigation scam as the rallying point for its campaign. At one point, Fadnavis had told reporters: "BJP will never, never, never have an alliance with the NCP. All talk

about a possible alliance between the two parties are rumours. Our fight is against corruption."

Along with other party leaders, Fadnavis took to the streets riding a bullock cart loaded with copies of documents, to demonstrate how much evidence there was about the so-called "irrigation scam" against Pawar and his NCP colleague Sunil Tatkar, who held the water resources portfolio between them from 1999 to 2009.

But over the past five years, whenever he was asked about the irrigation scam cases, Fadnavis's stock reply has been: "The government is committed to acting against corruption. The matter will take long, as it is legally complicated."

The HC is hearing five PILs together. Four of them are regarding four projects — Lower Pedhi, Raigad Barrage, and Waghad in Amravati district, and Jigao in Buldana district — while the fifth, filed by the NGO Janmanch, is regarding the Ghosikhurd project in Bhandara district.

So far, 20 FIRs have been filed in the Nagpur division cases, and five in the Amravati division cases. Five chargesheets have been filed so far in the Nagpur cases; none yet in the Amravati cases.

Together, ACB Nagpur and ACB Amravati are investigating 302 tenders for irregularities including updation of tender cost above the permissible 5 per cent, awarding contracts to unregistered joint venture companies by irrigation officials, and submission of false work experience certificates by contractors, etc.

On Pawar, the ACB affidavit said: "The Water Resources Department (WRD) had issued a circular on April 16, 2008, stating that provision of MA should not be made in any tender. This circular was annulled vide circu-

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presence in unions related to the aviation sector.

Saturday's developments came hours after Sharad Pawar had named Thackeray as the chief ministerial designate of an NCP-Sena, Congress alliance. The three parties were planning to stake claim to form the government on Saturday.

The formal decision to revoke President's rule was taken shortly before 5.30 am by the President. Chief Secretary Ajoy Mehta was only told in the morning.

With fevered speculation swirling in Mumbai, the top-most question on everyone's mind was if Ajit had the blessing of Pawar and other NCP leaders.

At his press conference with Thackeray, Pawar said this was far from the case and committed to defeat the Fadnavis government in a floor test. He said he had been unaware of his nephew's plans. "I got to know at 6:45 am from a colleague that Ajit Pawar and some MLAs had gone to Raj Bhavan... The decision taken by Ajit Pawar is against the ethos of the NCP and

disciplinary action will be initiated against him," Pawar said, while adding that the NCP would meet and decide what form this action would take.

Thackeray termed the developments "shameless". "This is nothing but disrespect towards the Constitution and the mandate given by Maharashtra. We will stand together and we will form the government in Maharashtra," Thackeray said.

According to NCP sources, Manikrao Kokate (Sinnar MLA), Narhari Zirwal (Dindori), Sunil Shelke (Maval), Sandeep Kshirsagar (Beed), Dilip Bankar (Niphad), Rajendra Shingane (Buldhana), Sangram Jagtap (Ahmednagar), Babasaheb Patil (Ahmedpur), Sunil Tingare (Vadgaon), Daulat Daroda (Shahapur), Anil Patil (Amalner), Nitin Pawar (Kalwan), and Sanjay Bansode (Udgir), were among those who accompanied Ajit to the Governor. Party leaders claimed they came rushing back once they knew Pawar was not with Ajit.

Shingane, who was present at the Pawar-Thackeray press conference, claimed that the

off and cheat a democratic mandate... They have actually betrayed the people," Surjewala said.

He said the Congress would fight the "subversion of the Constitution" both legally and on the floor of the House by defeating the confidence motion.

Surjewala said the Governor was said to have met Fadnavis at 2 am on Saturday, and President's Rule had been revoked at 5.47 am. "There is a process in the Constitution, and that process is that the Governor has to first satisfy himself that there is a government that can be constituted in accordance with the law, and people claiming majority had actually the real majority. We know that till today, the NCP has not been split under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law)... For that, two things are mandatory... a political party must split, and two-third of the legislators must walk away," Surjewala said.

"Till today, we have not heard Ajit Pawar having made a single statement that the Nationalist Congress Party has split. In absence thereof, how could the Governor consider any letter? Unless and until 36 legislators went to the Governor, post declaration of split of NCP and said 'we hereby have constituted a separate political party', how could the Governor accept that mandate?"

So, Surjewala said, "the majority was only possible by way of split in NCP, but a split in NCP never happened under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, 36 legislators never gave a representation in writing, but the Governor never verified the signatures of the each legislator, either by way of an affidavit or, by way of a personal attendance of each legislator before the Governor, then how could the Governor presume that Fadnavis has the majority?"

The NCP has 54 MLAs in the House.

Surjewala also asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Shah to reveal the time at which the Union Cabinet met on Friday night, which ministers were present, and exactly when the Cabinet recommended the removal of President's Rule.

In Mumbai, Uddhav Thackeray said: "The shameless game going on under the garb of democracy has been seen by the country. It has been made clear that they neither want an opposition party nor an ally or competitive leaders within the BJP. This is a fight based on ego."

Referring indirectly to Fadnavis's "I-will-come-back" election campaign, Thackeray said: "After seeing all this, I feel that rather than saying 'I will come again', he should have said, 'I will not go', and used Fevicol to stick to his chair."

Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel said it was a "black day" in Maharashtra's history. "This is a mockery of the Constitution. There is a limit to shamelessness, but the BJP has crossed it," Patel said.

Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena leader and MP, said that NCP leader Ajit Pawar had backstabbed the Sena by joining hands with the BJP to form the government in Maharashtra. "The state will never forgive Ajit Pawar for this act," Raut said. "Our information is that Ajit Pawar was blackmailed into joining the BJP government."

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Sena-NCP-Cong in SC today, seek trust vote in 24 hours

minimum programme for a post-poll alliance called the 'Maha Vikas Aghadi' and had the support of more than 144 MLAs.

Saying "all the MLAs of the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress are completely and solidly with the alliance except for Shri Ajit Pawar", the petitioners said the Governor had acted in a "partisan manner" by inviting Fadnavis and allowed himself to be a "pawn in the BJP's illegal usurpation of power".

The parties called for a floor test to stop "illegal manoeuvres to somehow cobble up a majority", and called Koshiyari's actions on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday "a textbook example of a governor acting at the behest of a political party in power

at the Centre". They appealed that a "special session" be held on November 24, with administering of oath to the MLAs the "only agenda", "immediately followed by the holding of a floor test".

The plea called the Governor's decision to invite Fadnavis "unconstitutional, arbitrary and illegal", "entirely mala fide" and "for extraneous considerations without even a prima facie satisfaction based on objective material that Fadnavis has majority support of the members of the House".

The petitioners pointed out that in a decision in 2006, the Supreme Court had "categorically held that at the stage of formation of Government the test to be adopted by the Governor is the 'prima facie' test. If the political party and/or the alliance is prima facie able to show to the Hon'ble Governor that it has the support of the requisite majority, then the Hon'ble Governor has no choice but to invite the said party/alliance which has demonstrated with prima facie material that it has the majority

to form the Government." No such demonstration had been made by the BJP, either through letters of support or by parading of MLAs, the plea said.

The petitioners have also sought relevant records from the Governor's office with regard to the invitation to Fadnavis.

Black chapter for democracy, Gov a hitman for Amit Shah, says Congress

Governor Koshiyari had behaved like a "hitman on the Constitution of India at the instance of a Home Minister who considers the Constitution as his captive instrument," Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said.

"In the history of independent India, this may be the only occasion when in the dead of night, the Constitution was subverted, democracy was throt-

tled, and the rule of law was mowed down by the Governor to surreptitiously induct an illegitimate government of the BJP. The Governor of Maharashtra, instead of protecting his constitutional duties, has acted as a hitman for Home Minister Amit Shah," Surjewala said.

The CPM and the CPI accused the BJP of indulging in sordid manipulations to grab power.

"The political immorality of the BJP has reached its nadir. The clandestine manner in which the chief minister and deputy chief minister of Maharashtra have been sworn in shows the extent to which the BJP can stoop to grab power. This is in line with what they have done earlier in Goa, Karnataka, Northeastern states etc," the CPM Politburo said in a statement.

"It is unfortunate that both the Constitutional authorities — President's office and the Governor's office — have been misused to achieve their political purpose," the Politburo statement added.

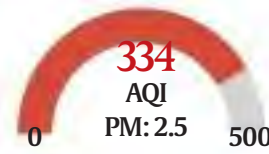
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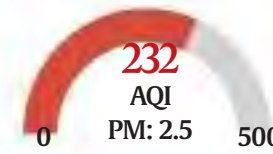
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PWD CONTRACTOR, PRIVATE SUPERVISOR ARRESTED; INQUIRY ORDERED

Sanitation worker dies cleaning drain

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

A 35-YEAR-OLD sanitation worker died and three others were injured after they inhaled toxic fumes while cleaning a drain that comes under the Public Works Department (PWD), without any safety gear. The incident took place in North West Delhi's Shakurpur Saturday, police said. Police have registered an FIR under IPC Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 7/9 of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, based on a complaint by one of the workers. Two men, PWD contractor Babloo Ram (25) and private supervisor Rajkumar Lal (27), have been arrested, said a police spokesperson.

Ordering an enquiry into the incident, PWD Minister Satyendar Jain sought a report from the PWD engineer-in-chief and announced compensation of Rs 10 lakh for the victim's family. A separate SDM inquiry has also been initiated.

"The minister visited the men at the hospital and ordered a probe into who called the PWD maintenance van, nature of com-



In Shakurpur, where the incident took place Saturday. Three others were injured. *Express*

plaint and how the worker fell into the open drain," said a government official.

DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya said five men, who were contractual workers with the PWD, were pressed into service by the department to clean the drain which falls under its jurisdiction.

DCP Arya said the victim has been identified as Ashok (35). The injured have been identified as Rohit (30), who is critical and on ventilator; Sai (50) who is in the ICU but in a stable condition; and Gorelal (35) who has been discharged. The fifth contractual

worker, Babli (45), didn't suffer any injuries.

According to the Delhi Fire Services, they were informed about the incident around 11.30 am and rushed to the spot with a fire tender. A firefighter said, "Three men — Ashok, Sai and Rohit — were stuck inside the manhole due to the poisonous gases. We used ladders and a rope to pull them out. Another worker, Gorelal, was lying injured on the ground. All four were rushed to a nearby hospital, where one of them was declared dead."

Locals said the men had been working at the spot for the past

two days, clearing out sewage. Joginder (28), an eyewitness, said, "I was sitting inside my shop when I heard the workers shouting for help. I went there and saw three men stuck inside the manhole. Ashok was the first one to go in, followed by Rohit and Sai. The other two tried to help them but the gas was so strong that they fainted. By then, the fire department arrived. We managed to pull Sai and Rohit, but Ashok was deep inside. Police and firefighters helped get him out."

Locals alleged the workers were only equipped with an orange jacket and not given any masks or machines.

Baljeet Mimrot, a businessman, claimed: "The manhole has not been opened for the last two years... After the men started working, a constant foul smell came from the drain. The sewage which was kept aside wasn't cleaned either." Another eyewitness, Hemant Kumar, said the area has a gas agency and several shops and claimed waste from these goes into the drains.

While Ashok lived in Budh Vihar, three other workers live together on rent at North West Delhi's Pooth Kalan. The men hail from Madhya Pradesh. Police said they were unable to contact their relatives.

AAP, BJP workers clash outside ICU

SHIVAM PATEL

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

EVEN AS the injured workers lay unconscious, two of them in ICU, workers of the AAP and BJP got into a scuffle inside Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital when PWD Minister Satyendar Jain and Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta came to visit around the same time.

"There was a scuffle in front of the ICU, with people pushing each other and shouting. They also raised slogans outside the hospital," said a staffer at the hospital.

When contacted, Gupta claimed he was prevented by authorities from entering the hospital. "I saw the minister sitting inside the medical superintendent's office. For some reason, they did not want me there, knowing well that I will expose the hollowness of their claims regarding mechanisation of sewer cleaning," he alleged.

Under a Delhi government scheme to eliminate manual

AAP and BJP workers got into a scuffle as PWD Minister Satyendar Jain and Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta visited the hospital at the same time

scavenging, 200 jet sewer suction machines have been procured. In October, the government had announced that 100 more machines were being inducted.

Jain, who ordered an inquiry into the incident, could not be contacted.

Dr Charan Lal, Chief Medical Officer at the hospital, said the men were brought in between noon and 1 pm. "One of the victims, Ashok (35), was brought dead. The others were in a drowsy condition. It's possible that they might have inhaled toxic gases inside the sewer. Medical reports will give more clarity," he said.



5-year-old found dead near drain: Mother, 2 others held

New Delhi: Two days after the body of a five-year-old boy was found in a gunny bag near a drain in North East Delhi, police have arrested his mother and two other men for allegedly strangulating the child and dumping the body.

Police said the woman told them that she couldn't attend to the child's needs, so she killed him. DCP (North East) Ved Prakash Surya said the officers found an unidentified child's body lying near a drain in Khajuri Khas Thursday. "We scanned the CCTV footage and found that a Maruti Eeco had stopped at the spot and a woman dumped a yellow gunny bag into the drain. The

van had a big sticker on its back, but the visuals weren't clear."

Police said that over 200 Eeco vans were searched before they found the one with a similar sticker. The driver of the vehicle confessed to the crime, said police.

"He told us that his cousin and the child's mother are friends, and that they killed the child," said a police officer.

Police said all of them have been arrested.

"The woman got angry at the child and beat him. After the child fell unconscious, she strangled him. They later roped in the car owner, who helped dispose of the body," said police. **ENS**

BJP appoints *vistaraks* to bolster Delhi unit

ABHINAV RAJPUT

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

GEARING UP for the upcoming Assembly polls, the Delhi BJP unit has appointed *vistaraks* (expansionists) for all 70 constituencies, whose job will include promoting the party's ideology and the Centre's policies among residents.

The announcement was made by BJP state general secretary Siddharthan at a Delhi BJP meet last week. According to senior leaders, *vistaraks* have been directed to stay away from 4 Ms — mic, mala, manch (stage) and money. Party leaders said the '4M message' was drafted in view of spats between leaders in public.

The concept has been taken from pracharak in the RSS, whose job entails promoting the Sangh's policies.

The idea was tested in other states before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. In Delhi, each *vistarak* has been given an Assembly constituency different from their home constituency to promote the party's ideologies in a non-partisan way.

Vistaraks have also been directed to reach out to prominent RSS functionaries in their area and seek suggestions on public outreach, said a senior leader.

Addressing workers, BJP national general secretary B L Santosh said that *vistaraks* should target places where people gather.

He added that they should reach out to people so that a positive attitude towards the party is created.

Delhi BJP chief Tiwari said, "*Vistaraks* should help enroll non-voters and expose the AAP government."

Six arrested for 'sharing child porn online'

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THE CYBER Crime Unit of Delhi Police has arrested six men, including a senior citizen, for allegedly sharing sexually offensive content involving children online, said police Saturday.

Police said the accused — Lok Raj (61), Narendra Kumar (22), Sanju Rathod (25), Amit Mandal

(24), Sudama Ram (29) and Revti Nandan (34) — allegedly shared the content on social media platforms.

Anyesh Roy, DCP (Cyber Crime), said the men were caught with the help of an international forum called National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The forum submitted information about content related to child pornography. "We received help from the forum, using which we

identified the accused. We then traced and arrested them. The devices used to share the offensive content have also been seized. In most cases, the accused received content on WhatsApp, which they put up on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat," said Roy.

The DCP added that while some of the accused created fake IDs on different platforms to share the content, some posted it from their original accounts.

Police said they also used CyberTips, a tool by Facebook, to identify users sharing the offensive content.

Police said that while Lok Raj runs a grocery store, Kumar is an engineering student. Rathod is a labourer and Mandal works in the housekeeping department of an automobile company, said police, adding that Ram works as a cashier in a store and Nandan is a tailor.

BRIEFLY

Man jumps in front of Metro

Noida: A 25-year-old engineer allegedly committed suicide by jumping in front of a Metro train at Noida's Golf Course Metro Station Saturday. "The man, Rupaksh Paul, was visiting a friend. On his way back, he boarded a Metro train. We have not received a complaint from the family so far," said an officer. Paul was a software developer in an MNC. Metro services between Noida and Karol Bagh were briefly disrupted due to the incident, said police.

3-day Youth Parliament from Nov 25

New Delhi: The Delhi Assembly, along with the Lok Sabha, will host a three-day Commonwealth Youth Parliament from November 25. Speaker Ram Niwas Goel said 47 participants from 24 Commonwealth countries will participate in the event, which will be inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Man shot at after crash

New Delhi: In an incident of road rage, a 24-year-old man was allegedly shot at by three men after his car hit the latter's vehicle in Govindpuri Friday. **ENS**

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DDA TO LAUNCH ONLINE PORTAL ON DEC 16: PURI

‘Unauthorised colony registration will be completed in 3 months’

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

UNION MINISTER for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri Saturday said the process of regularising unauthorised colonies in the capital will be completed within three months, with the DDA set to launch a portal enabling people to file applications for ownership rights on December 16.

The announcement comes days after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the AAP will launch a mass movement over continued uncertainty on regularisation of these colonies. On Wednesday, the Union Cabinet had cleared a bill on the same, which is likely to be tabled during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament.

"Within a three-month period, we will create the ecosystem required for conferment of rights to all 40 lakh citizens living in these 1,797 colonies. The process is being supervised at the highest



Process being supervised at the highest level: Puri

level of government. This is a one-time exception for these 40 lakh citizens," said Puri. He was speaking at the launch of a dedicated portal, which will allow the RWAs in such colonies to vet delineated maps. A second portal for people to apply will be launched on December 16.

The RWAs will get a 15-day window to flag issues and share suggestions. "On December 16, the second portal for application of ownership grants would be launched. Using that portal, residents will first register, then file

their application along with required documents," said DDA vice-chairman Tarun Kapoor.

The documents that will be accepted for this one-time registration process are General Power of Attorney, will transfers, sale agreement, and possession and payment receipts. Puri said: "As per the Suraj Lamp & Industries Pvt Ltd vs State of Haryana judgment of the Supreme Court given on October 11, 2011, these documents were declared as void... But we are making an exception this time, and will accept two-three of five of these documents. If it is found that 10-15% of people do not have these documents, then we will deal with it structurally."

Around 25-30 help desks for residents will also be set up at DDA offices from December 1, for help with online registration. Puri added: "For the past two-and-a-half years, we received no cooperation from the Delhi government on this. At every stage they have put obstacles..."

Teachers, politicians march alongside JNU students at anti-fee hike protest



At the protest march to Parliament Street, Saturday. Praveen Khanna

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MEMBERS OF different political groups, JNU alumni, students and teachers of other institutions took to the streets Saturday in a show of solidarity with the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University, who have been protesting against a proposed hostel fee hike for several days. On Saturday, six buses from JNU carrying students and teachers arrived at Mandi House at 11.30 am and began the march to Parliament Street.

Student activists from various organisations — National Students Union of India; Students' Federation of India; All India

Students' Federation, All India Students' Association; Krantikari Yuva Sangathan; and the Rashtriya Janata Dal, among others were part of the march. Members of teachers' associations of JNU and Delhi University were in attendance as well. Also present were students and teachers from other institutions like Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai, AIIMS, IIT Delhi and IGNOU.

"Wage a struggle to study, study to change society," were among the slogans raised in English, Hindi and Urdu.

Members of the Congress, CPI(M) and RJD were also present. "With the fee hike and New Education Policy, the government is trying to restrict the youth from

accessing education. JNU was first started to produce government servants from among the elite, but now people from all parts of the country are here," said CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury and a former JNUSU president. Congress parliamentarian Rajeev Gowda said: "...We are seeing a concerted effort to destroy India's finest social science university."

Former JNU student leaders Kanhaiya Kumar and Umar Khalid were also present. "This is not the first time JNU is in the news. It was there during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, liberalisation and the fall of Babri Masjid. JNU has always taken a stand," said Kumar.

JNU ALUMNI TAKE TO STREETS

New Delhi: A contingent of mostly middle-aged persons with salt-and-pepper hair, walked behind a banner saying 'JNU alumni stand with JNU' and marched to the Parliament Saturday. The marchers, former JNU students and students' union leaders of their time, too, poured on to the streets to support students of their alma mater, who were leading the march against the hostel fee hike. Historian Sohail Hashmi, who was among those leading the march, said, "Many wouldn't have been able to afford higher education otherwise, but JNU allowed us to develop our potential... JNU is being attacked because it raises questions." Dancer and theatre person Maya Rao said: "There is an emergency situation at JNU right now..." **ENS**

Quizzes, rallies as Delhi govt holds Constitution Day in capital

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

THE DELHI government has planned a series of events over the next five months to celebrate the completion of the 70th year of the Indian Constitution. The events will be on the theme of 'fundamental duties'.

The Law department has written to various bodies of the government detailing the broad framework of the celebrations, which will take place in the form of quizzes, awareness rallies, creative writing competitions and even sports events, an official said.

The celebrations will continue till April 14, 2020, the official added.

On November 10, the Union government had written to the state, sharing a few action points to be undertaken on November 26, which is celebrated as Constitution Day.

The Centre has directed the states to ensure that the Preamble to the Constitution is read out in all government offices on that day.

However, the theme of the Delhi government events would be the fundamental duties enshrined in Article 51A of the Constitution, officials said.

"The thinking was largely along the lines that while people are aware about their rights in cities, they often forget about the duties," an official said.

The fundamental duties include respecting the ideals of the Constitution, to develop the spirit of common brotherhood and a composite culture, cherish ideals that inspired the freedom struggle, develop scientific temper and uphold and protect sovereignty, unity and integrity of India among others.

The Constitution, which was adopted on November 26, 1949, came into force on January 26, 1950.

From Punjab Agri University and JNU, a solution to stubble burning

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

AT A time when various measures have failed to find a solution to stubble burning, scientists from Punjab Agriculture University (PAC) and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) may hold a ray of hope: Biochar.

Biochar is granular material obtained by heating crop residue at 400°C to 600°C in a kiln-shaped structure in the absence of oxygen. It is used as fertiliser to improve soil health and water-hold-

ing capacity of agriculture land.

Rajeev Kumar Gupta, senior scientist at PAC, said biochar can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70%. "With help from ICAR a year ago, PAC set up structures at four Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Punjab to produce biochar. We've been demonstrating the technology to farmers."

He estimated that the project in Punjab may cost Rs 400-500 crore. In 2018-19, the Centre disbursed Rs 300 crore for in-situ management of stubble in Punjab. "Around 12,857 villages in Punjab burn stubble. Each village should have at least 5-8

structures," he added.

Each structure costs Rs 35,000-Rs 40,000 and is 10 ft in diameter and 14 ft in height. It can process 1.2 tonnes of stubble in 8-10 hours.

JNU professor at School of Environmental Sciences, Dinesh Mohan, said: "Biomass contains many nutrients such as carbon. When you heat it, carbon gets sequestered in biochar, which gets transferred to soil." Punjab Agriculture Secretary K S Pannu said: "We're looking at economically viable technologies; biochar is one of them. More research is needed to take it to farmers."

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

STRONG WINDS prevented heavy accumulation of pollutants in Delhi's air Saturday, even as Delhi Fire Services, under the directions of Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev, pressed 20 fire tenders across the city's pollution hotspots to sprinkle water. DFS chief Atul Garg said the vehicles were deployed across 13 hotspots between 3.30 pm and 7 pm. Similar steps to contain pollution were taken also in 2018 and 2017.



Firefighters sprinkle water. Air quality remained in 'very poor' category Saturday

"We received instructions from the Chief Secretary in the

morning. Fire tenders are deployed for such purposes after proper planning as we have to keep an optimum balance for fire fighting. The sprinkling will continue even tomorrow," Garg said.

On Saturday, the city recorded AQI of 312, which falls in the 'very poor' category — a marginal improvement from Friday's 360. Central agency SAFAR forecast further improvement Sunday, and an increase in the speed of surface-level winds over the next two days, which will help disperse pollutants.

The AQI is expected to im-

prove to 'poor', it said, adding that a western disturbance-induced rain, which is likely on November 26, will have a "positive impact".

According to the Central Control Room for air quality management, the volume of PM 2.5 in the city's air was 135.5 µg/m3 at 5 pm while PM 10 was 239.3 µg/m3 at 7 pm.

The share of stubble burning in PM 2.5 was 7%, which is likely to come down by two percentage points Sunday. The 24-hour safe standards for PM 2.5 and PM 10, stipulated by the CPCB, are 60 and 100 respectively.

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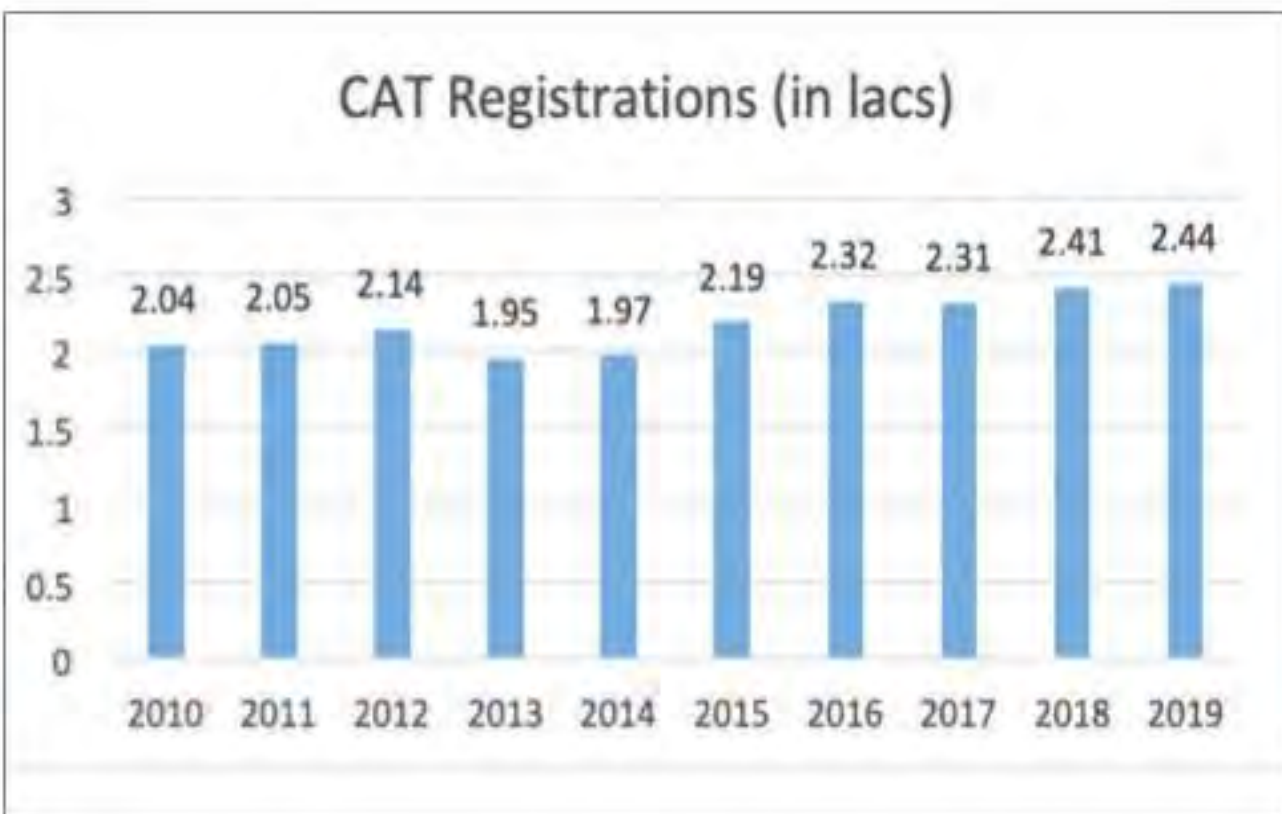
Management education landscape in India

TODAY management education is perceived to be stepping stone to a very comfortable life and a huge bank balance. Some of the top B-Schools promote their school to the students as enablers to become successful managers handling complex situation in the world of business. The question that one may ask: Is the purpose of management education to make good managers?

To understand this matter, one needs to look at it from human capacity perspective. We should not necessarily look to produce good managers, but nurture an individual and develop them into a leader who stands for integrity, honesty and is empathetic towards the needs of the modern society while meeting the organisational objectives. We should train the youth to take a holistic view of any situation and enable them to understand causes of a problem rather than investing their energies trying to solve a symptom.

Now-days, organisations are demanding highly skilled MBA grads with a lot of analytical abilities. The onus is on the institutes to provide the right learning environment and ensure that the learning to students does happen. For this to really work out the faculty must be well qualified and they must have a conducive academic environment for themselves to adapt to the ever changing new business environment and then to impart the contemporary knowledge to students. The most crucial thing for a business school to do for this to happen is to allocate sumptuous funds for faculty development including availability of research fund, and most critically, to provide an empowered work environment wherein a faculty may do a host of things for self-improvement with little hindrance.

The world of business has redefined itself over the past two decades. Such changes have necessitated a change in the skills required of leaders. Given the relationship between management education and the business world, market forces such as globalisation, technology revolution and workplace requirements influence business education significantly. Indian Higher Education, therefore, needs to



adapt to these demands through a uniform/common rule based transparent and autonomous education system. If these requirements are met the Indian Higher Education system can surely become the global hub for B-School Education.

With the Indian markets getting globalised, there is an enormous need to modernise and customise 'Business Education' to match International Standards as well as meet the requirements reflected through Indian trends. Business schools should provide an international perspective to its students because it is an essential attribute that industry looks for while searching young talent. Academic rigor, student and faculty exchange programme with foreign institutions, facilitating research and improving its standard, well qualified and experienced faculty, encour-

WITH INDIAN MARKETS GETTING GLOBALISED, THERE IS A NEED TO MODERNISE 'BUSINESS EDUCATION' TO MATCH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

aging industry interactions, updating course curriculum, teaching methodology, adoption of technology, etc., play a very vital role in the globalisation of B-schools.

For many years, the four IIMs were the cornerstone of management education in India. To leverage on the brand value created by these four institutions, the government launched an ambitious expansion plan wherein the number of IIMs increased from 4 to 20 in a short period of time. Attracting quality faculty is a prime hurdle with many MBA institutions vying for good talent. Many of these new IIMs are based in far-flung locations with poor infrastructure, which poses further challenges in attracting students, faculty, and recruiters.

There have been instances where students have been accepted into one of these newer IIMs and have opted to leave after a few days for one of the more established private B-schools for various academic and placement opportunity reasons. The IIM brand value has clearly not transferred to these new IIMs. Anecdotaly, it seems like the more experienced candidates will prefer the established private B-schools over the newer IIMs and vice-versa by freshers. What this suggests is that there is ample room in management education for the established IIMs, new IIMs, and private B-schools to play a synergetic role in making India a hub for managerial

talent since each institution addresses different needs.

CAT

Related to the challenges being faced by IIMs is the fact that despite the increase in number of institutions from 4 to 20, the Common Aptitude Test (or CAT, which is used by all the IIMs and across some other B-schools as well) enrollment number is largely stagnant.

The reason could be either:

- The IIM's are not doing enough to attract more applicants; or
- CAT is losing out to other alternatives such as GMAT/NMAT/XAT

The reality is that the stagnation is a combination of both the above factors. The number of applicants at the 2nd and especially 3rd generation IIMs is low given that infrastructure is incomplete, faculty recruitment is challenging, and placement trends are not very conducive for students' perspective. On the other hand, several B-schools have moved on from accepting CAT scores exclusively to the newer and more international alternatives in aptitude testing.

PGDM courses, that are MBA equivalent, are gaining steadily in popularity in India. These courses are offered by individual private top B-schools in India. The primary advantage of the PGDM is that it is not constrained in curriculum setting (within AICTE guidelines) and has greater flexibility in adopting best practices from the international management education landscape. Internships and industry interface are also an integral part of PGDM offerings. On the other hand, degree or MBA programmes are offered by Universities that come under the University Grants Commission (UGC), under Ministry of HRD, which brings with it many challenges in ability to quickly adopt new practices.

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8 GOVT & POLITICS

Fleeing 'harassment' in India, 200 held in Bangladesh: reports

Bengaluru police say sent back 'first batch'; 59 land in Kolkata

JOHNSON T A & SHUBHAJIT ROY
BENGALURU, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

AT LEAST 200 people crossing over from India have been arrested in the Bangladesh areas bordering West Bengal in the past few weeks. Newspaper reports from Bangladesh suggest the number could be higher, and those arrested are people fleeing harassment and intimidation, specifically from Bengaluru.

On Wednesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah told Parliament that the government was planning a nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC), an exercise last held in Assam and seen as directed at illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

On Saturday, more than 55 alleged Bangladeshi nationals, including women and children, were brought to the Howrah Railway Station in Kolkata from Bengaluru, for deportation. They remained at the station for four hours, as the Bengaluru police discussed what to do next with the West Bengal Police and BSF. They were later driven away in a bus.

No officer from police of either state or the BSF was willing to speak on the issue.

Bengaluru Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) S D Sharanna, the nodal officer for deportation of the alleged illegal immigrants, told The Sunday Express, "They have been escorted by 30 policemen. We have spoken to the West Bengal Police, the BSF, and are coordinating with the Karnataka Home Department and Union Home Ministry."

A police official said the batch was "the first that was issued leave India notice for deportation". The notice is issued after Union Home Ministry has established that a person is not Indian.



Alleged Bangladeshi nationals at Howrah station on Saturday. Ravik Bhattacharya

The Bengaluru police will be compensated by the Centre for the cost of their transport.

A month ago, the Bengaluru police had announced a crackdown on alleged Bangladeshis in the city, raiding two camps and arresting 60, all of them Muslims. Bengaluru Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao warned against providing shelter and employment to illegal immigrants, after which many suspected Bangladeshis started leaving the city.

According to Dhaka Tribune, a Bangladeshi news outlet, over the last 15 days, the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has detained more than 200 people after they illegally crossed over from India through Moheshpur in Jhenaidah.

Bangladesh's largest English daily, Daily Star, put their numbers at 329, saying arrests started three weeks ago, in Jhenaidah and Jessore's Benapole area. The men, women and children had been handed over to police and sent to district jails, it said.

The Bangladesh media has quoted officials of the 58th BGB battalion as saying the people had claimed to be Bangladeshi. "They fled different areas of India after facing persecution at the

hands of locals and fearing repercussions after being left out of the NRC," reports said. The Daily Star said among them were 67 minors, 69 men and 78 women. Dhaka Tribune quoted the battalion commander as saying they faced "various problems, especially in areas like Bangalore". At the Howrah Railway Station, Muhammed Jehangir, huddled with his wife Laila Bibi and three-year-old son, said, "For three years, I was living in Bengaluru. I worked as a plastic garbage collector, earning Rs 400 a day, which is unthinkable in Bangladesh for a man like me. One morning police came. They told me that if I accept I am from Bangladesh, they will send me home. Or else I would be put in a jail. I handed over papers showing I am from Bangladesh."

Haji Abdul Hakim, 50, and wife Hasina Begum, 40, too said they worked as garbage collectors in Bengaluru for the past four years. "I came to India paying people to help me cross the border," said Hakim.

A Bengaluru police official said that since they began their crackdown, "almost half the illegal immigrants had left". "We do not know the exact numbers."

—WITH INPUTS FROM KOLKATA

Soon, coats for cows at shelter in Ayodhya

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 23

WITH THE winter setting in and the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh making preservation of cows its priority, the Ayodhya Municipal Corporation is getting jute coats stitched for 1,200 cattle at its cow shelter.

Mayor Rishikesh Upadhyay, a BJP leader, said: "Generally, cows are given jute bags to save them from cold. But they keep falling off. So we thought of getting coats stitched for the cows. We are first going to get a few samples made of such coats. If they work, we will order more. A farmer, Rajju Pandey, has been given the contract to get these coats stitched."

Upadhyay said that if the initiative works well, "we will suggest it to the state government. If they like it, they can emulate the initiative at other cow shelters in the state".

The Corporation's cow shelter is located at Baishangpur village, 16 km from Ayodhya town, and currently houses around 1,200 cattle — 700-800 bulls and the rest being cows and calves, according to officials.

Assistant Municipal Commissioner, Ayodhya, Harish Chandra Singh, said the initiative was taken on directions from Municipal Commissioner Sachidanand Singh. "We are in the process of getting the coats made. We have placed an order for a few samples, and after they are made, it will become clear how much it will cost. The logistics will become clear in a week's time," Singh said.

Chief Veterinary Officer, Ayodhya, Ashok Kumar Srivastava said he has already told people in charge of running *gaushalas* to copy the initiative.

BJP: Oppn trying to grab power 'through back door'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

ON A day of dramatic political events in Maharashtra, the BJP accused the Opposition of attempting to "grab power in the financial capital through the back door". The party also expressed displeasure over the frequent criticism of its leaders by the Shiv Sena.

Addressing the media at the BJP headquarters on Saturday, Union Law Minister and senior party leader Ravi Shankar Prasad argued that when Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari had Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar sworn in as the chief minister and deputy chief minister, respectively, there were no alternate claims for government formation by any other party.

Claiming that the mandate to form the government was with the BJP, Prasad said, "There were suspicious circumstances behind the rank opportunism that was witnessed in Maharashtra. The popular mandate was for a BJP-Shiv Sena alliance (to form the government). What was the reason for the Shiv Sena to do this turn and break a 30-year-old alliance?"

He said, "Mumbai happens to be the financial capital of India and Maharashtra is a big state. It was a conspiracy to control the financial capital of the country through the back door."

Prasad also expressed his party's displeasure over the public attacks by the Sena on BJP leaders.

"This is the first time we are sharing from the BJP podium our agony and pain at the language used by their paper against our leaders, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. This is a new low in political discourse," the BJP leader said, referring to articles in Sena mouthpiece *Saamana*, in which BJP leaders have time and again been criticised.

MAHA DRAMA

Earlier used in J&K, Rule 12 lets PM act without Cabinet approval

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

FROM BEING locked in a meeting with the Congress and Shiv Sena till late Friday evening, to taking oath with the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis early Saturday morning, the dramatic turnaround showcased by NCP leader Ajit Pawar was helped by the use of a special Section in the Union government's transaction of business rules. The rule allows for revocation of President's Rule without Cabinet approval if the Prime Minister "deems it necessary".

Rule 12 of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, allows the PM to depart from laid down norms at his discretion. Titled "Departure from Rules", Rule 12 says, "The Prime Minister may, in case or classes of cases permit or condone a departure from these rules, to the extent he deems

necessary."

The Cabinet can later give post-facto approval for any decision taken under Rule 12.

Rule 12 is not ideally used to arrive at very key decisions by the government. However, it has been used in matters such as withdrawal of an office memorandum or signing of MoUs in the past. The last key decision taken through invocation of Rule 12 was re-organisation of the state of Jammu and Kashmir into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on October 31.

The proclamations issued by the President that day, dividing various districts between the two Union Territories, were issued under Rule 12. The Cabinet gave post-facto approval to the same on November 20.

Once Governor Koshyari had been informed that the BJP had the numbers to form an alliance government with the NCP, and

had verified the claim, sources said, his office worked overnight to prepare the necessary recommendation for revocation of President's rule. By 5.47 am Saturday, a proclamation declaring revocation of President's rule in Maharashtra was published in the government gazette (indicating it had been signed by the President even earlier).

This cleared the way for a 7.50 am swearing-in of the new chief minister and deputy chief minister of Maharashtra.

The invocation of Rule 12 also indicates that even top leaders in the BJP were not aware of the impending move, and many key ministers were, in fact, out of Delhi and not available for a Cabinet meeting. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is in Lucknow after returning from Singapore, while Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari had gone to Nagpur after addressing a rally in Ranchi

and is still in Vidarbha. Both are members of the BJP Parliamentary Board.

Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad maintained that Ajit Pawar, being the leader of the NCP legislative party in Maharashtra, had the legitimate right to align with any party. "It is very clear that Devendra Fadnavis is the leader of the BJP legislative party and Ajit Pawar is the leader of the NCP legislative party in Maharashtra. That is why it is perfectly legitimate for the Governor to call the parties which claim they have the majority."

Asked about revocation of President's Rule in the early hours of Saturday, without Cabinet approval, Prasad said, "All decisions have been taken after due process of law. There is a provision for ex-post-facto approval of the Cabinet, and the Prime Minister has special powers. Everything is in order."

From 1978, wheel comes full circle for Pawar

MANOJ MORE
BARAMATI, NOVEMBER 23

NEPHEW AJIT Pawar's "rebellion" might have reminded NCP chief Sharad Pawar of his own "masterstroke" of 1978, which ushered him into the chair of Maharashtra's chief minister at the young age of 38.

Pawar Senior had at the time revolted against the Congress government led by Vasantdada Patil, bringing it down months after it had been formed. Incidentally, he had joined hands with the Janata Party, that included the BJP's precursor, Jan Sangh, that was at the time in power at the Centre after the Emergency. With the Janata Party, Pawar had formed the Progressive Democratic Front, also including the Socialist Party and Peasant and Workers Party.

There is another parallel. Pawar's anger flowed from the Congress nominating Patil for a full five-year term as chief minister. The fact that it was Patil who had mentored Pawar hadn't stopped the latter. A minister in the Patil government at the time, Pawar made no bones about his ambition.

However, the rainbow coalition that Pawar formed to come to power had lasted only one-and-a-half years. When Indira Gandhi returned to power in 1980, Sanjay Gandhi reportedly urged Pawar to return to the Congress. Says senior Congress leader Ullas Pawar, "Pawar had actually made up his mind to do so, but leaders like Chandra Shekhar, prevailed upon him and Pawar didn't accept the Congress offer. Indira Gandhi then dismissed his government."

Pawar went on to then form the Congress (S).



Devendra Fadnavis at the BJP headquarters in Mumbai on Saturday evening. Pradip Das

Holed up in brother's Mumbai flat, Ajit meets emissaries from NCP all day

IRAM SIDDIQUI
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

AFTER BEING sworn in as the deputy chief minister early Saturday, the man at the centre of Maharashtra's political storm, Ajit Pawar, returned to his brother Shrikant Pawar's apartment at Mumbai's upscale Napean Sea Road.

Through the day, the neighbourhood around Brighton — the apartment block where Ajit was holed up — was buzzing with security personnel. There were State Reserve Police Force (SRPF) personnel, with two senior officers remaining stationed, outside the building.

A senior officer, who did not want to be named, said: "We are



Outside the South Mumbai building that houses Ajit Pawar's brother's flat on Saturday evening. Express

here as the protocol for a deputy CM demands it. We do not know about his movement. We are here with the police security squad. Depending on the need or if the situation escalates, more

personnel will be called in."

At the house, Ajit received the emissaries sent by NCP chief Sharad Pawar to persuade him to resign from the post of deputy chief minister and return to the

party fold. Sunil Tatkare, Hassan Mushrif and Dilip Valse-Patil arrived at Brighton around 3.45 pm, were with Ajit for about an hour, and left around 4.45 pm.

Appa Sahib Patil, a rural leader from Paithan, came to see Ajit around 7 pm. "He was sitting on a sofa and asked me to call him tomorrow around 7 am. We just wanted to let him know that he has our full support and of all farmers from Paithan whom he had helped," he said.

Around 8 pm, state general secretary and NCP spokesperson Avinash Adik came to visit Ajit in another bid to persuade him to step down from his new post.

A local shopowner said Ajit is a frequent visitor to the sea-facing apartment and had stayed there on Friday as well.

'In competitive federalism, governors important'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

ON A day when Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered oath of office to Devendra Fadnavis as Maharashtra Chief Minister in an early morning ceremony, where only official media was present, creating a political stir, President Ram Nath Kovind said governors have an important role to play, especially as the country transits from "cooperative to competitive federalism", and in protecting the Constitution.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the two-day Conference of Governors and Lt Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday. Koshyari was not present at the session.

In his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked governors and lieutenant governors to listen to the needs of the people and to work for the underprivileged, including minorities.



President Ram Nath Kovind, PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah at Conference of Governors and Lt Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday. PTI

Kovind said, "In our constitutional system, governors play an important role. Today when, in the interest of the nation, the emphasis is on competitive federalism instead of cooperative federalism, the governor's role has become even more important. All of you have massive ex-

perience of public service, people should derive maximum benefit from this experience and your efficiency. We are all working for the people and are accountable to them. This accountability is laid down in the Constitution. Governors' role is not limited to protecting in every

way and defending the Constitution, we are constitutionally obliged to remain committed to the welfare of people in our states."

While cooperative federalism means that the Centre and state governments, along with representatives of local bodies, formulate similar policies for the betterment of people, competitive federalism means states competing among themselves as well as with the Centre.

The President made a special mention of the Lt Governors of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, R K Mathur and G C Murmu, respectively. It was the first representation at the conference from the two newly carved out Union Territories.

Kovind made an emphatic reference to the welfare of tribals and said their development and empowerment were linked to inclusive growth as well as internal security of the country.

"Governors can give proper guidance by using the constitu-

tional powers given to them to improve the lives of these people," he said.

Calling the goal of the new education policy making India a "knowledge superpower", he said governors had a role to play in this too as chancellors.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also addressed the inaugural session.

Speaking about the agenda items, the President said the conference had been structured in accordance with "the new work culture" of New India, so as to make it more goal-oriented, and that five subjects were chosen after discussions — reforms in agriculture; Jal Jeevan Mission; new education policy for higher education; and governance for 'Ease of Living'.

Besides governors and lieutenant governors, these break-away sessions will be attended by Union ministers and ministry officials. This is the 50th such conference held in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Rajya Sabha records 90% productivity in first week of winter session

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

RAJYA SABHA reported a productivity of 90.50 per cent during the first week of the ongoing winter session — the landmark 250th session of the Upper House.

The House has availed 25 hours, 54 minutes of the available time of 28 hours, 37 minutes during the first five working days. While 2 hours, 43 minutes has been lost due to forced adjournments, members of the House sat for an additional 1 hour, 6 minutes beyond scheduled time, resulting in a net loss of only hour, 43 minutes during the first week of the session, which began on November 18.

The Upper House discussed the issue of pollution for 3 hours under Calling Attention Notice admitted by Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu. This is the longest such discussion in the past 43 sessions, and has come after 13 years. The previous longest discussion in the House was on the progress of relief to the victims of the 1984 riots, which lasted over 4 hours in 2006 on the admission of Calling Attention Notice.

Besides passing the Jalianwala Bagh Memorial National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019, a total of 27 starred questions were orally answered and 33 Zero Hour submissions and 22 Special Mentions were made on issues of urgent public importance during the first week.

Question Hour could not be taken up on the first day as the House was adjourned after obligatory remarks to Arun Jaitley and other members who passed away, as well as on the second day due to forced adjournment. A high of ten starred questions were orally answered on the fifth day. Discussion on the Transgender (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 will resume next week.

Bharat Shah, son booked; FIR against grandson over brawl

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

THE MUMBAI Police on Saturday booked film producer Bharat Shah and his son for allegedly threatening policemen. Shah's grandson was earlier booked for his alleged involvement in a brawl.

Yash was first detained by the police, following a brawl at a pub early Saturday, police said. "The police intervened, registered an FIR and arrested Yash and two of his friends for allegedly being involved in the scuffle," DCP (Zone II) Rajeev Jain said.

Yash was then brought to the Gamdevi police station. Around 3 am, Shah (75) and his son Rajiv (55) reached the police station. "They threatened officers present there and asked them how they could arrest Yash. Following this, an FIR was registered against the father and son on charges including obstructing a public servant from performing his duty, among others," Jain said.

He added that they are on the lookout for the accused booked under the first FIR.

‘Harassment’ complaint at Srinagar MLA hostel, searches yield 11 phones

Mehbooba alleges ‘near-strip search’ of 3-yr-old son of a detainee; police deny, say raids required

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 23

JAMMU AND Kashmir Police on Saturday searched Srinagar's MLA hostel, where detained mainstream political leaders are lodged, and claimed to have recovered 11 cellphones.

Inmates had earlier protested against alleged harassment of family members who visit them.

The official Twitter handle of former J&K chief minister and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti — the account is being handled by her daughter Iltija Mufti now — on Saturday stated that a detainee's three-year-old son was "nearly strip searched", which led to "an altercation between political detainees & JK police."

SSP (Security), Kashmir, Imtiyaz Hussain denied the allegation and refused to discuss the matter further.

ADGP (Security and Law &

Order) Munir Khan also denied Mufti's allegations and said that 11 cellphones, which were smuggled inside, were recovered during the search. Khan told *The Sunday Express*: "Whatever she [Mufti] is saying...it is wrong. The MLA hostel is a notified subsidiary jail and as part of anti-sabotage check drill...we have recovered 11 cellphones that were smuggled [in] illegally. Investigation will be conducted..."

Khan maintained that the detainees had earlier demanded that there should be no frisking so that cellphones could be supplied to them inside. "We have to follow the drill. We cannot allow anyone to go unfrisked. How do you know what is going inside," he asked.

The mainstream political leaders were kept under detention at Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar since August 5, the day the Centre decided to



Mehbooba Mufti

withdraw J&K's special status and bifurcate the state into two union territories. They were shifted to Srinagar's MLA hostel earlier this week, and there were allegations of manhandling by the police on that day, too.

Earlier on Saturday, family members who had arrived at the hostel to meet the detained leaders lodged a protest against what they alleged was harassment of the family members.

Mehr Imran, Srinagar Deputy Mayor Sheikh Imran's wife and

among the visitors to the subsidiary jail on Saturday, told *The Sunday Express*: "The security personnel deployed there are very rude and the families are being unnecessarily harassed. We come from reputed families. They can't behave [with us] in such a manner. To protest against the harassment, all detainees lodged a strong protest against the authorities."

The family members have said they are allowed to meet the detained leaders on Wednesday and Saturday every week.

Nuzhat Ishfaq, wife of National Conference leader Ishfaq Jabbar, another detainee, said, "They (police personnel) even ask us to remove the socks... If a detainee's uncle goes to meet him, he is not allowed. We only ask, why humiliate us this way? We all come from reputed families."

In a series of tweets from Mufti's handle in the evening, Iltija posted detainees were sub-

jected to "humiliating frisking & checking" on Saturday: "Seems like manhandling detainees wasn't enough J&K police on ADGs orders has raided MLA hostel, Srinagar today & subjected detainees to humiliating frisking & checking. One assumes, certain J&K police officers drunk on newfound power are doing this to settle political scores. They are being treated worse than hardened criminals. Today, a detainee's 3 year old infant son was nearly strip searched & this resulted in an altercation between political detainees & JK police. Request @PMOIndia to personally look into this to take stock of the situation..."

Iltija on Saturday also alleged that the Additional DGP recently "facilitated" release of a former MLA from SKICC and said that the "condition to secure their (detainees)" release depends on detainees willingness to join a new political front in J&K."

Yashwant barred from moving out of Srinagar, meeting detained leaders

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 23

HAVING BEEN denied permission to travel to Pulwama in south Kashmir due to "impending terrorist threat", former Union minister Yashwant Sinha and members of the Concerned Citizen Group were on Saturday not allowed to travel outside Srinagar.

Sinha, the first political leader allowed into the Valley without court intervention since August 5, when J&K's special status was scrapped, said the group had planned to visit Budgam, in central Kashmir, on Saturday morning, but found the hotel gates closed. "We were planning to travel to Shopian on Sunday, but again the permission has been denied," he told *The Sunday Express*.

Sinha and his associates arrived in Srinagar on Friday.

The visiting team said the authorities have denied them permission to meet the three former J&K chief ministers or CPI(M) leader MY Taragami, all of whom



Yashwant Sinha

are under detention.

Sinha said they were served a written advisory Friday. "We were informed that Pulwama is highly volatile area and in view of impending terrorist threat...not to undertake the journey," he said.

Sinha's visit comes in the middle of a renewed shutdown in the Valley, with business establishments remaining closed and public transport off the roads on Saturday. Traders in the Valley had spontaneously shut their businesses on Thursday, a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement in Parliament that there is "total normalcy" in Kashmir.

Chhattisgarh cabinet nod for one disabled person in each panchayat

DIPANKAR GHOSE
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 23

THE CHHATTISGARH cabinet on Saturday approved an amendment to the state Panchayati Raj Act, 1993, which makes mandatory the presence of a person with disabilities in all panchayats across the state.

The cabinet has also moved to remove educational qualification as a requirement for panch members.

These decisions will now be taken up by the Vidhan Sabha, and are expected to comfortably sail through given the clear majority the Congress has in the state.

State Panchayati Raj Minister T S Singdeo told *The Indian Express* that the state will now have 11,000 persons with disabilities as representatives at the panchayat level. "This was one of our promises in the manifesto and I am very happy that we have

been able to deliver on this. We become perhaps the only state in India where there is this kind of social empowerment. Under the amendment, if there is no elected differently-abled person in the panchayat, the government will nominate one. That means 11,000 differently-abled voices in the Panchayati Raj system that is the backbone of the governance mechanism," he said.

The cabinet also said that it would move to remove the educational stipulations of Class V and Class VII for members of the panch and those above panch, respectively. The only stipulation would be that the candidate be literate, a government note said.

Explaining the rationale, Singdeo said, "The government felt that there is a hypocrisy here. There are no such stipulations for the post of MLAs, MPs, ministers... If those don't have it, why should the sarpanch need it? Either you have it for everyone, or none at all. How is it that any-

one can vote at 18, but cannot stand for local body elections? It is this dichotomy that we have sought to address."

Sources in the government also said that the Baghel government had discussed and dropped the idea to hold indirect elections for sarpanches. Last month, there was outcry in the state after it was revealed that the government was considering implementing a system where the sarpanch was elected by other elected panch members. The state government has already implemented this system for the upcoming urban body polls with an indirect election now for the post of mayor.

"It had been discussed but there was no official proposal. The feedback, though, was that the sarpanch is the most important person at the ground level and therefore the people should have the direct right to elect him. That is what will continue to happen," a senior leader said.

Revenue boost for MP as 100 IMFL vends apply for shop bar licenses

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 23

THE MADHYA Pradesh government's move to boost its revenue and curtail the consumption of liquor in public by encouraging shops to open bars adjacent to them, where people can drink within closed spaces, seems to be paying off.

Around 100 IMFL shops have sought licenses for shop bars — called 'ahatas' locally — from the Excise Department after the Madhya Pradesh cabinet gave its nod to the proposal.

Nearly 80 per cent of the approximately 2,600 country liquor shops in the state already had ahatas. However, of the 1000-odd IMFL shops in the state, more than 900 did not have any such facility.

Sportspersons get 5% job reservation

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh government on Saturday announced that sportspersons from the state will get 5 per cent reservation in government jobs.

Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Jitu Patwari made the announcement while inaugurating Regional Olympic Games at Kampo Sports Complex, Gwalior. **ENS**

The previous BJP-government, headed by Shivraj Singh Chouhan, had argued that these ahatas would create a law-and-order problem and had started discouraging them — no new

shop bar licenses were given by the BJP government in 2018.

However, the current Congress government has taken the complete opposite stand, stating that such bars will encourage people to drink within closed spaces rather than in public, where they could cause a nuisance. The new government has already eased rules for bar licenses in resorts in a bid to encourage tourism in forest areas.

The move is likely to also help the Kamal Nath government boost revenue, given that the state's financial condition is in doldrums — excise is one of the major sources of revenue in the state.

The excise department's target for the current year is more than Rs 10,700 crore.

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PETITIONS IN APEX COURT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS

On poll bonds, EC told SC ‘not opposed’ to Scheme but concerned by anonymity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

WHILE THE BJP-led government and the opposition parties led by the Congress are having a war of words over the anonymity aspect of electoral bonds, with the latter critiquing what it calls the lack of transparency in the scheme, petitions filed by the NGOs Association for Democratic Reforms and Common Cause, and subsequently by the CPI(M), are currently pending before the Supreme Court.

The petitions were filed before the Supreme Court in September 2017.

On the contentious clause that

allows anonymity of the donor, the Centre said this was to protect them from victimisation at the hands of other parties to whom they may not have contributed.

The EC took the stand that it was "not opposed" to the Scheme, but was only concerned about the anonymity brought by it. The poll panel backed the petitioners' demand that the State Bank of India, the only bank authorised to issue the bonds, should publish details of those who brought the bonds, and who they were given to.

In an affidavit filed in court, the EC stated that that it had conveyed to the government in 2017 that changes in the law enabling Scheme "will have repercus-

sions/impact on the transparency aspect of political finance/funding of political parties".

In an interim order on April 12 this year, a three-judge bench headed by then CJI Ranjan Gogoi directed political parties that received donations through electoral bonds to "forthwith" submit the details to the Election Commission of India (EC).

The court ordered that the parties should give the EC "detailed particulars of donors as against each Bond; the amount of each such bond and the full particulars of the credit received against each bond, namely, particulars of the bank account to which the amount has been credited and the date of each such credit".

EXPLAINED

How Centre defends transparency issue

THE CENTRE calls introduction of electoral bonds "a big step towards electoral reform" and that acquiring and encashing them "will ensure transparency" and "accountability". The government called the move a "conscious legislative policy" to further electoral reforms "to defeat the growing menace of black money, especially when the country is moving towards a cashless-digital economy..."

The court, which went into the submissions of the petitioners, the EC, and the government, stated, "All that we would like to

state for the present is that the rival contentions give rise to weighty issues which have a tremendous bearing on the

sanctity of the electoral process in the country. Such weighty issues would require an in-depth hearing which cannot be concluded and the issues answered within the limited time that is available before the process of funding through the Electoral Bonds comes to a closure, as per the schedule (set out in the Electoral Bonds Scheme)."

The petitions challenged the Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018, notified by the Centre on January 2, 2018, and amendments made through Finance Act, 2016 and 2017; Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934; Representation of the People Act, 1951; Income Tax Act, 1961; Companies Act, 2013; and the Foreign Contribution

(Regulation) Act, 2010.

The court said that it has to "ensure that any interim arrangement that may be made would not tilt the balance in favour of either of the parties but that the same ensures adequate safeguards against competing claims of the parties, which are yet to be adjudicated".

Details on the bonds received until May 15 "will be submitted on or before 30th May, 2019", the bench ordered. It said that the "sealed covers will remain in the custody of the Election Commission of India", which will "abide by such orders as may be passed by the Court", which will hear the matter on an "appropriate" day.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

No.1493985Y NK Govind Singh s/o Late Sh. Hari Singh Kumari R/o Vill.-Kunjasu PO-kunjasu, Tehsil-Pokhari, Distt. Chamoli, Uttarakhand-246473.inform that my daughter name is wrongly-mentioned as Kumar Shakshi instead of Shakshi in my army record. Her Actual and correct name is Shakshi. AFFIDAVIT-IN-DL80962121676281R.

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I, Tajinder Singh Nanda S/O, Harmohinder Singh Nanda R/o H-17 Gf, Shivaji Park, Punjabi Bagh West, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Gajinder Singh Nanda for all purposes.

0040521600-1

I, Sumita Chakraborty, W/o Vijay Arvind Rao, R/o 93C Pocket-A, DDA Flats Sukhdev Vihar, Delhi - 110025 hold Passport No. K8633244 which incorrectly mentions my Name as Sumita Chakaraborty, Father's Name as Jayanta Chakaraborty and Mother's Name as Baby Chakaraborty. The correct spelling of my name is Sumita Chakraborty, Father's Name is Jayanta Chakraborty and Mother's Name is Baby Chakraborty. 0070685042-1

I, Sudhesh S/o Vinod Kumar R/o-15/309 KalyanPuri, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Sudhesh Kumar Permanently. 0040521675-9

I, Shivangi Singh W/o Shivanshu Sachan, R/o Tower -M602, Nimbus Hyde Park, Sector-78, Noida U.P.-201301, have changed my name from Shivangi to Shivangi Singh to all future Purposes. 0040521599-1

I,Shkuntla Rani R/o 50 II floor Defence Enclave, New Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Shakun Arora 0070685040-1

I, Sanjivini D/o Hukam Chand Malhotra R/o 40-41, Pocket-3, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sanjivini Malhotra.

0040521668-4

I, Rohit S/o Pushkar Singh R/o Flat No. 18-19, Kh.No.630/1, 2nd floor, left Numbardar Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name from Rohit to Rohit Bartial for all future purposes. 0040521617-1

I, Reeta Saroj, W/o Shri Ram Milan R/o-355, Gali-No-2, Karkarmodel I.E.Sahibabad Ghaziabad-UP. Have changed my name, from RITA to Reeta Saroj, for all future purposes.

0040521681-5

I, Ravita@Ritu D/o-Satbir Kumar W/o Mintu R/o B-78 Maharani-Enclave Hastals-Uttam-Nagar West-Delhi-110059,have Changed my name to Ritu.

0040521675-10

I, Ravi S/o Vijay Kumar R/o 8/334, Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Ravi Kanojia for future purposes. 0040521611-1

I, Rajnish Sood S/O A.S.Sood R/O-J-2/601, Kingsburry-Apppt.TDI-City, Nagal-Kalan, Sonipat-Haryana-131023. Have Changed my Name to Rajnesh Sood. 0040521675-1

I, Raj Kumar Thakur S/o Shri Chaman Lal Thakur, R/o 3098, Arya Pura, Old Subzi Mandi, Malka Ganj, Delhi-110007, have changed my name from Raj Kumar to Raj Kumar Thakur, for all future purposes.

0040521584-1

I, Nitin Kumar Gupta, R/o D-55, First Floor, Pusppanjali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi - 110034 have changed my name to Nitin Gupta. 0070685043-1

I, Neelam Rani Arora W/o-Krishan Kumar R/o-4-D/6, Old-Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060, have changed my name to Neelam Arora. 0040521675-5

I, Mohit R/o vpo Kotla, Barimajherwan, Ghumarwin, Bilaspur from Himachal Pradesh have changed my name to Vishal Sharma for all purposes 0070685038-1

I, Mohinder Kaur Nanda W/o Gajinder Singh Nanda R/o H-17 Gf, Shivaji Park, Punjabi Bagh West, New Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Mohinder Kaur Nanda for all purposes. 0040521586-1

I, Mohd Zunaid S/o Gyasuddin R/o-D-125N, Gali.No-11, Zakir-Nagar-Jamia-Nagar, New-Delhi-110025, have changed my name, from Mohd Zunaid to Mohammed Zunaid Choudhary for all purposes. 0040521681-6

I, Malaprabha W/o Nagappa Suladhal R/o 173/1, Marakatti Road, Chandanahosur, Tarihal, Belagavi, Karnataka-590003, informs that I have changed my name from Malaprabha to Malaprabha Nagappa Suladhal for all future purposes.

0040521590-2

I, Kumari Rupam Priya W/o Kishore Kumar R/o-4-D/6, Pkt-4, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Rupam Javed. 0040521668-5

I, Mohd Javed, S/o-Shauqat Ali R/o-3229, Phatak Teliyan, Turkman-Gate Delhi, inform that Mohammad Shauqat Ali, and Shauqat Ali, both name used my father. Both name were same and one person.

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RAJUL MEHTA - ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 482, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to public at large that my client Shri Ashok Arora S/o H.C. Arora R/o A-212, Janakpuri, New Delhi-16, is the co-owner of the properties i.e. Shop No. WZ-1685 land measuring 55 Sq. yards, situated in Mangal Raya, New Delhi, and Shop No. WZ-1634, land measuring 21 Sq. Yards approx. size 17'x17' (approx.), situated at Mangal Raya, New Delhi. No one (including Amit Arora & Vijay Arora) has any right, title or interest to deal with any kind of hindrance/2nd party interest in the above said share of the properties of my client. Anyone doing so shall do at his own costs, risks and peril and would not bound my client.
Sd/- GAUR BROTHERS & ASSOCIATES (ADVOCATE)
VIVEK GAUR
En. No. 011762013
GAURVAK
En. No. D23402007

I, Kewal Krishan Tanwar S/o- Pyarelal Lal Tanwar R/o-Y-989, Mangolpuri, Delhi-110083, have changed my name to Kewal Krishan, for all purposes.

I, Anurag Sharan S/o Late Braj Bhushan Sharan R/o Flat 28B, Ground floor, Narmada Apprt., Alaknanda, New Delhi-110019, have lost my original NOC dt.08.07.1986, issued by DDA in favour of Sh. B.B. Sharan of above address. If found contact: 9341221607.

I, SAYED ABU Ala S/o-Maulana SAYED alihal R/o-A-263 A-block new friends-colony south, Delhi-110025, have lost my original higher-secondary tech. Certificate & marksheet year-1968 Rollno-81 CBSE Delhi cont.no-9718206762.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Budh-Ram-Ashok-Hite Shirla R/O house no 193 gali No. 2 shalimar village Delhi have severed or discontinue their relation with Mohan Kumar and his wife Asha Rani and their son Amit and daughter Meenakshi and disbarred them from all their movable and immovable properties & my clients shall not responsible for their activities.
Sd/- ZUBAIR AHMED ADVOCATE
Ch. No. L-22, P.S. RATNI BLOCK TIS HAZARI COURT DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Sh. Maksud Myan S/o. Nejam Ansari & his wife Nejam Khatun W/o Maksud Myan Permanent Address: Nauhiha Jhurang, Nauhiha, Nauhiha Jhurang, Gaya. Sfr-824232 & present Address at Post No 142, Khasra No 218, Block-E, PH-2, Behrui Valia Lal School, under Enclave, New Delhi-110081, have disbarred, disowned their son Sh. Shree Ansari S/o Maksud Myan and Maksud Ansari from all moveable, immovable properties of my clients and severed their all relations with them. My clients shall not be responsible for their acts, conduct and deeds in future whatsoever. Anybody dealing with above said persons are doing so at their own risk.
Navens Sharma (Advocate)
H.No. 658, Khana Khurd Delhi-110082

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER
Tender Notice No. CE/TP/Tender Notice/ Part-XV/2019/016, dated 20.11.2019.
Tender is invited by Principal Chief Engineer/Garden Reach, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for supply of the following store through e-procurement system. Following tender has been uploaded on website www.irops.gov.in Tender No.: CETP SER 2019016.
Description of Material: Manufacture & supply of Prestressed Mono Block Concrete line sleepers (pre-tensioned type) for Broad Gauge (1673 mm) conforming to as per RDSO Drg no. RDSOT/2-4496 (with latest alteration, if any, as on date of closing of tender) and part drawing thereof to suit 60 Kg (UIC Rail) and as per IRS Specification T-39 (5th Revision-February 2016) and Indian Railway Standard Conditions of Contract, both as amended upto tender opening date duly loaded in Wagon/Road vehicle. **Quantity:** : 2,26,894 nos. **Tender Value:** : Rs. 43,02,09,175.52 **EMD:** : Rs. 43,02,100/-**Completion Period:** : 24 Months. **Closing Date & Time of Tender Opening:** : 18.12.2019. **Date of Opening:** : 18.12.2019. **Eligibility Criteria:** : Items will be procured from firms whose max. design and layout plan of the plant/factory for PSC ordinary sleepers/special PSC sleepers/ PSC turn out sleepers are approved by RDSO and located within the geographical jurisdiction of S.E.Railway only.
(PR-1044)

g-Tender Notice No. :- E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-258-267-19, dated 20.11.2019.
e-Tenders are invited by the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) S.E.Railway, Adra for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works: **Sl. No., Tender Notice No., Description of Work & Tender Value:** (1) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-258-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Protection measure for the important bridge no. 520 Up & Dn between Madhukunda-Damodar in Adra Division. **₹ 2,16,92,662.29.** (2) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-259-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Water Recycling Plant at Bokaro Steel City station and yard including sedimentation tank. **₹ 1,07,45,516.30.** (3) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-260-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Construction of spur at bridge no 414 Dn at Km 326/19-25 between PRRTAO, upstream side for protection of bank erosion as per CE's Drg no. BR/MISC/28061/19. **₹ 5,33,64,319.92.** (4) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-261-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Construction of Water Recycling Plant at North Settlement, Adra. **₹ 1,29,04,690.69.** (5) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-262-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Provision of D3 (three) nos. Compositing Plant at Bishnupur, Purulia and Chandrakona Road in Adra Division. **₹ 56,85,701.64.** (6) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-263-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Construction of Water Recycling Plant at Bishnupur. **₹ 91,11,448.23.** (7) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-264-19, dated 20.11.2019.** (i) Extension of shunting neck in Up direction towards Santhoshin end approx 500 mtrs. at Bhojpal station in Adra Division. (ii) Shifting of cross over/lowards end Bihaq at Bhowrali station in Adra Division. (iii) Extension of Kustapur siding towards Mahuda end in Bhagola-Loyabad section for accommodation of full rake with engine in Adra Division. **₹ 1,34,57,430.27.** (8) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-265-19, dated 20.11.2019.** (i) Extension of 2 cripole line from half rake length to full rake length train at outward yard at Bokaro Steel City. (ii) Provision of over run line or stand hump on line no. 01 at Purulia station. (iii) Extension of line nos. 1, 2 & 3 in Up Yard at Bhagata station in Adra Division. **₹ 1,41,69,194.97.** (9) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-266-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Supply and commissioning of 03 nos. track based Rail Lubricator (hydraulic type) including operation & maintenance for three years. **₹ 33,44,456.10.** (10) **E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-267-19, dated 20.11.2019.** Hiring of multipurpose pick-up vehicles (04 nos.) for supervision & carrying railway materials for the use of Engineering Department under the jurisdiction of DEN(North)/Adra for SSE/(Works) unit. **₹ 32,20,265.60.** **Closing Date and Time of e-tenders are on 16.12.2019 at 15.00 hrs.** Details of above e-tenders may please be seen at website www.irops.gov.in **(PR-1046)**

e-Tender Notice No. SERCON-GRC-CE-C-HQ-87-19, dated 21.11.2019. e-Tender is invited by Chief Engineer (CH)/HQ/GRC, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work Following tender has been uploaded on website www.irops.gov.in The tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. **Brief Description of Work:** : Execution of earthwork in formation in embankment/cutting, permanent way linking, ballast supply and allied works between Soro (Ex) (Km 265.500) to Sabira (In) (Km 274.100) including Sabira Yard in connection with the construction of 3rd line between Narayanagar-Bhadrak for S.E. Railway. **Approx. Cost:** : **₹ 57.76 Crores.** **EMD:** : **₹ 30,38,300/-**. **Completion Period:** : 24 Months. **Due Date:** : 17.12.2019. Interested tenderors may visit website www.irops.gov.in for full detail description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.irops.gov.in to participate in all other tenders. **(PR-1047)**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that my clients Mr. Mukesh Kumar Wahi s/o Lt. Sh. Radha Krishan Wahi and Mrs. Kamlesh Wahi w/o Late Mr. Mukesh Kumar Wahi both R/o 7222, 2nd floor, Old Rajinder Nagar New Delhi-110060 have disowned their son Aman Wahi, his wife Sushila Shankar (son) and his children from all their movable and immovable properties situated anywhere in India and have severed all relations with as they are not under control. I had already given him his share. In future my above said clients and their family members shall not be responsible and liable for any act, dealing, transaction, commission or omissions of the aforesaid persons.
Sd/- ARJUN TANEJA (Advocate)
Enrl No. D43922014

PUBLIC NOTICE
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2.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender document fee including GST	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Office of DM	Address of Chief Engineer	P.N.B. Bank
1	Construction of septic tank in District Bulandshahr, Debal, Gulaothi, Sikandrabad and Unchagan Kusturba Gandhi Residential Girls Schools	5.95	0.40	01 Month	225/-500 + GST- 131	Construction Division-2, P.W.D. Bulandshahr	Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D. Bulandshahr	D-M Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer West Zone, P.W.D. Meerut	P.N.B. Bank Civil Line Bulandshahr

3. A set of Bidding documents may be purchased from the office of E.E., S.E., D.M., Chief Engineer & P.N.B office as mentioned in column 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 respectively of the table corresponding to the respective work, between 11.00 A.M. and 04.00 P.M. on any working day from dated **02.12.2019 to 06.12.2019** for a non refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred only) for stationary charges and tender cost including GST per set of work as indicated in column 6, in the form of cash or Demand Draft drawn of any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D. Bulandshahr Payable at Bulandshahr. Tenders will be received on **07.12.2019** upto 12.00 Noon and will be opened on same working day dated **07.12.2019** at 03.30 Noon in the office of District Magistrate Bulandshahr. Terms & Conditions related to bids are available on <http://up.gov.in> & Office.
4. Registration in P.W.D. for Building works is compulsory for this works.
Assistant Engineer C.D-2. P.W.D BULANDSHAHR **Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.D-2. P.W.D BULANDSHAHR**
UPID-145761 Dt. 20.11.2019 www.up.gov.nic.in

Government of India Bhabha Atomic Research Centre BARC Facilities, Visakhapatnam
NOTICE INVITING e- TENDER
Online item rate tender in two bid (stages) system are hereby invited through e-tendering mode by The Regional Director, BARC Facilities, Anu Vihar, Mekarasi Hill, Gajuwaka-Yellamanchili Road, Maduturu Sub Post Office, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-531011, on behalf of The President of India from eligible contractors for the following work:
NIT No: BARC (V)/CES/TL-2/MIET/38, Dated: 15.11.2019
Name of Work: "Construction of super structure of M Block of Laboratory Building-2 at BARC campus, Achutapuram, Visakhapatnam District, A.P." Estimated cost - **Rs. 9.0 Crores.** Cost of EMD: **Rs.18.0 Lakhs.** Completion Period: **18 Months.** Detailed NIT & e-Tender Documents available for free view/download: **26.11.2019 to 17.12.2019 (17:00 Hrs.)**, Last date and time of online submission of tender: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 30.12.2019**
Detailed NIT & e-Tender Documents are available on website www.tenderwizard.in **com/DAE** for free view / download and detailed NIT is also available on website www.barc.gov.in for free view only. Registered contractors only can download & upload tenders. Interested agencies may visit this website for registration
Contact for assistance for registration and participation in e-Tendering: a. **Shri Rudresh:** 09969395522 or email - twhelpdesk231@gmail.com b. **Shri Vikram Verma (vizag):** 09849126688 or email - twhelpdesk394@gmail.com c. **Tender Wizard Help Desk** - 080 40482000 (9 am to 6 pm - Mon to Sat).
For further information/ assistance/ clarification, please contact on: (0891) 283 8035/34/19 Fax: (0891) 283 8003 on all working days.
Sd/- D.Venkateswarlu Regional Director, BARC(V)

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER
e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) S.E.Railway, Chakradharpur for & on behalf of the President of India against open tender for the following works: Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No., Tender Notice No., Name of Work, Tender Value & EMD:** (1) **CKP-Central-19-20-33, dated 21.11.2019.** Raising of platform from low level to high level to ease the boarding & dtrainning at 12 stations over Chakradharpur Division (Posoita, Birmagher, Champaharjan, Golikera, Jarakela, Derawan PH, Ghaghra PH, Mahadevval, Nuegaon, Bangunkela, Sogra and Birmirapur. **₹ 9,57,69,705.73, ₹ 6,28,900/-**. (2) **CKP-Central-19-20-34, dated 21.11.2019.** Execution of zonal works/supplies to and other civil engineering assets for period from 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2021 between section BU/Ex)-KRBU under ADE/NBDM (4th call), **₹ 86,51,940/-, ₹ 1,73,000/-**. (3) **CKP-WEST-19-20-56, dated 21.11.2019.** Provision of Footover Bridge at 07 nos. of roadside stations over Chakradharpur Division (at Panposh, Panpalai PH, Bangunkela, Nuegaon, Sogra, Ghagra & Derawan stations), **₹ 8,50,31,783.27, ₹ 5,75,200/-**. (4) **CKP-HQ-19-20-33, dated 21.11.2019.** Through Rail Renewal(s) for 5,092 Tr. Km of existing 52 Kg Rail laid on PSC sleepers with SH 60 Kg 90 UTS Rails in Up and Dn passenger loop lines at BRML, LHM & SVR stations, **₹ 48,10,304.12, ₹ 96,200/-**. (5) **CKP-SOUTH-19-20-44, dated 21.11.2019.** Overhauling of Jewel Filter at CBSA, JNK DPS, BJMD, BBN and BSPX under the jurisdiction of Sr DEN/South/CKP, **₹ 13,68,883.51, ₹ 27,400/-**. (6) **CKP-SOUTH-19-20-45, dated 21.11.2019.** Raising of platform from low level to high level to ease the boarding and dtrainning at 14 stations over Chakradharpur Division (PRSL, SIPA, JNK, TABU, KNPS, MLKA, BDP, OND, GUMI, RRP, KU, HLD, CHNU & ASB. **₹ 9,03,23,356.11, ₹ 6,01,800/-**. (7) **CKP-SOUTH-19-20-46, dated 21.11.2019.** Placement of 1T capacity truck for carrying bridge materials of South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur Division over the jurisdiction of SSE (Works)/CBSA and SSE (Works)/DPS (one for each unit) under Sr DEN/South/CKP for the 03 (three) years (2nd call), **₹ 26,21,331.87, ₹ 52,400/-**. (8) **CKP-EAST-19-20-54, dated 21.11.2019.** Construction of FOB at (i) Birbans (PH) (Length = 32m x 3m width), (ii) Gobindpur (Length = 40m x 3m width), (iii) Birbans (Length) = 36m x 3m width), (iv) Asanbikan (Length = 60m x 3m width), (v) Talaburu (Length = 50m x 3m width), (vi) Singokhania (Length = 60m x 3m width). In CKP Division. **₹ 10,14,24,778.07, ₹ 6,57,100/-**. **Cost of Tender Form:** : **₹ 10,000/-** for sl. nos. 1, 3, 6 & 8. **₹ 5,000/-** for sl. no. 2. **₹ 3,000/-** for sl. nos. 4 & 7 and **₹ 2,000/-** for sl. nos. 5. **Date of Opening:** : 16.12.2019 for each. The tender can be viewed at website <http://www.irops.gov.in> The tenders/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering.
(PR-1052)

Delhi urban shelter improvement board
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Office of the Executive Engineer: C-10
Indorok, Delhi-110035
Email ID : ee10.dusib@gmail.com 9717999192
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Executive Engineer: C-10, DUSIB, Indorok, Delhi-110035 re-invites, on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (Online) in two bid system for the following work:
NIT No: 106/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20. **Tender No:** 2019 DUSIB.183880.1. **Name of work:** Improvement of SC/ST Bastics, GNCTD, Sub Head: Construction of Chaupa at Block-A (Near A-322 & J.N. B-46), JNNI Colony, Indor Puri in AC-39. **Estimated Cost** Rs. 62,74,555.00, **Earnest Money** Rs. 1,65,500.00, **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1,000/- **Period of completion:** 240 Days
***Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids will remain on:** 02.12.2019 upto 15:00 Hours
***The Date of Opening is scheduled to be on:** 02.12.2019 after 15:30 hours
The bid form and other details can be obtained from the website (<https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)
**The intending bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update / corrigendum related to the tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be published in newspapers.
Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER C-10, DUSIB
DIP/Shabdarth/1026/19-20

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BATHINDA, LOCAL GOVT. PUNJAB, DEPTT, PUNJAB
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (CIVIL WORKS) TENDER NOTICE eproc.punjab.gov.in
E-Tender No MCB/2019-20/017
No. .753 **Date: 22-11-2019**
The Corporation Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Bathinda invites item rate e-tenders on double bid system, for the following works:-
Date and Time Schedule, Sr. No. 1

Last date & time of online sale/submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical Bid Documents	Opening of Financial Bidding Documents
13.12.2019 11.00 AM	13.12.2019 12.30 PM	13.12.2019 15.00 PM

A List of Works For

FIR filed after students clash in Chittorgarh private college: police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 23

POLICE HAVE registered an FIR after an alleged clash between students of a private college in Rajasthan's Chittorgarh district. According to the police, two separate groups of students from Kashmir and Bihar allegedly clashed with each other after an argument over getting passes to step out of the university compound. Police said that an FIR has been filed against four students from Bihar and others for allegedly assaulting the Kashmiri students. The police and the Kashmiri students maintained that the attack happened because of the dispute and not on account of the students being Kashmiris or Muslims. "We had received information that a clash had broken out between two groups of students at the private university. Some of the students from Bihar were miffed about the Kashmiri students getting passes for getting out of the compound. Later, the students from Bihar also secured passes and an argument between both the groups broke out

outside the college campus," said Sarita Singh, Additional SP, Headquarters, Chittorgarh. She said the college administration had later brokered peace between both the sides. "However, later during the night, the two groups clashed within the college. Preliminary investigation suggests that the main reason behind the clash was argument over the passes and there doesn't seem any religious angle," said Singh. The Additional SP said that the four accused in the case have been held under Section 151 CrPC (preventive custody). The Kashmiri student who filed a police complaint told The Sunday Express that several of them sustained injuries and one of the Kashmiri students had to go to the hospital for treatment. "They (students from Bihar) were angry about us getting passes to go out. We went outside at a shop to buy milkshakes and other eatables... Most of us play in the rugby team. Later during dinner time the students from Bihar surrounded us. We were not attacked because of our religion and us being Kashmiris as the people from the other side were also Muslims," said the student.

Pakistani Hindu family heaves sigh of relief as MHA defers deportation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 23

THE FAMILY members of six Pakistani Hindu nationals were relieved after the Ministry of Home Affairs deferred a notice for their deportation to Pakistan. Earlier, the Rajasthan government had issued a deportation notice to the six people on November 19. The deportation notice was issued by the Rajasthan government after an MHA letter on October 14 to the Rajasthan Home Department. The home ministry had mentioned that the Pakistani nationals were residing in Nachna village in Jaisalmer district and that it was reported that members of the family were involved in "suspicious activities" with one of them suspected to be in receipt of hawala money. The letter had advised the FRO Jodhpur to issue a deportation order to the six individuals and ensure their deportation from India. A notice was then issued by the office of Jodhpur SP (intelligence).

However, the MHA issued an order on November 21, deferring the notice till further orders. "Two children of my brother Nawab Chand were born after he migrated from Pakistan to India. My sister, whose name was also on the deportation notice has been engaged here in India. We were shattered... If they are deported, our whole family of 19 people would be divided. How can my brother's wife and four children live without him if he is deported to Pakistan? How can we live without our father," said

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Sundar Lal, son of Gul Chand. "We are relieved now and want to be granted Indian citizenship. Ever since the past few days, we were running pillar to post in order to stop the deportation," said Lal. Activists had opposed the government notice and had claimed that it would not set a good precedent for minorities of other countries who migrate to India to escape persecution. "If a person has committed visa violation or even a crime then that person should be punished according to the law of the land. But deportation is not the solution as the government should consider that they have migrated to India fearing persecution," said Hindu Singh Sodha, president, Seemant Lok Sangathan.

College of Vety. Sci. & A.H., NDVSU, Jabalpur (M.P.)
No. 2574/Store/Vety./2019 Dated 23/11/2019
TENDER NOTICE
Sealed Tenders are invited from the reputed manufacturers and their authorized dealers for supply of Equipment Items. The detailed information is available on website www.ndvsu.org.
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TOGETHER IN GRIEF

Actress Shabana Azmi with relatives at her residence in Mumbai on Saturday. Several celebrities were present as Azmi's mother, veteran actress Shaukat Kaifi, who died on Friday, was buried. Amit Chakravarty

RSS DEFACTION CASE
Court rejects plea filed by Rahul, Yechury

Mumbai: A Mumbai court on Saturday dismissed a plea by Congress leader and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi and CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury to dismiss a case of defamation filed against them by an RSS worker two years ago. RSS activist and Mumbai-based advocate Dhruvman Joshi had in 2017 filed a private complaint claiming that Sonia Gandhi, son Rahul Gandhi and Yechury had defamed the RSS by alleging that individuals linked to the organisation were responsible for the murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh in her Bengaluru residence on September 5 that year. The court had later dismissed the complaint against Sonia Gandhi. ENS

Court stays screening of Kochhar biopic

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Saturday stayed the makers of a movie on former ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar from screening, exhibiting or marketing the film till further orders. Additional District Judge Sandeep Garg passed the directions on a complaint filed through advocate Vijay Aggarwal, who claimed that the content of the film was "defamatory" as "it makes insinuations and judgments about the life of the plaintiff (Kochhar)". The court has issued notice to the producer, director and others involved in the making of the film 'Chanda: A signature that ruined a career'. ENS

In Punjab, hockey hub brings hope, escape from drug trap

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA
SAMRAI (JALANDHAR),
NOVEMBER 23

AROUND 7 am on a Saturday, with hockey sticks in their hands, Rajni (16) and Nazia (12) arrive at the Government Senior Secondary Boys Smart School ground in Samrai village in Punjab's Jalandhar district. A group of about 40 boys and girls between the ages of eight and 19 are already practising, and the two girls join them. Soon afterward, the group is split into two teams, and the match kicks off. Rajni's father irons clothes for a living, while Nazia's is a farm labourer. Three years ago, the girls joined the Pendu Hockey League (PHL), a hockey coaching facility set up by Harbhinderjit Singh Samra for underprivileged children in rural Punjab. Parents of most of the 70 children at the League in Samrai village are daily wagers, drivers, domestic help, tailors, barbers, mechanics etc. Rajni and Nazia have played at the state level in the under-17 and under-14 categories respectively. "I wanted to provide rural talent an opportunity to shine. At a time when Punjab is battling a drug menace, the PHL children are immersed in hockey. If all the 13,000 villages of Punjab have a

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dedicated sports facility, no child will fall prey to drugs," says Samra, 41, president and founder of the 'Rural Hockey Development Society' (RHDS), under which the PHL matches are organised. Set up in 2014, the society has seven centres. In the last five years, 500 students have got hockey coaching at the centres, and another 900 are being trained currently. The training is free of cost and anyone can join. The PHL players have been selected for several tournaments, including the National Rural Under-16, Hockey Indian National Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19, School National Games and Khelo India National Games. "These are children with no means, and now they are playing in inter-school, inter-district, state- and national-level games. In the first two years there were no girls in the League but now 35-40 per cent of the children at our centres are girls," says Samra, who started RHDS with Rs 66,000 'sh-



At the school in Samrai village, Jalandhar. Express

agun' he got at his wedding. Back at Government Senior Secondary Boys Smart School's grounds, the children have now gathered for refreshments after the game. For Navdeep, 19, a Class 12 pass-out, the League helped him avoid bad company and drugs. "My father passed away when I was very young. I work at a hair salon to support my family. The game will hopefully help me get a good job," says Navdeep. Rahul Kumar (16), who lost his parents as a child, says the PHL helped him get selected to Punjab NCC Directorate Camp and play in national tournaments. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Six killed in Maoist attacks in Jharkhand

ABHISHEK ANGAD
GUMLA, LATEHAR, NOVEMBER 23

WITH THE first phase of Jharkhand Assembly polls just around the corner, Maoists killed six people in two separate ambush attacks over a period of 24 hours. The first attack occurred less than two days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah credited Chief Minister Raghubar Das with "curbing Naxalism" in the state. The first attack occurred near Lukiatand village under Chandwa police station in Latehar district late on Friday. An official said the four police personnel — identified as Assistant Sub-Inspector Sukra Oraon and home guards Jamuna Prasad, Sakendra Singh and Shambhu Prasad — were killed when Maoists opened fire on a police patrol van. A fifth personnel, who was part of the patrol party, escaped the attack, they said. In the second incident, local BJP leader Mohan Gupta was shot at by Maoists at Pipra Bazar in Palamu district on Saturday. Gupta died on the spot, while three others were grievously injured in the attack. A second person later succumbed to his injuries. Maoist literature, including calls to boycott the Assembly polls, were recovered from the spot. Jharkhand DCP K N Choubey said, "Jharkhand has been on high alert since the election dates were announced, so there was no (intelligence) failure. We have identified that Maoists were involved and in the second attack, the perpetrators fled towards Bihar. Investigation is under way." When asked why the police personnel in the first incident were poorly equipped, Choubey said, "Since last one year there was no attack in both these areas. I have issued orders to henceforth reduce police's own vulnerability. I have also proposed action against senior police officers." Meanwhile, CM Das condemned the attack and said the state government will not tolerate such incidents. "No change can be brought through the barrels of the guns and those challenging the law of the land and democracy will get a befitting reply," he said. -WITH PTI INPUTS

BJP leader booked for 'kidnapping' 17-yr-old

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 23

A 26-YEAR-OLD BJP leader in Auraiya district has been booked for allegedly kidnapping a 17-year-old girl days before his wedding on Sunday. Kaushlendra Rajput, the Bidhuna Block Pramukh, went missing on Thursday along with the girl. Police said that prima facie Kaushlendra had an affair with the girl, who is a student and belongs to another caste. Kaushlendra's family members and four members of Bidhuna Block were booked for allegedly assaulting the girl's father and brother. Police said the girl's family lodged a complaint with the police, alleging assault by Kaushlendra's family and block members when they went to his home to enquire about the girl. Kaushlendra's family filed a cross-complaint, accusing the girl's father and brother of mo-

lesting a woman member of their family. No one was arrested. The concerned Station House Officer said the girl's father lodged an FIR against Kaushlendra, his brothers and their father, alleging that they came to his house and abducted his daughter at gunpoint after beating them up. The girl's father also alleged that Kaushlendra's family took cash and jewellery. On the father's complaint, an FIR was lodged. In the cross-FIR lodged on a complaint by Kaushlendra's brother, the girl's father and brother were accused of assaulting him and his wife and molesting a woman member at their house, said the SHO. "We are trying to trace Kaushlendra and the girl," said the SHO. BJP's Auraiya district president Geeta Shakya said that Kaushlendra joined BJP last year when the party supported him in the election for block pramukh. Shakya added that BJP has nothing to do with Kaushlendra's act.

BEFORE DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.
In the matter of
O.A. NO. 934/2017
BANK OF BARODA
Applicant
Vs
RAVI RATTAN & ORS.
Defendants
To,
D-3 MIS SUBHKAMMA BUILDTECH PVT. LTD. PLOT NO. GH-05/B, SECTOR-137 EXPRESSWAY, NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH ALSO AT : A-120, F.F., STAR HOUSE SECTOR-4, NOIDA-201301 ALSO AT : A-80, SECTOR-2, NOIDA-201301
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 23/11/2019 at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 05th day of Nov. 2019.
By order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

RAJYA SAINIK BOARD
GOVT OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
4th FLOOR, TOWER BLOCK, KASHMIRI GATE, DELHI-110006
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ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY APPEAL
The Government of NCT of Delhi is observing the ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY on 6th December 2019. On this day, the nation pays homage to valiant martyr, salutes the veterans and renews solidarity with the Armed Forces personnel. Public support is also sought to contribute funds for the rehabilitation of families of battle casualties, ex-Servicemen and their families. Donations may also be forwarded to the office of Rajya Sainik Board by crossed cheque/draft in favour of "DELHI STATE ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY FUND". and through ONLINE to Punjab National Bank, Gokhale Market, Delhi-110054 saving account No. 0613000100138214, IFSC Code - PUNB006130, MICR No. 110024013. The donations are income tax exempted and proper receipt is issued to the donors. The following welfare schemes are paid out of the Flag Day Fund:-
✓ One time financial assistance upto Rs.1500/- to ex-Servicemen and their widows in penury.
✓ Maintenance grant of Rs.900/- p.m. to disabled ex-Servicemen undergoing training at Queen Mary's Technical Institute, Kirkee, Pune.
✓ Financial assistance of Rs.1000/- p.m. to blind, paraplegic and bed-ridden Servicemen.
✓ Financial assistance upto Rs.20,000/- to ex-Servicemen disabled while in service to set up a small scale income generating venture/business to support their livelihood.
✓ Scholarship of Rs.7200/- and Rs.9600/- per year to children of ex-Servicemen who secure 80% and 90% above marks respectively in Class X and XII examination. They will continue to receive the scholarship at the above rates if they obtain 80% and 90%, respectively while in College also for the next three years for any degree courses. (Applicable only on completion of the Academic Year 2018-2019).
✓ Rs. 30,000/- as Marriage Grant to orphan daughters of ex-Servicemen.
✓ Funeral grant of Rs.4000/- to widow/NOK at the time of the death of the ex-Servicemen.
✓ Grant of Rs.16,000/- for widow's daughter(s) marriage.
✓ 25% of the course fee is reimbursed to the ex-Servicemen, widows and their wards (Personnel Below Officer Rank category only) on successful completion of career-oriented courses at Army Wives Welfare Association Vocational Institute and Air Force Vocational College, New Delhi.
✓ Education Grant of Rs.300/- p.m. to Orphan Children of Ex-Servicemen belonging to Delhi as per the service document to meet expenses on their education up to College/University level.
✓ One time financial assistance of Rs.3000/- or the actual cost of the apparatus, whichever is less, for the purchase of Hearing Aid to only Non-Pensioner ex-Servicemen.
✓ Rs. 1000/- p.m. as financial assistance to handicapped children of ex-Servicemen and handicapped Non-Pensioner ex-Servicemen belonging to Delhi.
✓ Financial assistance to widows of ex-Servicemen for the higher studies of daughter(s) of Rs.20,000/- per year for Engineering & Medicine and Rs.10,000/- for Graduation & Post Graduation.
✓ Grand Citizen Award of Rs.5000/- to ex-Servicemen who are 80 years of age and above.
Sd/-
Cmde Ajay Sexena (Retd.)
Director, Sainik Welfare-cum-Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board
Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi
Note:- The Ex-Serviceman, Widow MUST be settled in Delhi as per address in the service records and registered with the Rajya Sainik Board, Delhi for availing of any of the above mentioned benefits.
DIP/Shabdarth/1036/19-20

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Department of Art, Culture & Languages, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
URDU ACADEMY, DELHI
organises
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24th to 29th November, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. (daily)
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Inaugural Session: 24th November, 2019 at 6.15 p.m.
Chief Guest : Mr. Manish Sisodia
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Delhi
Guests of Honour : Mr. Imran Husain
Hon'ble Minister for Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of Delhi
: Mr. Rajendra Pal Gautam
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Govt. of Delhi
Welcome Address : Prof. Shehpar Rasool
Vice Chairman, Urdu Academy, Delhi
Vote of Thanks : Secretary, Urdu Academy, Delhi
24th November, 2019
ZANJEER KA NAGHMA
Direction : Mr. Arvind Singh
Written by : Mr. Anjum Usmani
Presentation : Sumukha
25th November, 2019
CHAINPUR KI DASTAAN
Direction : Mr. Sunil Rawat
Written by : Mr. Ranjit Kapoor
Presentation : Saksham Society of Art & Culture
26th November, 2019
SIR IQBAL
Direction : Dr. M. Sayeed Alam
Written by : Dr. M. Sayeed Alam
Presentation : Pierrot's Troupe
27th November, 2019
HABBA KHATOON
Direction : Ms. Kajal Suri
Written by : Ms. Kajal Suri
Presentation : Rubaroo
28th November, 2019
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Written by : Prof. Sadique
Presentation : Kaia Mandali
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NEWSMAKERS IN THE NEWSROOM

The NRC in Assam was disastrous. It has become a joke now. If that is what we will get, it is better we don't do it. People from all parts of country stay in Delhi. Will we throw them out if their names are not on the list?"

SOURAV ROY BARMAN: In your campaign for the general elections earlier this year, there were four elements — your government's achievements, demand for full statehood for Delhi, attacks on the Prime Minister and Home Minister, and finally sort of a desperate attempt to get into an alliance with the Congress. What went wrong?

Going by the results, everything was wrong. Our strategies did not work and that is why the results were such. Having said that, we don't regret anything. All decisions were taken according to the circumstances then. If our strategies had worked, people would have called it a masterstroke.

Earlier, when we were set to leave the government after 49 days, many of our well-wishers advised us not to do it. They said it would be the biggest mistake in this country's political history. At the time we thought maybe they are right. But then, when we got 67 out of 70 seats in Delhi, people complimented us for showing courage and leaving the government in 49 days. So, it is often very tough to say what might go wrong. But the results show that whatever we were doing was not acceptable to the public.

RAHUL SABHARWAL: So what are some of the strategy changes being made for the coming Delhi polls?

We will tell people about the work that we have done and the work that we plan on doing. We have worked hard, and we will fight the elections on the basis of the work that we have done. Even people know that work has been done, and we have moved forward in many sectors.

SOURAV ROY BARMAN: But in the Lok Sabha polls your candidates finished third in five seats and many of them lost their deposits. Does it worry you?

No. Later, when we spoke to the people, they told us this was not your election. They said that they will stand with us in the Delhi elections. Even the Haryana and Maharashtra election results show that people are clear about their choices. They know who to vote for in which election. During the Odisha elections, at the polling booths, people pressed different buttons for the state and national candidates. We have to go by the voters' wisdom.

SUKRITA BARUAH: As an election plank, how will you use education to reach out to people?

There are three factors linked to education — basic facilities, results, and long-term planning for how education can help shape a city or the country. We have worked on all three issues. We have ensured basic minimum facilities at all our schools. Students, teachers and parents see these facilities. Things have changed. It's not the 'tent wala' school system anymore. Everyone can see the quality of our school results too. These are not inflated numbers. I cannot change 96.2 per cent to 96.3 or 96.1. Those who scored 80-plus percentages earlier are now scoring 96 per cent. In the last three years, government schools have scored better than private schools. Today, there is an increase in the number of Delhi government school students cracking IIT exams or getting admission to Delhi University colleges. This is quality evidence.

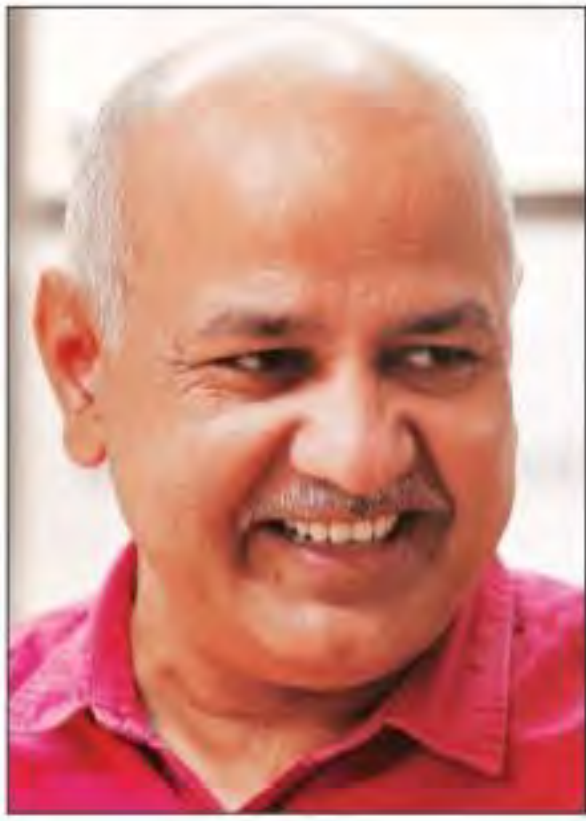
The last factor is about shaping the future. That is why we are focusing on entrepreneurship, there is the happiness curriculum, we are going to bring in the *deshbhakti* curriculum... And we are not just talking about these things, we have also allocated funds for it. There is commitment and delivery.

ABHINAV RAJPUT: What are your plans to tackle air and water pollution in the Capital? Do you see pollution becoming an election issue?

We want both air and water to become election issues. Then they (the BJP) can tell people what they have done in Gurgaon, Noida, Ghaziabad. We will tell people what we have done in Delhi... From power cuts to reduction in the sale of generators... Because of change in transformers, power lines, power cuts in Delhi are almost negligible now. For us, it is better if elections are fought on issues such as air and water. People will see that apart from education, AAP is also working on these issues.

There were a lot of water problems in Delhi earlier. Areas such as Dwarka had no water for nearly 15 years. Water reached there in 2015-16. There are areas such as Sangam Vihar where pipelines have been laid. Pipelines will become old, they will rust, they will be replaced... But to paint the entire water situation in Delhi with the same brush, I think it is part of a larger conspiracy. The National Green Tribunal is saying that we don't need ROs, they lead to water wastage. But there is fear-mongering among

WHY MANISH SISODIA



One of the founding members of the Aam Aadmi Party, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia has been appreciated for improving the Capital's schools. He has had a long association with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, and is the most trusted lieutenant of the AAP chief.

He plays a major role in the party's decision-making process as well as policymaking in governance. With successive electoral setbacks having forced the party to scale down its national ambitions, the AAP's campaign for the 2020 Assembly polls, which will have Sisodia's imprint, will be keenly watched



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'We want air and water to be poll issues. Then BJP can say what it has done in Gurgaon, Noida, Ghaziabad'

Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia says Centre's intervention is needed to solve Delhi's pollution, insists the Congress stands "nowhere" in Delhi, advises Opposition to raise issues relating to common man to fight BJP, and denies charges of having softened towards Modi



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia with Senior Correspondent Sourav Roy Barman in *The Indian Express* newsroom.. Amit Mehra

people over quality of water in the Capital. This is a conspiracy and we have exposed it. Of the 11 samples (that were examined for the Bureau of Indian Standards report), one was from Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan's home, another from the home of a person who fought elections on his party's ticket, one sample was from a person's home who fought elections from Yogendra Yadav's party, one sample is from a fake address. Four people said that the water coming to their homes was dirty earlier but now it is clean. So what is the sanctity of this sample?

ABHINAV RAJPUT: If you believe stubble burning is the main cause of pollution in the Capital, what is your plan for next year, when the air quality begins to deteriorate again after Diwali?

Until five-six states, along with the Central government, work to solve the problem... It's not about Delhi alone, it is also about the people of Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurgaon and Faridabad. I will say clearly here, the Centre has to play its role.

SOURAV ROY BARMAN: Do you think the Prime Minister should have intervened directly in the matter?

We wrote letters to the Central and state governments well in time. When we didn't get a response, we began the drive to purchase and distribute masks. It is the job of a federal government to intervene in matters related to five-six states. The Chief Minister is interacting with technocrats to look for technological solutions to stubble-burning. It has to be done in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh as well. Now whether it happens with the Prime Minister's intervention, with Prakash Javadekar's intervention... It has to be done.

SOMYA LAKHANI: Now that pollution is a big issue, how is it going to manifest itself in the election campaign?

Everyone has a role in tackling pollution. The Nagar Nigam has a role, from dust control to sanitation. The Delhi government has a role, the Central government has a role... We will tell people about these issues — what we have done, what others should have done and did not do. We will present it before the people.

RAKESH SINHA: You supported the Centre's move to revoke Article 370. What was the thought behind it?

As a child when I read about Article 370, I would wonder why we need it. Now that a decision has been taken, we thought it was a move that has to be supported and so we supported it. Tomorrow, if they take a step to tackle pollution, we will support that too. Why not?

RAKESH SINHA: Earlier, the AAP took

on the PM aggressively. That doesn't seem to be the case anymore.

Earlier, people asked us why do we fight so much... See, we fight when there is a need to fight. Today, when there is a fake intervention on water issues by the Centre, we are fighting it.

MALLICA JOSHI: Water has been on the AAP's agenda for long. Politically, what will be the impact of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) report?

It's not about governance here. It is about conspiracies. If noise is made about Delhi's water being poisonous, people will be forced to buy ROs. And this truth is now coming out... This report is linked to the RO industry. If you dig deeper, a mineral water link will also emerge. When people start believing that the water in their homes is poisonous, they will buy mineral water from shops... So we believe this (report) is part of a political and financial conspiracy.

MALLICA JOSHI: After the report came out, did anyone in your government reach out to the BIS to understand their methodology?

We questioned Ram Vilas Paswan, the Central government. The Central government said that the samples have been picked up from the homes of these 11 people. Then, when we enquired, we found that two samples are from homes of people from Paswan's party... So the Bureau of Indian Standards has become the Bureau of LJP Standards. Think about it, you are doing a survey for such a big city, with such a big population, that can have far-reaching impact... why would you only select 11 samples, and that too from your own home, from the home of your party leader? Couldn't you find anyone else? So we are raising the issue at appropriate forums... We haven't spoken to them (the BIS).

RAHUL SABHARWAL: What is your



view on the tussle that is playing out at Jawaharlal Nehru University over the past two weeks?

The government should deal with universities appropriately. This government in particular has not handled universities well across the country. There are disputes at many universities, BHU, the Rohith Vemula issue... There should always be a soft approach towards students because they are the future generation. There should be a liberal approach towards universities. You may not agree with their view, but the *lathicharge*, not listening to them... I do not agree with it.

SOURAV ROY BARMAN: Then why is the Delhi government not rejecting the request for prosecution by the Delhi Police in the sedition case filed against JNU students?

If the Delhi Police can take three years to examine a case, then we should also be given some time to take legal opinion. Police also took the case to court without consulting us. Why can't we take some time in getting the issue scrutinised by three-four legal experts?

VANDITA MISHRA: With the BJP on the rise and the Opposition in decline, for a short while, it seemed that the AAP was going to emerge as an anti-BJP force. Today, that image doesn't hold. What would you say to that?

We are not against the Prime Minister or any individual. We are against wrong actions. We supported Article 370 abrogation, and we are also speaking out on the JNU issue. So you can talk to us based on issues. The BJP is the ruling party and we are in the Opposition. So we are anti-BJP. In Delhi, we are trying to stop the BJP from coming to power in the coming elections. So you can't say we are not anti-BJP. But what our strategy will be, when we will speak out against someone, how

"I am a Hindu. I do a lot of things that happen at Hindu homes like *puja*. But I don't want them (the BJP) to represent me. We have spoken out against mob lynching, killings in name of cow... we have opposed all that

much we will speak... Leave that to us. That is part of our strategy.

MUZAMIL JALEEL: How can a party that is itself fighting for full statehood support a move to downgrade a state to a Union Territory?

We never said that making (J&K) a UT was a good move. We supported the move to revoke Article 370... It's our choice, what we support and oppose. Let's talk about issues related to Delhi. We are a small party. You can't expect us to shake up those in power. We will speak on issues based on the strength that we have.

SOURAV ROY BARMAN: But don't you think issues such as Ram Mandir, Article 370 etc will have an impact on the Delhi polls?

But that is what I said earlier, that people take national and state decisions separately. I was very glad to see the results in Maharashtra and Haryana.

MUZAMIL JALEEL: Do you agree with the BJP's Hindutva ideology?

No. We oppose it strongly. I am a Hindu. I do a lot of things that happen at homes of common Hindu families, like *puja* etc. But I don't want them (the BJP) to be representing me and my people. We have spoken out against mob lynching. To kill somebody in the name of the cow... We have opposed all that.

RAHUL SABHARWAL: Where do you see the Congress in the political landscape of the country?

I think last time the Congress got 8 per cent of the votes in Delhi. This time, I don't think they are even going to manage that. At the national level, those who did not want to vote for the BJP chose them. But when we speak about Delhi issues, the Congress is nowhere.

ABHINAV RAJPUT: The Delhi BJP has been very vocal about the NRC (National Register of Citizens) drive. They say that they will push for it if they come to power. What is your view on the NRC?

We can't do anything. They will do whatever is in their capacity. We can't stop them with our strength. They have the power, let them do it... I think the NRC in Assam was disastrous. It has become a joke now. If that is what we will get, it is better we don't do it. People from all parts of the country stay in Delhi. Will we have to throw them out if their names are not on the list? It's a joke.

RAVISH TIWARI: To counter the BJP, what is the way forward for opposition parties?

I think parties should raise issues that

affect the common man. We are raising the problems faced by the residents of Delhi... NGOs, activists, journalists, media houses, all have views. But views are not helpful in politics. It is important to understand the pain and needs of the common people. It is also important to resolve the issues. Political parties must occupy the space that is being created.

RAHUL SABHARWAL: If you win this time, what are the areas that you want to build on?

Overall, health and education are the sectors in which work is on in the right direction. There is lot to achieve and work will always go on. In terms of electricity, we have built infrastructure as well as rationalised costs. Many areas which did not have access to water, now have water supply. The biggest problem is that Delhi does not have its own water source. We carried out experiments before the monsoon and they are being studied. If we can save some water during the rains — a lot of water is wasted because of the overflow — it will be a big step towards achieving self-sufficiency. Traffic, pollution and waste management are also big issues and have to be resolved in coordination with the MCD, using new technologies and raising public awareness.

VANDITA MISHRA: In Modi's leadership model, there is centralisation of power. We see the same model in many states, including Delhi. Arvind Kejriwal is reportedly the last word in the party and the government. Do you think this kind of leadership model works for a country of India's diversity and complexity?

Governance should be democratic. And democracy should be ingrained in governance. The political party in power will have a leadership, team, and a future line-up. How democratic and inclusive or exclusive it will be will vary from party to party and leader to leader. Some leaders discuss with a thousand people before taking a decision. Some leaders enjoy the faith of their team as the latter know that the leader will come up with a solution. I can't say to which category the AAP belongs as we keep conducting experiments every day. We have a different experience. The ultimate aim should be to maximise democracy in all government institutions in the country, which run on taxpayers' money.

SOURAV ROY BARMAN: Will the AAP tie up with the Congress in the future?

I think it is not needed. People don't view our tie-up with the Congress favourably.

13 MAHA DRAMA



Congress leaders at a press conference in Mumbai on Saturday. Nirmal Harindran

State Cong led Sonia up garden path; party looks out for signs from Pawar

MANOJ CG & SANDEEP ASHAR
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

ON THE day the Maharashtra results were declared on October 24, former chief minister Prithviraj Chavan surprised many in the party by hinting hints that the Congress-NCP alliance could be open to talks with the Shiv Sena for government formation. Congress president Sonia Gandhi then promptly told the party's state leaders not to be "adventurous".

In the days that followed, many other state Congress leaders, egged on by newly elected MLAs, started talking about the possibility as the Sena-BJP tug of war intensified. But Sonia and other Congress central leaders were not amused, given the ideological differences between the two parties.

But Chavan, sidelined in the party by Rahul Gandhi and looking for resurrection of his political career, and other state Congress leaders kept up pressure, reached out to the NCP and its chief Sharad Pawar. Similar pressure was building up in the NCP.

While Rahul too was said to be against tying up with the Sena, as its stand-off with the BJP continued, the Congress and NCP finally decided to play ball, setting the condition that any meaningful talks could be held only after the Sena came out of the NDA.

The state Congress leaders then played on the insecurities of the MLAs. It was conveyed to the central leadership that almost two-thirds of the party's 44 MLAs were getting restive. The Sena made its leanings clear by pulling out its minister from the Narendra Modi Cabinet.

Talking about how Sonia had changed her mind, a senior leader said, "Reluctant, she had to change her stand in the face of the collective resolve of the Maharashtra Congress



Sena, Congress leaders at Supreme Court on Saturday night to file a plea against the Governor's decision to invite BJP to form the government. Praveen Khanna

Sena may shift MLAs out of Mumbai, seize phones to prevent BJP poaching

VISHWAS WAGHMODE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

WITH DEVENDRA Fadnavis sworn in as Chief Minister and Ajit Pawar as Deputy Chief Minister early Saturday, and the new alliance still short of the halfway mark, the Shiv Sena is keeping a hawk's eye on its legislators.

Initially, the Sena MLAs were scheduled to be moved to Rajasthan for a couple of days on Friday evening. However, following an address by chief Uddhav Thackeray at his residence on Friday morning, the plan was dropped as the talks between the Congress, NCP and Sena seemed to be moving towards forming the government. The MLAs were thus shifted to a hotel in Andheri (East).

Accusing Sena leader Sanjay Raut of misleading Uddhav Thackeray, senior BJP leader Girish Mahajan said, "He has trampled the party's honour. The entire state has heard what Raut said in the last one month about the BJP and its central leadership, including PM Modi."

With the Governor not setting any time limit for the BJP to prove its majority, the Sena is among the parties fearful of its legislators being poached.

"The BJP may indulge in horse-trading to reach the halfway mark and may poach legislators from all parties, including the Sena. Although we have moved them to a hotel in

leadership to keep the BJP at bay."

With the adventure turning into a fiasco on Saturday, Sonia was said to be unhappy. But the Congress is now sucked into the vortex of government formation with the Sena, from which it might be hard for it to come out.

The political developments could also add to the deep mistrust the Congress and Sonia have for Pawar. Over the last fortnight, as the talks dragged on, doubts did emerge in the minds of the party's key interlocutors regarding Pawar's intentions and role.

Pawar's initial advice to the Congress to not act in a hurry, his party's decision to seek more time from the Governor several hours before the deadline was to end, and his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week were all developments that the Congress struggled to make sense of.

On Saturday, the Congress was not present at the press conference with the NCP and Sena, which was meant to project that the three sides were still together. At an independent press conference, senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel, asked if Pawar was unaware of nephew Ajit's move, declined to give a direct answer.

Sources said Pawar had assuaged some of their concerns by parading some of the NCP MLAs who had accompanied Ajit to Raj Bhavan for the swearing-in.

A senior AICC functionary hinted the three parties would evolve a joint strategy to prevent the BJP from engineering defections. All MLAs have been cautioned that if they chose to switch loyalties, they would have to face a united opposition in the resultant bypolls.

In the morning, the Congress took a head count of its MLAs. After ensuring that its flock was intact, the party flew them to Jaipur. A proposal to put up Congress and NCP MLAs in the same resort was discussed, but Pawar advised against it.

A 12-day operation, a line to Ajit: how BJP turned tables on Sena, NCP, Cong

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NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

BEHIND THE dramatic swearing-in ceremony early Saturday morning in Mumbai were discreet negotiations between the BJP's top leadership and the NCP's Ajit Pawar over the past few days.

BJP national president Amit Shah put on the job his trusted lieutenant Bhopender Yadav, the party general secretary who was in-charge of elections in Maharashtra. According to sources, it was the bitterness with the Shiv Sena that drove the party to reach out to Ajit.

Even as NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and Congress leaders held protracted talks, going around in circles, the BJP operated quietly. It was after the three announced on Friday afternoon that they were close to a deal that Shah rushed Yadav, who had been shuttling between Mumbai and Delhi, for the final round of negotiations.

BJP sources said Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit had already written to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari by then saying they were ready to form the government. Ajit then met Koshiyari personally to verify the letter sent by him. On



Modi, Shah in Delhi on Saturday. PTI

7 pm, Yadav reached Mumbai and met Fadnavis first and later Ajit, sealing the deal.

On hindsight, senior BJP leaders had dropped hints, maintaining till Friday evening that the BJP would "100 per cent" form the government in Maharashtra.

Party sources said the BJP began exploring

the alternatives available to it soon after informing the Governor on November 10 that, without the Sena supporting it, it didn't have the numbers to form a government. That was the first time Yadav came to Mumbai. "After the fallout, we received daily feelers from a faction within the NCP," a BJP leader said.

On the face of it, the BJP kept its options open with the Sena till last week. According to a source, Shah's instruction to the Maharashtra leadership was to "let them (Thackeray, Pawar and Congress) play their game", even as he kept his distance — the apparent disinterest even drawing comment.

About their offer to Ajit, a BJP leader said, "Everyone knew that a stable government would be possible only with BJP. Why should Ajit Pawar be part of a hobbled government with no certainty of longevity when he could very well get the same thing in a stable government?" A meeting was also organised between Ajit and Shah to reassure that the move had the highest backing within the BJP.

The tension between Ajit and NCP chief Sharad Pawar came in handy for the BJP. The rift had been exacerbated by the deal worked out by Pawar Senior with the Congress and Sena, agreeing to a Sena CM for full five years. Ajit wanted the NCP to have the post for at least

half the term. Said a close aide of Ajit, "He feels he was repeatedly denied a high post in the party. The NCP could have easily bargained for two-and-a-half years."

On the Sena, sources said the way it had tried to twist its hand had made the BJP determined not to let Matoshree dictate terms.

For a while, the BJP backed on the Sena not pushing matters to the brink, and the Congress not taking the plunge to join hands with it. But when the two seemed to have overcome that hurdle, the BJP moved in for the kill. What aided their gambit was that by that time, Ajit had been elected legislative party leader of the NCP, giving him a hold over its MLAs.

Incidentally, with Ajit in position, the NCP had on November 12 curiously conveyed to the Governor that it did not have the numbers to form the government. This came just in time for the Governor to send a report to the Centre, before Prime Minister Narendra Modi headed out for the BRICS Summit in Brazil, putting President's rule in motion.

Left holding nothing, Congress leaders talked about their initial doubts over the NCP, about Sharad Pawar's meeting with Modi, and about Ajit going incommunicado during talks. "He was again missing a day before the talks shifted to Delhi," a Congress leader rued.

Sena 'spots', NCP brings MLA back

ZEESHAN SHAIKH
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

AS IT SCRAMBLED for MLAs who may go with Ajit Pawar, among its legislators whom the NCP corralled was Sanjay Bansod, who was picked up from a hotel near the Andheri airport after a tip-off from Shiv Sena legislative party leader Eknath Shinde and Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's PA Milind Narvekar.

The NCP's trust in the Sena being able to help it out due to its strong presence in unions related to the aviation sector around Mumbai airport paid off.

The Sena men accosted Bansod, who had not been in contact with his party, and brought him to The Lalit hotel in Mumbai, where the Sena MLAs have been kept.

A call was then made to the NCP bosses, who sent party leader Shashikant Shinde to bring Bansod back, Sena sources said. "To ensure his safety, Shinde and Narvekar accompanied the two," a Sena leader who was involved in the move said.

Bansod, later moved to a hotel in South Mumbai along with other NCP MLAs, was asked to make a video announcing his loyalty to the NCP. He faithfully declared, "I am with Pawar Sahab. When I came to know what had happened, I took the first flight and came to Mumbai."

A first-time MLA from Udgir in Latur district, Bansode was elected from a reserved constituency.

Athawale invites Pawar: 'May get Cabinet post'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PATNA, NOVEMBER 23

BLAMING the Shiv Sena for the dramatic turn of events in Maharashtra, Union minister Ramdas Athawale on Saturday urged NCP chief Sharad Pawar to walk over to the NDA camp, hinting that he might be rewarded with a plum portfolio at the Centre. He said Pawar should also consider backing his rebellious nephew Ajit Pawar. "Sharad Pawar, too, should consider revising his stance and joining the NDA. He may get some good portfolio at the Centre," he said.

"Ultimately, the Sena has been outsmarted by the modern-day 'Chanakya', Amit Shah," the minister told reporters.

NCP'S LONG DAY



NCP MLAs being taken to a hotel in Powai, Mumbai, after a party meeting on Saturday night. Nirmal Harindran

Itching to come out of uncle Pawar's shadow, Ajit seizes his moment in sun

ZEESHAN SHAIKH
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 23

AJIT PAWAR seemed to have brought the curtains down on Saturday on his association with the NCP, by dramatically breaking away from family, dynasty and the political legacy of his uncle Sharad Pawar to chart an independent course as an ally of the BJP.

While Ajit is embracing a strategy remarkably similar to the one used by Pawar, who had rebelled against his mentor Vasantdada Patil to form his own government in the '70s, the similarity between the two ends there. Unlike the confident Pawar Senior, the nephew is known for his brusque style of functioning, short temper and intolerance of dissent.

This is the second time Ajit has become Deputy CM of Maharashtra, having earlier held the post in a Congress-NCP coalition government in 2010-14.

Like the rest of the Pawar family, Ajit, the son of Pawar's elder brother Anantrao, rose in politics through the cooperative sector. By Pawar's side since 1991-92, he had fancied himself as heir apparent after Pawar broke away from the Congress to form the NCP. In



This time he won his seat with largest margin in polls

1990, Ajit was elevated to the rank of Cabinet minister in Maharashtra, after having served as a junior minister for over nine years. He subsequently went on to helm heavyweight ministries like Irrigation, Rural Development and Finance, which helped him spread his clout throughout the state, including his own pocket borough of Western Maharashtra.

Alongside, Ajit developed substantial clout among NCP members, and is believed to have created a new rung of leaders whose allegiance lies strongly with him.

It was Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule's entry into politics in the 2009 parliamentary elections that first led to speculation about unease within the NCP first family.

Another irritant for the Ajit camp was the entry of Pawar's grandnephew Rohit Pawar into politics. Rohit contested and won in the

recent Assembly elections.

This isn't the first time Ajit has left the NCP stunned. In 2004, he had publicly differed with the party leadership's decision to concede the chief ministership to the Congress despite emerging as the single largest party. In 2012, he suddenly resigned as Deputy CM over accusations of irregularities in irrigation projects during his tenure as the Water Resources Minister, putting the Congress government in a crisis as other NCP ministers threatened to follow suit.

Weeks before the recent Assembly elections, Ajit broke down in public over the Enforcement Directorate naming him and Pawar in a money laundering case, claiming he was hurt, resigning as MLA and going incommunicado.

Pawar's decision to step back from contesting the 2019 Lok Sabha elections was said to have stemmed from Ajit's insistence on fielding his son Parth from Maval. Parth's loss is believed to have added to the bad blood.

What may have given Ajit the courage to finally break away was the fact that he won in the recent polls — his sixth straight victory as MLA — with the largest victory margin in the state.

With inputs from Pune

Baramati stands by Pawar, shocked by MLA Ajit

MANOJ MORE
BARAMATI, NOVEMBER 23

RESIDENTS OF the Pawar family citadel of Baramati expressed shock, anger and disbelief as they woke up to the news of Ajit Pawar joining hands with the BJP on Saturday.

As the realisation dawned by mid-afternoon following a press conference by NCP chief Sharad Pawar, party leaders and workers were a bundle of nerves while citizens slammed Ajit for betraying the "full faith" they had reposed in him during the Assembly elections. Ajit had won Baramati seat by a record margin of 1.65 lakh votes despite BJP leaders claiming that they would unseat him.

There was widespread condemnation of Ajit's behaviour, with Baramati residents unan-



A poster hailing the 80-year-old 'hero'

imous that Sharad Pawar was their real hero. A board in the heart of the city, announced support for the "80-year-old man".

Many roadside vendors, students, teach-

ers, businessmen and farmers said they were upset with Ajit's "turncoat politics". But some gave him the benefit of doubt, saying he could be under pressure.

"He won by a massive margin. If he contests next time, he will have no chance. People of Baramati are shocked by his decision to support a communal party. Nobody thought Ajit would let us down," said Akram Bagwan (27), a driver who lives in Baramati city.

Ramesh Kale, a college student, said, "This is a wrong step. Ajit has fallen in the eyes of those who elected him."

He added that Ajit could have taken the step under pressure: "His name had cropped up in the bank scam. Maybe that is why he had no option but to join hands with the BJP"

Tejal Taware, who runs a hostel, said, "Ajit is a popular leader in Baramati and in Maha-

ashtra. Whatever the compulsion, a leader like him should have maintained his dignity."

Close to the NCP headquarters in the city, a group of farmers discussed the developments. Sopan Jagtap (68) said, "The Pawars were highly respected, but now that will change. This should not have happened." His friend Bagwan Arjun Damodare (70) said, "I campaigned on a bicycle for both Sharad and Ajit Pawar. Now I feel let down."

Shivaji Bhapkar, a hotelier, said, "Is Ajit under pressure as the BJP was threatening to put him in jail? He must set the record straight."

There was gloom at the NCP headquarters. The workers initially refused to speak, but a couple of them said they were shocked. "I cannot believe this," said Nana Bhosale. Ranjit Wagh, another worker, added, "We have decided to wait until Ajit clarifies his position."





THE LANKA STORY

1948

Sri Lanka declared an independent country

1956

Sinhala declared first language of the country; Tamil second

1958

First Sinhala-Tamil riot breaks out in Colombo

1971

Gotabaya Rajapaksa joins army; leftist JVP armed rebellion by Sinhalese people against government

1980s

Gotabaya was part of army troops that suppressed resurrection of JVP rebels

1992

Gotabaya takes early retirement from army to explore a new career in information technology in the US

2005

He returns to Sri Lanka to take charge as defence secretary after Mahinda Rajapaksa takes oath as president

2006

Suicide bomber targets Gotabaya, he has a narrow escape

2009

LTTE defeated, war ends with killing of Prabhakaran

2010

After victory in the war, Mahinda Rajapaksa elected to power again with a massive majority

Till 2015

Gotabaya focuses on urban development projects, resigns after Mahinda's defeat

2019

Wins presidential election with a margin of 52.25 % votes



Change of guard

GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA has many images in Sri Lanka. But none in the country will disagree to the fact that he is a doer. It is the fear of minorities across the country whether he would succumb to the influence of radical Buddhist monks who have, in the past, indulged in communal riots. However, a large portion of the majority believes that he would bring development, jobs and stability to the country. In the post-election scenario, where many are hopeful and many frightened, will Gotabaya take extraordinary steps to the reconciliation of people in war ravaged Northern Province is another question yet to be answered.



RETURN OF THE RAJAPAKSAS

10 yrs after war with LTTE ended, Lanka remains haunted by its ghosts. What does victory of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the man most closely associated with it, mean for the country's strained religious, ethnic mix? ARUN JANARDHANAN travels from Colombo to Jaffna, Buddhist strongholds and Christian towns to Muslim refugees and Tamil victims, and finds a yearning for peace



(Top) President Gotabaya Rajapaksa after the swearing-in ceremony in Anuradhapura; (Above) Gotabaya with brother and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and the new cabinet in Colombo. Agencies

RUWAN LANKESHWARA, a Colombo-based government employee in his 40s, is not a sympathiser of the Rajapaksa family. But, in the recent Lankan presidential elections, he did not just vote for Gotabaya Rajapaksa but also drove down 200 km with a group of friends to attend his swearing-in on November 17. It made the Sinhalese Buddhist happy that Gotabaya chose Anuradhapura, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka with Buddhist links going back to the 3rd century, for his oath-taking.

To the others, it was a confirmation of fears that with the return of Gotabaya, whose name evokes the brutal crackdown and killings towards the end of the war against the LTTE, Sri Lanka has returned to the days of Sinhalese Buddhist majoritarianism. Of the 52.25% votes that Gotabaya's Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) won in the election, most came from Sinhalese-dominated areas. As many as 80% of voters in the minority regions in north and east voted for his rival Sajith Premadasa, of the United National Party (UNP). Also a Sinhala Buddhist, Premadasa was seen to have backing across sections. Days after Gotabaya's victory, elder brother Mahinda, who had been the president at the time of the war, was sworn in as the new prime minister. In the interim cabinet, the crucial portfolios are held by the two and a third brother — making the hold of the powerful Rajapaksa on the country total.

However, 10 years down from victory against the LTTE, Sri Lanka is not the same country. Many of the Rajapaksa government's excesses of the time had been excused amidst the heady rush of it becoming the first regime in the world to finish an insurgency as ingrained as the Tigers's. Gotabaya takes over a country that has buried the wounds of that war, if not the pain of it — and any false move could bring those scars up again. Besides, Lanka is yet to

fully recover from the April 21 Easter Sunday blasts, which left its tourism economy badly hit, and were a reminder of the fragility of peace in its complex racial, ethnic mix. During his campaign, Gotabaya did try to assuage the fears. The most celebrated slogan of the 70-year-old 'President Gota' was 'Inclusive nationalism'.

Colombo

The signs of the April 21 blasts that hit three churches and three luxury hotels here, leaving 257 dead, are barely visible in the modern, colonial Sri Lankan capital seven months later, but for a barred portion of Shangri-La International Hotel where repairs are still on.

Many attribute Gotabaya's win to those attacks — the deadliest since the time of the LTTE. The SLPP's campaign revolved around his image of being strong on national security. The previous government, led by Ranil Wickremesinghe of the UNP as PM (Maithripala Sirisena as president), was accused of failing to act on crucial intelligence inputs that could have prevented the damage.

The Tamils (11.2% of the population), Christians (7%), and Muslims (9.7%) are seen as UNP supporters. The Sinhalese Buddhists make up 70%. Many Christians admit that "Islamic extremism", however, made them vote differently this time.

Ishan Abeygunawardena, a Sinhalese Buddhist businessman based in Dhaka, travelling to Galle to cast his vote for Gotabaya. In his 30s, Abeygunawardena says, "I was forced to shift my wife and children from Dhaka to Colombo in 2016 following Islamic State attacks there. But we faced a similar attack here too. Gotabaya alone can secure the country," says a Sinhalese Buddhist businessman based in Dhaka

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Dismissal fears that the new President would go after the minorities, he adds, "There is no peace without national security, remember."

But others point out that a number of radical Buddhist organisations which sup-



At a polling booth. Many Muslims believe Gotabaya is a changed man

port Gotabaya played a role in the riots that targeted Muslims and Christians in 2014. Alleged Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) activists had led attacks on two Muslim-majority towns in the south, leaving four killed. In the presidential elections that followed a year later, Mahinda was defeated by Sirisena, who got 51.28% of the votes.

After Gotabaya's victory, the BBS told *The Sunday Express*, its work was almost done and, if its demands are met, they may think of disbanding. Says CEO Dilanitha Withanage, "Protecting Buddhism and the Sinhala race are our top priorities. But, we are not racist. President Gotabaya is the leader of everyone. But in Sri Lanka, with the majority Sinhalese divided, minorities become the kingmakers. This makes us insecure."

About his statements seen as anti-Muslim, he says that what they are against is "influence of Arabic culture". "Muslims should be a part of the country, they shouldn't see themselves as a separate entity."

Dan Priyadas, a Sinhalese youth whose name has been linked to several incidents of violence, calls Gotabaya a "good leader" who would take "decisive" steps. He makes the same appeal as Withanage. "There is no need for (our) nieces and nephews to remain separate. All of us, Sinhala, Muslim, Christian and Tamil, should be one family — Sri Lanka."

Lankeshwara, who voted for Gotabaya, adds that having just Sinhalese backing doesn't augur well for Gotabaya's presidency. "I



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(Top) Puttalam, a coastal district 130 km north of Colombo, houses thousands of Muslim families who fled the northern provinces in 1990, driven out by the LTTE which controlled the region; Tamil Christian nuns on Mannar Island believe the new president has to do more to heal the nation, which has suffered enough

powers around him."

Further north, among the relatively poorer community of Christians in the coastal town of Chilaw, a young priest at St Mary's Cathedral, who spoke anonymously, says the promise of securing the nation doesn't wash of Gotabaya's past. "Will he snatch the human rights of citizens?" he wonders, adding that he is ready to give the President a chance. "Gotabaya may be the best person to provide jobs and bring development as he is an efficient man. Maybe that is why people voted for him. Nobody wants to see his old face."

It is this ruthless efficiency of Gotabaya's that is believed to have helped him take down the LTTE as Defence Secretary. He had complete control over the military operation and the coordination with Indian and US intelligence agencies. After the end of hostilities in 2009, Gotabaya had been accused of war crimes, including the disappearance of several thousand people.

PUTTALAM

Located 130 km north of Colombo, Puttalam houses thousands of Muslim families who fled the northern provinces in 1990, driven out by the LTTE which controlled the region.

Muslims have had a fraught existence in Sri Lanka's turbulent history, including the 1970s armed rebellion of Marxist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) rebels, and the 30 years of conflict with the Tigers. The LTTE's campaign for a Tamil-ethnic country largely meant Hindus, with the Muslims who share the same ancestry an unwanted appendage.

S.M. Muhajireen, 69, remembers the day he fled Mannar, October 25, 1990. A government schoolteacher, he had owned several acres of land. "I fled with my three children, all below the age of five, wife, paralysed father and blind mother. That morning, the LTTE had made announcements in the village asking us to leave immediately. The instruction was to leave all valuables behind, except necessary clothes, a radio and a torchlight. Before we boarded a boat, LTTE men frisked all of us," Muhajireen recalls.

He was among the nearly 40,000 Muslims who fled Mannar that day. Dispersing initially, most eventually came to settle down near Puttalam.

Muhajireen, who now works as a receptionist at a small lodge near the Puttalam beach, says, "Our exodus was similar to Hajar (the journey of Prophet Muhammad and followers from Mecca to Medina in the 6th Century). Our boats survived heavy tides and dark seas south of Mannar as we sailed to Negombo. Not a single child drowned or boat capsized."

Muhajireen believes "that period of crisis" helped the Muslim community "flourish", comparing their fate favourably to that of the Tamils in the north who paid a heavy price in the final stretch of the war. The north continues to lag behind the rest of the country in overall development.

Muhajireen would like to believe Gotabaya is a changed man, particularly at a time when Muslims are again living under the shadow of suspicion. "He says he would be the President of everyone. I hope so. Not everyone who takes revenge on others do so again."

At Ulukpallam near Puttalam, where

around a thousand Muslims settled after escaping the LTTE, Mohammed Haneefa, 62, says he backs Gotabaya for finishing off the Tigers. Agrees neighbour Muhammed Kaud Haleem. "I want peace. I was very, very happy when the war ended," he says, adding, "He (Zahran Hashim, the mastermind of the Easter blasts) was not a Muslim; no Muslim can kill others. Let all of us live peacefully."

ANURADHAPURA

In BC 288, the daughter of King Ashoka travelled to this town from Bodhi Gaya in north India with a branch of the Maha Bodhi, under which Gautam Buddha is believed to have attained enlightenment, and planted it here. The 'Sri Maha Bodhi' tree is now located on the outskirts of Anuradhapura town, which swarms with tourists in white. In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited the town.

The choice of Anuradhapura by Gotabaya for his swearing-in, given its ancient Sinhala civilisation links, was not lost on anyone. India too read in it a conciliatory gesture, given the town's Indian links and the Rajapaksa family's perceived pro-China leanings. In his reply to Modi congratulating him on his win, Gotabaya said "I look forward to strengthening our friendship."

Buddhist monk Njana Rathna of the Sirisangabo meditation centre praises Gotabaya as a man who has "clarity on everything". "He is very proud of Sinhalese Buddhist tradition. I am sure he will take the entire country together and follow the 'Anusasana' (religious instructions) of monks."

Njana Rathana insists Muslims and Christians too like the President now, and that he must try further integrate them. "He should take efforts to mainstream minority religions. They shouldn't be limited to the small circles of their religion."

Another senior monk, who claims to have worked for Gotabaya and requests anonymity, says the war against the LTTE shouldn't be seen through the prism of racism. Urging both the minorities and Gotabaya to move on, he says, "When there were JVP rebels in the 1970s and '80s, the State killed thousands of them brutally. They were Sinhalese. The same happened with the LTTE. They were killed because they were separatists, not for their Tamil identity. Sri Lanka has killed terrorists always, irrespective of their links."

MANKULAM

This town marks the beginning of the Tamil-dominated northern Lanka from the Colombo side. There was a time when this was a stopover for rifle-wielding LTTE men seeking supplies.

Yunus, a shopowner, says he voted for Gotabaya "for his daring actions during the war". Two of his brothers were assassinated by the LTTE. Likening the Gotabaya vs Premadasa contest to a "street fight between boxers", Yunus says, "If Gotabaya is controlled

by radical Buddhist monks, it will be unfortunate."

Yunus adds that he can understand some of the apprehensions of the majority community. "What makes them insecure is not just the Easter Sunday blasts but other factors too such as changes in Muslim culture under the influence of Saudi Arabia, influential Muslims in businesses, and even some Muslim youths backing Pakistan instead of Sri Lanka during cricket matches. Otherwise, an ordinary Sinhalese will have no issue with minority communities. We live together, have so much in common. Politicians, including Muslim, asserting their power in the name of religion, derail the balance."

The son and brother of V Konnamalai, 70 died trying to escape to India by boat during the war. Konnamalai lives in a nondescript village on the road from Mannar to Jaffna, which used to be the capital of the LTTE-controlled region. "My son and brother were killed by the army. While the army killed us for being Tamil, the LTTE killed us for not joining them," he says, adding that this is why he didn't care whether the President was Gotabaya or Premadasa. "We have suffered enough, no one can do anything more."

However, for a Tamil Christian nun on the Mannar Island, this suffering is precisely why the new President needs to do more for the nation to heal. Every other house on the island has photos of war victims, every classroom has orphaned children, every office has widows, the 45-year-old nun, who doesn't want to be identified, says, "Do not kill us, kidnap us, build more prisons. The LTTE cannot come back as people hate them as well."

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A section of their leading a good life in Europe. We don't hate Gotabaya, but, yes, people are frightened. I wish President Gotabaya would come and meet people here, take them into confidence, assure them that he doesn't see all Tamils as the LTTE, tell them why he led that brutal war, let us know if our missing near ones are dead, provide us closure, give compensation to rebuild lives again, and hold our hands," she says.

MA Sumanthiran, a veteran leader of the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) that was a part of the previous regime, says the Tamils have not got the answers they need. "Not even the promised Truth and Reconciliation Commission (to look at the war) was appointed," he says.

JAFFNA, MULLIVAICKAL

A stronghold of the LTTE for a long time, Jaffna fell to the army after a long fight in the war. Even after it was freed, the government could bring in its supplies only through the sea route as the roads connecting it to the mainland remained under LTTE control.

Gajendran Ponnambalam, who has an office on the outskirts of Jaffna town, was among the Tamil leaders who appealed to the community to boycott the election. A for-

mer MP and the leader of the region's All Ceylon Tamil Congress, he says, "What is the difference between Premadasa and Gotabaya? Gotabaya is a known devil, one who should have faced trial for war crimes. But Premadasa is also a majority Sinhala Buddhist. Both emphasise 'unity of the State', which means nothing but a majority Sinhalese Buddhist State."

Ponnambalam too believes it is not easy for the Tamils to forgive Gotabaya. While the President may try to overcome the fear, he says, "People cannot forget how he went after them."

The Mullivaikkal beach here is where the LTTE made its last stand. In the space of three months before the war ended in May 2009, around three lakh people were trapped here in a narrow strip, and over 40,000 were killed, including civilians, LTTE activists and soldiers. LTTE chief V Prabhakaran's body was found near a lagoon about 10 km away. Remains of the war, including vehicles and boats used by the LTTE, can be seen in army-controlled areas.

VS Sivakaran, a prominent activist in his early 40s, was in Mullivaikkal in those days. He agrees with the Mannar Island nun that a "revival" of the LTTE is impossible — adding, "unless they get support from outside."

However, neither does he see any softening of the Tamils towards Gotabaya. "Since 2005, the Tamils in the north haven't changed their stand towards the Rajapaksa family — only they have. Development was the only slogan of Gotabaya in this election. He didn't talk about the thousands of missing people, the war crimes, the constitutional questions, the Tamil issues. The army occupied the land of Tamils. It is the memories of the Mullivaikkal massacre by the army that sustain the Tamil anger against Gotabaya."

About India, he says, "We do not have any hope from it as its role is dubious. The Modi government lacks transparency."

COLOMBO

In Alwis Place, a post residential area of the capital city, is located the office of TRIAD, an advertising agency that helped run the Gotabaya campaign. Dilithi Jayaweera, a media baron who owns popular news channels and dailies besides TRIAD, has not just steered earlier presidents and prime ministers to victory (including Mahinda and Chandrika Kumaratunga) but is also seen to have helped the Rajapaksa government get popular opinion on its side during the war against the LTTE. "Our job was to make people emotionally a part of the war. With so many soldiers dying, to make them believe it was their cause too. It was such a success that wives of army men asked them to go back to the war field," says Jayaweera.

In this election, he adds, his team targeted the fence-sitters, the urban and rural middle class besides first-time voters. "Minority votes were considered a bonus. Still, a lot of campaign material was prepared aimed at the Tamils."

Former army chief Major General (ret'd) Daya Rathnayake, who played a key role during the war, claims to have known Gotabaya for 30 years. According to him, a fellow Sinhalese, "Gotabaya is not a racist, or an extremist. He is a balanced, farsighted man. Judging him on his role as Defence Secretary is foolish as it was a period when the country was in a deep crisis."

Rathnayake adds that Gotabaya had to take the support of Sinhalese Buddhists to win given "the reality of turbulent Sri Lanka". "He will definitely win the minds of minorities before the next general elections."

While brother Mahinda is seen as a showman and a leader of the masses, Gotabaya has built himself up as a down-to-earth man, who dresses simply in a shirt or trousers rather than the usual politician attire, eats vegetarian, keeps away from the VIP culture of Colombo, shuns ostentatiousness such as his elder brother's grand mansion, and, over and above all, who gets work done. Among the first instructions of his Secretariat were suspension of all foreign tours by ministries and bureaucrats, cutting down of the presidential courtesy to just two back-up vehicles, and reducing his staff from 1,200 to 200.

In a recent interview with *The Sunday Express*, Gotabaya was asked about whether the Lankan army had tried to capture Prabhakaran alive, and if there had been an offer of surrender. Gotabaya replied, "... Prabhakaran was not wise (enough) to call me, but look at KP (LTTE No. 2) Selvarasa (Prabhakaran). He is living happily because we were willing to understand his past mistakes... We still believe in that."

Lanka will hope Gotabaya lives up to that promise.

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THEY WERE one of the city's great mysteries, passed between tea sellers and rickshaw drivers and shopkeepers in Old Delhi: In a forest, they said, in a 'palace', lived a prince, a princess and a queen, said to be the last of a storied Shiite Muslim royal line.

Some people said the Oudh (Awadh) Nawab's family had been there since the British had annexed their kingdom, in 1856. Some said they were a family of jinns.

Every few years, the family agreed to admit a journalist, always a foreigner, to tell of their grievances against the State. A few grainy photographs of the siblings showed them as beautiful, pale and high-cheekboned, but ravaged, harrowed.

At a meeting, where he wore high-waisted mom jeans and wild gray hair standing up in tufts, the prince introduced himself to me as "Cyrus", and launched into an animated speech about the perfidy of the British and Indian governments. The story began with his mother. She appeared, on the platform of New Delhi's train station in the early 1970s, announcing herself as Wilayat, Begum of Oudh, and living there for years, demanding her kingdom be restored. She had two grown children, Prince Ali Raza and Princess Sakina, with her.

In 1984, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi finally granted them use of this 14th-century hunting lodge known as Malcha Mahal, which was now in ruins. Wilayat never appeared in public again.

When our conversations had gone on for about nine months, I travelled to Lucknow, that had been the cradle of the Oudh dynasty. Cyrus had lived there with his mother and sister in the 1970s, and I went to the neighborhood where I had heard that Oudh descendants lived.

The old-timers remembered Cyrus and his family, adding that they had been dismissed as imposters. The Oudh descendants in Kolkata, where the Nawab had died in exile, had also rejected their claim.

I was due to leave India soon and take up a new assignment in London. The last I saw of him, he was replacing the clanking iron bars that protected him from "intruders".

Three months later, I learned Cyrus had died. I was sure that in the dark, his sister Sakina having died earlier, he had wanted someone to hold his hand.

I climbed the stone stairs to Malcha Mahal several months later. I had returned for a few days, to see what I could find among his possessions.

I leafed through letters, looking for a birth certificate, a passport, something that anchored this family in the factual world. What I found instead was a chronicle of 30 years of interactions with journalists.

Two things genuinely surprised me.

The first was a stack of receipts for regular, small transfers of cash through Western Union from a city in the industrial north of England. The sender identified himself as a "half brother".

The other thing was a letter. It was handwritten on fragile, blue airmail stationery and sent in 2006. It was cranky yet intimate, a letter that could only have been written by a relative. "I am in so much pain that I cannot go to the toilet even," the writer began, and, after an extensive catalogue of physical ailments, went on to complain about the burden of providing continuous financial support for Wilayat and her children.

The letter was signed "Shahid", and it was sent from an address in Bradford, Yorkshire.

I returned to Lucknow, and took a cab to a warren of residential streets tucked behind the grand shrines and palaces of the old city. Nostalgia for Oudh was a cottage industry here. Everywhere I went, I saw the image of the last Nawab, Wajid Ali Shah. Then there were the descendants. Because Wajid Ali Shah had hundreds of wives and concubines, people identifying themselves as descendants are all over in Lucknow, fighting over the veracity of one another's claims.

When I asked about the family, there was instant recognition: Yes, three of them had moved into this complex for a few months in the 1970s.

Abrar Hussain, who had worked for Wilayat as a servant, said the family had caused a sensation, especially among the Shiites. Ordinary people were moved to tears, awed by the begum, convinced she was their returning queen.

But the older men who presided over the neighbourhood, mostly descendants of members of the Nawab's court, said the family were imposters. Sayyed Suleiman Naqvi said he had posed as a journalist to check Wilayat's credentials. "She said, 'We have got documentary evidence'. She showed us some crockery and all that, which were of course antiques," recalled Naqvi, now in his late 70s. "But she did not show us any documents."

The family left Lucknow abruptly, he said. Something had happened: An elderly aunt said she recognised Wilayat from before Partition, and she had been an ordinary woman, the wife of a civil servant.

Naqvi believes they were frauds, but not motivated by greed. "To my mind, this lady was a megalomaniac," he said. "She should have been psychologically tested." About the children, he added, "They believed their mother. Because she was their mother."

I returned to London with three real leads. The airmail letter from Yorkshire. That name, Shahid. The Western Union receipts.

I took a train to Bradford, and walked to the address on the envelope. It was a grey, windblown day, and the walk took me past pawnshops, cheap Chinese takeout joints and dinky row houses of yellow brick, nearly all of them occupied by immigrants from India and Pakistan.

I arrived, finally, at a small, neat brick house that was surrounded by a large collection of ceramic garden gnomes, teddy bears, Yorkies, mermaids and fairies.



The true story of the jungle 'prince' of Delhi

Over the 30 yrs they lived in a crumbling 'Malcha Mahal' in Old Delhi, a family entered folklore as the descendants of Nawab of Oudh, largely building it over interviews with journalists. ELLEN BARRY traces 'Prince Cyrus' across Lucknow, Lahore, England and Texas, to find that behind that the high-cheekboned, beautiful man was an ordinary 'Mickey Butt'



(Clockwise from above) Shahid, Prince Cyrus's older brother, and his wife, Camellia, outside their home in Bradford, England; Cyrus (left), 'Princess' Sakina on the roof of Malcha Mahal in New Delhi in 1998; Cyrus in his last days, his body remained unclaimed and was buried under the number 'DD33B'. NYT

The door swung open, and before me stood a man in tiger-print pyjamas. He was barrel-chested and broad-shouldered, and looked to be in his mid-80s. He did not look well: His eyes were rheumy, his chest sunken.

But he had Cyrus's face, the same jutting cheekbones and hawk nose.

He led me inside, and then lay down on a cot. His movements were laborious. He glanced without expression at the photographs I had brought with me. When I offered to play him a recording of Cyrus's voice, he shook his head, saying it would be too painful. Beside his sickbed were two framed pictures of Wilayat.

This was Shahid: Cyrus's older brother. And now, finally, there were some facts.

Cyrus's sister-in-law Camellia thought the Oudh story was "a bloody big act". "I doubt all of it. It's very hard to get Shahid (her husband) to talk about it. He was led to believe it was true. Then, as he got older, he realised it was all built on sand."

Their father had been the registrar of Lucknow University, Inayatullah Butt. Cyrus had not been a Prince anything. He was plain old Mickey Butt.

Shahid, who had spent his adult life working in an iron foundry, could remember a life before Oudh, when they had housemaids and school uniforms. When their mother was not a rebel queen, but a housewife.

Before long, Shahid's wife Camellia came home. She was a friendly, plain-spoken Lancashire woman, animated on the subject of the Labour Party leader, Jeremy Corbyn (whom she despised), and her husband (whom she adored.) The two of them had met in 1968, when she wore her hair in a blond beehive and Shahid was built like a heavyweight boxer; in those days, she said dreamily, he could fight four men at once.

She never met Wilayat, but had corresponded with her for years. She thought the story about Oudh was "a bloody big act". "I believed every word at the beginning, but now I doubt all of it. It's very hard to get Shahid to talk about it. I think it's painful. I think he was led to believe it was true. Then, as he got older, he realised it was all built on sand."

Shahid ran away when he was about 14, emigrated to Britain and rarely mentioned his mother's claim to the royal house of

Oudh. When I asked him about that story, he was evasive. He said he wasn't even sure whether he was Indian or Pakistani.

"I'm so confused, I don't know who I am," he said. "I am like a bird, a long lost bird, a lost lamb."

I kept asking questions but Shahid was preoccupied by the news of Cyrus's death — he called him Mickey — and that no one knew exactly where he was buried. "I should have saved him," he said.

Now, all of a sudden, the field of witnesses expanded. There were other relatives, scattered across Pakistan, Britain and the United States.

Cyrus's eldest brother, Salahuddin Zahid Butt, was a pilot in the Pakistani air force, a war hero who had bombed Indian positions in the 1965 war. He had died in 2017 but his wife, Salma, lived in Texas. I called her.

She said her mother-in-law's claim to royal descent had been false. "She thought she was the princess of Oudh, but this was never, ever," she said. "She obviously had some mental disorder."

Two of Cyrus's older cousins, Wahida and Khalida, were still in Lahore, so I flew to Pakistan to see them.

A wooden door opened into a spacious compound, eerily quiet and green, with rosebushes in bloom. The cousins were hunched, birdlike women in their 70s.

Wahida had worked for many years as a teacher, and barely spoke. She seemed to communicate by slapping people across the face. Once, it was me. Mostly it was my interpreter. Khalida did most of the talking.

She remembered Wilayat as a tempestuous young woman, and said they hadn't seen her since the late 1960s, when she had suddenly left Pakistan and returned to India. They seemed unwilling to say anything further.

About whether their family was related to the Oudh royals, Khalida said she had no idea. "She (Wilayat) was lying... They are dead. Just leave them. God forgives them, so we should also forgive them."

Trying to get Shahid to speak about his mother and siblings was painful. He would get stuck at a particular moment, when his mother sent him out to buy bananas and he fled the family. Camellia said that, to this day, he would not eat bananas. She thought it was guilt.

Besides, he was becoming sicker and sicker. It wasn't a chest infection, but lung cancer. Camellia would not think of admitting him to the hospital, and had nursed him in the front room till there was nothing to do but give him painkillers.

On my fourth visit to Bradford, the last time I saw him, his voice was raspy, but he told me more than he ever had before.

The story, as he told it, began at Partition.

In the early 1970s, Wilayat had announced that she was the queen of Oudh. The family took on new identities: Farhad became Princess Sakina, occasionally Princess Alexandrina; Mickey became Ali Raza, and later Prince Cyrus

On June 3, 1947, Lord Mountbatten announced that the withdrawal of British Empire would create two independent nations, with Pakistan carved out for Muslims. Lucknow's educated Muslims began slipping away overnight, headed for Pakistan's new capital, where they would make up the DNA of a new elite. There were letters promising juicy promotions.

Shahid's parents had to make an immediate decision between India or Pakistan. Wilayat Butt had never been so happy as she was in Lucknow. She was fiery and strong. Shahid has an image of his mother, striding out onto her balcony in Lucknow in jodhpurs and riding boots, slapping her thigh with a crop. She simply refused to leave.

But then, one afternoon, Shahid's father — a man in distinguished middle age, wearing wire-rimmed glasses — was surrounded by Hindu youths, beaten with hockey sticks.

He soon decided to move the whole family to Pakistan, where he had been offered a job overseeing the new country's civil aviation agency.

Wilayat followed her husband, Shahid told me, but she never accepted his decision to leave India. She was obsessed with what she had left behind. In her mind, the grudge sprouted and germinated, and her behaviour became volatile. Then her husband suddenly died. Now with all restraining influence on her gone, furious over the expropriation of her property, she accosted Pakistan's prime minister at a public appearance, Shahid said, and slapped him.

This changed things for Wilayat. She was no longer a well-connected widow, but something shadier.

She was confined to a mental hospital in Lahore for six months — the only way, Shahid said, to avoid a long prison sentence. Shahid remembers visiting her there. "It was horrible. Women tied up with chains. One poor girl chained up to a wall, swinging."

When she was free, Wilayat gathered up her youngest children, packed trunks with carpets and jewellery, and smuggled it all back into India, with the goal of reclaiming her property. Shahid set out with them but eventually walked away. He could not put into words why he left.

Early this month, Shahid died, holding Camellia's hand.

It was Partition that ruined his mother, set her on course towards the ruined palace in Delhi, Shahid had told me.

In the early 1970s, still empty-handed, increasingly bizarre in her behaviour, Wilayat had announced to the world that she was the queen of Oudh, demanding the vast properties of a kingdom that no longer existed.

They took on new identities: Farhad became Princess Sakina, occasionally Princess Alexandrina; Mickey became Prince Ali Raza, and later Prince Cyrus. They no longer made any mention of their Pakistani relatives, or the spacious family house that they had left in Lahore. Maybe they forgot it existed.

The rest of the story you already know. So there it is: I have plundered their secret. Cyrus would have hated it. He refused to answer questions about his past.

I try to imagine how he would react to all this. His father being beaten with hockey sticks. His mother in a mental hospital. His older brother running away. Mickey Butt, the name he had left behind.

But, even today, there are plenty of autorickshaw drivers in Old Delhi who will tell you about the prince who lived in the jungle. And they will be telling that story for years to come.

On my last trip to Delhi, I visited the cemetery where Cyrus is buried. I had an idea of placing a stone there, something that said Prince Cyrus of Oudh.

But he had been buried as an unclaimed body, assigned the number DD33B. Unclaimed bodies are marked only with chips of stone, and small mounds extend in all directions. After wandering the cemetery for what seemed like hours, I sat down, miserable.

"He is lost in a city of the dead," I wrote in my notebook.

My colleague Suhasini was haranguing the clerk, urging him to look through his ledger one more time, when I realised that a man was warming himself beside a stove, listening intently.

He presented himself, rather formally. He was Mohammad Aslam Chowdhury, a seller of electrical wiring from Old Delhi. He wore a voluminous tweed jacket, and had a squiff of hair, dyed black, and had a plastic folder filled with newspaper clippings about Cyrus's death.

He said he carried the clippings to remind himself how swiftly earthly glory passes. "In Old Delhi, this was the only topic of conversation," he said. "People were saying such a big king passed away like this, in such a way that nobody knew him. How could the scion of such an illustrious royal family get lost in the darkness of oblivion?"

As he spoke of Cyrus's death, Chowdhury became distressed. "I feel really emotional about this, that something like this can happen on an Earth made by God," he cried out. As the other people in the clerk's office turned to stare, he added, "If a person like this has gone into oblivion, and had this death of anonymity, what can you say about the death of a commoner?"

NYT

18 Books

EXPRESS EDITORS RECOMMEND

US SECRETARY of State Mike Pompeo last week reversed a 41-year State Department legal judgment which claimed that Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank were “inconsistent with international law.” This effectively pulls the plug on a two-state solution that the international community was attempting to develop. The Israel-Palestine conflict can be traced as far back as 1967, when Israel forcibly took over land in Palestine after the Arab-Israeli wars. Here are five books which help to decipher the history and political undertones of the region:

THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE Eminent academic, and a Palestinian by birth, Edward Said’s sharp, detailed perspective in this book is arguably one of the most significant narratives to be familiar with, for anyone looking to explore the historical context of the region. From the adverse effects of Zionism (Western imperialism) on Arabs in Israel, the origins of the Palestinian nationalist movement, to tracing the rise of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Said’s book covers all grounds.

PALESTINE Joe Sacco’s graphic novel on Palestine pushed the envelope when it came to using – or moulding, the regular non-fiction format to tell the troubled story of the conflict-ridden territory. Originally published in 1993 as a nine-issue comic series, Sacco presents an illustrated account of the cartoonist’s travels to the Occupied Territories during 1991 and 1992. The book draws heavily on more than 100 interviews with Palestinians and Jews.

IN THE PRESENCE OF ABSENCE Written in autobiographical style, this evocative book of poetry also offers a glimpse into the lived reality of Palestinian poet and author Mahmoud Darwish as he negotiated the personal and the political. Darwish puts out a chronological record of most major events that have shaped the landscape of contemporary Palestinian existence – the Nakba and the Deir Yassin massacres in 1948, the 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacres in Beirut, and also the failed Oslo Accords, among others.

LANGUAGE OF WAR, LANGUAGE OF PEACE by lawyer-author Raja Shehadeh is a collection of essays that explore not only his many reiterations on peace measures among Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs, but also the various peace negotiations at which the author was a legal adviser. Shehadeh, given his first-hand experience, also offers his views on the mistakes he thinks the PLO made in its initial years of negotiations. His presence at these negotiations, and the manner in which he was witness to the many breakdowns therein, makes this a particularly bleak read.

ISRAEL AS A GIFT OF THE ARABS On a three-month visit to Tel Aviv University in 2010, academic Shail Mayaram wrote a series of letters to family and friends, interspersing them with photographs and anecdotes of her perception of Israel, gleaned from her travels around the country. These form the basis of this book. Mayaram looks at the conflict zone from a different perspective, examining if it’s possible to look at Israel-Palestinian relations through the prism of morality. This is a book that engages intellectually with the possibility of meeting violence with peaceful intent.



CHAPTER 1, LINE 1

In a certain reign there was a lady not of the first rank whom the emperor loved more than any of the others.
— *The Tale of Genji*, Murasaki Shikibu (circa 11th century)



A Distant Gaze Inwards

Pico Iyer offers an honest, anecdotal and arguably basic cultural kaleidoscope view of Japan

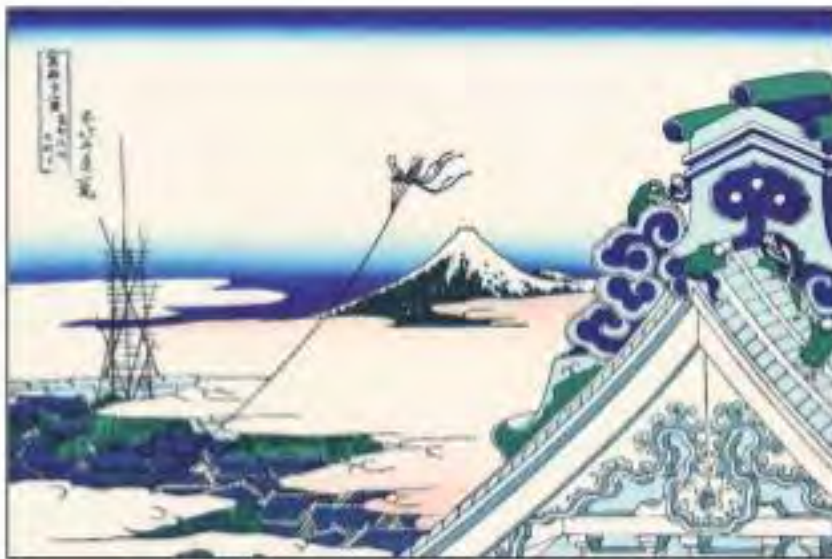
BRIJ TANKHA

THE TITLE, *A Beginners Guide to Japan*, brought back memories of a book I read in Japan in the mid-Seventies, 45 years ago. Jack Seward, who had worked for US intelligence during WWII and then the CIA, lived in Japan as a translator, educator and writer of popular books on the language and country. He was a refreshing guide, navigating the subtleties of language usage and the cultural terrain with ease and humour. He had immersed himself in the life of the people. Seward, I recall, wrote in one of his books, that he wanted to call it, ‘How to Learn Japanese in 30 Years’. To emphasise the difficulties and slow process of learning about another culture.

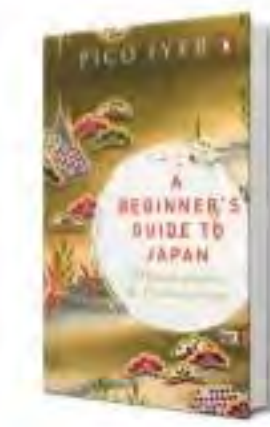
I suppose Pico Iyer, who has spent over 30 years in Japan, alludes to that feeling of not really ever having a sense that you know a country. Iyer comes from a very different background, thinking and style. He seems to spend part of the year in Japan – autumn, in fact – with his family in Nara, and he divides the rest of the time between his home in the US, and work that takes him around the world. He has also chosen the life of a foreigner, not making any effort to learn the language, which he underlines he speaks a smattering of, like a little girl. Alluding to the fact that he has picked up a few phrases from his wife.

The book is a collection of aphoristic paragraphs arranged, apparently, in a fan-shaped design. The pretty cover seems to play with this idea, to take the reader on a journey from the outer to the inner, from arrival to the end and a new beginning. Some 50 pages into the book, there is an ‘Advanced Guide to Japan’, where he discovers that Oscar Wilde provides the key to understanding Japan. Wilde understood the power of performance, and wrote, “The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible.”

Iyer finds confirmation of this everywhere. A yakuza gangster tells him that you have to think of yourself as being on-stage all the time, “It’s a performance. If you’re bad at playing the role of a yakuza, then you are



(Clockwise from above) Some prints from Japanese artist Hokusai’s much-acclaimed *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*; (Right) Actual view of the iconic Mt Fuji



A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO JAPAN: OBSERVATIONS AND PROVOCATIONS
PICO IYER
Penguin Viking
288 pages
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a bad yakuza”. It reminded me of that wonderful account by an Ivy League PhD scholar trying to become a bodybuilder, *Muscle, The Confessions of an Unlikely Bodybuilder*. Samuel Fussel wrote that he had to not just train his body, but learn to walk like a body-builder to project his power.

This is the fulcrum around which the book turns, or should I say it is the catch which binds the leaves of the fan from where, with a flick of the wrist you can spread the fan and display the delicate painting, and use it. It takes a little practice, but it is something so Japanese, East Asian – even more so, I think, than bowing while speaking on the phone.

The book combines observations on Japanese life and culture, *koan*-like statements that may lead some readers to *satori*, and random facts. So, some random samples: “Girls in Japan are trained to put the right earring on with the left hand, because it looks more attractive”. “When you are all in your robes”, the Zen teacher Shunryu Suzuki told his students in San Francisco, “I can see you individually.” And, “More people live within 30 or so miles of Tokyo than in the rest of Japan.”

The last reminded me of Michael Caine who, in an interview, explained how he just naturally, without any special effort, remembered random facts. He quoted some examples. One, that there is no place in

England further than 70 miles from the coast.

There are many books on trying to understand Japan and its culture, ever since the Portuguese began going there in the 16th century. Some of these describe the exotic people who do everything topsy-turvy, the wrong way around, are full of contradictions, but are intriguing. This book, for all it’s circling, really fits into this pattern. There are limits to understanding a place when you don’t have the language. And who are the explanations for? I much prefer reading the effect a place has on a person. The dynamics of the interaction place all on an equal footing. Sometimes, even without language or any deep knowledge of the place, writing emerges that continues to speak to us.

Take the case of Jonathan Swift. He sends Gulliver to Japan, where he meets real “natives”, not the imagined ones of Brobdingnag or Lilliput. Captured by a Japanese pirate, he has an audience with the emperor. Swift uses Japan’s refusal to trade as a way to look at the limits of European power. He is neither interested in idealising a civilisation, nor in trying to understand the “heathen”. A more recent book, Ian Buruma’s *Tokyo Romance*, is a thought-provoking recollection of time spent in seriously engaging with Japan, and how this transformed and shaped him. Again, it offers ways of thinking both about Buruma and Japan. Iyer remains a remote figure and his Japan flat.

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A Frail Frame

The legacy of the IAS, despite the shine of prestige and authority, has paled over the years

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FEW WOULD dispute that the IAS, once referred to glowingly as the steel frame of the nation, has lost much of its sheen. Reports by some 50 commissions and committees on administrative reform have not stemmed the decline. Our planners would be well advised to make compulsory reading, for all concerned, Naresh Chandra Saxena’s candid, thoughtful and balanced book, *What Ails the IAS and Why it Fails to Deliver*, which offers much insight.

The author is a conscientious insider who held senior positions in the government and is the rare civil servant who, during his years in office, occasionally put down his contrarian views in writing, even if these offended the powers that be. As Secretary, Rural Affairs, he chided Bihar cadre officers collectively for many acts of omission, including failing to utilise Rs 177 crore allocated for the poor in the state. Though a member of the powerful National Advisory Council, which was chaired by Sonia Gandhi, he criticised the Right to Education Act as impractical. He described NGO activists as “populists who cater to a constituency of habitual seminar participants.”

The Union Public Service Commission may select some of the finest minds in the country for service, but the idealism of young IAS entrants peters out after a few years, thanks to an adverse working environment. The IAS may have an inflated opinion of its worth but, increasingly, the public views the senior bureaucracy as disinterested in public welfare and corrupt. According to a survey of 12 Asian economies by the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy in 2011, India’s suffocating bureaucracy was ranked the “least efficient” – major reason why India’s pace of improvement in social indices is much behind poorer countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. According to the Planning Commission in 2012, some 55 per cent of subsidised food-grain reached the wrong hands in 2004 and 2005. Schemes like NREGA and MGNREGA are, in practice, simply a system of doles rather than providing jobs for the unskilled. Significantly, positions dealing with social welfare, tribals, minorities, planning boards and training institutes, which make the maximum impact on governance, are seen as dumping grounds for unwanted officers. Postings in finance, industry and commerce ministries are much sought-after because

the perks usually extend well after retirement.

True, political pressure has eroded administrative autonomy. In UP, the average tenure of an IAS officer in the last 20 years was a mere six months. The roll of honour of conscientious officers who riled their political bosses for sticking to their guns include: Ashok Khemka of the Haryana cadre who was transferred 50 times in 23 years, having exposed corruption in each department he was posted in; Vineet Chaudhary of Himachal Pradesh, transferred 52 times in 31 years; and, Kusumjit Sidhu of the Punjab cadre with 45 transfers. The British believed that if the man at the top was honest, corruption at lower levels could be within manageable limits. But with the lower functionaries losing their fear while making money, the upper bureaucracy, meant to be the guardians of propriety, have started following suit. The distinction in public perception has become blurred. Saxena believes that the silver lining is that probably 75 per cent of IAS officers are still untainted by corruption and nearly all cabinet secretaries, and most senior secretaries, are people of integrity.

Politicians expectedly get a major share of the blame for the downfall of the service, but



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it is not all one-way. Former UP chief ministe, Mulayam Singh Yadav, while addressing a conclave of IAS officers, pointed out, “Why do you come to me for personal favours? In return, I will extract my price from you.” At times, politicians are willing to take the initiative, but the status quo-ist IAS quotes the rule book to avoid change. And the complicated web of rules and laws in our country can often be interpreted in any manner. Unimaginative bureaucrats seldom try to simplify procedures or recommend doing away with defunct legislation. Babu Raj remains as oppressive as ever. Saxena cites some telling examples. In Odisha, for instance, tribal women were prosecuted and jailed because they were using hill brooms, whereas the law gave the right to only one particular cooperative to make such brooms. The new Land Acquisition Act of 2013 is neither industry-friendly nor beneficial to the farmer. Only the middleman gains.

Initiatives by stand-alone bureaucrats seldom work unless supported by strong political initiatives. This was reflected in such successes as the Swachh Bharat Mission, distribution of subsidised rice in Chhattisgarh where there was negligible leakage, and improvement of water man-

agement in Madhya Pradesh, tripling wheat production in a decade. On the other hand, Lalu Prasad Yadav took the extraordinary position that good administration only benefited the upper castes and was not compatible with good politics. Instead of demanding more financial devolutions from the central government, under him the Bihar government actually chose not to use even the funds allocated to the state. His chief secretary, Mukund Prasad, acquiesced quietly to his wishes. Most IAS officers, with very few exceptions, were willing to run to jail to take orders from Lalu, though his wife was officially the chief minister. When Nitish Kumar took over the government in 2005, he brought about a sea change with the help of the same officers, particularly in road connectivity and rural electrification.

Saxena has sensible suggestions for improving the standard of governance, which are unlikely to endear him to his biradari, an exclusive brotherhood which has the power to keep bestowing fresh benefits to itself: retirement of 25 to 50 per cent of officers at the age of 52 to 55, as in the army. Drastically reducing the cadre as well as ex-cadre posts especially in super time scale. Earmarking many government posts for lateral entry from NGOs and professional institutes to bring a fresh outlook. Finally, he points out that 70 per cent of all government employees are support staff – drivers, peons and clerks. A large percentage should be redeployed to public services such as education, health care, police and judiciary – areas in which there is an acute shortage of manpower.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Mike Pence

IRAQ
Pence makes surprise trip to reassure Kurds

Irbil: Vice President Mike Pence made an unannounced visit to Iraq on Saturday in the highest-level American trip since President Donald Trump ordered a pullback of US forces in Syria two months ago. Flying in a C-17 military cargo jet to preserve the secrecy of the visit, Pence landed in Irbil to meet with Iraqi Kurdistan President Nechirvan Barzani. The visit was meant to reassure US allies in the fight against Islamic State after the US pulled troops from northern Syria, leaving Kurdish allies in Syria to face a bloody Turkish assault last month.

KENYA
Heavy rain: 34 killed in floods, mudslides

Nairobi: Kenya's interior minister says 29 people have been killed in mudslides, among the 34 people overall who lost their lives Saturday amid flooding. Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiangi said 17 people died in a mudslide in the village of Takmal in Pokot Central, while 12 others lost their lives in mudslides in Parua and Tapach in Pokot South. Five others died when their car was swept away on the road between Kitale and Lodwar after two rivers overflowed their banks, said an official.

EGYPT
Editor held amid crackdown, says news outlet

Cairo: Independent news outlet Mada Masr said Egyptian police arrested one of its editors Saturday, amid an ongoing security crackdown. Shady Zalal, 37, has worked since 2014 at the website, which publishes investigations into corruption and security issues. Police raided Zalal's Cairo apartment without showing an arrest warrant, Mada Masr said. Officers told his wife Zalal was being taken to Giza's security directorate but Mada Masr was unable to confirm his whereabouts. The publication called for Zalal's "immediate and unconditional release".

US
Indian-origin man convicted of rape in NY

New York: An Indian-origin man has been convicted of raping a woman, after helping her find a place to live in Queens. Ashok Singh, 58, of Pennsylvania, was found guilty of rape and unlawful imprisonment following a two-week-long trial. He will be sentenced next month and faces up to 25 years in prison, Acting Queens District Attorney John Ryan said. According to trial testimony, in December 2015, Singh met the victim, who was looking for a rental apartment, and offered to help her find a place to stay.



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A NEW NATION?

■ Voters in the Pacific island chain of Bougainville cheered and sang as they flocked to the polls Saturday at the start of a referendum on independence from Papua New Guinea

■ Some 207,000 Bougainvilleans are registered to vote over the next two weeks, deciding whether the isles will spring from global obscurity to become the world's newest country

■ The vote caps a 2001 peace deal that ended a brutal decade-long war between Bougainville rebels, PNG security forces and foreign mercenaries in which up 20,000 people were killed

■ Results are due to be released around December 15 and supporters of full independence are expected to win handily, although a surprise is always possible

100 protest leaders arrested, says Iran, as US penalises minister for shutdown

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IRAN'S JUDICIARY said Friday that about 100 people accused of having led violent antigovernment protests over fuel price increases had been arrested nationwide, and a top cleric said they deserved the "maximum penalty." The declaration by the cleric, Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami, leader of Friday Prayers, suggested the authorities intended to make examples of the suspects to help crush any remnants of the deadly protests, which upended life in dozens of Iranian cities and towns.

While Khatami did not specify if he meant that the suspects should receive the death penalty, the Kayhan newspaper, mouthpiece of the supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has said

JUDGE ORDERS IRAN TO PAY \$180M FINE

JAILED, TORTURED
A federal judge ordered Iran to pay a *Washington Post* reporter and his family nearly \$180 million in damages after the reporter was imprisoned for almost 18 months during which he was psychologically tortured and physically abused

2014 ARREST
Jason Rezaian was an accredited journalist for



AP/File

working in Iran when he was arrested on July 22, 2014. He was subjected to solitary confinement, sleep deprivation and aggressive interrogations

they should be hanged.

"This is not a system that will be shaken by these stupid evils," Khatami said, according to a translation by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency.

In scrambling to respond to the protests, Iranian officials disconnected almost the entire country from the internet, effectively censoring the true extent of casualties and destruction.

US world's biggest source of instability: China at G20 meet

REUTERS

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 23

THE UNITED STATES is the world's biggest source of instability and its politicians are going around the world baselessly smearing China, the Chinese government's top diplomat said on Saturday in a stinging attack at a G20 meeting in Japan.

Meeting Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok on the sidelines of a G20 foreign ministers meeting in the Japanese city of Nagoya, Chinese State Councillor Wang Yi did not hold back in his criticism of the United States.

"The United States is broadly engaged in unilateralism and protectionism, and is damaging multilateralism and the multilateral trading system. It has already become the world's biggest destabilising factor," China's Foreign Ministry cited Wang as saying.

The United States has, for political purposes, used the ma-



China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the summit. AP

chine of state to suppress legitimate Chinese businesses and has groundlessly laid charges against them, which is an act of bullying, he added.

"Certain US politicians have smeared China everywhere in the world, but have not produced any evidence." The US has also used its domestic law to "crudely interfere" in China's internal affairs, trying to damage "one country, two systems" and Hong Kong's stability and prosperity, he added.

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Recent escalation

TIES BETWEEN the US and China further deteriorated this week after American lawmakers passed two bills to back Hong Kong demonstrators and warn China over human rights issues. The move, which came even as the two countries engaged in talks to end their trade war, had evoked a strong reaction from Beijing. While it is feared that this could sour the talks, neither country has indicated that dialogue had been affected.

THUNBERG TO GUEST-EDIT RADIO PROGRAMME

Teenage Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg will guest-edit BBC radio's main daily current affairs programme in December, the broadcaster announced Saturday. Thunberg will speak to the world's leading climate change figures and hear from frontline activists, said the BBC. She has also commissioned reports from the Antarctic and Zambia and an interview with Bank of England governor Mark Carney

Amid uneasy calm, Hong Kong to vote today in local polls

AGENCIES

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 23

AN UNEASY calm settled over Hong Kong on Saturday as the city prepared to stage local elections seen as a referendum on months of anti-government protests, after weeks of especially violent clashes between police and demonstrators.

Voters on Sunday will have a chance to cast their opinion on the city's future — albeit through an election for a group of local officials who mainly deal with noise complaints, bus stop locations and neighborhood beautification projects.

A record 4.1 million Hong Kong people, from a population of 7.4 million, have enrolled to vote, spurred in part by registration campaigns during months of protests. For the first time, riot police will guard all polling stations in the city and almost all officers in the 31,000-strong force will be on duty, the *South China Morning Post* reported on Friday.

The district council is one the lowest rungs of Hong Kong's elected offices. It is usually a quiet affair focused on community issues. But the race has taken on outsize significance in the midst of the violent protests that have divided the city. The election will be the first test of whether the protests can transform public anger that has led millions to take to the streets into actual votes.

"Politically speaking, the battle of the district councils as a whole is a crucial battle in taking control," said Eddie Chu, a pro-democracy legislator who is also running for district council.

It has been an especially in-



At a rally to support Hong Kong protesters in Seoul. Reuters

tense election season. Several candidates, on both sides, have been attacked. The police fired tear gas at a campaign rally this month and arrested three candidates. Fears have been widespread that the city leadership could postpone the vote over the unrest.

Twelve opposition figures, including prominent politicians and activists as well as first-time candidates, were ambushed and bloodied by gangs of masked men or attacked while canvassing for votes. "We can see Hong Kong isn't as free and as civilised as we'd previously imagined," said Jannelle Leung, a 25-year-old accountant who was struck in the back of her head with a hard object in early October.

Jocelyn Chau, a first-time candidate like Leung who received lurid calls before being punched by a man while canvassing last month in the pro-Beijing neighborhood of North Point, criticised the government for not condemning the attacks on pro-democracy figures. "Not even superficial gestures," said Chau, 23.

DEFECTOR CLAIMS KNOWLEDGE OF CHINA INTERFERENCE

A MAN claiming to be a disillusioned Chinese intelligence operative has told Australian authorities that China's intelligence agencies were directly intervening in politics in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

So far, some Western diplomatic officials believe the claims by an asylum seeker named Wang Liqiang to be reliable at least in part. "I do not want to see Taiwan becoming a second Hong Kong," he wrote. "And I would not become an accomplice in the conspiracy of turning an originally democratic land into autocratic land."

'TO COUNTER TERROR FINANCING'

Important for Pak to implement FATF recommendations: US

LALIT K JHA

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 23

IT IS important for Pakistan to fully implement the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to counter terrorism financing, a top American diplomat has said.

The implementation of the FATF recommendations, besides taking action against terrorist networks, would help the US revise its travel advisory against Pakistan, the diplomat said in response to a question.

"We want to see improvements in Pakistan's security situation so that we can reflect that in a travel advisory," Acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Alice Wells said at an event at the Wilson Center think tank on Thursday.

"Some of the steps that, I think, are very important are Pakistan's implementation, full implementation of the Financial Action Task Force requirement to counter terrorism financing, to prosecute and seize the assets of members of terrorist organisations," Wells said.

"We want to see improvements in Pakistan's security situation so that we can reflect that in a travel advisory"

— ALICE WELLS

ACTING ASST SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

In its last travel advisory issued on April 9 this year, the US State Department urged American citizens to reconsider their travel to Pakistan. It also advised US citizens against travelling to Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in view of terrorism and kidnapping. The travel advisory is revised every six months. Terrorist groups continue plotting possible attacks in Pakistan, said the advisory.

Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting transportation hubs, markets, shopping malls, military installations, airports, universities, tourist locations, schools, hospitals, places of worship, and government facilities, it said. **PTI**

Two children among nine killed by car bomb in Syria

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BEIRUT, NOVEMBER 23

A CAR bomb killed nine people including four civilians in a Turkish-held border town in northern Syria on Saturday, a Britain-based war monitor said.

Two children were among those killed in Tal Abyad, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing. But Ankara's defence ministry in a statement blamed Kurdish forces who controlled the town before Turkish troops and proxy fighters overran it last month.

An AFP photographer saw smoke billow from the twisted burnt remains of a pick-up truck inside the town, and a bright red blood stain on the road nearby.

Pro-Turkey fighters and men in civilian clothes carried away human remains in a waterproof cover, he said.

The area has been shaken by repeated such bombings since Turkish troops carried out a cross-border operation last month.

THE EXPEDITION IS MEANT TO STUDY HOW CLIMATE CHANGE WILL AFFECT CENTRAL ARCTIC

Stuck in Arctic ice, dodging polar bears — all for science

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DESPITE DIFFICULT ice conditions and curious polar bears, a German research icebreaker with 100 scientists and crew members is comfortably adrift in the frozen Central Arctic, two months into a yearlong expedition to study the region's changing climate.

"MOSAIC is in full swing," Jessie Creamean, a researcher from Colorado State University, wrote in an email, using the informal name for the expedition, the



Crew maintain cables near the Polarstern. NYT

Multidisciplinary Drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate. The ship, the Polarstern, has been frozen into the ice since early October; Creamean and other researchers will be on board until next month, when a first relief team of scientists arrives.

Creamean has been setting up portable equipment, nicknamed C-3PO, on the ice to sample particles and droplets in the air as part of her studies of how Arctic clouds form. She is also an "ice boss" on a 12-person crew that goes out every Monday and takes 60 ice cores — each about 20

to 40 inches long — for studies by various scientific teams.

All of this is happening in 24-hour darkness, which set in just a few days after the ship, which left northern Norway in late September, stopped next to an ice floe in the Laptev Sea, far north of the Siberian coast, and froze in place. The ship has been drifting with the ice since then usually covering 5 miles a day or less, and is about 300 miles from the North Pole.

The \$155 million expedition, organized by the Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany with par-

ticipants from 18 other countries, is meant to advance understanding of how climate change will affect the Central Arctic, a region that is warming about twice as fast as other areas but has been studied relatively little because of its remoteness.

Thomas Krumpen, a Wegener Institute senior scientist who was aboard the Akademik Fedorov, a Russian icebreaker that accompanied the expedition for the first month before returning to Norway, said that finding a good ice floe had been difficult. "We were facing

quite thin ice with only a few floes around that were thick enough to work on," he said.

The expedition has also been visited by polar bears, including a mother and cub who sniffed around electrical equipment on the ice. Polar bear encounters are taken very seriously — researchers must be accompanied by armed guards and scramble to safety if a bear is sighted. So far there have been three bear-related ice evacuations. "Luckily, no bad encounters and everyone (including the bears!) has remained safe," Creamean wrote.

CRUDE WATCH

OIL OFF 2-MTH HIGH ON TRADE WORRIES

New York: Oil prices fell on Friday, pulling back from two-month highs as concern over US-China trade talks overshadowed expectations of an extension to OPEC+ production cuts. Brent crude futures eased 58 cents to settle at \$63.39 a barrel. **REUTERS**

PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY FOR JANUARY-MARCH QUARTER

Urban jobless rate hits 4-quarter low at 9.3%

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE in urban areas moderated to 9.3 per cent in January-March, the lowest in at least four quarters, the Periodic Labour Force Survey for the January-March quarter showed. The urban unemployment rate, based on current weekly status, stood at 9.9 per cent in October-December 2018, 9.7 per cent in July-September 2018 and 9.8 per cent in April-June 2018.

Female unemployment rate, however, was higher than the overall rate at 11.6 per cent in January-March, lower than 12.3 per cent in October-December 2018 and 12.8 per cent in April-June 2018, while unemployment rate for males stood at 8.7 per cent in January-March, as

EXPLAINED

Some relief, annual PLFS report awaited

URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT rate, based on current weekly status, has slowed to 9.3 per cent in January-March, the lowest in at least four quarters. Female unemployment rate improved, though it continued to stay above the overall unemployment rate, at 11.6 per cent in January-March from 12.3 per cent in the previous quarter.

At a time when there is overall slowdown in the economy, these figures show marginal improvement. However, going ahead, the key dataset to watch out would be the yet-to-be released annual PLFS report, which would provide unemployment rate for rural and urban areas for 2018-19.

against 9.2 per cent in the previous quarter and 9 per cent in April-June 2018.

A state-wise breakup for all

years' age group showed female unemployment to be the highest in Jammu & Kashmir at 38.2 per cent, followed by

Uttarakhand at 33.7 per cent and Kerala at 21.5 per cent in January-March.

Among males of all ages, the highest unemployment rate was seen in Odisha at 15.6 per cent, followed by Madhya Pradesh at 13 per cent and Delhi at 12.9 per cent.

Labour-force estimate, according to current weekly status (CWS), is the number of persons either employed or unemployed on an average in a week of seven days preceding the date of survey.

Comparable figures for the January-March quarter of 2018 are not available as the first quarterly bulletin for the quarter ended December 2018 was brought out in May this year. To be sure, this data set differs from the Annual Report of Periodic Labour Force Survey, which covers both rural and urban areas

and gives estimates of employment and unemployment in both usual status (ps+ss) and CWS.

The first annual PLFS report, which was first withheld and then released in May this year, was for July 2017-June 2018. The second annual PLFS report for July 2018-June 2019 is yet to be released.

As per the latest quarterly bulletin, labour force participation rate for 15 years and above inched lower to 46.5 per cent in January-March from 46.8 per cent in the previous quarter.

Female labour force participation rate for 15 years and above also recorded a decline to 19.1 per cent in January-March from 19.5 per cent in the previous quarter, while those for males eased to 73.4 per cent in January-March from 73.6 per cent in October-December.

Labour force participation

rate (LFPR) among youth (15-29 years) in January-March was recorded at 37.7 per cent, lower than 38.2 per cent for the previous quarter. Female LFPR for 15-29 years age group was at 16 per cent in January-March as against 16.7 per cent in the previous quarter, while for males, the LFPR moderated to 57.9 per cent in January-March from 58.3 per cent.

A state-wise breakup for 15 years and above showed Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to be the worst performers with female LFPR at only 5.6 per cent and 6.0 per cent, respectively.

The worker population ratio, which gives an estimate of the workforce in the current weekly status, remained broadly at the same level as the previous quarter at 32.7 per cent in January-March, the data showed.

‘Only 10.6 % people of age 15 years and above have finished a graduation course and above’

The National Statistical Office's survey on Household Social Consumption: Education builds indicators on participation of persons of age 3 to 35 years in the education system, expenditure incurred on education of the household members and indicators of those not attending education

EDUCATION EXPENDITURE IN 3 TO 35 YEARS AGE GROUP

General course: In rural areas, average expenditure per student pursuing general course in the current academic year was Rs 5,240 while in urban areas it was Rs 16,308

Professional course: In rural areas, average expenditure per student pursuing technical/professional course in the current academic year was Rs 32,137 while in urban areas it was Rs 64,763

LITERACY RATE: 7 Years and above: Literacy rate among this age group was 77.7% — 73.5 per cent in rural areas and 87.7 per cent in urban areas

15 years and above: in rural areas, 30.6% had completed secondary or above level of



10.6% of the persons of age 15 years and above in India have completed level of education graduate and above. This was 5.7% in rural and 21.7% in urban areas

education while in urban areas it was 57.5%

ENROLMENT Age 3 to 35 years: 13.6% never enrolled, 42.5% ever enrolled but currently not attending while 43.9% were

not attending while 44.8% were currently attending

57%: of the students in rural and 23.4% in urban areas received free education

1,13,757 households were surveyed, 64,519 in rural areas and 49,238 in urban areas, covering 5,13,366 persons. In age group of 3 to 35, 2,86,456 persons were surveyed — 1,73,397 in rural areas and 1,13,059 in urban areas

5 YEARS AND ABOVE: information was collected on ability to operate computer, to use internet and use of internet in last 30 days. Information on current attendance and related expenditure in respect of the erstwhile members of age 3 to 35, currently attending education of the households were also collected

NSS REPORT ON 'DRINKING WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE AND HOUSING CONDITIONS IN INDIA'

‘58.2% of rural, 80.7% of urban households have drinking water facilities within their homes’

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

ONLY ABOUT 48.6 per cent of the rural households and about 57.5 per cent urban households had exclusive access to principal source of drinking water, with only about 58.2 per cent of the rural households and about 80.7 per cent urban households having drinking water facilities within the household premises, the National Sample Survey (NSS) report on 'Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Conditions in India' released on Saturday showed.

About 12.4 per cent of rural households and 9.1 per cent of urban households did not have sufficient access to drinking water throughout the year from the principal source of water, the report said.

Among sanitation facilities, only about 50.3 per cent of the rural households and about 75.0

Unemployment rate among people with disabilities of age 15 years & above at 4.2%

New Delhi: Unemployment rate among persons with disabilities of age 15 years and above was at 4.2 per cent, with the unemployment rate of females at 3.9 per cent and males at 4.2 per cent, NSS 76th Round of Survey of Persons with Disabilities showed. Labour Force Participation Rate among persons with disabilities of age 15 years and above in the usual status (ps+ss) approach was 23.8 per

cent of the urban households had exclusive access to the bathroom.

"The major source of drinking water was hand pump for the households in the rural areas and piped water into dwelling in the urban areas.

About 42.9 per cent of the

households in the rural areas used hand pump as the principal source of drinking water and about 40.9 per cent of the households in the urban areas used piped water into dwelling as the principal source of drinking water," the report said.

About 96.0 per cent of the ru-

ral households and about 63.8 per cent urban households had their own dwelling units. "Among the households living in houses, about 96.7 per cent of the households in the rural and about 91.5 per cent in the urban areas used the house for residential purpose only," the report said.

Among the households living in houses, about 89.0 per cent of the rural households and about 56.4 per cent in the urban areas had independent house.

About 76.7 per cent of the households in the rural areas and about 96.0 per cent in the urban areas had house of pucca structure. Only about 48.3 per cent of the rural households and about 86.6 per cent households in the urban areas used LPG as the fuel for cooking.

About 61.1 per cent of the rural households and about 92 per cent in the urban areas had drainage system in the house for disposal of waste water/liquid waste, the report said.

FM on RCEP: Offer not up to aspirations

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 23

INDIA DID NOT join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership as the offer was not "as much as our aspirations", Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

The government was making efforts to ensure more regulatory mechanism in the banking sector to benefit bank account holders, she said in the context of the PMC Bank and IL&FS issues. On the PMC Bank scam, Sitharaman said the RBI has started making sure there are steps taken within the institution that would strengthen the supervisory and regulatory roles.

On non-performing assets (NPAs), she said they multiplied between 2007-08 and 2013 and had become a burden on the banks' books. However, banks had taken corrective action and most of them are out of it, she said. "As a result banks are also going through a churn of how to assess their risk and how to rate property or asset. And in this we had even discussions with credit agencies on how to really rate assets," she said. Sitharaman said she has met a few credit agencies to understand if the way in which they rate was consistent with what is happening in the economy.

The NDA government was 'receptive' to issues faced by the Indian businesses, she said. **FE**

EU countries back tough line on 5G suppliers in potential blow to Huawei

REUTERS
BRUSSELS, NOVEMBER 23

EU COUNTRIES on Friday endorsed a tough line for selecting 5G suppliers, including vetting the domestic legal framework to which they are subjected, potentially dealing a blow to telecoms equipment market leader Huawei Technologies.

Ambassadors meeting in Brussels agreed to the approach, a spokeswoman for Finland, which currently holds the rotating EU presidency, said in a tweet.

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which suppliers may be subject in third countries, a draft seen by Reuters ahead of the meeting said. The document didn't mention specific countries or firms.

EU governments should also diversify their suppliers and not

depend on one, the document said. EU ministers will give the green light to the approach at a meeting next month.

The United States has urged the EU to ban Huawei equipment, saying that its gear could be used by China for spying. Concerns have focused on a Chinese law on domestic companies' cooperation with the government on security matters, with critics saying that these could compel them to be a vehicle for Chinese spying.

The Shenzhen-based company, which competes with Finland's Nodvokia and Sweden's Ericsson has denied the US charges and dismissed the concerns as groundless.

‘WeWork names 4 new executives’

REUTERS
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 23

WEWORK NAMED four men to executive roles on Friday and outlined a six-point path to profitability, though the money-losing flexible office space operator said it will not be cash flow positive until 2023, according to a media report.

Marcelo Claire, a SoftBank executive who was named executive chairman at WeWork one month ago, emphasised the company's attributes as real estate concern, a departure from its past representation as a technology company, *Business Insider* said.

CONTRACT WAS WORTH UP TO \$10 BILLION

Amazon files case against Pentagon contract to Microsoft

REUTERS
BENGALURU/SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 23

AMAZON.COM INC filed a lawsuit in a federal US court on Friday contesting the US Defense Department's decision last month to award a Pentagon cloud computing contract worth up to \$10 billion to rival bidder Microsoft.

The complaint and supplemental motion for discovery were filed in the US Court of Federal Claims under seal, according to a spokesman for Amazon Web Services, a division of the online

THE CASE DETAILS

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■ The filings contain

“proprietary information, trade secrets, and confidential financial information” that could “cause either party severe competitive harm,” Amazon said in a court document seeking a protective order

retail giant founded by billionaire Jeff Bezos.

The company did not explain the basis for its complaint.

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party severe competitive harm.” Amazon said in a court document seeking a protective order.

“The record in this bid protest likely will contain similarly sensitive information,” it said.

Last week, US Defense Secretary Mark Esper rejected any suggestion of bias in the Pentagon's decision to award Microsoft the contract after Amazon announced plans to challenge it. “We believe the facts will show they (DoD) ran a detailed, thorough and fair process in determining the needs of the warfighter were best met by Microsoft,” Microsoft said.

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LAST DATE & TIME FOR RECEIPT OF TENDER DOCUMENTS: 10.12.2019 at 5.00 PM (OFFLINE OR ONLINE)

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

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Date :- 24.11.2019		Place:- Karnal		Authorised Officer, Canara Bank				

In the Court of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
National Capital Territory of Delhi
25-D, Mata Sundari Road, Near Guru Nanak Eye Centre, New Delhi-110002
phone: 011-23216003-04, Telefax: 011-23216005, Email: comdis.delhi@nic.in
[Vested with powers of Civil Court under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016]

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas as per section 21 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (The Act), Rule 8 of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 (RPwD Rules) & Rule 12 of the Delhi Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 (Delhi RPwD Rules), every establishment shall notify the Equal Opportunity Policy and register a copy of the said policy with the state Commissioner;

2. And Whereas as per Section 2(k) & 2(v) of the Act,

“2(k) Government establishment means a corporation established by or under a Central Act or State Act or an authority or a body owned or controlled or aided by the Government or a local authority or a Government company as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 and includes a Department of the Government;”

“2(v) private establishment” means a company, firm, cooperative or other society, associations, trust, agency, institution, organisation, union, factory or such other establishment as the appropriate Government may, by notification, specify;”

3. And whereas all the Govt. establishments and 462 private establishments have been requested to frame their respective Equal Opportunity Policies as per the Act & Rules through various communications of this court;

4. And whereas as on 18.10.2019, majority of Govt Departments/establishments, to be precise 52 Govt Departments consisting of 1431 establishments of NCT of Delhi have published and registered their EOPs with the State Commissioner. However, despite lapse of more than one year and eight months, only 17 private establishments have registered their equal opportunity policies with the State Commissioner;

5. And whereas publication and registration of Equal Opportunity Policy is mandatory under the Act/Rules and contravention of any provision of the Act and the Rules made thereunder is punishable with fine which may extend to Rs. 10000/- and for any subsequent contravention, fine shall not be less than Rs. 50000/- but may extend to Rs. 5 lakhs;

6. And whereas the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Govt. of NCT of Delhi is mandated to monitor implementation of the Act and inquire deprivation of the rights of persons with disabilities and take up with the appropriate authorities for corrective action u/s 80 of the Act and has the same powers of a civil court as are vested in a court under the code of civil procedure 1908;

7. And therefore all the Govt. Establishments and the Private Establishments, covered under the Act and have not yet framed their EOPs and registered the same with the State Commissioner are hereby directed through this public notice to frame and register their respective Equal Opportunity Policies as per section 21 of the Act and the Rules mentioned above with the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities **by 29.11.2019** failing which they may run the risk of being tried by the court of Addl. Sessions Judge-02 in each district designated as Special Court to try the offences under the Act. Clarification if any, may be sought through e-mail at comdis.delhi@nic.in and if unavoidable, on **telephones 011-23216003-04 (contact persons Sr. Santosh Kumar, Section Officer V. K. Rajpoot, Asstt. Accounts Officer and Ms. Savitri, Sr. Asstt.)**

(T.D. Dhariyal)

DIP/Shabdarth/1038/19-20 **State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities**

Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi ISBT Sarai Kale Khan Delhi-110013 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following works through e-procurement solution only.

1. NIT No.	: 53/2019-20
Tender ID No.	: 2019_DTIDC_183978_1
Name of work	: Maintenance of ISBT Sarai Kale Khan.
SH	: Whitewashing, Painting work in the premises of ISBT Sarai Kale Khan.
Estimated Cost	: Rs. 5,64,194/-
Earnest Money	: Rs. 11,284/-
Time Allowed	: One Month
Last date of receipt of tenders	: 26.11.2019

The Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,
DTIDC Ltd., ISBT
Sarai Kale Kahn, Delhi

DIP/SHABDARTH/1034/19-20

E - TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IV, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, L.M. Bund Office Complex, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31 invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage rate tender and S. No. 3 Item Rate Tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto 3.00PM dated on 23.11.2019 for the works:

H.O.A.: VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT UNDER IDRUV

T: NIT No.157/EE/ CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183845_1)
Name of work: - Improvement of Kabristan at main road of village Khureji in Krishna Nagar Assembly Constituency, AC-60. Estimated Cost of Rs 91,91,020/- Earnest Money Rs 1,83,820/- period of completion 180 days.

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
2: NIT No.158/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183820_1) Name of work:- Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Chamber at village Babarpur Water Body (Khasra No.-137) in Babarpur AC-67. Estimated Cost of Rs 3,78,553/- Earnest Money Rs 7,571/-period of completion 30days.

H.O.A.: 701 REVENUE RECEIPT
3: NIT No.159/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183817_1)
Name of work: Car parking over Trunk Drain No. 1 on both sides of bridge at RD 6300m in Village Old Seelampur in Gandhi Nagar AC-61. Estimated Cost of Rs 44,52,000/-Earnest Money Rs 89,040/- period of completion 365 days.

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
4: NIT No.160/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183900_1) Name of work: - Improvement of street No.2,3 & 15, O-Block, Shiv Vihar Phase-IV in Mustafabad Constituency (AC-69). Estimated Cost of Rs 48,03,487/- Earnest Money Rs 96,070/- period of completion 90 days.

Note: 1) The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tender. In case only the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders. 2) The following Scanned copies are required to be uploaded: - (i) Copy of GST Registration /upto date file returned proof (ii) Registration of enlistment in the appropriates class.(iii) Scanned Copy of EMD.(iv) Scanned copy of ESI and EPF registration.(v) Copy of Pan Number. (vi) Valid Mobile Number, WhatsApp Number and E-mail ID.

3) EMD's in the form of DD/FDR in favour of EE, CD-IV may be submitted in the O/o of EE, CD-IV physically upto 3.00 P.M.in the date of opening tender. If the same shall not be deposited physically, the tender shall be treated as cancelled. The Detail of above mentioned work can be seen and downloaded from website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/> 4) No manual tender shall be accepted; only tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be considered.

Sd/-

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

DIP/Shabdarth/1030/19-20

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Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board (Govt. of NCT of Delhi)

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The following item rate e-tender is invited through e-tendering on behalf of Secretary, APMC Najafgarh:

S. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time of compln.	Last Date & Time of receipt of tenders through e-procurement	Tender ID no/ NIT No.
1	Cleaning and desalting of septic tank, sewer and storm water line at NGM Najafgarh.	Rs. 9,63,821/-	Rs. 19,300/-	3 months	27/11/2019 Up to 14.30 hrs	2019_DAMB_1840071

(i) To be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer-I:
(ii) Technical Bid opening at 15:00 Hrs. on 27.11.2019.
(iii) Terms and Conditions and details can be seen at website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Sd/-

Executive Engineer-I

DIP/Shabdarth/1032/19-20

STATE HEALTH SOCIETY NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION 8 Arera Hills Jail Road, Bhopal- (M.P.)

No - SHS/Audit/ 2019/ 13693 Bhopal Dated 15-11-19

Request for Proposal for Selection of Concurrent Auditors

HIRING SERVICES OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRM FOR CONCURRENT AUDIT OF STATE HEALTH SOCIETY (SHS), DISTRICT HEALTH SOCIETIES (DHS) & DIVISIONAL JOINT DIRECTORS (FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20) NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION (NHM)

Govt. of India (GOI) in partnership with the States is implementing the National Health Mission which comprises of various programs, with the objective of improving medical facilities and seeks to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable sections. To facilitate implementation of NHM, State and District level entities (Health Societies) and office of Divisional Joint Directors have been registered which work under the administrative control of the Department of Health & Family Welfare. The Madhya Pradesh State Health Society invites 'Proposal for concurrent audit from Madhya Pradesh based C&AG empanelled Chartered Accountant firms.

The salient features of the scope of work, eligibility criteria and prescribed formats for submission are provided in this RFP document as uploaded on the Madhya Pradesh Government eProcurement System website <https://mplenders.gov.in> and www.nhmmp.gov.in.

Sd/-
Director Finance
National Health Mission

G-19505/19

Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, ISBT Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd. for the following works through e procurement solution only.

1. NIT No.	: 50/2019-20
Tender ID No.	: 2019_DTIDC_183936_1
Name of work	: Construction of One Nos. (01) Mild Steel Galvanized & Powder Coated Bus Queue Shelter at Deoli Constituency No. AC-47, Delhi.
Estimated Cost	: Rs. 9,50,000/-
Earnest Money	: Rs. 19,000/-
Time Allowed	: One Month
Last date of receipt of Tenders	: 03/12/2019

2. NIT No.	: 51/2019-20
Tender ID No.	: 2019_DTIDC_183940_1
Name of work	: Construction of One Nos. (01) Mild Steel Galvanized & Powder Coated Bus Queue Shelter at Hari Nagar Constituency No. AC-28, Delhi.
Estimated Cost	: Rs. 9,50,000/-
Earnest Money	: Rs. 19,000/-
Time Allowed	: One Month
Last date of receipt of Tenders	: 03/12/2019

3. NIT No.	: 52/2019-20
Tender ID No.	: 2019_DTIDC_183945_1
Name of work	: Construction of Nine Nos. (09) Mild Steel Galvanized & Powder Coated Bus Queue Shelter at Kondi Constituency No. AC-56, Delhi.
Estimated Cost	: Rs. 85,50,000/-
Earnest Money	: Rs. 1,71,000/-
Time Allowed	: Four Months
Last date of receipt of Tenders	: 02/12/2019

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-

Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd., ISBT
Kashmere Gate, Delhi

DIP/Shabdarth/1035/19-20

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E – Auction of Properties on 10.12.2019 At 11.am under SARFAESI Act

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Name of the Account	Shri Naresh Kumar Chauhan S/o Jagdish Singh	Shri Satnam Singh Chauhan and Smt. Soniya Chauhan	Shri Dharmendra singh S/o Late Shri Anand Singh	M/S Shri Ganesh Biotech
Details of the Immoveable property .	Residential Flat no F-4 (First Floor) 2 BHK (without roof right) having area 689.15 sq feet, Khasra no 130-M, situated at village Mohanpura Mohammadpur (Shri Ganesh Apartment South Civil line Roorkee) pargana & Tehsil Roorkee in the name Shri Naresh Kumar Chauhan S/o Jagdish Singh with parking area 120 sq feet	Property (Land & Building) at Khasra no 1150, Ved vihar village Jawalapur (out of municipal limits), Pargana Jawalapur District Hardwar in the name of Smt. Soniya Chauhan w/o Shri Satnam singh chauhan having area 83.74 sq mtr.	Residential Property (Land & Building) at Khail no 214 ka, 214 kha, 215 ka, 215 kha of old khatouni khata no 03 current khatouni khata no 02 village East Jhandichaur Patti Motadokh (near Tampo stand) tehsil Kotdwara Distt Pauri Garhwal in the name of Shri Dharmendra Singh S/o Anand Singh having area 160 sq mtr	Property (Factory Land & Building) consisting of land measuring 194 sq meter at Khasra no 34 Min (Khatouni no 145, Khatouni saal 1415 to 1420 fasali) (Sale Deed No 5923 dated 04.07.2016) and land measuring 356 sq meter at Khasra no 71 Min (Khatouni No 240, Khatouni saal 1415 to 1420 fasli) (Sale Deed No 5924 dated 04.07.2016) (total area measuring 550 sq mtr. with factory building built over it in the name of Shri Ganesh Biotech situated at village Lakeshwar industrial area pargana Bhagwan pur Tehsil Roorkee
Detail of encumbrance, Outstanding Dues of Local Self Govt, Electricity, Property tax, Municipal Tax, etc. if any known to the Bank:	There is no encumbrance on the property described above to the best of knowledge & information of the Authorised Officer.	There is no encumbrance on the property described above to the best of knowledge & information of the Authorised Officer.	There is no encumbrance on the property described above to the best of knowledge & information of the Authorised Officer.	There is no encumbrance on the property described above to the best of knowledge & information of the Authorised Officer.
Name of the Borrower:	Shri Naresh Kumar Chauhan S/o Jagdish Singh	Shri Satnam Singh Chauhan and Smt. Soniya Chauhan	Shri Dharmendra singh S/o Late Shri Anand Singh	M/S Sri Ganesh Biotech (Firm) through its partners Shri Bhuwan Chand Pathak S/o Daya Krishan Pathak and Shri Vipin Tyagi S/o Sukkand Singh Tyagi
Name of Guarantor/ Mortgagor	1. Naresh Kumar Chauhan S/o Jagdish Singh (Mortgagor) 2. Shri Sunder Lal S/o Chait Ram (Guarantor) 3. Smt. Deepa Chauhan W/o Naresh Kumar Chauhan (Guarantor)	1. Smt. Soniya Chauhan w/o Shri Satnam Singh chauhan (Borrower & Mortgagor) 2. Shri Sandeep Kumar (Guarantor) 3. Mr. Pratap Saini (Guarantor)	1. Shri Dharmendra singh S/o Late Shri Anand Singh (Mortgagor) 2. Smt. Deepika W/o Shri Dharmendra Singh (Guarantor) 3. Mr. Ramakant Tiwari S/o Shri Trilochan Tiwari (Guarantor)	1. M/S Sri Ganesh Biotech (Firm) 2. Shri Bhuwan Chand Pathak S/o Daya Krishan pathak 3. Shri Vipin Tyagi S/o Shri Sukkand Singh Tyagi
Amount of Secured debt	Rs. 2926921/- + interest from 19.11.2018	Rs 3688728 /- + interest from 28.02.2019	Rs. 1390197/- + interest from 06.03.2019	Rs. 15681246/- + interest from 03.05.2019
Reserve Price	Rs 2153000/- (Twenty One Lac Fifty Three Thousand Only)	Rs 2170550/- (Twenty One Lac Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only)	Rs 1567500/- (Fifteen Lac Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs 80,00,000/- (Eighty Lac only)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 215300/- (Rupees Two Lac Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Only)	Rs 217055 /- (Rupees Two lac Seventeen Thousand Fifty Five Only)	Rs 156750/- (Rupees One Lac Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)	Rs 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lac only)
Last Date & time for registration/KYC document verification/Transfer of EMD account in Global EMD Wallet for intending bidders / purchasers in the portal	On 09.12.2019 before the e-auction date and time			
Date and Time of e-Auction	On 10.12.2019 from 11 A.M to 1 PM with unlimited extension. Bid Incremental amount is Rs 10000/-			
Facilitation center	NA			
For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, please visit:	1. https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app 2. https://www.ibapi.in 3. https://www.mstcauctions.co Contact no of MSTC (Help Desk no): 033-22901004 (Operation time of help desk: 8.00 am to 8.00 pm)			
Date 23.11.2019	Place: Dehradun		Authorised Officer Allahabad Bank	
(Head Office, 2. Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata – 700001)				

Jammu & Kashmir State Sports Council

Gist of e-NIT No. 60 of 2019
Dated: 19-11-2019

For and on behalf of the Secretary, J&K State Sports Council, e-tender are invited from the reputed manufacturers or their authorized distributors/ dealers or registered suppliers/ Agencies for procurement of water sports equipments:-

Sr. No.	Particulars	Adv. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document
1.	Supply of Kayaking and Canoeing, rowing rafting equipment etc.	600.00 Lacs	Rs. 12.00 lacs	3,000/-

Date of Publishing of tender	20.11.2019 from 10.00 A.M.
Period of Down loading of documents	20.11.2019 from 10.00 A.M. to 05.12.2019 upto 4.00 P.M.
Bid submission start date	28.11.2019 from 10.00 A.M.
Bid submission end date (online documents)	05.12.2019 upto 4.00 P.M
Date & time of opening of Bids (online)	06.12.2019 after 2.00 P.M. or subsequent date in the office of Secretary, J&K State Sports Council M.A. Stadium Jammu.

The tender documents along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from the State website: <http://jktenders.gov.in>. The tender shall be uploaded in electronic format on the state website: <http://jktenders.gov.in>. The bidders shall have to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like CDR/PAN/GST Number Demand Draft/ (Tender fee)/ registration certificate duly renewed and hard copies thereof physically to tender receiving authority on due date upto 4.00 PM. The cost of tender documents shall be in the form of Bank Draft drawn in favour of Chief Accounts Officer, J&K State Sports Council payable at Srinagar/ Jammu and Earned Money shall be pledged to Secretary, J&K State Sports Council. The cost of tender document is non refundable while as the Earnest Money is refundable.

SECRETARY,
J&K State Sports Council, Srinagar,
Dated: 19.11.2019

No.SCr/1357-II/3733-41

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer (C), Postal & Civil Division, New Delhi invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the following work:

N.I.T. No.: NIT/EEPCND/19/2061 (2nd call) **Name of Work:** Special Civil repair works & ARMO to Postal Staff Qtrs. At Sewa Nagar, New Delhi, **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 42,03,537/- **Earnest Money :** ₹ 84,07,1/- **Period of completion:** 03 (Three) Months. **Last time and date of submission of bid:** 09.12.2019 Upto 15:00 hrs

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.dopcivil.euniwizarde.com

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबंधक, युनिट-28, कस्मदुखान एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम, (वोप्रो सरकार का उपक्रम) एसो जे 0 - 10 शास्त्री नगर गाजियाबाद - 201002

निविदा सूचना सं 3013 / कार्य - 77 / 52 दिनांक - 20.11.2019

बल्कालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

अध्यक्ष, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम, की ओर से अवलोकन द्वारा जनपद गाजियाबाद में वाणिज्य कर कार्यालय भवन गाजियाबाद के कस्मदुखान, बैशाही स्थित 42 आयसीय प्लॉटों की बाहरी दीवारों का चपरास स्थापना, एकलकत प्रिल, छत की वॉटर प्रूफिंग एवं रंगई-मुतई आदि कार्य के विशेष मरम्मत कार्य के निर्माण कार्य के अनुमानित लागत का 107.41 लाख, हेतु दिनांक 06.12.2019 के अपराह्न 15:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 21.11.2019 से दिनांक 06.12.2019 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <http://tender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा की तकनीकी बिड दिनांक 06.12.2019 को अपराह्न 16:00 बजे कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबंधक युनिट-28, सीएचडी डीएससी उड्डा जल निगम, एसजी-10, शास्त्री नगर, गाजियाबाद में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु 10000+GST(18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

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**MEGA E-AUCTION
OF PROPERTIES**

THE E-AUCTION WILL BE "ONLINE E-AUCTION" THROUGH WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.BANKAUCTIONWIZARD.COM](https://www.bankauctionwizard.com)

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION: 12.12.2019 BETWEEN 12.30 PM - 1.30 PM (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES DURATION EACH TILL THE CONCLUSION OF THE SALE)

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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank of respective branches will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" E auction arranged by the service provider M/s Antares Systems Ltd through the website <https://www.bankauctionwizard.com>.

Sr. No.	Branch Name/ name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Possession Type	Total Liabilities	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Bid increase amount (Rs.)	Name of Authorised Officer	Earnest Money Collection A/c details along with IFSC Code of Branch
1.	ARM BRANCH, NOVELTY ROAD, KARNAL M/s HARMILAP AGRO INDUSTRIES PVT.LTD. Address:- Village Guldhera, Pehova-136128, Kurukshetra, Haryana. Address:- 2, House No. 311A, Sec-190, Chandigarh-160019 Guarantors:- (i) Sh. Hari Narayan Singh S/o. Madan Lal R/o House No. 604/3, Tilak Nagar, Ambala Road, Pehova, Distt. Kurukshetra-136128 (Haryana). (ii) Sh. Mukesh Kumar Singh S/o. Madan Lal R/o House No. 605/3, Tilak Nagar, Ambala Road, Pehova, Distt. Kurukshetra-136128 (Haryana).	Property No-1: Factory complex at Land Area Measuring 16K-08M being 320/2125 share of land area measuring 100K-05M comprised in Khewat No. 58, Khatouni No.81, Rect No 47, Killa No.415-0, 62/1-121, 717-8, situated at village Guldhera, Tehsil Pehova, Distt Kurukshetra (Haryana) and Land measuring 22K-08M comprised in Khewat No 187, Khatouni No. 341, Rect No. 46, Killa No.116-01, 303-01, Rect No. 47, Killa No.8116-05 total Killa 3 total of land area measuring 22K-08M situated at Village Guldhera, Tehsil Pehova, Distt Kurukshetra (Haryana) Property No.2 - Plant and Machinery Property No.3: House measuring 328.88 sq. Yards situated at tilak colony, ambala road, central bank street, Pehova, Kurukshetra (Haryana) belonging to Sh. Madan Lal Dwar Singh, Jeevan Dwar Singh S/o Mohan Lal, r/o house No. 382, ward no. 3, Pehova, Tehsil, Pehova District Kurukshetra (Haryana).	Symbolic	Rs. 16,08,80,526.32 as on 01.07.2019 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	1 + 2 in a single bid Rs. 222.60 Lakh 3. Rs. 80.00 Lakh	1 + 2 in a single bid Rs. 22.20 Lakh 3. Rs. 9.00 Lakh	50000 10000	Sh. Mukesh Malhotra Ph. 0184-2256362, 85728-16290 Mail ID: sb6290@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, ARM Branch, Novelty Road, Karnal, A/c No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0006290
2.	NEAR AMRITA MATERNITY HOME, AGRA CHOWK, PALWAL, HARYANA-121102 M/s M & D. Packera & Traders Prop. Sh. Manoj Sankar 302 Sh. Dal Chand Malhotra Village Raigar, Opp Hanuman Mandir Mathin Road, Palwal-121102. Guarantors:- 1. Shri Dal Chand Sankar S/O Shri Ganga Ram, House No. 2086, Sector 2 HUDA, palwal-121102. 2. Sh. Shri Ram Pal S/O Sh. Ganga Ram, Vill Raigar, Mathin Road, palwal-121102	Constructed Property to the extent of 1/14th share in equal shares bearing Khewat/ Khatouni no.793/909, rect no.290, kila no.153/32, rect no. 291, kila no. 98-01, 116-01, 21/212-15, 22/114-31 rect no. 225, kila no. 17/31-17, 24/112-31, rect no. 314, kila no. 18/213-12, 12/217-216 Khewat/ Khatouni no. 537/808, rect no. 314 kila no. 218-181 & Khewat/ Khatouni no. 646/731, rect no. 291, kila no. 12/113-15 rect no.314, kila no. 9/112-181 & Khewat/ Khatouni no. 428/488 rect no. 291, kila no. 12/113-15 total measuring 57 kanal 8 marla; the share of applicant comes 4 kanal 2 marla; situated within revenue estate of village Palwal & distt palwal in the name of Dal Chand & Natar pal Sons of Late Sh. Ganga Ram.	Symbolic	Rs. 34,30,310.74/- as on 21.03.2018 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 84.57 lakhs	Rs. 8.46 Lakhs	10000	Sh. Manoj Gaur Ph. 01275-253350, 8572802326, Mail ID: sb2328@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Near Amrita Maternity Home, Agra Chowk, Palwal, Haryana-121102, A/c No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002328
3.	NEAR KHERA BRANCH-127067 Mukesh S/o Ramparkash - Address:- Village Naurangabad PO- Bamla, Distt-Bhiwani Haryana-127021	House No-542 (Area 300 Sq Yards) situated at Village Dhani Naurangabad - Tehsil and District Bhiwani-127021, Haryana in the name of Mukesh S/o Ram Parkash Boundaries of the property: North: House of Guddi W/o Dharampal, South : Plot of Smt Saniothi w/o Sh. Satya Narayan, East: Street, West: Street	Physical	Rs. 1437656.05/- as on 10.08.2018 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 22.75 lakhs	Rs. 2.28 Lakhs	10000	Sh. Rajesh Verma Ph. 7880464959 Mail ID: sb3998@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Rewari Khera, A/c No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0003996
4.	NEAR AMRITA MATERNITY HOME, AGRA CHOWK, PALWAL, HARYANA-121102 M/s Shivam Readymade Garments Through its Prop. Smt. Manu Goswami W/o Sh. Ravi Goswami. Address:- 11 No- D-328, Sanik Colony Ward no-3, Opp Rice Mill, Near Rasulpur Road, Han Nagar, Palwal-121108 Guarantor:- Smt Vinishk Goswami w/o Dr. Mahesh Chandra Goswami R/O H. no. D-328, Sanik Colony, Ward No.3, Opp Rice mill, near Rasulpur Road, Han Nagar, Palwal.	EMT of residential house property built up in 04 Marlas i.e. 120 Sq yards, comprising in Rect no 248 Killa no-11/113-101, 11/214-101 Total area measuring 07K 10M out of which 8/300th share which comes to 60K 04M i.e., 120 sq yards in the name of Smt Vinishk Goswami situated at Sanik Colony, Han Nagar, Palwal.	Symbolic	Rs. 15,06,066.90/- as on 08.12.2018 plus further interest & other charges (minus					

BRIDGE

A jump rebid (opener's sequence) generally shows a strong 6-card suit with 15-16 HCP. When partner leads an honour card (the SQ) and you can see the next lower honour, assume the lead is from a singleton or a doubler. Do not signal encouragement if you can afford to overtake partner's lead.

Dir: South
Vul: Both

NORTH
♠ 76
♥ AK852
♦ 954
♣ KQ2

SOUTH (you)
♠ AKJ854
♥ J
♦ 32
♣ 10864

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1D Pass 2♥ 1♠
3♦ Pass 5♦ Pass
Pass

West hand: S-Q H-1097643 D-106 C-J973
South hand: S-10932H-Q D-AKQJ87 C-A5

Better overtake the spade and play a second and third spade hoping partner can overtrump dummy. Given South's strong bidding it is the only realistic chance to defeat the contract.

Dir: South
Vul: Neither

NORTH
♠ K97
♥ 865
♦ Q109
♣ AK107

SOUTH (YOU)
♠ AQ5
♥ Q4
♦ 653
♣ QJ965

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
2♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 5♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass

Opening lead: S3 (4th best leads) Dummy plays low. Play your defense.

With declarer marked with a likely 5-5 in the reds, it is important to cash two spade tricks early. Declarer must have at least two spades and if declarer has two spades and one club and you don't cash the second spade, you can kiss that trick goodbye. But now what?

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.

All you need is love. But a little ___ now and then doesn't hurt - Charles M. Schulz (9)

RTAEO KOPUCL
HQUOT DEIRFV

SOLUTION: ORATE, QUOTH, LOOKUP, PSYCHO

Answer: All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt - Charles M. Schulz

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2244

QUICK CLUES ACROSS
6. Mob violence or uprisings (5)
7. Conventional (8)
10. Bloodsucker (7)
11. Capital of Tamil Nadu (7)
12. "N" in U.N. (7)
13. Infers (7)
14. Cautious (11)
19. Display (7)
21. Referred, ascribed or attributed (7)
23. Embracing or cuddling (7)
25. Pairs or duos (7)
26. Sword-shaped (8)
27. Brother of Hengist (5)

DOWN
1. Overbearing (8)
2. Inuit (6)
3. Acrobatic turn (10)
4. Auricular, of the ear (4)
5. French brandy (6)
6. Delirious (6)
8. Behind schedule (7)
9. A little drunk (5)
13. Sent off for a purpose (10)
15. Reconstruct (7)
17. Our Capital New ___ (5)
18. Ukrainian seaport (6)
20. Bargain (6)
22. Expresses amusement (6)
24. Bovid ruminant (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS
6. Area measures out of doors (5)
7. Malefactor pinching ring is furiously reviled (8)
11. Skill I found in man is out of this world (7)
11. A great blow to devotees of the theatre (7)
12. Inn mask disguised this relative (7)
13. Blows up and so shows to advantage (4,3)
14. The magician's luggage? (3,2,6)
19. Dispute twice runs into equal parts (7)
21. I've entered an upward way, the most ingenious (7)
23. The letter, if fixed, is unable to have any photographs attached

Solutions to 2243
QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Pencil sharpener, 9 Yard-arm, 10 Melanic, 11 Hour, 12 Antipasto, 13 Taekwondo, 15 Shrug, 16 Mummy, 18 Lightbulb, 20 Mishandle, 23 At sea, 24 Trivial, 25 Ovidian, 26 Cardigan sweater, Down: 1 Psychotomimetic, 2 Nurture, 3 In a big way, 4 Sarnos, 5 Armstrong, 6 Poly, 7 Non-user, 8 Rock of Gibraltar, 14 Nieldelta, 15 Sets aside, 17 Messier, 19 Upstart, 21 Alibi, 22 Eyoys. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Too clever by half, 9 Keep mum, 10 Paulina, 11 Erato, 12 Telegraph, 13 Chronicle, 15 Tiller, 16 Plead, 18 Exortion, 20 Inception, 23 Heeds, 24 No point, 25 Chorle, 26 Orderly Sergeant. Down: 1 Take exception to, 2 Open air, 3 Lamponed, 4 Vornit, 5 Repellent, 6 Young, 7 Abigail, 8 Feather one's nest, 14 Chemistry, 15 Torch song, 17 Escaped, 19 Inertia, 21 Pier, 22 Nacre.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday November 24
You've been keeping your feelings well hidden, but a romantic secret is about to come into the open, get your story ready. If you've been testing the water in a new relationship, you can take the next step.

Monday November 25
You're at a positive point. There are two intense undercurrents this week. One is cool, the other is volatile, impatient. Partners will appreciate your new maturity.

Tuesday November 26
You're a tough cookie, but you can't decide what is the right thing to do. The moment you stop and think, you'll realise that there's more to life than getting your way.

Wednesday November 27
Your ties to the past are strong, and difficult to shake off. Your most appropriate course is probably not even to try, but to use all that's best about your experience so far in order to make the most of your current relationships.

Thursday November 28
You have your path ahead mapped out, so what you really need is faith. A number of doors should open for you over the coming year, and you should enter them all.

Friday November 29
Well done! You've survived this far, and that is no mean feat. The only cloud on the horizon is a partner's ability to make you jealous - but that's nothing to worry about.

Saturday November 30
This week's stunning lunar alignments urge you to make a fresh start in every area of your life. In love, give a partner the benefit of the doubt.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Planetary aspects come and go, measuring and describing monthly, daily and even minute-by-minute changes in mood. Yet a long and harmonious set of transits is becoming a permanent fixture. This is the cause of all the professional drive and upheaval.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You may now feel that you must become even more committed to a person or a project if the tidal wave of change is to rush on. Yet, during the course of the month, you will also come under mounting pressure to say farewell to one particular emotional commitment.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You do not have to accept what is currently on offer; for it is clear that developments in the family are under your control. You may therefore act decisively to influence the course of events, not just out of self-interest, but for everyone's good.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Jupiter, the great planet of good fortune, is exerting a peculiarly lively impact on your personal affairs. By the end of the month some of you will already be feeling the pleasant stirrings of rewards for past efforts, others will be experiencing a sense of hope as old doubts are dispelled.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Yours is a sign which habitually deals in grand gestures, but the major planetary aspects at present are not those which naturally reinforce your sunny nature. It is work, responsibility and routine which figure large. This is a period when you must put down emotional and practical foundations with great care and patience.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Mercury, Venus and Mars, the so-called personal planets, all come to your support, suggesting that this is the moment for you to take personal charge of a number of areas in which you have allowed your control to slip. It seems likely now that vague fears will be cleared up.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Nobody knows better than you that there is no easy way to deal with life's varied problems. Yet now that the Sun is so tough and the Moon so gentle, you must see that events are moving your way. Indeed, what once seemed to be an insurmountable problem may now appear to be a source of encouragement.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Take the full possible advantage of some reassuring aspects from Mercury, Venus and Mars, three planets which are calculated to boost your personal image. It is time to temper your secretive tendencies, permitting partners and colleagues access to the information they require.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
The Sun is exerting a decisive impact on the part of your chart related to overseas connections. Very convenient too, you might think, in view of the fact that you're ready to expand your horizons. Yet what is really being released is your thirst for romantic adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You are now in a strong position to air any grievances or deeply-held opinions, encouraged by generous Jupiter's challenge to your sign. However, do not mistake other people's well-meaning efforts to help you as an attempt to dominate your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
The reason why business partners and friends have been so off-hand lately should now be clear, and you may see that no ill-will was intended. Indeed, you must let go of all old and stale feelings, realising that bitterness and resentment are alien to the true Aquarian spirit.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Your approach to work of all kinds is creative and innovative. You must press ahead with all speed, for life will not always give you the opportunities it does now. One further word of warning: look after your ever- delicate Piscean health, and wrap yourself in cotton-wool if need be.

SUDOKU 4039

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

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

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NOTICE INVITING GLOBAL OPEN TENDER
Director, CSIR - NEIST invites Tenders under **Two Bid System** for supply and installation of the following equipment from Original Equipment Manufacturers (Foreign/Indian), Foreign/Indian Principals and their authorized dealers/Indian Agent.

SN.	NIT Number	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	EMD (in Rs.)
1	I(PEQ)/06/19-20/PUR	Automatic Thermo Gravimetric Analysis (TGA) based Proximate Analyzer	1,00,000.00
2	I(PEQ)/07/19-20/PUR	Plastic Product Designing and Manufacturing Facility	3,00,000.00
3	I(PEQ)/09/19-20/PUR	Jacquard Weaving Set-up	1,50,000.00
4	1(PEQ)/10/19-20/PUR	Automatic Amino Acid Analyzer	2,00,000.00
5	I(PEQ)/11/19-20/PUR	Supercapacitor Cell (Pouch) Fabrication Facility	2,00,000.00
6	I(PEQ)/13/19-20/PUR	High Performance Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC) System	6,00,000.00
7	I(PEQ)/14/19-20/PUR	Supercritical CO2 Extraction Closed Loop System	8,00,000.00

Clarification start date: 22.11.2019. Clarification end date: 29.11.2019. Last Date and Time for Submission of Bids: 21.12.2019 at 11.00 A.M. Date and Time of Opening of (Technical) Bids: 23.12.2019 at 11.00 A.M.

Interested Bidders may obtain detailed information and download Tender document from the CPP Portals https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp & https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app and our website https://www.neist.res.in free of cost. However, the bids are to be submitted as under within the date and time indicated above:-

A. If the bid is being submitted from within including from Indian Agent of Foreign Manufacturer, the Bid is mandatorily to be submitted through on-line through https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/apponly.

B. Only the Foreign Bidders quoting directly from abroad, may sent offline bids in sealed cover by post/courier.

Director, CSIR - NEIST reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reasons.

Stores & Purchase Officer

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004
Bid No. E-52/2019-2020 E-Tender Notice Date: 21.11.2019
E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only a offer will be accepted for which vendors must have class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- S.No. / Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity.

S.N. 7, 03191106, (13.12.2019), Set of Clips, P.L. No. 29210094, 296 Sets, S.N. 2, 03191012C, (13.12.2019), St. Steel Sheets, Plates, P.L. No. 29120147, 302 Sets, S.N. 3, 03191116, (23.12.2019), Gear (73 Teeth), P.L. No. 29420040, 1092 Nos., S.N. 4, 04191227, (13.12.2019), Lock Assy for MR Doors, Part No. 29171003, 388 Set, S.N. 5, 04191092, (19.12.2019), Rubber Spring, Part No. 17020293, 689 Nos., S.N. 6, 05195122, (13.12.2019), Surface Roughness, 02 Nos., S.N. 7, 05195102A, (13.12.2019), Technician Tool Bag, 100 Nos., S.N. 8, 05195078D, (13.12.2019), Spiral Fluted M/C Tap, as per DLW Part No. 72100709, 219 Nos., S.N. 9, 05191108A, (13.12.2019), Spanner Bar to Check, as per DLW Part No. 15610226, 100 Nos., S.N. 10, 05195202, (16.12.2019), HSS T/S Core Drill, 05 Nos., S.N. 11, 05195206, (17.12.2019), Disc Micrometer, 02 Set, S.N. 12, 05195207, (17.12.2019), Letter Number & Punch, 10 Sets, S.N. 13, 05195204, (17.12.2019), Mounted Flap Wheel, 200 Nos., S.N. 14, 05195198, (17.12.2019), Spare Parts for K.G., 01 Set, S.N. 15, 05195197, (17.12.2019), Liner Bushing LM-30, 20 Nos., S.N. 16, 05195151A, (18.12.2019), 3 Phase Motor, 01 No., S.N. 17, 05195191, (18.12.2019), Super Precision Angular, 14 Nos., S.N. 18, 05195192, (18.12.2019), Tool Arm Assembly, 01 No., S.N. 19, 05195204, (18.12.2019), Drive with Installation, 01 No., S.N. 20, 05195198, (20.12.2019), (i) Aluminium Oxide Grinding Wheel Size 350x50x127mm, 05 Nos., (ii) Aluminium Oxide Grinding Wheel Size 350x40x127mm, 05 Nos., (iii) Grinding Wheel for CNC Machine, 05 Nos., S.N. 21, 06191083, (16.12.2019), Micro Switch, P.L. No. 12313518, Qty. 12 Nos., S.N. 22, 06191082, (16.12.2019), Slick type Master Controller, P.L. No. 12130205, Qty. 11 Nos., S.N. 23, 06191077, (16.12.2019), Hand Lamp with Extension, P.L. No. 12365051, Qty. 22 Nos., S.N. 24, 06191070, (16.12.2019), Guard Battery Switch, P.L. No. 12470016, Qty. 28 Nos., S.N. 25, 06191075, (16.12.2019), Lug Terminal, P.L. No. 12340431, Qty. 134 Nos., S.N. 26, 06191073, (16.12.2019), Fuel Pump Motor, P.L. No. 12102076, Qty. 15 Nos., S.N. 27, 01195032C, (05.12.2019), HFS Tubing, P.L. No. 62338109, 156 Nos., S.N. 28, 01195074C, (13.12.2019), HUB Gear Fan Drive, P.L. No. 10141315, 26 Nos., S.N. 29, 01191065B, (09.12.2019), Spider V-Bulb Damper, P.L. No. 10124512, 38 Nos., S.N. 30, 01191021E, (16.12.2019), Turbo support, P.L. No. 10082066, 20 Nos., S.N. 31, 04191223, (13.12.2019), Transition Duct Assy, Part No. 29470079, 272 Set, S.N. 32, 09191033A, (19.12.2019), (i) Chassis Assembly Module to P.L. No. 18001233, 08 Nos., (ii) Comp E-Q-Micro to P.L. No. 18120209, 8 Nos., S.N. 33, 09191019A, (18.12.2019), CKT Breaker DCL Control to P.L. No. 18310291, 107 Nos., S.N. 34, 09191135A, (18.12.2019), RES-190-50W to P.L. No. 18300390, 53 Nos., S.N. 35, 09191037B, (09.12.2019), Sleeve Bearing to P.L. No. 18021670, 49 Nos., S.N. 36, 09191136, (16.12.2019), RES-190-50W to P.L. No. 18300388, 86 Nos., S.N. 37, 09191167, (10.12.2019), Set of Base of Cable Consisting of Six Items to P.L. No. 29618381, 129 Sets. The details of above tenders are available on www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.irps.gov.in.

Corrigendum Notice: Date: 19.11.2019, Bid No.: E-31, Tender No.: 04191139

Radiator Assembly Part No. 11458227, Revision: 2, Details of Correction: The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 20.12.2019 instead of 21.11.2019. Note: All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.

PRO/DLW/S-106 Controller of Stores

<https://diesellocoworks> "Website: www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in"

HIMURJA
H.P. Govt. Energy Development Agency
Kasumpti, Shimla-171009

No. Himurja/SHP/Advt/2019 Dated: _____

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to the advertisement issued in News Papers (Giriraj, Amar Ujala, Dainik Jagran, Indian Express, Times of India) on dated 26.09.2019 inviting proposals for setting up of small Hydro Projects upto 5.00 MW capacity in H.P. under identified/self identified category, the revised schedule is as under:- Application format and guidelines can be obtained upto 10.12.2019 and submission date is on or before 10.12.2019 upto 5.00 P.M.

(All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged).

Sd/- Director,
Himurja, 8-A, SDA Complex,
Kasumpti, Shimla-171009.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE DIVISION, UDHAMPUR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER 2nd Call

Date of Issue : 18.11.2019
Dead Line of Submission of Bids : 03.12.2019
Bid Identification No. e-NIT No. : 129 of 2019-20 dated 18.11.2019 under endorsement No. PHEU/10922-51 dated 18.11.2019

The Employer [Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Udhampur] on behalf of President of India invites Bids from Bidders [Self Help Group Only Udhampur District] Registered with the Government for the Construction of Work as detailed in the Table below.

Sl. No.	Items	Details
1.	Name of Work	Construction of water supply scheme Galiote under Languishing Project
2.	Bid Identification No. (BIN)	ENIT No. :
3.	Estimated Cost of Bid	Rs. 127.23 Lacs
4.	Earnest Money (EMD)	Rs. 127230.00 Earnest Money should be in the form of CDR/FOR/B pledge to Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Udhampur, payable at Udhampur and Valid for 06 Months from the Last Date of Submission of Bid.
5.	Tender Fee	Rs. 2000/- (Non-refundable) Tender Fee in shape of e-Challan/Treasury Receipt to be Deposited in MH-0215-WSS (Revenue Head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank Branch, Udhampur bearing Bank Account No. 0028010200000047, IFSC Code JAKAQU00MUPUR in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Udhampur
6.	Bid Validity	60 days from the Last Date of Submission of Online Bid.
7.	Period of Completion	06 Months
8.	Availability of Bid Document on e-Procurement Portal	From 18.11.2019 To 03.12.2019 upto 18.00 Hrs.
9.	Date and Time for Submission of Bids Online	On or before Date 03.12.2019 upto 18.00 Hrs.
10.	Date and Time for Submission of Hard Copy of Bids	Hard Copy shall have to be Submitted by L1 within Three Days after Opening of Financial Bid.
11.	Time and Date of Opening of Bids	Date 04.12.2019 Time 1100 Hrs.
12.	Place of Opening of Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Udhampur.
13.	Bid Inviting Officer (BIO)	Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Udhampur.

1. The Bid Documents consisting of Instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other Forms is download on the website: www.etenders.gov.in on or before [03.12.2019 upto 18.00Hrs.]. The Bidders can download the Bid Documents after the Due Date for Submission of Online Bid.

Position of T/S/ AAA : Accorded
Position of funds : Approved under languishing Project

Signed for and on behalf of the President of India
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PHE Division, Udhampur

DIP/J-9597/19

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Power Wing)

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
The opening date of NIT No. 01 / O&M HSR / 2019-2020 is hereby extended upto 23.12.2019 as per detail given below. All terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Tender No. : NIT No. 01 / 2019-20 Dated: 28-08-2019
Name of Office: Additional Superintending Engineer, O&M Division, BBMB, Hisar.
Name of Work : Up gradation of 35 No. 33 KV and 31 No. 132 KV isolators by replacement of Manual Mechanism box with electrical mechanism box suitable for local and remote operation in view of substation automation at 220 KV GSS Hisar.

P Q Submission Last Date and time : 13.12.2019 upto 17:00 hrs.
Bid Submission End Date and time : 23.12.2019 upto 14:30 hrs.
Bid Opening Date and time : 23.12.2019 from 15:00 hrs. onwards

The detailed NIT may be downloaded from BBMB website: <https://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com> & www.bbmb.gov.in
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CORRIGENDUM

Name of Work : Kota - General Furnishing, Carpentry, Plumbing and Passenger amenity attention work round the clock in BG Railway coaches at Coaching Depot Kota during primary maintenance for a period of one year. Following changes to be incorporated in NIT published for Tender No. Sr. DME/WCR/KTT/15 (19-20) Dated 05.11.2019 to be opened on 06.12.2019. Change in: Tender Closing Time: Existing Closing Date: 06.12.2019. Closing Date to be replaced with: 24.12.2019. Other terms and conditions will remain same. No. Sr. DME/WCR/KTT/15(19-20) Dt. 21.11.2019.

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PRESS NOTICE INVITING COMPOSITE PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer (C), Postal Civil Division, Delhi invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) composite e-tenders for the following work:

1. N.I.T. No.: NIT/EEPCND/2019-20/86 Name of Work: Construction of Post Office Building at Rohin Sector-15, Delhi. Estimated Cost: ₹1,21,29,025/- (₹1,09,96,425/- (Civil Portion) & ₹11,32,600/- (Electrical Portion)) Earnest Money: ₹2,42,581/-. Period of completion - 12 months.

2. N.I.T. No.: NIT/EEPCND/2019-20/87 Name of Work: Construction of Post Office Building at Dilshad Garden, Delhi. Estimated Cost: ₹8134670/- (₹7286875/- (Civil Portion) & ₹847795/- (Electrical Portion)) Earnest Money: ₹162693/-. Period of completion - 10 months.

Last time and date of submission of bid: 09.12.2019 upto 15:00 hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.dopcivil.uniwizarde.com

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

Advertisement No. PG/RC/013/2019/4905 RECRUITMENT NOTICE Dated: 23.11.2019

The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh invites ONLINE applications from Indian Nationals for filling up of 103 Posts of Sr. Medical Officers (Casualty in Emergency) & 12 posts of Jr. /Sr. Demonstrators in different specialties in PGIMER, Chandigarh; 15 posts of Senior Residents, 8 posts of Demonstrators in different specialties in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda, Punjab, and 15 posts of Senior Residents, 8 posts of Demonstrators in different specialties in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh for a maximum period up to 03 years as per details given below:

ITEM(S)	TIMELINE(S)/ REMARKS
DETAILS OF VACANCIES & OTHER RULES/ INSTRUCTIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH	AS PER DETAILED GUIDELINES WITH THIS ADV. NOTICE AT www.pgimer.edu.in
OPENING DATE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FILLING UP OF ONLINE APPLICATION ON PGIMER's WEBSITE www.pgimer.edu.in (Recruitment link at Home Page)	25.11.2019
CLOSING DATE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS	09.12.2019
DATE FOR COMPUTER BASED TEST (CBT) FOR 75 MARKS	18.12.2019
EXAMINATION CITY	4 CITIES IN INDIA (BENGALURU, CHANDIGARH, DELHI/NCR & KOLKATA)

Admit cards of eligible candidates will only be uploaded on the website.

APPLICATION FEE

- * Persons with Bench-mark Disabilities (PwBD): Exempted from payment of fee.
- * SC/ST category: Rs. 500/- plus Transaction Charges as applicable.
- * For all others including General/OBC/EWS: Rs. 1000/- plus Transaction Charges as applicable.

The candidates can deposit the above application fee through online payment gateway available at the ONLINE APPLICATION portal w.e.f. 25.11.2019 to 09.12.2019 using Debit/ Credit Card/ Net Banking.

IMPORTANT: The candidates willing to apply may visit the Institute's website i.e. www.pgimer.edu.in (Recruitment link at Home page) for detailed guidelines/information, number of posts, eligibility criteria, etc. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/ Addendum/ updates will be uploaded on the Institute's website only.

DIRECTOR

Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
ISBT Sarai Kale Khan Delhi-110013

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invites tender on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following works through e-procurement solution only.

1. NIT No. : 54/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_182981_1
Name of work : Annual Maintenance of Electrical Installations at ISBT

SH : Annual Maintenance Contract of CCTV Surveillance System at ISBT Anand Vihar and Sarai Kale Khan.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 7,78,800/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 15,576/-
Time Allowed : One Year

Last date of receipt of tenders : 16.11.2019

The Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DTIDC Ltd., ISBT
Sarai Kale Kahn, Delhi

DIP/SHABDARTH/1033/19-20

Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd
(A Government of India (Ministry of Railways) Enterprise)

DIRECT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (DRFP)

Country : INDIA Name of Project : Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor Project-3

Loan No. : (IN-8513). Reference No. : Project ID: P150158

Assignment title: Consultancy Services on Track Access Charges and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on DFCCIL network

Notification Reference: Notification of Direct Request for Proposal (DRFP) Number-No.HQ/OP&BD/CS/TAC & KPUDFCCIL/2019, Dated 19/11/2019.

Tender no. HQ/OP&BD/CS/TAC & KPI/DFCCIL/2019, Dated 19.11.2019. The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to participate in the Direct RFP in providing the Consultancy Services on Track Access Charges and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on DFCCIL network. Interested Consultants are informed that a Notification, bearing same reference number & containing requisite instructions & further information for DRFP submission, has been uploaded on DFCCIL Website www.dfccil.com, for downloading. Consultants are requested to download the RFP notification, prepare and subsequently submit their DRFP to Group General Manager (Business Development), Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited, Room no.400A, 4th Floor, Pragati Maidan Metro Station Building Complex, New Delhi by 03.01.2020 upto 15:00.

At over 6 feet, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have needed to work on agility and bending low to pick the steep attacks. A stronger defence will add the solidity to their attack which has Satwik's power and Chirag's speed.

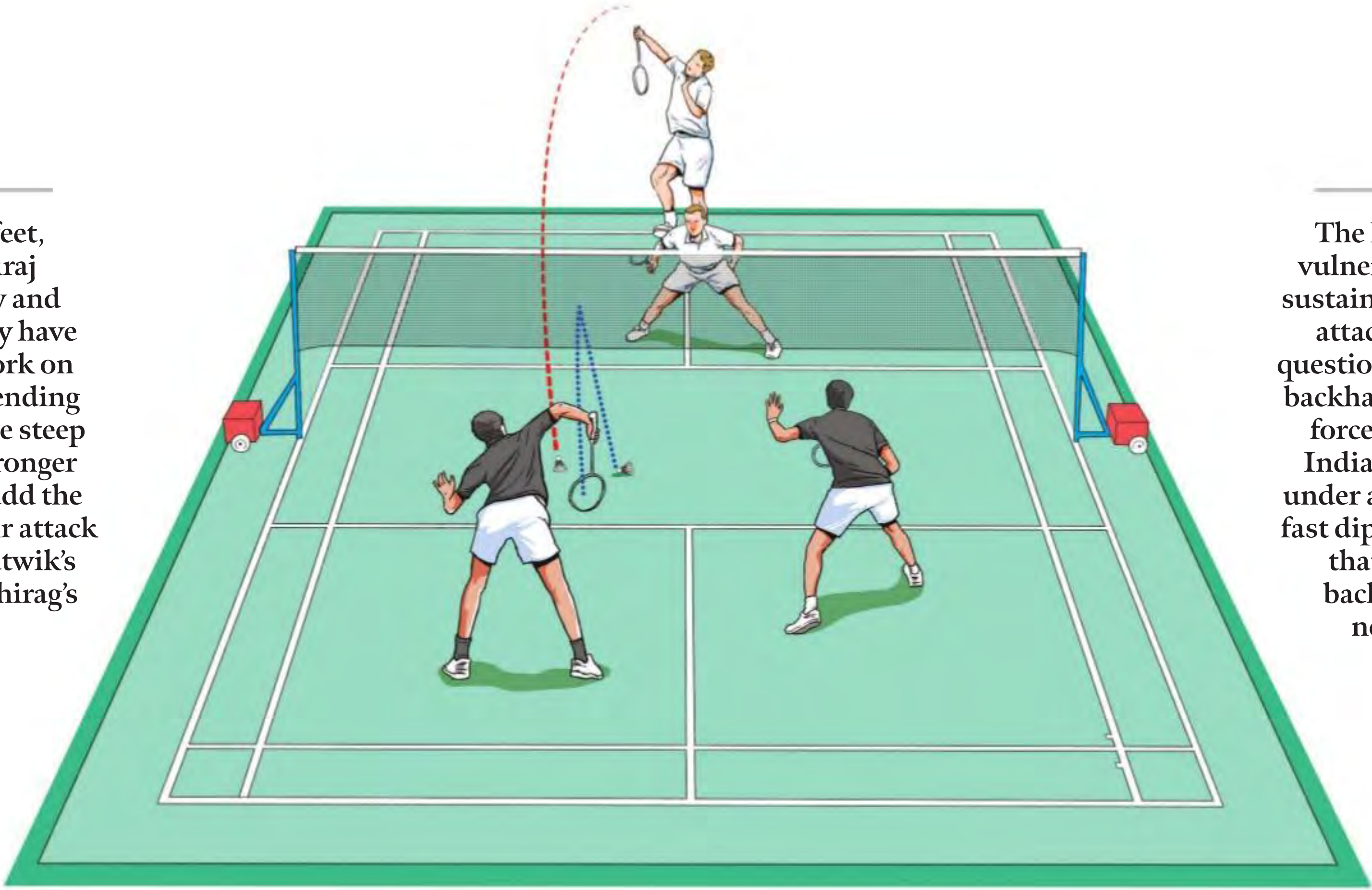


Illustration: Suvajit Dey

The Indians are vulnerable against sustained steep body attacks that ask questions of their low backhand defence. If forced to lift, the Indians can come under a peppering of fast dipping smashes that pin them back and force net-errors

Defence counsel

Satwik-Chirag's power-speed symphony is electrifying, but suspect defence can drag them down. SHIVANI NAIK writes about the missing link on court

“WELL, YOU can't cut them up to shave some height off them as if they are wooden statues. They are two big human boys!” former doubles shuttler Leroy D'Sa rumbles like incredulous thunder, at the querulous suggestion that Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are too tall for their own good. Their 6-foot frames are being dissected, and what's a boon for their attack is clearly a bane in their defence.

Their fans are bullish, but India's top doubles pairing can still not be called Olympic medal contenders. They have one of the world's most lethal attacks, but that can get dragged down with their still-leaky defence. Indian men's doubles badminton has never had it this good. Satwik and Chirag are springing out of their early 20s, bouncing about in tournament arenas across the world, pushing the top pairings of the world all the way and creating a flutter of excitement every time they step onto the court for one of their electrifying skirmishes. This is not just about sniffing a medal at the Tokyo Games next year, though the murmurs have started. But what the pair has refreshingly done for Indian badminton is offer edge-of-the-seat entertainment, win or lose, whenever they play.

Parisians were charmed, Bangkok was beguiled, Fuzhou in China was captivated this season. And last year at the iconic Istora during the Asian Games, home favourites, the immensely brilliant World No 1s, Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo, were given an almighty scare — the Indians led 19-18 in the second after winning the first game — as the Indonesians dinned and drummed on their favourite 'Minions', kept teetering by the then-unheralded Indians.

Never has an Indian pairing in badminton looked like it'll ambush the sport's reigning divinities in doubles — the Indonesians, Koreans, Chinese and Danes, and do it with such bombast while breaking through the doubles clutter. India has joined the high-voltage action of badminton that typically creates blasting decibel at Asian cauldrons and European arenas alike, as the paired funambulists dive and dazzle in high-speed smash-fests that shoot up adrenaline levels.

Satwik has a screaming big smash from the back, and Chirag the clever interceptions as he streaks across on court. The Indians ranked No. 8 now are right up there among the world's elite, except for that chink in their armour. What can send this power-speed symphony off-key is the duo's suspect defence. “It's not bad; if it was bad, they wouldn't have reached where they have. If their attack is 8 or 9, defence is 6 or 7 on 10 — not as good as their offence. It's good but not good enough to withstand an onslaught of steep smashes raining down on them,” D'Sa says. Bending low to pick shuttles, many which dip as low as three feet, is key to cracking this code, but of course like D'Sa roars, there's nothing to be done about their tall frames.

Crouching tigers: hidden canon

Drilling holes into the opponents' defence is something the Indians used masterfully against the top Chinese pairing, Li Junhui and Liu Yu Chen, two men upwards of 190 cms. Doubles is where you get as good as you dish out. So, the one vulnerability in the Indians that rivals have exploited is the sustained assault that comes down steeply on their bodies — below the waist.

It can rain down on anyone, and invariably does. But at the top-most level, seasoned pairings plug their defences with smooth backhand parries with the racquet head impeccably pointed south and the elbow jutting out in a straight line from the shoulder blades. These are low retrieves, often needing patience and pliable body positioning, while not allowing the lollipop of a limp lift for opponents to kill with a smash. All this happens at breakneck pace, and as India is still a novice at the topmost level in men's doubles, it's yet to imprint these drills into muscle memories. To top it, India's best practitioners are two hulking tall men.

What is being attempted is to bring their centre of gravity as low as possible, so that their impressive attack is not compromised by the inhibiting defence.

London Olympics silver medallist Mathias Boe of Denmark had one good look at Chirag four years ago while training with him in Mumbai, and told him that he's standing on two stiff legs which are wrecking his defence. In close, tense matches, both Indians have faced the rampage, that tested their defensive capabilities and put paid to a beautiful rally in which their offence had held sway. But three low birds, coming down thick and fast, and chances were the fourth would be flubbed into the net, undoing all the good attacking work.

The champion Indonesians — Kevin and Marcus — who have a whiplash fast game to start with which then morphs into some outrageous stroke-making, have denied the Indians all these years finding those low dipping projectiles at opportune times to quell their challenge.

“Their defence is probably one of the weaker aspects of their game. Both are really tall players and it is a little bit difficult in the defence to bend your knees. It takes a lot of energy and power speed every time they play. “Of course being tall is a little bit of a disadvantage in defence. But it's also a cultural thing and the times I've practised in Hyderabad, it's extremely humid and warm. It's very difficult to practise your defence in there because you feel like it's a tennis ball your opponents are smashing at you. So maybe that's why when you have those shuttles, it's extremely difficult to control the defence. At least that's how I experienced it,” Boe says. “Whereas when you play in China,

to just stand low and be able to move your feet quickly,” Boe, 39 and one of Denmark's finest doubles shuttlers, says.

“Whenever I practise with Chirag, it's one of the things I keep telling him: that you need to bend your knees and be more agile. And be more alert, and ready to push forward,” Boe says.



Ranked No. 8 in the world, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are among the world's elite, except for the chink in their armour. Reuters

Denmark and some of the colder places, the game is a little bit slower and it helps their defence. But that's something they need to improve.”

While they can scarcely help the conditions and definitely not their long limbs, Boe insists that the two will need to strengthen their legs, not too dissimilar to singles players like HS Prannoy or Viktor Axelsen, who too confront this problem.

“Look, defence is more difficult when tall,” says the Dane, himself 6'1 like his partners Carsten Mogensen and Mads Conrad-Peterson, but having seen a long line of Danish giants take on the challenge. “It's tougher for tall players to stand with bent knees and push off from there... and you need lot of muscles in your legs and need to be really strong.”

Chirag is aware it's the missing link, and there's no props for badminton's bread-and-butter activity of picking shuttles slammed into the body. “It'll need mainly more and more hours of hard work that we put in. And stronger legs, since we have to bend around quite a bit and defend in squat position,” he says.

It's one of those parts of the game with incremental improvements, and where they are susceptible to a bad day at the office. “We are still not that consistent in our defence. I think it won't happen in a day or two. But we've come a long way since we started. We've been defending extremely well. It can get better. Our attack is definitely one of the best, but the defence is not up to the mark. And if we want to break into the top five next year, we have to improve our defence,” Chirag states.

Long road till here

It was a pairing with plenty of teething troubles technically, because both started out playing the big-boom game from the back court. Urged to move in front though the two rotate smoothly, Chirag, 22, knew he had to learn a fresh set of skills at the net considering he was accustomed to the dramatic full-swing of the racquet from the back. Controlled, checked movements at the net were a whole new syllabus.

While the Indians won their first title in Thailand playing a masterfully taut parallel game to deny the Chinese any smashing room, Chirag was priming to create openings from the front.

Suddenly the 6'1” was plonked at the net, with his bobbing head at least 1.5 feet higher than the tape and knees having to crouch and get into position for the second stroke right after the serve and the body having to arch into a destabilised ‘C’ to parry off the body attack. Boe would help him hunker down, literally.

He would also find inspiration in Indonesian Mohammed Ahsan, a brilliant tactician who varied his pace and changed direction mid-attack. For effective transitioning in turning defensive returns into cross attacks, he would look at videos of Chinese former No 1s Cai Yun and Fu Haifeng to observe how they moved. “The front court game is not like increasing strength. You need to be lot more creative even when defending and constantly look to set it up,” Chirag says.

Satwik, a cool cat on court, unflappable at most times, faces his own struggles through the agility drills, but tends to be calmer on defence, and less error-prone (though only marginally.)

Moreover, given his smashing shoulder needs to do the literal heavy lifting and is always up for judging, the big man from Amalapuram finds the low retrieves relatively less stressful. He's not too frazzled at any rate, though he's had his share of defensive misses if the Indians fail to keep the shuttle down, and get drawn into a lob-game. At any rate, Satwik lets off steam by peppering opponents with his biggies when things get too tangled. But he has the big escape route kill at his disposal.

Chirag's temperament though, is up for closer scrutiny.

In the last decade, India's top pairing were the hardworking and earnest — but hugely limited — combination of Sanave Thomas and Rupesh Kumar.

Rupesh reckons it was impossible to prepare in training for the kind of intensity of attack that top-grade badminton can unleash. None in sparring could simulate that pace,

he says. What works for India's freshly minted pair is that they started young (“they have 6-8 years of top-flight game ahead”), played bucketloads of international matches and have time to bring their defence up to scratch to make their attack more lethal.

“As a start they are doing well to keep everything low, so they are not opening themselves up to attack. But they are such a talented pair, I want them to have a weapon in defence if nothing works,” Rupesh says, excited to watch the youngsters from India with immense possibilities soar.

While Rupesh insists that he's never seen them look inexperienced or flustered on the big stage, and confident in their speed-power combine, the Indians are still new off the blocks. “When we played, we were catching up with opponents every single time. Opponents from China, Indonesia were naturally stronger and given the sparring we had, we practised, but when you played on court, it was just another level. It's exciting to watch these two on par with others in attack. Defence will improve,” he says, genuinely excited about how they could shape up. “Defence just needs belief at crucial points and some luck in crunch moments.”

Defence earlier meant playing steady and not giving away points. Coach Uday Pawar, who combined with Prakash Padukone and mentored Chirag through his junior years, leans on a cricketing corollary. “Defensive shots must translate into attack. Like in cricket, you can't block every ball, you need to rotate strike. So they need variety in defence, not just the block,” he says. Countering is as important as playing in gaps forcing opponents to lift.

In Thailand, the Indians kept pushing flat, even if it was three-feet high smashes, these were pushed on to the body and for variation, the next one went away from the body, to take the sting out of the attack while defending. The two prefer to get on with it on fast courts and play the full force of their imperious attack. But they will need to practise in slow conditions where rallies stretch endlessly and defence get perilous with each subsequent stroke.

“Their strength is attack on fast courts. It's like fast bowlers in English conditions where they are effective; but on slow and low Indian wickets, you need to be more disciplined and consistent,” Pawar says. Unglamorous defence is what he is referring to.

Each of the three components of defence — the blocking jab, the push past the forecourt opponent and the least-risky lift will need to be honed further. So beyond holding fort to contain, the angle of the racquet in defensive strokes will need to get precise, and the third or fourth stroke would need to be a counter to break the momentum of steep downward attacks — like cross returns.

The ‘Maximum Minions’

The 0-8 scoreline hangs enticingly on the scoreboard: the Indians have never beaten Kevin-Marcus, the world's best pairing at the moment. While the Indonesians kept the Indians quiet at the net in Europe last month,

the Indians have managed to push them back at times, and target Marcus. It might not amount to a mental block though the 0-8 margin doesn't look pretty, but the Indians can't hope to beat the dazzling duo till the defence is propped up, and they can shirk off the pressure and perhaps pick the opening game — like at the Asian Games — to get a toe-hold.

Kevin Sukamuljo does things no one can. He has singlehandedly pushed Chirag into backroom bending drills to be prepared for his sorcery. As such, the Indonesians divide the roles the same way as the Indians — one creates, the other kills. “Kevin is just a tad better and when you are up against him, it's relatively easy to look quite stupid on court because he can just do some things that you don't expect him to do and that you can't really practise for daily. So you are not used to the sort of pressure he is putting on you,” Boe explains. When the Danes did beat them, they leant on defence. “Times I've beaten Kevin and Marcus, we have a more defensive style against them, make them work, make them a little tired and see if you can push forward a little and control the serve and receiving game and then eventually kill it. But it's not an easy task. It sounds a lot easier than it actually is.”

“Satwik-Chirag definitely have the force to be able to beat them and it's just a matter of time,” the Dane says. “Beat them once and maybe get the confidence to beat them more frequently.”

So, though attack defines the Indians' game, it will need to be defence that can break the Indonesians.

What the Indians have kept at is improve the stamina, so exhaustion isn't an interfering factor.

Earlier this year, national coach P Gopichand got deeply immersed in the doubles programme to define its broad contours: “our style and character, own culture of doubles... science-driven and intelligent”

Indonesian coach Flandy Limpele, in fact, put them through one royal wringer. “Oh! it was a nightmare with eight coaches waiting on eight adjacent courts for multifeeds, and we had to hop from one court to the next defending with a break only after two-and-a-

half minutes. A rally is usually 20-30 seconds, or max 45 seconds. Here we'd go up to one minute. Smash, smash-tap, smash-drive, multi-rotation, start again.” That was for stamina. Long runs twice a week is not uncommon to build that base. “And combine it with agility and shadows. So it's almost four days of endurance and speedwork training and agility.”

Gopichand, though, isn't too fussed about defence. “I would love to see them get more aggressive and more pumped up. I know they have another gear up in them,” he says. While their backhand defence might be a worry, he insists, the third stroke is still an area of concern. “Defence is the easiest of the lot — they'll keep improving. Is it an area of concern? No. The serve height can be a problem.” Their defence has its own strong defenders.

The times I've practised in Hyderabad, it's extremely humid and warm. It's very difficult to practise your defence in there because you feel like it's a tennis ball your opponents are smashing at you... in China, Denmark and some of the colder places, the game is a little bit slower.”

MATHIAS BOE, LONDON OLYMPICS SILVER MEDALLIST

D/N TEST BURNS HOLE IN CAB’S POCKET

They set the stage, invited stars and celebrities and threw a grand party, as Eden Gardens hosted India's first-ever day-night Test. But Bangladesh's inability to put up a fight is going to affect the business side of the affair. It is learnt that the expense incurred for hosting a pink-ball Test is Rs 1 crore more than that for a red-ball game. Festivities on the first day added to the bill. CAB secretary Avishek Dalmiya put things in perspective. "This was much required, because gradually people were losing interest in Test cricket. So in order to maintain equilibrium between Test cricket and limited-overs cricket, this move was required. It's like a transition from orthodox Test cricket to modern-day Test cricket," he told *The Sunday Express*.

CAB received Rs 2.5 crore from BCCI as match subsidy, which is par for the course for a Test.

"Usually for a Test match, not much of ticket sales happen. But this time, obviously the demand was sky-high (for the first three days). So some revenue would be generated from that. But since we have reduced the price of the tickets by a huge margin (minimum denomination Rs 50 for a day), a considerable earning is not happening (from ticket sales). But it was a special occasion, we didn't cut any corners," Avishek said. "We should ideally be given extra subsidy. At some point of time, BCCI should consider that, because for a day-night Test, expenses are more, as you have to switch on the lights for a very long time on practice days and the match days. But at this point of time, we aren't cribbing over it, for it is an historic occasion."

EDEN GARDENS' WISHLIST

CAB would like to see a pink-ball, day-night Test become an annual affair at Eden Gardens. "Considering the history of Eden Gardens and the enthusiasm that we have received here for India's first-ever day-night Test, it's certainly not a bad idea to host more day-night Tests at this venue in the days ahead; like they do at Adelaide in Australia," a top CAB office-bearer told *The Sunday Express*.

BCCI, however, has a rotational policy for allocating matches. And although India captain Virat Kohli has asked for five "strong" Test centres, with rotation to be reserved for ODIs and T20Is, a cricket board insider informed that there's unlikely to be an immediate policy switch.

DAY TWO'S OPENING GAMBIT

The 'Mozart of chess' rang the Eden bell, along with five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand. Magnus Carlsen and Anand came to Eden Gardens on Saturday on an invite from BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). In Kolkata for the Tata Steel Chess Rapid and Blitz, Carlsen had a mock game with Ganguly at the tournament's 'Draw of Lots' ceremony two days ago when Anand played the role of the BCCI president's coach.

Cricket was a new experience for the reigning world chess champion, arguably the most famous Norwegian, whom Washington Post once described as the 'Mozart of chess'. Carlsen is the world champion in classical chess since 2013. He is also a two-time World Rapid Chess champion and a four-time World Blitz Chess champion.

Carlsen seems to be enjoying his maiden Kolkata trip. Later in the day, he posted a picture on his Twitter handle, doing keepy-uppy with a football to "kill time". "Killing time before round 6 at @GrandChessTour Kolkata," his post read.



India's Viswanathan Anand and Magnus Carlsen ring the bell at Eden Gardens on Day Two of the D/N Test. Partha Paul



PINK OR RED, KOHLI IS THE BEST

Virat Kohli celebrates his century (136) on Day Two of the Day-Night Test match against Bangladesh at Eden Gardens on Saturday. Partha Paul

Kohli passes with flying colours

Skipper scores 27th Test ton, a masterclass in countering pink ball, as Bangladesh stare down the barrel

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 23

VIRAT KOHLI doesn't tinker his batting style irrespective of the format. He makes the necessary technical adjustments as per the game's demand and his approach is different in the long form as compared to limited-overs cricket. But his range allows him to play his natural game across formats.

India's first-ever day-night Test presented the skipper with a different challenge; sticking to his style when a different ball was in use. By Kohli's own admission, the pink ball is a lot different from the conventional red one, as it could confuse the batsmen with regard to judging the off-stump. The pink ball also travels at greater speed, but Kohli showed his natural style could master different ball conditions.

On Saturday, in front of 50,000 fans, Kohli scored his 27th Test century – his 70th international hundred. His genius blurred the difference between the pink ball and its red counterpart. His approach against the pink one was pretty similar to the way he countered the red cherry in England – standing a couple of feet outside the popping crease to cover the swing.

During his 136 runs, scored off 194 balls over 288 minutes, Kohli played over 90 per cent of his shots in front of the wicket. He cut down the risk factor and flicked only when the ball was in range – over-pitched on leg and middle or leg stump. The Bangladesh bowling didn't have a Jimmy Anderson in its ranks. Far from it. The medium pace of Al-Amin Hossain, Abu Jayed and Ebadat Hossain was Bangladesh's weak currency. But the India captain respected the conditions, in the process setting the template in terms of neutralising the pink-ball threat.

On the face of it, it is comparatively easier to stand outside the popping crease against 130kph medium pacers. It takes immense courage and superlative skill to do that against tearaway quicks. Then again, Kohli repeatedly did that during the 2014-15 series in Australia against Mitchell Johnson's thunderbolts. He scored four centuries in that four-Test series, on fast Australian pitches.

The Indian captain also paced his innings perfectly, with regards to picking the right time to up the ante. As Cheteshwar Pujara

said after the day's play, in day-night Test cricket, the first session in the afternoon and the final one, when there's dew, are the two relatively easier periods for batting. Resuming on his overnight score of 59, Kohli raced to 130 in the first two hours of the second day's play. As it turned out, batting became difficult post-lunch, when India lost five wickets for 58 runs in 13.4 overs. Kohli, too, got out during that period, but his dismissal was down to an exceptional catch from Taijul Islam at deep fine leg.

Kohli picked an Ebadat delivery on leg stump and the ball flew off his bat. Taijul initially misjudged the flight of the ball but made a great recovery, flinging himself backwards and plucking the catch out of thin air.

Before that though, Kohli gave a master-class in pink-ball batting in an Abu Jayed over. The first ball had induced a thick edge and went past gully to the square third-man boundary. The batsman had to wrest the initiative. He brought out a pristine straight drive next ball, playing on the up. Jayed then bowled on leg and middle, hoping for another thick edge, as Kohli went for a flick. This time, the ball was met on the half-volley, wrists came into play and a boundary was scored past mid-wicket. Then, probably just to show the bowler who was boss, Kohli walked across to a length ball outside off-stump and drove it to the cover boundary. Sweeper cover barely moved.

The four-wicket partnership between Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane yielded 99 runs. Rahane scored 51 of them and seemed set for a big score. But he got out to a half-tracker from left-arm spinner Taijul. The ball spun away alright and also jumped a little. But a player of Rahane's class was expected to get on top of the bounce. The top edge went to Ebadat at backward point instead.

After India declared on 347/9 deep into the second session, Ishant Sharma came out firing on all cylinders. At 9/3, the match was heading for a two-day finish. It soon became 13/4, Bangladesh captain Mominul Haque bagging a pair. But Mahmudullah added 69 runs with Mushfiqur Rahim before clutching his hamstring and retiring hurt. Rahim showed character, took a blow on the visor but remained unbeaten on 59 at stumps on Day Two. Bangladesh finished the day on 152/6 in their second innings, trailing India by 89 runs. And early finish on Day Three looks imminent.

Not easy to pick short ball: Pujara on batsmen getting hit

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KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 23

THE VISIBILITY of the pink ball under lights is an issue and this could be a reason why so many (Bangladesh) batsmen got hit in the ongoing second Test at Eden Gardens, Cheteshwar Pujara observed.

Liton Das and Nayeem Hasan retired hurt on the first day. Both were hit on the helmet by bouncers from Mohammed Shami and subsequently failed the concussion test.

On the second day, as Bangladesh came out for their second innings, they nearly had another concussion victim. Mohammad Mithun had survived a very close leg-before shout on umpire's call.

Ishant Sharma's response was a nasty bouncer that thudded into the helmet grille. Mithun looked shaken. But after the on-field treatment he carried on. At this point the visitors were in danger of running out of concussion substitutes.

During the final session of the day's play, Mushfiqur Rahim, the most assured of the Bangladesh batsman, was hit by an Umesh Yadav bouncer.

So many batsmen getting hit in a Test match, on a pretty decent pitch, bordered on the uncommon. Bangladesh didn't have fast bowlers to pose physical threats to Indian batsmen, but during India's innings also, some of the deliveries rose awkwardly off a length. One such delivery had accounted for Pujara yesterday.

Today, after the day's play, the batsman was asked if the blows were down to poor technique or visibility.

Pujara spoke about the visibility factor: "I thought light and pink ball had a role to play. As a batsman, it's not easy to pick short balls especially. The pace our fast bowlers have, it's not easy. Their batters haven't even played any first-class match with the pink ball so it's not easy," Pujara, who scored a half-century in the first innings, replied.

According to him, in day-night Test, first and third sessions are relatively easier for batting.

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"Batting under lights was difficult when I batted yesterday. Even when I saw on TV, the first session is easier to bat as there is no lights. When there is light, the ball starts swinging a little more. (Then) once dew comes in, batting again becomes easier."

He is one player in the team who came to India's first day-night Test with the previous experience of playing pink-ball, first-class cricket, thanks to his participation in the Duleep Trophy. And like he said, India scored 115 runs for the loss of Ajinkya Rahane's wicket in the first session on Day Two.

Post-lunch they lost five wickets in quick succession.

Like his captain Virat Kohli, Pujara, too, is open to playing day-night Tests overseas, with proper practice games in the lead-up.

"It's the BCCI's decision to make. But going forward, if we are going to play more pink-ball games, we will have to practice more under lights and start getting used to this. It's not my call so I can't say much."

Then again, as Pujara said, it might not be practical to play a day-night practice match during an overseas tour.

"If we are playing away from home, you don't have much time as you play only one of the four matches with the pink ball. You don't want to have a practice game with the pink ball. You would rather have it with the red ball. You never play a practice game in between the series, so I don't think it's practical," Pujara said.

SCORECARD » India vs Bangladesh

2nd Test | Kolkata | Toss: Bangladesh

BANGLADESH 106 IN 30.3 OV
INDIA 347/9 DEC IN 89.4 OV

Overnight: 174/3
M Agarwal c Mehidy b Al-Amin 14 (21b, 3x4)
R Sharma lbw b Ebadat 21

(35b, 2x4, 1x6)

C Pujara c Shadman b Ebadat 51

(105b, 8x4)

V Kohli c Taijul b Ebadat 136

(194b, 18x4)

A Rahane c Ebadat b Taijul 51 (69b, 7x4)

R Jadeja b Abu Jayed 12 (41b)

W Saha not out 17 (41b, 2x4)

R Ashwin lbw b Al-Amin 9 (21b, 2x4)

U Yadav c Shadman b Abu Jayed 0 (3b)

I Sharma lbw b Al-Amin 0 (3b)

M Shami not out 10

(5b, 1x4, 1x6)

■ **Extras:** (b 12, lb 2, w 8) 22

Fall of wickets: 1-26 (Agarwal, 4.4 ov), 2-43 (Rohit, 12.5 ov), 3-137 (Pujara, 39.1 ov), 4-236 (Rahane, 61.1 ov), 5-289 (Jadeja, 76.2 ov), 6-308 (Kohli, 80.3 ov), 7-329 (Ashwin, 85.6 ov), 8-330 (Yadav, 86.4 ov), 9-331 (Ishant, 87.3 ov)

■ **Bowling:**

Al-Amin 22.4-3-85-3

Abu Jayed 21-6-77-2

Ebadat Hossain 21-3-91-3

Taijul Islam 25-2-80-1

BANGLADESH 152/6 IN 32.3 OV

S Islam lbw b Ishant 0 (5b)

I Kays c Kohli b Ishant 5 (15b)

M Haque c Saha b Ishant 0 (6b)

M Mithun c Shami b Yadav 6 (12b)

M Rahim not out 59

(70b, 10x4)

Mahmudullah retired hurt 39

(41b, 7x4)

M Hasan c Kohli b Ishant 15

(22b, 2x4, 1x6)

T Islam c Rahane b Yadav 11

(24b, 1x4)

■ **Extras:** (b 8, lb 4, w 5) 17

Fall of wickets: 1-0 (S Islam, 0.5 ov), 2-2 (M Haque, 2.5 ov), 3-9 (M Mithun, 5.2 ov), 4-13 (I Kays, 6.4 ov), 4-82* (Mahmudullah, retired not out), 5-133 (M Hasan, 25.6 ov), 6-152 (T Islam, 32.3 ov)

■ **Bowling:**

I Sharma 9-1-39-4

U Yadav 10.3-0-40-2

M Shami 8-0-42-0

R Ashwin 5-0-19-0

20
Number of hundreds Kohli has made after becoming captain. He went past Ricky Ponting and is now second on the list after Graeme Smith, who has 25.

70
Number of international hundreds Kohli has now scored. He is third on the list after Ponting (71) and Tendulkar (100).



Mushfiqur Rahim was unbeaten on 59 on Day Two at Eden Gardens. File

Patient Watling frustrates England

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

MOUNT MAUNGANUI, NOVEMBER 23

A GRITTY BJ Watling, New Zealand's go-to man when the chips are down, produced an unbeaten 119 to put the Black Caps ahead of England in the first innings of the opening Test on Saturday. After rescuing his country as he has done many times in the past, Watling was at a loss to explain his ability to produce his best when New Zealand are in trouble. "It just kind of happens" he offered at stumps on day three in Mount Maunganui, after guiding the Kiwis to 394 for six to lead England by 41.

He toiled under a blazing sun for almost seven hours to notch his eighth Test century and pull New Zealand up from a precarious 197 for five. "I love scoring hundreds for New Zealand and I really enjoyed that one," he said. "I know I didn't want to field today... so that was driving me. I think I'm very limited and try



BJ Watling has been part of three of the six best partnerships for NZ for the sixth wicket. AP

and play to how I know best works for me."

Much of Watling's innings-saving mission was in partnership with Colin de Grandhomme in a 119-run stand for the sixth

wicket and followed by an unbroken 78 with Mitchell Santner, who was 31 not out at stumps. When de Grandhomme joined Watling after the dismissal of Henry Nicholls for 41 before lunch, New Zealand's top five were out and they were still 156 runs behind England's 353. The tourists were feeling they were heading for a comfortable first innings lead, but Watling patiently chipped away at the deficit. De Grandhomme, meanwhile, characteristically punished anything loose – with a six and seven fours as he raced to 65.

Stokes was surprisingly kept out of the attack through the onslaught until the first ball after tea, when he had instant success. De Grandhomme slashed at a wide delivery which Dom Sibley grasped one-handed in the gully, and the New Zealand all-rounder returned immediately to the dressing room.

BRIEF SCORES: England 1st innings 353 trail New Zealand 1st innings 394/6 in 141 overs (Watling 119 batting, De Grandhomme 65, Williamson 51; Stokes 2/37) by 41 runs.

JOHN PYE

BRISBANE, NOVEMBER 23

MARNUS LABUSCHAGNE posted a career-high 185 and David Warner contributed 154 as the top three batsmen scored 436 of Australia's 580 first-innings runs. Pakistan's first three wickets fell within seven overs in the second innings late Saturday to conclude a lopsided first three days in the series-opener at the Gabba, where the Australians haven't lost a Test since 1988.

Pakistan was 64 for 3 at stumps with two days to play, still 276 runs in arrears with seven wickets in hand.

Just like the batting lineup dominated an inexperienced attack, Australia's fast bowlers were right on top.

Mitchell Starc, who took four wickets in Pakistan's first innings of 240, added another two in his first spell in the second. The left-arm paceman trapped Pakistan captain



Marnus Labuschagne faced 279 balls and hit 20 fours enroute to 185, his first Test century. AP

Azhar Ali (5) lbw in the third over with the total on 13, and five balls later had Haris Sohail (8) caught behind to make it 25 for 2. Asad Shafiq, the leading scorer in

Pakistan's first stand, didn't get off the mark before getting a thick edge off Pat Cummins to Steve Smith at second slip and it was 25 for 3. Shan Masood (27) and Babar Azam (20) survived until stumps and have a lot more work to do if Pakistan is to salvage the Test.

That the Australian top-order found form on the true, bouncy pitch at the Gabba was surprising to nobody.

The only quirk was Smith's dismissal for four from 10 balls, making him the lowest scorer of Australia's 11 batters – despite a relative tail-end collapse when the last five wickets fell for 35 runs. Labuschagne went in with the total at 222 on Friday when Yasir bowled Joe Burns for 97, and he was 55 when Australia resumed on Day Three at 312-1. **AP BRIEF SCORES:** Pakistan 1st innings 240 & 64 for 4 in 17 overs (Shan Masood batting 27, Babar Azam batting 20; Starc 2/25) trail Australia 580 in 157.4 ovs (David Warner 154, Marnus Labuschagne 185; Yasir Shah 4/205) by 276 runs.



Indian teams clubbed with defending champions

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

INDIA HAS been clubbed along with defending champions Argentina and world number one side Australia in Pool A of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics men's hockey competition.

The other teams in India's pool are Spain, New Zealand and hosts Japan. The Pool B is made up of Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Canada and South Africa in the groupings announced by world governing body FIH on Saturday.

India, ranked fifth in the world, had qualified for the Tokyo Olympics after beating Russia 11-3 on aggregate in the qualifiers held in Bhubaneswar earlier this month.

The women's team has also been placed in Pool A along with defending champions Great Britain and world number one side the Netherlands. The other teams in Pool A are Germany, Ireland and South Africa.

The Pool B is made up of Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, Spain, China and hosts Japan. Ranked ninth in the world, the Indian women's team had qualified for the Tokyo Olympics after beating United States 6-5 on aggregate in the qualifiers held in Bhubaneswar earlier this month.

"To determine the composition of the pools, the same process has been applied as for the Olympic Games Rio 2016. With all participating teams being ranked among the top 16 teams of the current FIH World Rankings, fans can expect thrilling hockey encounters in Tokyo next year," the FIH said in a release.

The 2020 Tokyo Olympic hockey tournaments will be staged in the brand-new Oi Hockey Stadium from July 25 to August 7.

Men- POOLA: Spain, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and India; **POOL B:** Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Canada and South Africa. **Women- POOLA:** Great Britain, Netherlands, Germany, Ireland and South Africa; **POOL B:** Argentina, New Zealand, Spain, China and hosts Japan.

Jose begins new chapter with win

Son, Moura and Kane score as Spurs win 3-2 at West Ham in Mourinho's first game as manager

REUTERS
LONDON, NOVEMBER 23

JOSE MOURINHO got off to the best possible start as Tottenham Hotspur manager as his new side beat West Ham United 3-2 at London Stadium on Saturday — their first Premier League away win in 10 months.

First-half goals from Son Heung-min and Lucas Moura and another after the break from Harry Kane — his 175th for the club — inflicted West Ham's fifth league defeat in seven games and piled more pressure on manager Manuel Pellegrini whose side sit close to the drop zone.

Mourinho, however, will not be happy with the way Spurs conceded two late goals as substitute Michail Antonio and Angelo Ogbonna capitalised on familiar errors in a defence that has kept just one league clean sheet all season.

After Kane had an early effort ruled out for offside, Son put the visitors ahead on 36 minutes, sweeping by Papa Diop and firing past West Ham's unconvincing keeper Roberto for his sixth goal in six games.

Mourinho, returning to English football after 11 months, punched the air in celebration and his mood improved further before the break when an outrageous scooped pass from Dele Alli freed Son on the left.

The South Korean's inviting cross was forced home at the back post by Moura, who was one of three changes on Mourinho's first team sheet. Kane was completely unmarked to head home Tottenham's third on 49 minutes and move third on Spurs' list of all-time scorers, behind Jimmy Greaves (266) and Bobby Smith (208).

Substitute Antonio conjured an excellent individual effort to lift the home side on 74 minutes, with Ogbonna netting their second deep into stoppage-time after VAR had disallowed a Declan Rice effort.

But the final scoreline flattered West Ham, who looked second best for much of a game in which they made too many basic errors. Alli admitted the Spurs players had found Mauricio Pochettino's sudden departure last week difficult to deal with.

"It's been a very tough week for us emotionally," he said. "We've spent a long time with Pochettino and we were very sad but



Jose Mourinho speaks with Tottenham's Harry Kane and Harry Winks after their 3-2 win on Sunday. Reuters

we had a job to do. We had to go out for the fans and try and stay as positive as we can."

Alli justified Mourinho's faith with a fine performance and was hugged warmly by his manager as he left the field.

"I think I have been performing well so far this season but I need to get better than my old form and get to my best," said Alli.

"We have to carry on momentum and keep winning, we need to start that from now. There is still a lot to work on and we need to improve from now on."

Pellegrini was pleased by his team's fightback. "My players never give up. They keep fighting all the way to the end of the game. The moment we get a win under our

belts things will change," he said.

No stopping Reds

Premier League leaders Liverpool extended their unbeaten run to 30 games after a late goal by Roberto Firmino gave them a scrappy 2-1 win at Crystal Palace on Saturday. Firmino struck from close range in the 85th minute, shortly after Wilfried Zaha cancelled out Sadio Mane's opener for the visitors who looked toothless in the first half with Mohamed Salah on the bench nursing a sore ankle.

Liverpool stayed top on 37 points from 13 games, eight ahead of Leicester City who beat Brighton and Hove Albion 2-0.

Jordan Ayew and Gary Cahill missed chances for Palace before the home side had a 43rd-minute effort ruled out after a VAR check, with the replay showing Ayew pushed Dejan Lovren before James Tomkins headed the ball in at the far post.

The visitors looked sharper immediately after the break, with Mane firing wide before he netted a 49th-minute goal with a scrambled shot which goalkeeper Vicente Guaita got a hand to but could not keep the ball out.

Zaha equalised in the 82nd with a crisp low shot from 12 metres, only for Firmino to tuck the ball away from close range after Palace failed to clear the danger from a goalmouth

Vijender pips Adamu for 12th win on the trot

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INDIAN BOXING star Vijender Singh demolished Ghana's former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu to claim his 12th successive win and ensure that his four-year unbeaten streak in the professional circuit remained intact.

The 34-year-old former Olympic bronze-medallist, who holds the WBO Asia Pacific and Oriental super middleweight belts, prevailed in a unanimous verdict in an eight-round contest against the 42-year-old Adamu on Friday night.

The Indian's right hand was just too precise and powerful to handle for Adamu, who looked intimidated, kept a shell guard, and was thrown off-balance more than once.

"It was a good fight, Charles Adamu is a good fighter but I was fully prepared to tackle his punches and landed my punches perfectly on him. It's great to be here in Dubai and to get this win. It was really exciting," Vijender said after the bout.

"I wanted to finish this fight in three-four rounds, it went into late rounds but I am happy with how I performed," said the boxer from Bhiwani.

The Ghanaian also copped a point deduction in the fourth round for excessive bending. To Adamu's credit, he fought through despite the onslaught and ensured that the bout went the full distance.

Adamu came into this fight with an experience of 47 bouts, of which he had won 33 (26 knockouts). The Ghanaian is also an Olympian and won a bronze medal for his country in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur during his amateur days.

But Adamu's wealth of experience didn't seem enough against an opponent, who was quicker and more powerful.

"I tried my best. I had made strategies after watching his videos but he was quite tough. I never expected him to be this good. I wish him the best for his coming bouts," Adamu said.

Vijender, who is promoted by Hall of Famer Bob Arum's Top Rank Promotions in the USA and IOS Boxing in India, is hoping to fight for a world title next year.

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