

SURROUND POLICE HQ, SEEK ACTION AGAINST LAWYERS WHO ATTACKED THEM

Capital's police pour out in protest

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

POLICE IN the National Capital faced a virtual revolt from within its ranks Tuesday when over 2,000 personnel and their family members gathered outside the Delhi Police headquarters at ITO to protest the recent attacks against policemen by lawyers following a parking row last week.

Faced with an unprecedented situation, senior police

officers issued several appeals to the protesters to rejoin duty, the Congress and AAP attacked the Centre, and the Lieutenant General called for restoring trust. The Union Home Ministry, meanwhile, said it was reviewing a report on the incidents that triggered the protests.

Late Tuesday, the protesters were yet to disperse fully with some lighting candles for a night vigil. "After the Tis Hazari incident, we feel scared and humiliated," said a constable.

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Police personnel protest outside Delhi Police headquarters, Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

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No place for hooliganism, violence: Bar warns lawyers

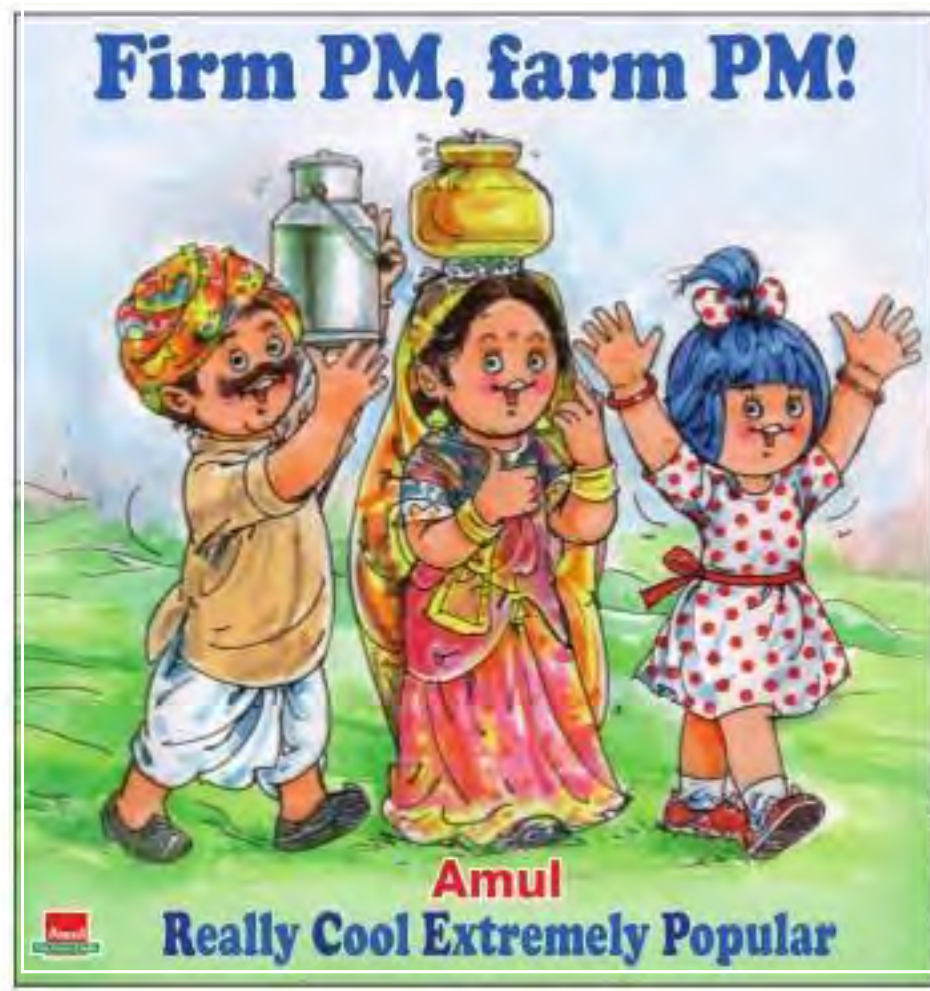
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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

COMING DOWN heavily on lawyers who resorted to violence, especially against policemen, at Delhi's Tis Hazari and Saket court complexes, the Bar Council Of India (BCI) Tuesday slammed these "acts of grave

misconduct" and directed Bar associations to identify the lawyers since "hooliganism and violence" have "no place in the Bar".

Underlining "we are tarnishing the image of the Institution by sparing such rowdy elements", BCI chairman Manan Kumar Mishra and co-chairman Ved Prakash Sharma, in a letter

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Curtains for IPL opening ceremony, Board finds it too costly

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 5

THE INDIAN cricket board has decided to scrap the IPL opening ceremony, the Bollywood-style extravaganza that previously cost close to Rs 30 crore.

This was one of the key decisions taken during the IPL governing council meeting Monday. In another move, it was decided that the league will henceforth have a fourth umpire to focus only on no-balls.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, a BCCI official said: "The opening ceremonies are a waste of money. The cricket fans don't seem to be interested, and the performers have to be paid a lot."

Over the years, a number of Bollywood stars and international pop stars, like Katy Perry, Akon and Pit Bull, have performed at IPL opening ceremonies amid dazzling fireworks and laser shows.

On the no-ball decision, the official said: "Last season, several players were given out and later recalled when replays showed the bowlers had overstepped. The idea is to reduce errors and controversies." The next IPL auction will be held in Kolkata on December 19.

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AFTER BACKING OUT OF RCEP
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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with *The Indian Express* Executive Editor (National Affairs) P Vaidyanathan Iyer, National Opinion Editor Vandita Mishra in Mumbai. Nirmal Harindran

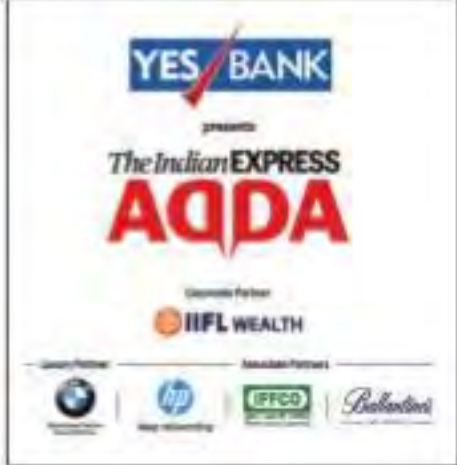
Finance Minister hints: Sops for home buyers and senior citizens

Jet, IL&FS: 'Don't want any more institutions falling off cliff'

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MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 5

UNION FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Tuesday that the government is working on some sops for the real estate sector, particularly for home buyers, and support to senior citizens in the wake of the decline in interest rates.

"In real estate, we have started working on some proposals... we will have an offer for home buyers. Soon we will come



port to the senior citizens... work is going on it".

Moreover, in what is the first major reform being proposed in the aftermath of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank crisis, Sitharaman also hinted that cooperative banks in the country will soon face tighter regulation norms, and will be brought under the ambit of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Sitharaman was speaking with *The Indian Express* Executive Editor (National Affairs) P Vaidyanathan Iyer, National Opinion Editor Vandita Mishra in Mumbai.

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AFTER DEATH OF AL-BAGHDADI, WHO IS THE WORLD'S 'MOST WANTED CRIMINAL'?

The death of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi last week ended one of the most intense and aggressive manhunts in the world. The race for the unofficial title of the world's "most wanted" individual is open again. Several countries and agencies, such as the European Union and the FBI release lists of their most wanted from time to time

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CBI raids 190 locations in multiple bank fraud cases worth Rs 7,000 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

IN THE biggest coordinated search conducted this year, the CBI on Tuesday raided 190 locations across the country in connection with multiple alleged bank frauds to the tune of Rs 7,000 crore.

The agency conducted the searches across 16 states and Union Territories after registering 42 FIRs. More than 1,000 officers drawn from various branches of the agency were involved in the searches, sources said.

The CBI said in at least four cases, the siphoned off funds are more than Rs 1000 crore. Most searches were reported from Maharashtra (58 locations) followed by Punjab (32), officials said.

Twelve locations were searched in Delhi, 17 each in Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh, 15 in Uttar Pradesh, five each in Gujarat, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh, four each in Kerala, Telangana and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, six in Karnataka, and two each in Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Chandigarh.

SC pulls up Haryana govt over boycott of Dalits in Hisar village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

THE SUPREME COURT pulled up the Haryana government on Tuesday over allegations of the boycott of Dalits in Hisar's Bhatla village for over two years. The court directed the state to file an affidavit by November 8 explaining the steps taken by the administration to deal with the same.

"Social boycott was happening... Your government did nothing... Boycott continuing. What is happening?" Justice NV Ramana, heading a three-judge bench, told the counsel for Haryana when it took up a petition which highlighted the issue.

The bench, also comprising Justices R Subhash Reddy and BR

Among major cases, the CBI has booked promoters and directors of Advantage Overseas Pvt Ltd Shrikant Bhasi, Dinesh Arkot Selvaraj, Manish Kumar Singh, Gagan Sharma and Jijo John for allegedly cheating State Bank of India, Bhopal, by falsifying records to avail credit facilities of Rs 6,000 crore. The company involved in bulk trading of agro commodities defaulted on payments causes losses worth Rs 1,266 crore to the bank, officials said.

A separate case has been registered against Energo Engineering Projects Ltd and its directors — Sujit Das, Dinesh Singh and Jaya Singh — for availing credit facilities to the tune of Rs 1,290 crore, allegedly on forged documents. Subsequent payment defaults from the company caused a loss of Rs 1,266 crore to the bank, CBI officials said.

Chennai-based Surana Industries and its directors — Dinesh Chand Surana, Shanti Lal Surana, Gautham Lal Surana, Vijayaraj Surana — and others have been named in an FIR for allegedly causing a loss of Rs 1,083 crore to a consortium of 12 banks led by IDBI, according to officials.

Gavai, termed the issue as "serious". It also directed the concerned senior police officers who are looking into the matter to appear in court with the relevant records on November 8, when it will hear the matter next.

The petition said the dispute arose on June 15, 2017, when a group of Dalit boys were assaulted by members of the dominant community over the use of a hand-pump for drawing water.

It sought a direction to the Haryana government to "immediately put an end to the social boycott imposed by the dominant community since July 2, 2017, inter alia, and punish all those responsible for the social boycott by imposition of a collective fine on the dominant community...."

House panel to take up WhatsApp 'snooping' issue on November 20

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

THE PARLIAMENTARY Standing Committee on Information and Technology will take up the issue of privacy breach in WhatsApp on November 20.

In a statement, the chairman of the committee said that he had received a number of requests for comments on the dis-

closure of "snooping" on Indians.

"Before passing any judgment, we must ascertain the veracity of the information reported in the media. These reports, and the alleged use of the technology, area matter of grave concern. Therefore, the Standing Committee will consider this matter at its next meeting, scheduled on November 20th," the statement said.

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Kudankulam

plant and at ISRO with a malware, later identified as a "Dtrack." Sources said both NPCIL and ISRO were alerted on September 4.

The breach at the Kudankulam plant became public on October 28 after some of the plant's data showed up on virus-total.com, an online malware scanning service.

On October 29, Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) said that no cyber-attack was possible on the plant's standalone control system. The next day, however, NPCIL admitted there had been an infection "in the internet connected network used for administrative purposes" and that "the matter was immediately investigated by DAE specialists." It added: "This (network) is isolated from the critical internal network. The networks are being continuously monitored. Investigation also confirms that the plant systems are not affected."

But there has been no word from ISRO so far.

The Indian Express sent ISRO a questionnaire Thursday. Despite several calls and messages, ISRO is yet to respond.

Sources, however, confirmed to The Indian Express that with the proposed lunar landing of Chandrayaan 2 due in about 100 hours — it subsequently failed — and the safety of a nuclear power plant at stake, a multi-agency team swung into action soon after the threat was received.

Most high-security setups operate on two "air-gapped (separate) networks": a standalone control system that runs the core function — reactors in case of a nuclear power plant — and an on-line network responsible for the rest of the functions. The Dtrack malware, it is learnt, targeted the domain controller of the online network, exposing its credentials such as passwords.

On September 23, researchers at Russia-based cybersecurity company Kaspersky Labs reported that the last activity of a Dtrack malware that targeted "banks and research centres in India" was "detected in the beginning of September 2019".

They attributed the malware to Lazarus, "an umbrella name that typically describes hacking activity which advances Pyongyang's interests". After the breach at Kudankulam became public last week, Seoul-based non-profit IssueMakersLab, an expert group of malware analysts, has claimed that they identified the malware as the same one that was used to infiltrate the South Korean military's internal network in 2016.

"North Korea has been interested in the thorium based nuclear power, which to replace the uranium nuclear power (sic). India is a leader in thorium nuclear power technology," it claimed on November 1.

Two days later, IssueMakersLab tweeted an image "of the history of malware used by the North Korean hacker group B that hacked the Kudankulam" plant. It showed a 16-digit password used to "compress a list of files on an infected PC" as well as a MBR (master boot record) Wiper version of the malware.

MBR Wipers are destructive malware often intended for cyber warfare. These can spread from an infected source to the entire network, erase files after extracting and uploading those to the at-

sonnel had gathered and started sending out photos and videos of the protest on WhatsApp groups. Soon, the crowd swelled. By noon, around 2,000 police personnel and their families had gathered at the HQ, shouting slogans and holding placards.

Around 12.40 pm, amid cries of "Save the Khaki", Patnaik appeared to try and defuse the situation. "These are testing times for us and for a while, the Delhi Police has been undergoing such testing times," he said.

Referring to the Tis Hazari clash, he said, "Our officers dealt with the incident very well. The situation is better than before today. We should look at this as a test. We are protectors of the law and let's behave like that. I am sure we will be able to handle this situation in the best way possible... We understand your pain and relate to it as well. We are elevating the matter to higher commissions."

Patnaik requested the protesters to return to duty, while assuring them that "the matter is being investigated by the SIT

and the matter where people were attacked by lawyers outside Saket court on Tuesday too is being investigated".

But that failed to quell tempers. By evening, buses full of family members of police personnel from Dwarka district had reached India Gate, demanding protection. Ritu, the wife of a sub-inspector, said, "The protectors themselves aren't safe... when I heard about the Tis Hazari incident, I was scared that this may happen to my family too."

In the evening, police shared a note about the decisions being taken to placate the protesters: Review petition on the High Court order regarding the Tis Hazari incident, medical assistance to injured police personnel, and minimum Rs 25,000 to be paid as ex-gratia payment to the injured personnel.

Tuesday's protest was triggered by the incident Saturday, when an advocate suffered a gunshot injury, eight advocates were injured in lathicharge and at least 20 policemen were beaten up, apart from over 20 vehicles being damaged and set

ablaze by lawyers at the court complex.

Both sides have blamed the other — police claim lawyers started the violence and attacked 3rd Battalion personnel, while lawyers maintain police used excessive force and said firing inside court premises was unacceptable.

On Sunday, the High Court suspended two policemen, transferred two senior personnel and ordered a judicial enquiry into the incident while directing that no coercive action can be taken against lawyers.

Amid Tuesday's protest, the Police Commissioner told reporters that "a case has been registered against the lawyers on the complaint of a police constable".

"Due to the clash at Tis Hazari court and other incidents of violence, the police personnel are agitated and are protesting. We (senior officials) spoke to them and explained to them that we will take action against the accused... We are a disciplined force and will stand up to the expectations of the government and the public," he said.

No place for hooliganism, violence: Bar warns lawyers

to Bar associations of Delhi, called for an end to "violence in Court premises immediately" and recall of resolutions directing lawyers to abstain from court work.

The BCI chiefs said a resolution passed by the coordination committee Monday, calling for arrest of policemen allegedly involved in the Tis Hazari violence, was meaningless since the Delhi High Court had ordered a judicial enquiry into the incident. "We are to think of this aspect from legal point of view, so that we may not be laughing stock before society," they said.

The BCI said "our inaction and tolerance encourages" such "rowdy elements" and "ultimately results in contempt proceedings by the High Courts or Supreme Court".

"The incident of beating policeman on bike by some Saket lawyers, assault of an auto driver, manhandling general public... are most unfortunate and Bar Council of India is not going to tolerate it. These are acts of grave misconduct," it said.

"The way some lawyers are acting even after such a nice step of Delhi High Court, yesterday's (November 4) behaviour of a few lawyers has disturbed us... Abstaining from court or resort to violence will not help us; rather by doing this we are losing the sympathy of courts, inquiring judge, CBI, IB and Vigilance. Even general public's opinion is going adverse to us. Result may be dangerous," the BCI said.

Taking suo motu cognizance of media reports on the clash between lawyers and

policemen at the Tis Hazari court complex, the High Court had said that Justice (retd) S P Garg, a former judge of the court, would hold a judicial inquiry into the matter.

It directed the Delhi Police Commissioner to transfer Special Commissioner Sanjay Singh and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Harinder Singh during the pendency of the inquiry and made it clear that no coercive action would be taken against any lawyer.

On Monday, advocates at the Saket court had gone on a rampage, allegedly assaulting a policeman and two litigants.

The BCI also appealed to "big leaders of Bar Associations of Delhi" to recall the resolution passed on Monday, and to resume work. "If peace and

harmony is not restored and resolution (to abstain from work) is not recalled, then we will have no option but to withdraw from this episode. We will neither participate in enquiry nor we will be in a position to defend anyone inside or outside Court," it said.

It also said Bar leaders must ensure that in the course of enquiry, nothing adverse should come which could put any lawyer in trouble. "No lawyer should be put to trial in any criminal case. Our experience is that, in such a situation, the leaders start keeping distance from the advocates in trouble. Leaders are only concerned with their interests and votes. That's all. No one comes to rescue of a lawyer if a criminal case starts against him," the BCI said.

tacker, and then overwrite the master boot record making the network unusable.

Finance Minister

Affairs) P Vaidyanathan Iyer and National Opinion Editor Vandita Mishra at Express Adda, an informal interaction organised by The Indian Express group.

The growth in the home loan segment has declined in the last quarter and senior citizens have seen a decline in their income from bank deposits due to the falling interest rates.

On the collapse of IL&FS and Jet Airways, she said, "I don't want any more institution falling off the cliff." She added: "Why we didn't sense it earlier... it was much too late."

Claiming that recapitalisation of public sector banks would also see more money flow into non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), she ruled out asset quality review in the sector as of now. "We're giving them support," she said.

Sitharaman also hinted at a greater say for the corporate sector in the banking industry. "We

would love corporates to have a greater say in bank management and are open to more banks coming up in the corporate sector," she said.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) move to impose curbs on lending and withdrawals of the crisis-laden PMCC Bank reportedly due to under-reporting of bad loans had earlier turned the spotlight on the regulation of cooperative banks, which are jointly regulated by the RBI and the state government. To protect the interest of depositors, an RBI panel under former Deputy Governor R Gandhi had earlier suggested an amendment of the Act to grant the regulator more powers over cooperative banks.

"We will bring amendments to ensure that once you are calling yourself a bank, you come under the Banking Regulation Act," said Sitharaman.

"I have had three meetings with the RBI and the industry (on this topic). The question is how are we communicating to the investor that their monies are safe and also to look at whether the cooperative banks get governed

as adequately as a bank," she said.

Sitharaman also called India's move to not join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), a 16-nation trade agreement, on Monday as a "realistic and practical decision." "Many of our core concerns were not addressed both in the goods and the services sector. We cannot conclude an agreement just because we would be seen as an outlier. We still have a long way to go before our exporters derive maximum benefits from such agreements," she said.

"We would love to continue and have our concerns addressed. I am satisfied that the partner countries said they will address our concerns. We're not shutting our doors or looking inwards. We are actively engaging with the global trading community," she said.

The Finance Minister also stated that the government's focus in the coming months would be towards reducing input costs to improve the ease of doing business in the corporate sector and enable companies to invest and

expand more.

Signalling more economic reforms in the near future, she said, "In our country, the difficulty in taking call is in moving forward with reform-based actions. We may have missed the bus the last time but we won't miss the bus now." She said that she wouldn't grudge if the companies are using gains from the corporate tax reduction to deleverage their financials.

When asked if the dwindling state of economy played a role in BJP's performance in Haryana and Maharashtra, Sitharaman said: "It's not possible for whichever government, in Centre or state, to not talk about the economy at all and ask for votes. The economy is a matter, but voter sees there is a genuine attempt to build economy." The economy is an issue during every election, she said.

"The government is also looking at electric vehicles and strengthening and encouraging public transportation," she said. The Finance Minister also spoke about deepening the bond market and increasing retail participation.

Smuggling

unveiled smuggling of sandalwood from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Maharashtra to China and the far east. Apart from using one of its biggest investigations into red sanders smuggling to illegally eavesdrop on public individuals, the Bengaluru police also diverted tapped calls out of the regular phone interception system, sources said.

The agency has questioned several police officers, including former commissioner Alok Kumar, then in-charge of the Bengaluru police. Among those it has obtained statements from are policemen directly involved in the tapping, to understand the process. Some of the officers have provided detailed accounts of the interceptions done under the orders of superiors, sources said.

"There was a regular investigation into the sandalwood smuggling racket which involved many people. The phone numbers of suspects were being intercepted in a legal manner. There were also demands for tapping phones of others and these numbers were slipped in with those of suspects and they were also tapped," sources familiar with the investigations said.

While the legal process of obtaining clearances from the state Home Secretary for interception of calls of the smuggling suspects for a period of 60 days was followed, police dodged scrutiny of the illegal interception of phones by restricting such tapping to seven days, for which clearance can be provided at the Bengaluru commissionerate level itself.

Sources said that, additionally, in many instances, the calls intercepted illegally did not land at the technical centre of the Bengaluru police where tapping is authorised but on phones outside the system, and there is evidence to show many numbers were tapped in this manner.

Last month, as a part of its probe, the CBI searched the home and offices of former commissioner Alok Kumar, an officer of the rank of additional director general of police. It is during whose tenure in Bengaluru city that much of the illegal tapping is alleged to have occurred. Kumar was brought in as the Bengaluru police commissioner in June 2019, under Kumaraswamy as chief minister, and earlier served as the head of the city's crime investigation unit in 2018-19.

The allegations of illegal tapping emerged as a by-product of the tussle between Alok Kumar and the current Bengaluru police commissioner, Bhaskar Rao, in August. An audio leak of telephone conversations of Rao led to a preliminary inquiry being set up. The inquiry revealed that the phone calls intercepted by the Crime Branch of a suspect in a cheating case were leaked to the media. The probe also revealed that phones of many politicians, officials and others were illegally intercepted, which led to Yeddyurappa ordering a CBI probe.

BJP Deputy Chief Minister CN Ashwathnarayan alleged that there was phone-tapping on "a large scale and in an illegal manner" under the JD(S)-Congress government. "They will have to give answers and must face justice for their actions," he said.

Kumaraswamy earlier said he was open to any investigation. "Phone-tapping has occurred under every chief minister... There are no worries."

BJP Bengal chief's

latest: 'Desi cow

milk contains gold

and therefore

is yellowish'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 5

KNOWN FOR his controversial remarks, West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Tuesday courted fresh row, saying that desi cow's milk contains gold and is therefore yellowish in colour. He also

targeted a section of intellectuals who ate beef as a mark of protest, calling them "anti-socials" and telling them to eat dog meat too.

The remarks drew sharp reactions from senior Trinamool Congress leader Subrata Mukherjee, who called the BJP leader's claims "insane".

Addressing a public meeting

in Burdwan, Ghosh said, "Desi cows have a hump on their back. Foreign breeds do not have a hump and their backs are plain like that of a buffalo. The hump has 'swarna nari'. When sunlight falls on the hump, it produces gold. That is why the milk of desi cow is yellowish or lightly golden. It contains gold. If one drinks only

desi cow milk it is enough for sustenance. There are many religious men who live by drinking cow milk and water from the Ganga."

The BJP MP from Midnapore also targeted people for their preference for eating beef. "There are people who belong to the educative society who eat beef on the roadside. Why only cow? They can

have dog meat too. Eat other animals too. It is good for health. But please eat at your home. The cow is our mother and we view cow killing as anti-social," said Ghosh, in an apparent reference to a section of CPM leaders and intellectuals who ate beef publicly in Kolkata in 2015 to protest against rising intolerance in the country.

WEST DELHI

Couple stabbed outside convenience store by 2 men

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

A YOUNG couple's visit to a convenience store early Tuesday morning took a turn for the worse when they were stabbed by two unidentified men in West Delhi. Police said the man and the woman were rushed to a nearby hospital and discharged the same day.

Police said that around 5.30 am, the 29-year-old man and his 28-year-old girlfriend went to a store to buy snacks when two men standing outside the store

The two victims were stabbed in a scuffle after the accused made lewd remarks at the woman. The woman and her boyfriend were treated and discharged the same day

allegedly passed a lewd comment at the woman. DCP (West) Deepak Purohit said, "When the accused passed these com-

ments, it led to an argument... both the man and the woman were allegedly stabbed by the accused."

Police said a PCR call was received at Kirti Nagar police station around 5.40 am and the couple were rushed to a nearby hospital. "When the woman's partner intervened after the accused passed a comment at her, it led to an altercation and the man was stabbed. The woman too sustained stab injuries when she tried to stop the fight," said a police officer.

The man, an accountant at a restaurant in West Delhi, sustained a stab wound on his right

arm. The woman sustained a stab injury on her palm. Police said both were discharged from the hospital Tuesday, adding that a case under IPC sections 324 (causing hurt using weapons) and 509 (insulting the modesty of a woman) was registered at Kirti Nagar police station.

"We have recovered CCTV footage from the spot and are examining it. We are also going through CCTV footage of surrounding areas to establish the movement of the accused, who have not been identified yet. Efforts are on to nab them," said a police officer.

BHEL engineer booked over husband's suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, NOVEMBER 5

A BHEL engineer and her family members have been booked for allegedly abetting the suicide of her husband, who jumped off a high-rise building in Noida. The 39-year-old man jumped off the 10th floor of his residence around 10 am Monday.

Police suspected it to be suicide, and the man's family submitted a complaint the next day against his 32-year-old wife and her family, for allegedly torturing him mentally and physically.

"An FIR was filed under IPC section 306 (abetment of suicide) against the woman, her parents and two brothers. The man's family alleged the woman's family would harass him over the couple's financial issues. They claimed he was tired of the continuous torture. We will take statements of the accused family members and make arrests accordingly," said an officer from Expressway

Police Station.

Police said the woman worked in BHEL's Haridwar office as an engineer, and recently shifted to the Noida branch.

The man had worked as a computer engineer at an American firm.

The two got married in 2014 and were initially living without conflict at Sector 45. They began having fights soon after, due to which the man had to quit his job, the FIR alleged.

As the fights became more frequent, the man shifted to a new apartment, where he lived alone.

He tried to start his own business, which did not take off. The FIR also alleged that the woman's brothers beat him up, and demanded Rs 50 lakh and a flat he owned. Following this, he became scared and withdrawn as a result, his family alleged.

Police said neighbours would often see him throwing utensils out of the balcony in anger.

The man's family told police that days before his suicide, he also received a death threat from the woman's parents.

President rejects plea to disqualify 11 AAP MLAs

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind rejected a 2017 plea by BJP leader Vivek Garg to disqualify 11 AAP MLAs for holding offices of profit.

Garg, a self-professed RTI activist, filed the petition in March 2017, demanding the disqualification of the MLAs for holding the posts of co-chairpersons of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) while being legislative assembly members.

Responding to the Election Commission, the Delhi government said DDMA co-chairpersons were not entitled to any remuneration or facilities.

"The EC has observed the office of co-chairperson in DDMA falls under the exempted category as per item 14 of the Schedule of the Delhi Members of Legislative Assembly (Removal of Disqualification) Act, 1997 and therefore the Commission has tendered its opinion under Section 15(4) of the Government of NCT Act, 1991, that the respondents are not disqualified for holding office of profit," the order, signed on October 28, states.

Accordingly, Kovind rejected Garg's petition. CM Kejriwal tweeted, "Satyameva Jayate. Ultimately truth prevails." **ENS**

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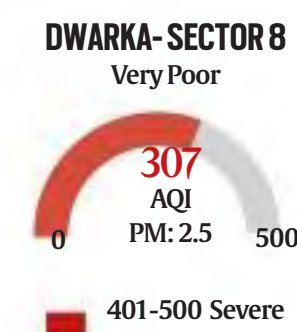
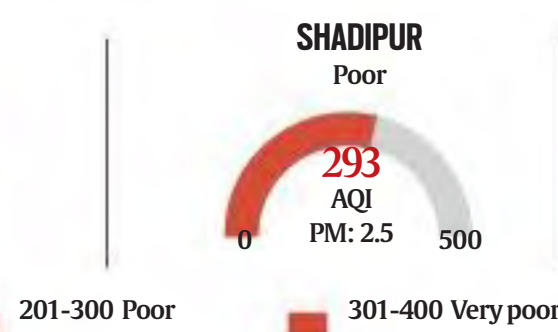
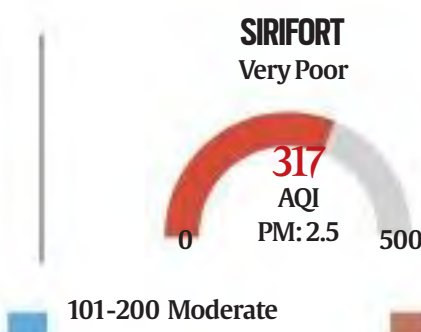
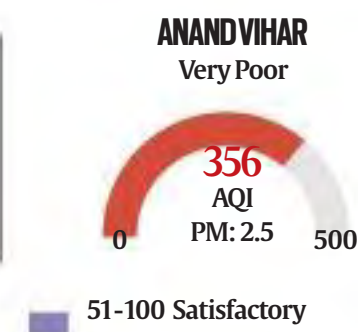
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TIS HAZARI ROW REACHES POLICE CHIEF DOORSTEP

Triggers: Parking, lock-up, gunshot

SIT records statements of 11 cops, six advocates assaulted at Tis Hazari, looks at CCTV footage to join the dots

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

A SPECIAL investigation team (SIT) of the crime branch, headed by Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik, has recorded the statements of 11 policemen and six advocates injured in Saturday's Tis Hazari clash to ascertain the sequence of events. The development comes days after Delhi High Court ordered a judicial enquiry into the incident.

"Twenty-one policemen and six advocates got MLC (medicolegal case) conducted. We have recorded statements of 11 policemen," a senior police officer privy to the investigation said. On Tuesday afternoon, SIT member DCP Joy Tirkey had a meeting with DCP (North) Monika Bhardwaj, who was also present at Tis Hazari court Saturday.

The *Indian Express* accessed the statements of the policemen and CCTV footage from the jail lock-up to establish what transpired at the court complex.

According to an officer, at 1.53 pm, constable Pradeep Kumar, deployed outside the court lock-up, asked lawyer Sagar Sharma, who had parked his jeep there, to remove the vehicle. Lalit Sharma, who was with Sagar, told *The Indian Express*: "Sagar, me and another friend came out of the jeep to attend the hearing of our client. Kumar asked us to remove the vehicle and we told him our parking staff will remove it within five minutes. We asked him to take our phone, but he refused to allow us to go."

According to another officer, Kumar, in his statement, told police: "The conversation soon turned confrontational, and Sagar tried to beat me up. But he was overpowered by my colleagues, who took him inside the lock-up where our ACP (3rd Battalion) was present. ACP *sahab* came outside and sorted out the matter, and Sagar left the lock-up." As per the officer, investigation has revealed that lawyers, however, started shouting and asking about the policeman who had taken Sagar inside the lock-up.

Bar members seek restraint: Strike must end now

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

AS ADVOCATES in Delhi High Court and all district courts called for abstention from work for the third consecutive day, senior members of the bar called for restraint and appealed to lawyers to call off the strike.

"Violence never leads to anything good. The Supreme Court has already laid down the law that lawyers' strike and suspension of the court is illegal," retired Supreme Court judge Abhay Manohar Sapre said.

In 2003, a three-judge bench ruling of Supreme Court had said that lawyers have no right to go on strike or give a call for boycott, not even on a token strike.

"The protest, if any is required, can only be by giving press statements, TV interviews, carrying out of court premises banners and/or placards, wearing black or white or any colour arm bands, peaceful protest marches outside and away from court premises, going on dharnas or relay fasts, etc," the court had said.

In October, the Delhi High Court had also observed that lawyers must refuse to abide by calls of strike.

Former additional solicitor general Siddharth Luthra appealed to lawyers to end the strike immediately. "It is time for the legal community, who are upholders of law, to end the strike immediately and pursue remedies by all legal means

WHAT COPS WANT

■ Police chief should appeal against HC order against policemen

■ Special CP Sanjay Singh, Additional DCP (North) Harinder Singh be reassigned

■ All FIRs registered against policemen be quashed

■ CCTV footage of Saket court incident be used to identify and arrest accused lawyers

■ Police redressal forum be made for low-ranking officials

Investigation has revealed that the in-charge of Tis Hazari court police post was told by ACP (3rd Battalion) to resolve the matter, following which the latter is believed to have left.

"Police personnel of the 3rd Battalion alleged in their statement that the SHO of the area concerned came to sort out the matter, but he was manhandled by lawyers. Later, Additional DCP (North) Harinder Singh reached the complex and entered from gate number 2 with a few personnel. Some lawyers started manhandling him and some others barged into the jail lock-up, where they had a scuffle with the policemen," the officer said.

According to an officer, CCTV footage shows that an assistant sub-inspector posted with the 3rd Battalion fired two rounds by training his revolver on the gate of the lock-up, and a bullet hit a lawyer. "To escape, Harinder Singh went to the lock-up and locked himself and several other personnel inside. The firing agitated lawyers and they started pelting stones. They also set three motorbikes on fire and smoke started gathering inside the lock-up, which also had 150 inmates," an officer said. Policemen tried to douse the fire using buckets of water inside, and were rescued at 5.25 pm when more police arrived and used lathi charge.

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THE SUPREME COURT
IN 2003

possible," he said.

"The issue is under judicial scrutiny and those who believe in the rule of law must eschew extra legal methods," Luthra said.

Senior advocate and former president of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Vikas Singh, condemned the violence and call for strike by lawyers, although he added that "the initial provocation seems to be done by the police".

"But I do not approve of what happened thereafter. It is simply snowballing out of control now. As a member of the Bar, lawyers cannot take law in their hands," he said.

"Lawyers as a class have no special immunity and the police deserve respect. The entire police force cannot be blamed but sometimes there are excesses and that's where the courts intervene," he added.



At the protest by families of Delhi Police personnel at India Gate, Tuesday. *Gajendra Yadav*

At India Gate, families of cops say time to keep them safe

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

"SCARED" FOR their families' future, over 50 people, including children, held a candlelight march at India Gate to support police personnel seeking justice from authorities. As over 2,000 policemen staged a protest outside the police headquarters, their families reached India Gate at 3 pm.

Phule Ram, a retired sub-inspector and father of a policeman said, "We want the accused lawyers to be arrested. My son works day and night for police; the force must do something for safety of their men."

A 10-year-old boy stood in the corner of the group, holding a placard that read: "Protectors need protection". The child's father works as a head constable. He said, "I am with my mother and sister to protest against people who haven't helped my fa-



At India Gate on Tuesday evening. *Gajendra Yadav*

ther and his friends..."

The child was joined by 8-10 other children who held placards with "Police *waalo ka tabadda waapis liya jaye*."

"My husband wants to help his colleagues, but also must continue with his duty. When I saw a video of the Saket assault on a constable, I was angry, but later I felt scared. What if the same thing happens to my husband? The court and government won't

help him as well... Why is action being taken against only the policemen," said Ritu, wife of an inspector posted with Delhi Police.

Another woman, Pratima Singh, said, "My husband has made a lot of sacrifices for police in the last 20 years. He doesn't come home for Diwali, Holi... But now, the authorities have to help us... How can people expect police to keep them safe if police aren't safe themselves?"

Police protest, handling of incident irk Home Ministry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

DAYS AFTER Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the new headquarters for Delhi Police and praised its leadership and personnel for discipline and sacrifice, the force was plunged into an unprecedented crisis.

The home ministry, which controls functioning of the Delhi Police through its union territory division, has not yet reacted to the Tis Hazari clash or the protest by police personnel outside police headquarters.

Late Tuesday evening, Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla briefed the Home Minister on the situation. Sources said the ministry is concerned about the way personnel protested against the top brass and the indiscipline it reflected on part of the force. They said the ministry was also unhappy with the way the leadership in Delhi Police handled the crisis.



Amulya Patnaik outside police headquarters. *Prem Nath Pandey*



Shah was taking stock of Kashmir situation Tuesday

Earlier in the day, Shah was busy with a high-level meeting on Kashmir where he took stock of the security situation in the Valley.

In terms of action on the Delhi Police front, sources said, the ministry has sought and received a report from the police top brass.

The report, sources said, was a factual account of what happened Saturday.

"We are closely monitoring

CONG, AAP LASH OUT AT CENTRE

THE CONGRESS meanwhile has accused the government of being "missing in action". "This is a new low in 72 years. The Delhi Police, which is directly under the charge of Home Ministry, is protesting on the streets and the Home Minister Amit Shah and the Home Ministry is missing in action," Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said. "This is an utter failure of leadership."

The AAP also targeted the Centre, with spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj saying: "Since the time Amit Shah ji has become Home Minister, Delhi law and order has deteriorated so much that it has become the worst in 70 years. The ugly situation existing in the capital today shows complete incompetence of the Home Minister and Central government. The situation could have been handled in a mature way but Central government is sitting like a mute spectator."

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia said: "The whole situation is very unfortunate. Lawyers provide justice to the people and police provide security. The conflict between them should have been resolved way back. We want the violence to end and a solution should be devised to end the issue."

opposed the Centre's application, saying that police was seeking the relief so it can harass lawyers, and insisted that the entire legal fraternity cannot be held responsible for stray incidents.

the situation. A judicial enquiry has already been ordered. We should wait for its conclusions," a senior home ministry official said.

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, who was MoS Home in the 2014 NDA government, tweeted in support of Delhi Police Tuesday morning but deleted the tweet soon after. "Being a cop is a thankless job. But they don't do it for thanks. Police officers put their lives on the line every day. They are damned if they do, and damned if they don't. What gets lost in the anti police rhetoric is the family left at home while the policeman serves," he tweeted.

He later replaced it with a simple message above a video of a policeman being beaten up by lawyers: "Let's not take law into our own hands."

It is learnt that the minister realised that the union home ministry had not taken a stand on the issue publicly, so it would not be wise to exceed the brief.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

	Standalone			Consolidated		
	3 months ended 30.09.2019 UNAUDITED	6 months ended 30.09.2019 UNAUDITED	3 months ended 30.09.2018 UNAUDITED	3 months ended 30.09.2019 UNAUDITED	6 months ended 30.09.2019 UNAUDITED	3 months ended 30.09.2018 UNAUDITED
1 Total Income from operations	314.74	617.73	356.78	351.17	709.39	400.81
2 Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional items)	(3.51)	(14.76)	28.67	(13.81)	(15.14)	21.50
3 Net Profit/(Loss) after tax (after Exceptional items)	41.00	33.90	26.48	30.55	29.42	17.37
4 Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period	36.78	29.23	28.46	26.05	24.42	17.88
5 Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 2 each)	114.31	114.31	114.31	114.31	114.31	114.31
6 Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve) in the Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2019			2,740.78			2,879.08
7 Earnings per Equity Share on net profit after tax (fully paid up equity share of ₹ 2):						
(a) Basic	0.72	0.59	0.46	0.51	0.45	0.27
(b) Diluted	0.72	0.59	0.46	0.51	0.45	0.27

- Notes :
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Unaudited Financial Results and this extract were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in its meeting held on 5th November, 2019. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com and www.cse-india.com and on the Company's website, www.eihltd.com.
 - The Company has adopted Ind AS 116 'Leases' effective April 1, 2019 and applied the standard to lease contracts existing on that date by using modified retrospective approach by giving effect of the cumulative impact in the opening balance of retained earnings. Accordingly, previous period information has not been restated.

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2.	Borrower: M/s Nidhi Enterprises. Prop.: Mrs. Nidhi Devi (Mortgagor) W/O Shri Pannalal Sah, Village-Nakaradehi, Post-Noniyah, Raxaul, Dist.-East Champaran, PIN-845305. Guarantor: Mr. Pannalal Sah S/O Virbahadur Sah, Village-Nakaradehi, Post-Noniyah, Raxaul, Dist.-East Champaran, PIN-845305. B/o: Raxaul (BIHAR)	Residential Land and Building at Raxaul, Tapa Bahas, Thana No.-7, Tauji No.0951, Khata No.-22, Khesra No.-1589,1590, Ward No.-20, Raxaul, Dist.-East Champaran, admeasuring 9.0 dhur in the name of Smt. Nidhi Devi W/O Pannalal Sah vide Deed No.11188 dated 21.06.2007. Bounded by (as per sale Deed) North-Rasta, South-Rasta, East-Binda Sah, West-Rajaram Sah College.	₹43,00,000/- ₹4,30,000/- ₹50,000/-	₹23,58,656/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 19.11.2019
3.	Borrower: Mr. Raj Kumar Raut S/O Late Vasudev Raut, House No.282, Nayak Tola, PO-Harpur, PS-Harpur, Dist.-East Champaran-845301and Smt. Shanti Devi (Mortgagor) W/o Late Vasudev Raut, House No.282, Nayak Tola, PO-Harpur, PS-Harpur, Dist.-East Champaran-845301. B/o: Raxaul (BIHAR)	All part and parcel of land and building situated at Khata No.128, Khesra No.281, Thana No.7, Tauzi No.951, Rakba 4 Dhur, Mauza-Raxaul, Duncan Hospital, Tumaria Tola, Ward No. 5, Jamabandi No.861, PS-Raxaul, Dist.-East Champaran-845305, in the name of Smt. Shanti Devi W/O Late Vasudev Raut vide Sale Deed No.2062 dated 08.02.2010. Bounded By: North-Smt. Harishan Khatun, South-Smt. Koushalya Devi, East-Road, West-Dharichhan Prasad.	₹9,70,000/- ₹9,70,000/- ₹10,000/-	₹10,70,311/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 19.11.2019
4.	Borrower: M/s Shama Drug Agency, Proprietor: Mr. Mojibur Rahman (Mortgagor) S/O LateAbuzar Gahhari, At-Rampara, Ward No.24, Katihar- 854105. Guarantor: Md. Abdul Hakim S/o Sheikh Rustam Ali, At-Bhemara, PO+PS-Mansahi, Katihar, Pin-854105 B/o: Katihar (BIHAR)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of residential land & double storey building constructed over the land situated at Rampara, Ward-24, Mouza-Baigna, Khata No.-30, Khesra No.-367 and 365, Ward No.-22/24, Thana No.-102, Tauji-1239, Dist.-Katihar, Pin-854105, Extent of the site: As per Sale Deed-13330 dt. 14.11.1995 is 2 decimal 6 kari in the name of Mr. Mojibur Rahman. Bounded by (As per Deed):- North-Md. Salim, South-Majjo Mistri, East-Md. Karim, West-Pucca Road.	₹21,28,000/- ₹2,12,800/- ₹50,000/-	₹8,02,030.40/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 19.11.2019
5.	Borrower: M/s H Handloom Fabrics. Prop.: Md. Hafizuddin (Mortgagor) Resident of Kilaghat Sarai, Tatarpur, Bhagalpur-812001) Guarantor: Mrs. Rozi Khatoon (Kilaghat, Sarai, Tatarpur, Bhagalpur-812001) B/o: Tilkananji (BIHAR)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Mouza-Pista, Thana-Jagdishpur, District-Bhagalpur, extent of 16 decimal of homestead land together with pucca single storied house standing thereon, sale deed no.346, dated 08.01.2013, Khata No.169, Khesra No.01, Halka No.-02, Jamabandi No.-311, Thana No.204, Within the registration sub district Bhagalpur & District-Bhagalpur in the name of Md. Hafizuddin S/o Lt. Md. Aziz. Bounded as per deed: North-Md. Unush & others, South-Jiyauddin, East-Md. Safik & others, West-Road.	₹1,03,72,000/- ₹10,37,200/- ₹1,00,000/-	₹20,76,700.32/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM 18.11.2019
6.	Borrower: Md. Rafique Alam (Mortgagor) S/O Lt. Haji Saibur Rahman, At-Hajipur, PO-Katihar Court, Katihar-854105. Guarantor: Md. Rustam Khan S/O Late Hamid Khan, At-Hajipur, PO-Katihar, Dist.-Katihar-854105 B/o: Katihar (BIHAR)	All that part and parcel of the property: 1 Decimal of vacate land in the name of Md. Rafique Alam, S/O Late Haji Saibur Rahman situated at Hridyaganj, Katihar, Mouza-Dalan, Khata No.1829, Khesra No.-1693, Area-01 Decimal as per Sale Deed No.-14887 dt. 08.12.2006. Bounded by (As per Deed): North-Nij Purchaser, South-Part of Khesra No.1693, East-Brick Solling Road, West-Siddique Hussain. Residential building consisting of G+1 Floor constructed in 4 Decimal 4 Kari land situated at Mohalla-Dalan West, Touji-1175, Thana-77, Khata No.-1829, Khesra No.-1416, Area-4 Decimal 4 Kari as per Regd. Sale Deed No.6804 dt. 21.05.2007 in the name of Md. Rafique Alam s/o late Haji Saibur Rahman. Bounded by (As per Deed): North-Nij Seller, South-Nij Purchaser, East-PWD Road, West-Nij Seller.	₹2,22,000/- ₹22,200/- ₹25,000/- ₹13,81,000/- ₹1,38,100/- ₹25,000/-	₹3,58,657.80/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 19.11.2019
7.	Borrower: M/s Shankar Flour Mill. Proprietor: Sri Prem Chandra Prasad S/O Late Bharat Prasad (Mortgagor) Address-Plot No.101(P), Industrial Area, Pandaul, Madhubani, Bihar-847234, Resident of Pandaul Bazar, PO+PS-Pandaul, Dist.-Madhubani, Bihar-847234. Guarantor & Mortgagor : 1. Shri Shailesh Kumar Prasad S/O Uma Shankar Prasad, Resident of Pandaul Bazar, PO+PS-Pandaul, Distt.-Madhubani, Bihar- 847234, 2. Sri Mukesh Kumar Prasad, S/O Uma Shankar Prasad, Resident of Pandaul Bazar, PO+PS-Pandaul, Distt.-Madhubani, Bihar-847234, 3. Sri Rajesh Kumar S/O Uma Shankar Prasad, Resident of Pandaul Bazar, PO+PS-Pandaul, Distt.-Madhubani, Bihar-847234. B/o: Mohanbariyam (BIHAR)	Land situated at Mauja-Pandaul West, Pargana-Hati, Thana No.-108, Sub Registry & Distt.-Madhubani, Khata No.-1259(Old), 1096(New), Khesra No.2943(Old), 2944(Old), 2945(Old), 2968(Old), 2421(New), 2422(New), 2423(New) Admeasuring 03 Dhur 12 Kanma in the name of Sri Prem Chandra Prasad vide Sale Deed 1004 dated 17.02.2014. Bounded by:-North-Road 3 ft. Wide, South-Rameshwar Das & Santosh Das, East-Bittu Das, West-Road. 1. Land and Building situated at Mauza-Pandaul, Pargana-Hati, Thana No.-108, Khata No.1135(Old) Khesra No.3326(Old), 3327(Old) admeasuring 08 Dhur 25 Dhurkis in the name of Mr. Rajesh Kumar Prasad (Guarantor) vide registered Sale Deed No.11211 dated 08.12.1984. Bounded by: North-Ramji Paswan, South-Dorki Das, East-Govt. Road, West-Ramfal Paswan & others. 2. Land and Building situated at Mauza-Pandaul, Pargana-Hati, Sub Registry & Distt Madhubani, Thana No.-108, Khata No.1135(Old) Khesra No.3326(Old), 3327(Old) admeasuring 08 Dhur 25 Dhurkis in the name of Mr. Rajesh Kumar Prasad, Sri Shailesh Kumar Prasad & Sri Mukesh Kumar Prasad Sons of Late Uma Shankar Prasad vide Sale Deed No.11210 dated 08.12.1984. Bounded by: North-Ramji Paswan, South-Dorki Das & Sudan Thakur, East-Govt. Road, West-Ramfal Paswan. 1. Landed Property situated at Mauza-Sakri, Pargana-Hati, PS-Sakri, Anchal-Pandaul, at Thana No.-102, Khata No.-23(Old), 1688(New), Khesra No.-2339(Old), 5132(New), Sub Registry & Distt. Madhubani, admeasuring 2 Kathha in the name of Sri Prem Chandra Prasad vide registered Sale Deed No.8113 dated 05.12.2014. Bounded by:-North-Bale Singh, South-Shailesh Kumar Prasad, East-Samundar Singh, West-Bandh. 2. Landed Property situated at Mauza-Sakri, Pargana-Hati, PS-Sakri, Anchal-Pandaul, at Thana No.-102, Khata No.-23(Old), 1688(New), Khesra No.-2339(Old), 5132(New), Sub Registry & Distt. Madhubani, admeasuring 01 Kathha in the name of Sri Shailesh Kumar Prasad vide registered Sale Deed No.6216 dated 02.09.2014. Bounded by:-North-Surendra Singh & Nagendra Singh, South-Navin Singh, East-Samundar Singh & others, West-Bandh.	₹4,41,000/- ₹44,100/- ₹25,000/- ₹30,69,000/- ₹3,06,900/- ₹1,00,000/- ₹29,41,000/- ₹2,94,100/- ₹1,00,000/-	₹65,97,644/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 19.11.2019 21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 19.11.2019
8.	Borrower: M/s New Glass King , New Bypass Road, Opp- PNB Anisabdd, Opp-Bimal Rajee, Enclave-B, Near Hermichak, Anisabdd Patna-800002. Prop.: Shri Lalu Prasad, S/o Mohan Singh, Behind BSNL Office, BSNL Road, Madhusudan Colony, Hermichak, Anisabdd, Patna-800002. Guarantor/ Mortgagor: Mr Chandra Bhushan Yadav, Add-S/o Late Ramdhari Singh, Bairagibagh, PO-Bharthua Thana-Jehanabad, Bihar, Pin-804408. B/o: Anisabad, Patna	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Equitable mortgage of commercial land and building Registered in the name of Mr Chandra Bhushan Yadav S/o Late Ramdhari Singh vide sale deed no 27629 dated 14.12.2013, in Book no.-1, volume 605, on pages from 105 to 117 and CD 93/2013, situated at Mohalla-Chitokhara, P.S – Gardaniabagh, Dist- Patna, Sab & Sadar Registry office, patna bearing Tauji No-5243, Revenue Thana NO-17, Khata NO-204, Cadestral Survey Plot no-315,(Part), Ward no-8, Zone-3 serial no-114, circle- Patna Sadar, under PMC, Patna. Total area of Plot-0.50 dismil (217.76 Sq Ft.). Bounded: North-Part Plot No 316, Md Kamal Mustafa, Sarwar Imam, South-Part Plot No-316, Md Kamal Mustafa, Sarwar Imam, East-Govt Land, West-Main Road.	₹33,24,400/- ₹3,32,440/- ₹10,000/-	₹7,40,182.02/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM 19.11.2019
9.	Borrower: Sh Ravindra Kumar Yadav (Mortgagor), S/o Sh. Nagdeo Ray, Village-Maudah Buzurg, Patepur, Dist.-Vaishali, Bihar-843114. B/o: Hajipur (BIHAR).	Vacant plot with demarcation pillars having poultry farm in part area situated at Rev. Thana No.-457, Khata No.-290, Khesra No.-1841, Village-Lakhipur, Anchal-Patepur, Sub Registry-Mahua, Dist.-Vaishali, Area-6 Katha 8 dhuri, 12160 Sq.Ft. in the name of Sh. Ravindra Kumar Yadav. Bounded by: North-Shiv Deo Ray, South-Brajkishore Ray, East-Saburi Ray, West-Road.	₹12,48,000/- ₹1,24,800/- ₹10,000/-	₹15,59,471.96/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 19.11.2019

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DROP IN NITROGEN OXIDE LEVEL AFTER ODD-EVEN

Farm fires rage but air quality improves — to ‘very poor’

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

ON TUESDAY, the number of active fires in the fields of Punjab and Haryana hit the season's high, with official records suggesting over 6,600 such incidents in a single day. This is more than twice the number of farm fires on Sunday, when the two states recorded roughly 2,900 farm fires.

Sunday was also when the capital's air quality touched the season's high, with the AQI touching 594. Tuesday saw pollution reduce and the AQI settle at 324, or 'very poor' category.

According to Central pollution monitoring body SAFAR, even as the number of active fires climbed, the share of external biomass in Delhi's PM2.5 levels, which was 25% on November 3, came down to 14% on November 4 and 12% on November 5.

According to experts, this seemingly paradoxical situation is the outcome of a "delicate combination" of a number of meteorological factors.

"This is why attempts to es-



An aerial view of the Lotus Temple, Tuesday. Neeraj Priyadarshi

ablish direct links between levels of pollution in Delhi and number of fires in the fields of Punjab and Haryana, while ignoring things that can be controlled locally, can be a futile exercise," a senior scientist of the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences said.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director of the Centre for Science and Environment, said the contribution of farm fires in polluting Delhi's air remains variable, as it depends on the

speed of long-distance transport winds in the upper layer of the atmosphere.

She explained that had the quality of Delhi's air been inversely proportional to stubble burning, AQI would have plunged to the season's worst over the last two days. "But that is not happening. In fact, last year, Delhi had experienced a bad air episode around Christmas when there is no stubble burning happening," she said.

Two demands at India Gate protest: Clean air, accountability from PM, CMs

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

EVENING REVELLERS at India Gate were undeterred by the pungent air of Tuesday evening. The usual tableau of cotton-candy, ice-cream carts, family outings and hand-in-hand lovers played itself out. At the end of the approach road, by the monument itself, punctuating this scenery were a few hundred raising the slogan of clean air.

The placards on show questioned leaders across the political spectrum:

"Dear Modi ji, shut down all the coal-powered energy plants in Delhi NCR permanently today!"

"Dear Kejriwal ji, why is the money collected through green cess, our money, unspent?"

"Dear Khattar sahab, why are you destroying Aravalli Biodiversity Park, the only lung of Gurgaon?"

"Dear Captain sahab, why are you blind to the stubble burning choking Delhi?"

Chants of *azadi* — "*Hum kya chahte? Azadi. Global warming se azadi, gandi hawa se azadi*" — too floated around from time to



Among the protesters were children from NDMC schools around Gole Market

time. For many at the site, it was their first time at a protest. Some were urban environmental activists and social campaigners, while many were business owners and corporate employees.

Aditya Chhatwani, a wholesale garment businessman from Civil Lines, said he came for the protest due to the "inaction of the government" and the "need for immediate measures".

"It's actually the first time I've come out like this. It's because the situation is so extreme. As in-

dividuals, the best thing we can do right now is spread awareness," he said.

He had travelled to the protest by Metro that evening, but he and his friend Dipankar Grover said that they did end up using their cars regularly because "you need a car in the city".

Unlike them, several protesters admitted to having travelled to the venue in their private cars.

Shera Banu, a resident of Gurgaon, held the Union minister of environment responsible

BRIEFLY

562 challans issued on day 2 of odd-even

New Delhi: On the second day of implementation of odd-even in the city, 562 challans were issued against errant drivers Tuesday. In a statement, DMRC said average number of journeys rose by 8 lakh Monday.

AAP, BJP spar over parks

New Delhi: AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj Tuesday accused the BJP-led SDMC of sitting on over Rs 20 crore allotted for installing play equipment in parks. South MCD standing committee chairperson Bhupender Gupta hit back: "Why not issue fresh tenders? What if the new companies bid at a lower rate?" ENS

Goel's SUV protest not official party line: Tiwari

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

A DAY after BJP Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel violated odd-even scheme by driving to ITO in his odd-numbered SUV, the party's state unit chief distanced himself from the manner of protest.

"It was not the official party line; it was his way of protesting," Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari told *The Indian Express*. He said the party is against odd-even as it believes public transport should have been first improved before imposing such a scheme.

Sources in BJP said that the senior leadership was also divided on the method of protest.

While Goel received support from the Delhi BJP in-charge and party's national vice-president Shyam Jaju, who was in the SUV with him during the protest, some senior leaders, including a Central minister, were leant to be unhappy. Goel, who was fined Rs 4,000 by traffic officials for violating the rule, told *The Indian Express*: "As a citizen, I protested



Tiwari said BJP was opposed to odd-even, but said Goel's protest was not party line

against the odd-even scheme. My stand has even been vindicated by the Supreme Court."

The SC had Monday questioned the logic behind the scheme and asked if people who owned cars would just switch to other polluting modes of transport.

Meanwhile, Tiwari said his party will continue to oppose odd-even.

"The number of DTC buses reduced to around 3,500 from over 6,000 in 2011. AAP leaders blame stubble burning for pollution but several agencies have said that local factors are majorly responsible," he said.

Delhi Assembly to host Youth Parliament

New Delhi: The Delhi Assembly will host a youth parliament, organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, later this month, said Speaker Ram Niwas Goel. From November 6-8, the assembly will hold a series of mock assembly sessions for university students in the city. ENS

A Union government scientist explained that the speed of upper winds — at around 80 km/hr — was such that smoke from the fields blew over the capital, and ended up in the skies of the Varanasi region. And the winds will continue for some time, see a temporary drop till November 7, and then again pick up.

"The smog episode was a result of extremely adverse meteorological conditions after Diwali. It trapped pollutants from crackers, vehicular and industrial emissions, and smoke from stubble, resulting in the spiralling of the graph. Things may have improved as pollutants are not getting trapped, but it can happen again. That is why controlling sources of pollution is important," Roychowdhury said.

Asked about the impact of the odd-even drive, she said: "There has been a drop in the level of NOx, which is a good indicator in terms of assessing vehicular emissions. But it is too early to isolate contribution of only odd-even as other steps such as construction ban, closure of hot mixer plants, ban on DG sets will also have to be factored in."

for the crisis. "The entire issue is very complex with a mix of factors and it is not for us to be suggesting measures. I cycle to work every day but that won't change the larger picture — it is for them to make sure everyone takes these steps," she said.

She was also aware of the class composition of the assembled group. "Rich people should be here because we can be. We should be speaking out because others might not be able to," she said.

Some protesters also brought along children from government schools and *safai* workers they work with through NGOs. Among the clearest voices of the gathering were from a group of students studying at NDMC schools around Gole Market.

"We should stop bursting crackers. This year, I only lit diyas and candles and ate sweets," said 16-year-old Rohan.

"The factories need to be checked and the number of cars should be reduced," said 14-year-old Neeraj.

"We need better than odd-even. What's it to rich people — they can just buy one more car so that they can ply on both dates," said 17-year-old Kajal.

Bike plant sees worker protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 5

WHEN 37-YEAR-OLD Arjun, a contract worker at the Manesar plant of Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India Pvt Ltd, went to his workplace Tuesday, he was denied entry, with the company's management telling him he was among 304 workers who had been asked to go on a "three-month break" due to the slow-down in the industry.

A father of two young children, Arjun said this has been a regular occurrence at the factory for the last year, and alleged that workers are sent on three-month breaks on a rotational basis. "If I go on leave again for three months, I will have to pull my children out of school," he said.

Gullinder, another contract worker from Sonapat, said, "I've been with this plant for seven years. We are supposed to have a monthly salary of Rs 14,200. But for at least six months a year, we are without an income."

Arjun and Gullinder were among over 200 workers who staged a demonstration outside the plant in Manesar Tuesday.

A notice to this effect had been put up Monday, directing contract workers hired through three contractors to go on a break "keeping in mind the automobile market". A spokesperson from HMSI said: "Based on demand fluctuations and production adjustment, 200 contractual members whose term had been completed are relieved from work..."



Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi with RSS leader Ram Lal and others during a meeting in New Delhi, Tuesday. PTI

Ayodhya: We need to keep lines open, RSS, BJP tell Muslim leaders

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

WITH THE country bracing for the Supreme Court ruling on the disputed Ayodhya site, RSS and BJP leaders reached out to the Muslim community Tuesday, urging its leaders and clerics to remain in touch with local Sangh leaders to keep communication channels open to avoid any “misunderstanding” or threat to the spirit of “peace, unity and brotherhood” among communities.

At a meeting hosted by Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, RSS Akhil Bharatiya Sah Sampark Pramukh Ram Lal told influential Muslim clerics, academics and community leaders that it is important to bridge the “communication gap” between the Sangh and the community, and to do that they should be in touch with the local Sangh leaders so that there is no misunderstanding.

RSS Sah Sarkaryawah Krishna Gopal said that in 90 years of the Sangh's existence, the top leadership of the organisation never made any anti-Muslim comment.

Muslim leaders welcomed the initiative and the calls by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat to accept the Supreme Court verdict, whatever it may be, without bad blood on either side. But they also said it is imperative that action be taken against those who violate that call or act against it.

A Constitution Bench ruling on the Ayodhya matter is expected before Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi retires on November 17. It has to decide on appeals against a 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court which ordered three-way division of the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site between the Nirmohi Akhada sect, the deity Ramlalla Virajman and the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board.

Naqvi said: “This is a historic meeting in which Muslim intellectuals, clerics, academics, social workers and others who have influence over the community had a detailed and long interaction with senior RSS leaders. They talked about peace, unity and brotherhood and said that under no circumstances should these be allowed to weaken. Everybody has faith in SC but whatever the outcome, neither celebration nor dejection should be at such a scale that hurts the other community.”

BJP leader Shah Nawaz Hussain said such meetings with Muslim community leaders would continue to build their confidence. Both sides admitted to a communication gap. “That is why it is important that such meetings continue,” Naqvi said.

Ram Lal was quoted as having said: “Is it essential that only Muslims lead Muslims? Is it essential that only Hindus lead Hindus? Why can't it be so that a Hindu leads Muslims and a Muslim leads Hindus? You have come from all over the country, please be in touch with local RSS leaders in your respective areas.”

“In the entire history of RSS, not a single RSS leader has said a word against the Muslim community, be it Mohan Bhagwat or any other RSS chief. They talk of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas,” Gopal was quoted as having said.

Advocate Kamal Farooqui, who attended the meeting on behalf of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, said: “This is a very good initiative and everybody was on the same page. No matter what the outcome of the SC case, peace and welfare of the country is paramount.”

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ADG-rank officer to camp in Ayodhya, monitor security arrangements

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 5

WITH THE Supreme Court verdict on the Ayodhya matter expected soon, state government has decided to send an ADG-rank officer to Ayodhya who will camp there from Wednesday until further notice. The ADG will supervise the security arrangements in Ayodhya and surrounding districts.

Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) Om Prakash Singh said ADG (Prosecution) Ashutosh Pandey had been given the task and would be staying in Ayodhya till needed.

“The state government has directed that an ADG-rank officer to camp in Ayodhya to monitor all security arrangements in wake of the soon expected Supreme Court verdict. ADG Prosecution Ashutosh Pandey will be officer sent and he will camp in Ayodhya till needed,” said the DGP.

President OKs Gujarat terror law: Confession, interception allowed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 5

SIXTEEN YEARS after the first version of it was passed by the Gujarat Assembly, the Gujarat Control of Terrorism and Organised Crime Bill (GCTOC) has finally become law. Gujarat Minister of State for Home Pradeepsinh Jadeja announced that the legislation had received President Ram Nath Kovind's assent, adding, “Today the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been fulfilled.”

Under the most controversial provision in the Bill, investigating agencies can intercept “oral, wire or electronic conversations” and submit them as evidence in court. Introduced for the first time when Modi was Gujarat chief minister, in 2003, as the Gujarat Control of Organised Crime (GUJCOC) Bill, it was thrice returned by successive Presidents earlier.

In March 2015, the Gujarat Assembly passed the legislation again, with a few changes, as the GCTOC Bill, which has now been cleared by the President. The new legislation defines ‘terrorist acts’, as including “an act committed with the intention to disturb law and order or public order or threaten the unity, integrity and security of the State”, apart from economic offences.

The GCTOC's provisions for admitting evidence collected through interception in courts are exactly like the Centre's UAPA. The MCOCA (Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act), on which the GCTOC is modelled, also allows collection of such evidence but after various checks.

The rest of the provisions in the GCTOC and MCOCA, regarding custodial interrogation, bail to accused and extended time for

What makes it stringent

UNDER GUJCOC, investigating agencies can submit intercepted communication as well as confessions made before a police officer as evidence in court. The use of these controversial provisions, which had led to three Presidents sending back the legislation, would now be watched. The repealed POTA had a similar provision on confessions.

filing chargesheet (up to 180 days), are the same.

Noting that after Maharashtra's MCOCA, Gujarat had now got the GCTOC, Jadeja said, “One of the good provisions of this law is that intercepted communication will now be considered legitimate evidence... Confessions made before a police officer will also be considered as evidence.”

Civil rights organisations have been opposing this provision of “voluntary confessions” as violative of fundamental rights of an accused. POTA, the repealed Central law, also had a similar provision.

Tapping of communication and confessions before police officials were the two issues on which Presidents in the past had raised objections to the Gujarat Bill.

The GUJCOC Bill was first returned to Gujarat in 2004, by then President APJ Abdul Kalam, who objected to provisions related to interception of communications. When the state again passed the Bill in 2008, then President Pratibha Patil returned it, over provisions on confessions made to a police officer.

The Gujarat government revived the Bill in 2015, with changes that included adding ‘terrorism’ to the name of the

original legislation and specifying that confessions made to an officer of the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) or above would only be admissible in court. Then President Pranab Mukherjee (under the NDA II government), however, returned the legislation again, seeking clarifications on some provisions.

The GCTOC's definition of ‘terrorist act’ is “an act committed with the intention to disturb law and order or public order or threaten the unity, integrity and security of the State or to strike terror in the minds of the people or any section of the people by doing an act using bombs, dynamite or any other explosive substance or inflammable material or firearms or other lethal weapons or poison or noxious gases or other chemicals or any other substance (whether biological or otherwise) hazardous in nature in such a manner so as to cause or likely to cause death or injury to any public functionary or any person or loss due to damage or destruction of property or disruption of any supplies or services essential to the life of the community or detains any person and threatens to kill or injure such person in order to compel the State Government to do or abstain from doing any act”.

The economic offences the GCTOC covers include ponzy schemes, multi-level marketing schemes, and organised betting. It also includes extortion, land grabbing, contract killings, cyber crimes, and human trafficking.

Anyone conspiring or attempting to commit, as well as advocating and abetting, any offence under it can invite a term of not less than five years going up to life. Offences resulting in death of a person are punishable by death or imprisonment for life.

Apart from allowing authorities up to 180 days to file a chargesheet (instead of the usual 90), the GCTOC proposes stricter conditions for bail.

“The law will help put a full stop to terrorist activity in Gujarat and help safeguard the 1,600 km of sea coast... This law will give more powers to police officials,” Minister Jadeja, adding special courts will be created to try cases under the new law.

The MCOCA had been enacted in 1999 to control rising organised crimes like extortion, abduction, murders by gangs in Maharashtra, and specifically mentioned ‘pecuniary benefits’ arising from offences. Among its most significant provisions was the admissibility of confession by an accused in police custody and of evidence collected through interception, and 180 days’ time for a chargesheet. The Act also made it difficult for an accused to get bail pending trial.

The Act faced legal scrutiny when a special court ruled it could not be applied to terror activities as these were not aimed at pecuniary gains as defined in the MCOCA. The Supreme Court, however, upheld the Bombay High Court's 2015 order stating the law could be applied to terror.

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BUT SMOKE FROM STUBBLE BURNING IS COMING TO DELHI
SO, ODD EVEN IS BEING INTRODUCED ONCE AGAIN

- On odd dates - 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 November - only vehicles with number plates ending with an odd number - 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 - can ply on the roads
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- This rule is applicable from Monday to Saturday, from 8am to 8pm
- Odd Even rules are not applicable on two-wheelers
- Cars with only women commuters or cars carrying children wearing school uniform will be exempt
- Violation of Odd Even will attract a fine of Rs 4,000



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SPEECH TO BOOK

RSS CHIEF Mohan Bhagwat took it upon himself to address the misconception about the Sangh Parivar when he addressed a three-day televised conference in Vigyan Bhawan in the national capital last year. The text of his speech is now being used to spread his word further as a book. The Hindi edition has been out for some time now, and the English version of his address is in the last stages for publication.

IN DIRE STRAITS

TWO OF the seven Congress candidates who contested Lok Sabha elections this summer have switched over to the BJP, one has shifted base to Delhi, while another one is said to be so cut up with the party high command that he even turned up at a workers' meeting of the Trinamool Congress. That, in short, is the story of the grand old party in election-bound Jharkhand. Adding to that is the fact that Ajay Kumar, who led the party into Lok Sabha polls in Jharkhand, has joined the Aam Aadmi Party, and the lone AICC secretary from the state — Arun Oraon — has also jumped ship. While Manoj Yadav and Sukhdeo Bhagat have joined the BJP, Kirti Azad now heads the Congress campaign committee in Delhi. Subodh Kant Sahay, one gets to hear, had recently made an appearance at a TMC workers' meet.

LAWYERS WITH LATHIS

THE GHAZIABAD bench of the Railway Claims Tribunal has been shut down and merged with the principal bench in Delhi recently. One of the reasons behind the administrative decision, as per Rail Bhawan officials discussing the ongoing tiff between lawyers and Delhi Police, was that lawyers purportedly entered the premises with lathis and intimidated the tribunal staff. The issue at stake, apparently, was that a large number of claims cases were being rejected on merit. The police were called in, as were the Railway Protection Force, to protect the tribunal staff for a whole week.

CARRYING CONCERN

THE NO-PLASTIC rule has caused some unforeseen problems for MPs, too. When an MP recently bought at the Tea Board outlet inside Parliament he was handed four bulky boxes without anything to carry them in. When the MP asked for a bag, he was told that the file for acquiring paper bags had just been moved.

Dushyant: Haryana to move Bill to grant 75% job quota to state youth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5

HARYANA DEPUTY Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday announced in the state Assembly that a Bill will be introduced in the next Vidhan Sabha session to implement 75 per cent reservation in jobs for people with Haryana domicile.

The Dushyant Chautala-led Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), had promised 75 per cent reservation for Haryana residents in government and private jobs. On Tuesday, however, Dushyant did not mention whether the reservation would be in government or private jobs, or both.

"Let us wait for the Bill," he told *The Indian Express*, adding that if passed in the Vidhan Sabha, the 75 per cent reservation will not only solve the problem of unemployment but also help state generate more revenue.

Soon after Dushyant's announcement, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar also informed the House that the Bill will be introduced in the next Assembly session. He, however, apprised the House that there was already 75 per cent job reservation in certain categories.

"There is already a provision of 75 per cent (reservation for) jobs for Haryana residents if the CLUs (change of land use) are sought for industries, entrepreneurs and corporates. But unfortunately it was never monitored and implemented. As of now there is no mechanism or system for it. For it, a permanent mechanism would be formulated. 75 per cent of the jobs should be given to the Haryana residents in the state. If any entrepreneur gives 95 per cent of the jobs to the residents of Haryana, we will give them special benefits. A policy will be framed for the same," Khattar said.

JJP secretary general KC Bangar said that the reservation would be for recruitment in government as well as private jobs.

"As of now, there is no reservation for Haryana youths in private or government jobs," said Bangar, a former chairman of Haryana Public Service Commission, who was a key member of JJP's manifesto committee.

About the contours of the Bill, a senior state government official told *The Indian Express*, "There are various aspects that need to be examined. Whether it will be blanket reservation in all private sectors, or it is going to be in industries, or certain specific business establishments or institutes, or government jobs too.... There are a lot of dimensions of this idea that need to be thoroughly examined before it even takes the shape of a Bill."

Meanwhile, to implement all their poll promises, the BJP and the JJP have decided to form a committee to finalise a Common Minimum Programme. "The Common Minimum Programme will be finalised within 15 days," Khattar said in the Assembly.

Senior BJP leader Anil Vij told *The Indian Express* that a five-member committee headed by him has been formed Tuesday which would discuss all these issues.

Haryana, which has a population of over 40 lakh in the 20-29 years age bracket, has witnessed a steep rise in unemployment over last five years. A report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy for May-August 2019 pegged unemployment in the state at 28.7 per cent, the highest in the country. A few years ago, it had been only 8 per cent. It is estimated that there are 2.02 million unemployed young people in the state and over half of them are matriculates and above.

Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and Speaker Gian Chand Gupta. *Jasbir Malhi*

JOB QUOTA FOR LOCALS IN OTHER STATES

ANDHRA PRADESH

AFTER COMING to power in May, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy announced a new industrial policy, making it mandatory for any new industry, joint venture or company being set up in the state to give 75 per cent jobs to local residents. The government has passed a law in Assembly to this effect. The state defines a local as anyone from the village where the industrial unit is being set up, or a person from the district or the state. The policy puts the onus on the company concerned to train 75 per cent local workforce if they are not skilled to handle the work required.

MAHARASHTRA

IN 2008, the then Congress-NCP government issued a government resolution (GR) for job quotas for local residents. The GR mentioned that all industries that get concessions and incentives from the state should employ at least 50 per cent local residents in supervisory roles, and 80 per cent in non-supervisory roles. It defines a local as a person who has lived in Maharashtra for more than 15 years. Before last month's Assembly elections, the BJP-led government announced in February that it would make it mandatory, in agreement, for all upcoming industries to provide 80 per cent jobs to local residents.

GUJARAT

INDUSTRIES SEEKING subsidies in taxes, electricity, water, land, etc, from state government have to provide a minimum 85 per cent jobs to locals, with reservation of 60 per cent in managerial and supervisory posts for them, according to a Gujarat government resolution (GR) dated March 1995. The GR defines local residents as people "staying in Gujarat for a minimum of 15 years". Current state laws do not have provisions to punish industries that do not abide by the recruitment norms. Although CM Vijay Rupani has promised a law to make hiring of locals mandatory, the government is yet bring in any such Act.

Jharkhand: JMM-Cong talks hit hurdle, dispute over four seats

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

SEAT-SHARING TALKS between the JMM and Congress for the Assembly elections in Jharkhand have run into rough weather. The dispute is said to be over four seats.

The Congress's bid to rope in Babulal Marandi's JVM(P) to stitch together a grand Opposition alliance has also not met with success, complicating its efforts to upstage the BJP government in the state.

JMM chief Hemant Soren was in Delhi on Monday, but left without meeting any of the senior Congress leaders. Sources said he had conveyed his stand to AICC secretary in-charge of Jharkhand Umang Singh, a minister in the Kamal Nath government in Madhya Pradesh. According to sources, the Congress is demanding 32 seats but is willing to scale it down to 29. But the JMM is offering the Congress 25 seats.

Contesting in 25 seats as suggested by the JMM would mean that the Congress would have to leave four seats, all of them turfs of local Congress leaders. The seats for which both parties have staked claim are said to be Bishrampur, Sisi, Ghatsila and Gandey. The Congress had not just lost but come third after the JMM in these seats in 2014.

Bishrampur district is veteran Chandra Sekhar Dubey's

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Dispute to hit Oppn image, Marandi may divide votes

THE LESS than expected performance of the ruling BJP in Haryana and Maharashtra elections last month had warmed the hearts of the Opposition camp in Jharkhand. Although both the Congress and JMM claim that differences over seat-sharing will be resolved, the dispute is poor political optics as it comes less than four weeks before the first vote is cast. Babulal Marandi's decision to go solo could also hit the Opposition as he could end up dividing the anti-BJP votes.

turf. Dubey's son Ajay Kumar was the Congress candidate from Bishrampur in 2014. Former state minister Geetashri Oraon had contested from Sisi

in 2014. She had represented the seat in 2009 but lost in 2014. Ghatsila is former Jharkhand Congress chief Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu's turf. His daughter Cinderella was the Congress candidate last time. Senior Congress leader Sarfaraz Ahmad was the party's candidate in Gandey. Both of them had lost. All the seats are with the BJP now.

The JMM, sources said, is claiming these four seats, arguing that it had finished ahead of the Congress in all these seats. Although the JMM had finished eighth in Bishrampur, the independent candidate — Anju Singh — who had finished second joined the JMM earlier this year. Singh and her husband Abhimanyu Singh merged their Jharkhand Navnirman Morcha with the JMM in January.

Sources in the Congress hoped that the two parties would be able to find a middle path. "Soren could agree to give the Congress 27 seats. It is up to the Congress to take a decision," a senior leader said. In the event of the Congress being given 27 seats, the JMM would contest 45 seats leaving nine seats for the RJD and Left parties.

While the Congress was keen to rope in Marandi, he was not agreeable to the 8-10 seat proposal of the Congress. Jharkhand Congress chief Rameshwar Oraon met with Marandi on Monday, but sources said Marandi had rebuffed his offer.

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 5

WHILE THE Opposition parties in Jharkhand are yet to announce their seat-sharing arrangement, the JVM(P) has declared that it will contest all 81 seats alone.

JVM(P) was part of the Opposition alliance in the Lok Sabha elections. It contested two seats but lost both.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Marandi said his experience in forming an alliance had "not been good". He said that in 2009 and 2014 elections, alliance talks dragged on till the last moment. "After the Lok Sabha elections, we tried to form an alliance early so that we could start work accordingly. However, none of the parties was serious about forging an alliance, and we realised it would be a problem for us. We did not want to repeat the past. So we started strengthening our base since August," he said.

Sources in other Opposition parties said that JVM(P) may go it alone to cut votes of the Opposition. But Marandi denied this, saying, "Who is anyone in the Opposition to decide this, the people will decide."

When asked whether his decision would dent the anti-BJP front, he said: "One cannot assume the BJP will win. What did the government do? Why would farmers, labourers, adivasis vote for BJP?... We are an alternative,



Babulal Marandi



and people will vote for us."

In the 2014 Assembly election, JVM(P) contested 73 seats alone and won eight, with vote share of around 10 per cent. According to Election Commission data, JVM(P) secured votes ranging from 8,700 to 26,000 in eight ST constituencies where they did not win — much more than the margin of votes of the winning candidates.

In 2015, six of the eight JVM(P) MLAs joined the BJP, stating that the legislative party had merged. The Assembly tribunal upheld the merger, and the matter is in the High Court.

When asked about guarding against further defections, Marandi said: "We will get a majority, so there is no question of defection. There will be no need for any post-poll alliance."

JVM(P) to contest all 81 seats alone

Baghel keeps up pressure on BJP over paddy procurement

DIPANKAR GHOSE
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 5

CHHATTISGARH CHIEF Minister Bhupesh Baghel kept up the pressure on the Centre and the BJP over the procurement of paddy at an all-party meeting on Tuesday, even as the saffron party boycotted the meet, saying they were not duly informed.

Baghel held the meeting in Raipur for members of Parliament and farmer groups from the state. At the meet, the Congress demanded that the Centre relax its norms for the acquisition of paddy into a central pool for those states that give farmers a paddy bonus. The Baghel government has been buying paddy from farmers at the rate of Rs 2,500 per quintal — higher than the MSP of Rs 1,815 per quintal — arguing that the step is putting money into the hands of the farmers and is helping the economy.

Baghel said that the saffron party must make clear whether it is against giving farmers Rs 2,500 per quintal. He also said that the Centre had waived off its rules of paddy procurement for the previous BJP state government when it offered farmers a paddy bonus.

However, the BJP insisted that it was not invited to the meet. BJP state chief Vikram Usendi said, "The Congress is doing drama on this, and our leaders were not notified in time. Further, they are trying to lay blame on the Centre for their incorrect policies."

In response, Baghel accused them of lying, and said that his government had proof that senior BJP leaders and MPs were invited, with some excusing themselves due to prior commitments.

The Congress, meanwhile, has planned a rally in Delhi on November 15 to protest against the Centre's decision to not give Chhattisgarh relaxation on paddy procurement.

UP plans special Assembly session to celebrate India's Constitution Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 5

THE UTTAR Pradesh government is planning a special session of the Legislative Assembly on November 26 to mark Constitution Day, apart from a series of events across five months — from November 26 to April 14, 2020, observed as Ambedkar Jayanti.

This is a bid to raise awareness among the masses on Preamble of Indian Constitution and also on Article 51 (A), Fundamental Duties of Every Citizen. Instructions in this regard have been given by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to all the departments and officials concerned.

Sources said an all-party meeting was likely to be convened on November 8, where the suggestion about holding the special Assembly session would be discussed.

The last time the state government recommended a special session was to mark Gandhi Jayanti. The session went on for 48 hours but opposition parties boycotted the session with each planning their own events on October 2, alleging that the state government was not serious about following Gandhi's ideology.

SC refuses to pass order on Cong plea about BSY audio clip

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

THE SUPREME Court Tuesday said it will consider the Congress's plea to take on record an audio clip — purportedly of a speech made by Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa — about the defection of 17 MLAs in July that led to the fall of the HD Kumaraswamy-led coalition government. However, the court refused to pass an order, saying that its judgment was already reserved in the petitions filed by the Karnataka MLAs against their disqualification by the Speaker.

The bench, led by Justice NV Ramana and also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murari, had heard the petitions filed by the MLAs.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal told the bench that the new material had emerged after the judgment was reserved and said the audio clip showed that then

BJP president Amit Shah was aware of the legislators being taken to Mumbai and kept in a hotel there.

Justice Ramana said all points had been exhaustively argued during the hearing.

Justice Khanna pointed out that the contention about the hospitality provided to the MLAs in Mumbai had also been argued. He pointed out that the judgment had been reserved and said "if you want us to take it on record, it will have huge consequences".

"Yes, that's true," replied Sibal.

"So leave it at that," said Justice Khanna.

Senior Advocate Rajeev Dhavan said the entire case of the rebel MLAs was based on denial and it was important for the court to take the new material on record.

However, the bench said, "You have brought it to our notice, we will consider it. Allow us to deliver the judgment."

'Sense of perfection in his hard work': Adityanath praises Shah

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 5

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday recounted Union Home Minister Amit Shah's stress on hard work when he had gone to meet him following the BJP's defeat in the 2018 Lok Sabha bypolls in the state.

"I discussed the mahagathabandhan with him and he said let the SP, BSP and other parties be a part of the grand alliance, all would be wiped out and even in adverse situation, the BJP will register a huge victory in Uttar Pradesh," Adityanath said, during a discussion on the book *Amit*

Yogi Adityanath at the book release in Lucknow. *PTI*

Shah aur BJP ki Yatra.

He said hard work had no alternative and it was the mantra of victory. "He used to sleep at 2 am and went on campaigning at 6 am. There is a sense of perfection in his hard work and its result is in front of us today," Adityanath said.

He added that Shah was influenced by the dedication of Adi Shankaracharya, the policies of Chanakya, the nationalism of V D Savarkar and the commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards the country.

He also claimed that other parties did politics at the cost of the country, but the BJP was the only party for which the country was bigger than the party.

SAYS TOUR IN LINE WITH INDIA'S ACT EAST POLICY

Meghalaya CM begins road tour through Bangladesh

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 5

A DELEGATION led by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Tuesday started a four-day tour of Bangladesh by road, covering over 800km, in an effort to connect with people and leaders and build mutually beneficial networks, officials said.

In a press statement, Commissioner and Secretary of the Chief Minister's Secretariat said that the visit was from November 5 to 8. The delegation, which includes ministers, senior officials and entrepreneurs,

Conrad Sangma at the border at Dawki. *Courtesy: Meghalaya CMO*

would visit Sylhet and Dhaka, among other parts of Bangladesh, after crossing the

border at Dawki.

"Meghalaya shares 443 km of border with Bangladesh. Over

the years, there has been a fruitful exchange of goods, ideas and culture. Today, the border trade alone is valued at over Rs 630 crore. The state government of Meghalaya hopes to build a lasting, mutually beneficial relationship that spans over multiple sectors with Bangladesh," the statement said.

Speaking to the press, Sangma said that his first such trip is to Bangladesh, then to Bhutan and then to Myanmar, and from there to Thailand — all in line with India's Act East policy. "It's not possible to act being in Shillong, you need to get down to the field and meeting people," Sangma said.

The press statement said that the Meghalaya government intends to strength its trade and tourism ties with Bangladesh.

"As the gateway to South East Asia, Bangladesh offers us hitherto unexplored avenues of economic exchange ranging from tourism to power," it said.

"As a rapidly growing market, Bangladesh has been a destination for our exports, including coal, limestone and boulder stone. The government intends to further improve the border trade through the two-existing border haats at Kalaichar and Balat, and to set up new border haats," it said.

Shah turns down proposal to offer additional berths to Sena at Centre

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 5

BJP NATIONAL president Amit Shah has ruled out a proposal to offer additional berths at the Centre to warring ally Shiv Sena in Maharashtra.

While Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had discussed the proposal with the party central leadership to break the deadlock between the two sides, sources said that Shah has turned down t proposal for now.

As the BJP's tally went down in the October 21 state Assembly elections compared to its 2014 performance, Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray had raised a pitch for "equal sharing" of power, reminding the BJP of the 50:50 formula "agreed upon" between himself, Shah and Fadnavis ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

The proposal for additional berths at the Centre to soften the Sena's stance regarding the chief minister's post had first come up during backchannel talks between the chief minister and Uddhav. Besides equal division of ministerial portfolios and state-run corporations in Maharashtra,



Home Minister Amit Shah

Sena had also pressed for two additional ministerial berths (one Cabinet and one MoS) in the Union government and sought governorship roles for party veterans in two states.

While Fadnavis had flown to Delhi on Monday to discuss the proposal with Shah, sources said the latter had ruled out additional berths in the Centre as well as governorship roles in two states for Sena leaders. According to a source, Shah told Fadnavis that negotiations on power-sharing would be limited to posts and portfolios in Maharashtra alone.

Sources said Shah's decision has been conveyed to the Sena leadership. Late on Tuesday, Fadnavis met RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat in Nagpur.

BJP says doors open for talks, Sena reiterates stance on CM post

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, PUNE, NOVEMBER 5

TWELVE DAYS after results of state polls were announced, BJP on Tuesday finally offered to hold open discussions with ally Shiv Sena over power sharing, but at the same time made it clear that there would no compromise on post of chief minister. The Sena hit back saying there would be no talks if BJP refuses to part with the CM's post.

After a meeting senior BJP leaders at Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's residence Varsha in Mumbai, state party president Chandrakant Patil said, "Voters in Maharashtra have given the mandate to BJP and Shiv Sena and therefore, we will form the government. Sena has not given any proposal for forming the government from its

side... they will give us a proposal as early as possible. For holding discussion the proposal, BJP's doors are open 24 hours."

Making it clear that there will be no compromise, Patil said the government will be formed only under Fadnavis's leadership.

BJP leader Girish Mahajan, who was also present at the meeting said, "We are trying to hold talks with the Sena but Matoshree is not responding. For the last 12-13 days, Sena has refused to talk with us. We have been making efforts to hold discussions since a day after Diwali. However, they haven't turned up," he said.

"Sena leader Sanjay Raut has demanded that our promise (of equal power sharing) should be given in writing... Why should it be given in writing or orally? We are not Hindustan and Pakistan... We should discuss and sort out the issue," he added.

Chirag Paswan takes over baton from father, named LJP president

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

CHIRAG PASWAN, a second-term Member of Parliament from Jamui Lok Sabha constituency in Bihar was elected as president of Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) on Tuesday, succeeding his father Ram Vilas Paswan, who held the position ever since the party's formation on October 28, 2000, after breaking away from the Janata Dal (United).

Making a formal announcement about Chirag's elevation at a press conference in the national capital, Paswan, 73, Union minister and an eight-time MP, said the LJP national executive has unanimously elected Chirag Paswan as new president of the party.

He said, "Party MP Pashupati Kumar Paras proposed his name and the national executive approved it. Under the leadership of



Chirag Paswan being felicitated as LJP president, in New Delhi, Tuesday. PTI

Chirag, the party will achieve new height and the organisation will be strengthened."

Chirag, 37, was LJP's central Parliamentary board chairman and has been a key decision-maker in the party in recent years

"In my new responsibility I will work for the expansion of the party; strengthening of the organ-

Dehradun rly station to be shut for three months from Nov 10

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 5

TRAVELLERS ARE likely to be inconvenienced in a major part of Uttarakhand as train services to and from Dehradun railway station will be halted from November 10, for three months for remodelling of the station.

According to railway officials, a few trains will be cancelled and others will originate and terminate from different railway stations, including Haridwar, Saharanpur, Najibabad and Aligarh during the three months. This will cause inconvenience to people, who will have to ply via road from Dehradun to the nearest operational railway station.

Dehradun railway station superintendent SD Dobhal told *The Indian Express* that remodelling will be done to improve train services in future. He said that the station at present has four platforms and only one of them—platform number-3—has the required area to station 18-coach trains like Shatabdi. "Only 13-coach trains are stationed at the other three platforms. Area of these three platforms would be extended and a new platform would be developed to accommodate bigger trains of 18-coaches," Dobhal said.

As Dehradun station will be shut from November 10, two Delhi-bound trains — Shatabdi and Nanda Devi — will originate and terminate at Harrawala, the next station from Dehradun, for 45 days. After that, both trains will operate from Haridwar till yard remodelling work is completed.

Passengers will have to travel by road to Haridwar and other stations to board trains. This will either increase transport expenses with private taxi and bus operators or will increase load on government buses.

IISF BEGINS IN KOLKATA

Scientists have responsibility towards future, long-term solutions needed: PM

ANJALI MARAR
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 5

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Tuesday said the Indian scientific community has a greater responsibility towards future generations and they should undertake experiments to offer long-term solutions to problems faced by society.

Speaking through video conference at the inauguration of the fifth edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) in Kolkata, PM Modi said, "The theme of this festival is 'RISEN', which stands for 'Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation'. There is no country in the world that has made progress without science and technology. India has produced many great scientists, our history makes us proud and our present is also largely influenced by science."

"We must strive to create a robust and strong ecosystem for doing scientific research in the country... it must not only be effective but also inspiring for multiple generations to come. The responsibility upon the scientific community will be greater as they will have to keep alive humanity," the Prime Minister said.

Calling modern lifestyle "superfast", Modi urged Indian scientists to plan and take up research whose results will offer long-term solutions to problems



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the 5th India International Science Festival via video conferencing, in New Delhi, on Tuesday. PTI

plaguing society. While one can expect noodles to be cooked within two minutes and pizzas delivered home within 30, scientific discovery cannot be expected from scientists at the same speed, Modi said.

Citing the example of Chandrayaan-2, whose lander Vikram failed to make a soft landing on the Moon's surface in August, the Prime Minister said, "The mission must be considered successful as it could kindle curiosity among young minds who, soon after, were engaged in various discussions about the Moon like never before."

Saying that more efforts were needed in the scientific sphere, PM Modi said that mankind has

expanded the scope of necessities and more inventions were thus the need of the hour.

During his address, the Prime Minister also called upon everyone to consider it a responsibility to create a scientific temper among new generations and raise awareness about the benefits of science.

It was only the "fear of the unknown" that inspired scientists to experiment, the Prime Minister said. "So even if one faces failures while pursuing research, it must be considered as valuable efforts and experiments must be continued," Modi said.

"The ecosystem for science and technology must be very strong. It is our attempt to intro-

1,598 STUDENTS ATTEND LECTURE AT IISF, CREATE RECORD

Kolkata: In a first, a class of 1,598 students attended a lecture on astrophysics in Kolkata on Tuesday to set a new record in the Guinness Book of World Records. The attempt, successfully completed at Science City, was part of the fifth edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF). **ENS**

duce students to Atal Tinkering Labs from Class 6. More than 5,000 Atal Tinkering Labs have been formed... over 200 Atal Incubation Centres have been created. Our students should solve the nation's challenges in their own way, and thus, we have provided them the opportunities to participate in several hackathons," the Prime Minister said.

Talking about the Global Innovation Index, Modi said, "In the last three years, we have jumped from 81st to 52nd rank on the Global Innovation Index through these initiatives. Today, India is the world's third-best start-up ecosystem. Unprecedented work is being done for higher education and innovation. **WITH ENS INPUTS FROM KOLKATA**

BJP leader, aide booked in Chinmayanand extortion case

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 5

THE SPECIAL Investigation Team (SIT), which is investigating the sexual harassment charge against former BJP minister Chinmayanand, on Tuesday booked BJP's Shahjahanpur district vice-president Dharmendra Pratap Singh Rathore and his associate in a case of extortion in which the woman complainant is an accused. Dharmendra's elder brother, JPS Rathore is BJP's state vice-president and chairman of UP Pollution Control Board with the minister of state rank.

After Chinmayanand was booked for sexual harassment, he had filed a complaint with the police, alleging Rs 5 crore extortion attempt to defame him by circulating objectionable video clips featuring him. The SIT had arrested the woman complainant and three men — Sanjay Singh, Vikram alias Durgesh and Sachin alias Sonu Sengar — in connection with the extortion case. All the four and Chinmayanand are currently lodged in Shahjahanpur jail.

According to SIT, Dharmendra (45) his 28-year-old associate, Ajeet Singh, had got the video clips from the woman complainant who was a student of law in a college run by Chinmayanand. Ajeet, SIT said, is a distant relative of Sanjay Singh.

Both Dharmendra Rathore and Ajeet have been booked under relevant IPC Sections.



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Sr. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED						
		Quarter ended			Half year ended		Year ended	Quarter ended			Half year ended		Year ended	
		30-09-19	30-06-19	30-09-18	30-09-19	30-09-18	31-03-19	30-09-19	30-06-19	30-09-18	30-09-19	30-09-18	31-03-19	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
1.	Total Income from operations	367057	256194	323632	623251	540408	1230105	367057	256194	323632	623251	540408	1230105	
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) from operations before exceptional items and tax	2344	(9676)	11176	(7332)	17767	46337	2340	(9681)	11076	(7341)	17655	46000	
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax	2344	(9676)	11176	(7332)	17767	46337	2340	(9681)	11076	(7341)	17655	46000	
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	2459	(6402)	7243	(3943)	11365	29845	2455	(6407)	7143	(3952)	11253	29508	
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the period)	2362	(6478)	7275	(4116)	11430	29608	2358	(6483)	7175	(4125)	11318	29271	
6.	Equity Share Capital	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year						172844						172322	
8.	Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each)*													
	a) Basic	0.50	(1.30)	1.48	(0.80)	2.32	6.08	0.50	(1.31)	1.46	(0.81)	2.29	6.01	
	b) Diluted	0.50	(1.30)	1.48	(0.80)	2.32	6.08	0.50	(1.31)	1.46	(0.81)	2.29	6.01	
* Not annualised in case of Quarterly / Half yearly figures														
NOTE:- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges websites, www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com .														

Place: Noida
Dated: November 05, 2019

NFL: Farmers' Friend, Nation's Pride

For and on behalf of Board of Directors

(Manoj Mishra)
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN : 06408953



NORTH

BJP leader booked for molesting party worker

Muzaffarnagar: A local BJP leader was booked for allegedly sexually harassing a fellow party activist and threatening her in Muzaffarnagar district, police said on Tuesday. The incident occurred on Monday, following which a case was registered against BJP mandal vice president, Ashish Jain, a police officer said. The woman, an activist of the party's Mahila Morcha, alleged in her complaint that Jain entered her house, sexually harassed her and threatened her when she opposed. Jain was booked under relevant IPC sections including 354 (criminal assault with intent to outrage modesty). **PTI**



Manipur CM N Biren Singh at the site of IED blast at Thangal market in Imphal. Six people were injured, including five policemen and a civilian. PTI

EAST

Two Maoists killed in encounter at Dantewada

Raipur: Two Maoists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district on Tuesday, police said. The skirmish took place in a forest near Munga village around 11.30 am, when a team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) was out on a counter-insurgency operation, a senior police official said. When the patrolling team was advancing through the forest of Munga, a gun-battle broke out between the two sides, he said. After the exchange of fire stopped, bodies of two Maoists were recovered from the spot, the official said. Some firearms and explosives were also recovered, he added. **PTI**

WEST

Goa village imposes 'Swachhta tax' on selfies

Panaji: A road lined with coconut trees in Parra village, made famous by the Bollywood film *Dear Zindagi*, will now see the village panchayat imposing a 'Swachhta tax' on all film and photo-shoots, including selfies. The move has irked tourists who have been protesting against the charge. Already facing a low tourist footfall, the Travel and Tourism Association of Goa has slammed the move, fearing other villages will copy the trend, making it undesirable for tourists to visit Goa's locations. "Village panchayat officials made a tourist pay Rs 500 for taking a single photograph along the scenic road... This is something seriously wrong," Parra villager Paul Fernandes said. **ENS**

SOUTH

HC notice to filmmakers on plea against Jaya biopic

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Tuesday issued a notice to director Gowtham Vasudev Menon and others on a plea opposing their proposed bilingual biopic on the late Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalalithaa. Justice K.Kalyanasundaram sought the response of Menon and filmmakers Vishnu Vardhan Induri and A.L Vijay when an application arising out of a suit filed by Jayalalithaa's niece Deepa Jayakumar came up for hearing. After he was informed that the three have already filed a caveat, the judge ordered that they be served the case papers by Deepa and posted the matter to November 12 for further hearing. **PTI**

HOUSE ARREST

J&K HC dismisses plea, says prove arrest in proper forum

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

IN THE first order related to the detention of a political leader in the Valley post-August 5, when the special status was scrapped, the Jammu & Kashmir High Court dismissed the plea moved by Awami National Conference (ANC) leader Muzaffar Ahmad Shah directing him to "prove (his) arrest by evidence" before a "proper forum" and in "appropriate proceeding."

Shah, son of former J&K Chief Minister Ghulam Mohammed Shah, had on September 11, along with his family, moved the High Court alleging that they had been "illegally and unlawfully detained and kept under house arrest" at their own residential house in Srinagar since August 5.

They had also claimed that the "detention" had violated, "with impunity," their fundamental rights guaranteed under the

Constitution. The other petitioners include Ghulam Shah's wife Begum Khalida Shah and Mustafa Kamal, son of Sheikh Abdullah.

On Tuesday, the single bench of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey dismissed the plea "as being not maintainable and unnecessary." And said it was "leaving the petitioner free to take appropriate remedy available to him under the law before appropriate forum."

The order comes after a reply filed by police on October 23 that the political family were neither under house arrest nor had their liberty been curbed.

The HC, had on the same day, asked the petitioners to respond to the police reply. In doing so, the court said, "Rais-ud-Din Ganai, the learned Government Advocate, submits that in view of the stand taken by the respondents in the aforesaid communications, it is clear that the petitioners have neither been put under any house arrest nor has

their liberty been curbed/jeopardized....Having heard the learned Government Advocate, coupled with a perusal of the communications of the Senior Superintendent of Police and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, this Court is satisfied that the instant petition is unnecessary and, as such, liable to be dismissed."

Replying to the court on the police claims, Shah on Tuesday said he was "legally entitled to prove his case and needs to be granted permission to produce evidence".

Records show that Shah submitted "paper cuttings" to prove his claim that the family was under house arrest. He further claimed that on October 24, the family was stopped by the police and this was witnessed by two sitting Members of Parliament Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi and Mohammed Akbar Lone.

Justice Magrey, however, rejected Shah's plea to produce ev-

idence and witnesses in the case.

The judge said that that under Article 226 of the Constitution, the "writ court is neither to hold an enquiry into allegation made in a petition, nor take oral evidence."

"In writ proceedings, a fact is to be supported and proved by authentic documentary evidence. Press cutting cannot be relied upon as authentic documentary evidence," Justice Magrey said.

Justice Magrey further observed that the court "cannot hold enquiry into disputed facts".

"In the instance case, the respondents (police) have clearly disputed the statement made in the writ petition about the house arrest of the alleged detainees. The petitioner asserts that he can prove the arrest by evidence. This court will not debar him from doing so but that can be done only before the proper forum and in appropriate proceedings," Justice Magrey said.

Pak Kartarpur song video has poster of Bhindranwale

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5

THE VIDEO of the official Punjabi song welcoming Sikh pilgrims to Pakistan for the Kartarpur Corridor, released by Pakistan's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Monday, shows posters of Khalistani separatist leaders Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, Maj Gen Shabeg Singh and Amrik Singh Khalsa in the background in one part.

All three were killed when the Indian Army stormed Golden Temple in June 1984 in Operation Blue Star to free it from terrorists holed inside.

An image of Akal Takht, the supreme Sikh temporal body located in the Golden Temple complex, also features in the poster.

The song shows clips of Sikh pilgrims visiting several gurdwaras across Pakistan, and the poster is visible in the clip featuring Gurdwara Janam Asthan, Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Nanak.

The development comes in the wake of repeated fears expressed by Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Indian intelligence agencies that Pakistan could use the Kartarpur corridor, scheduled to be opened on November 9, and Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary celebrations, to revive militancy in Punjab, and to promote 'Referendum 2020' movement, started by an organisation called Sikhs for Justice, with tacit support from ISI.

Former Punjab minister Navjot Singh Sidhu and Union minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal, who visited Pakistan during the groundbreaking ceremony in November 2018, also feature in the video. The lyrics emphasise affinity of Sikhs and Muslims. It says, blessed are those who recite the 'Kalima' or greet with 'Sat Sri Akal'.



Sikh devotees leave for Pakistan via the Attari-Wagah border to celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, on Tuesday. PTI

4 days after Imran said no passports needed, no changes

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

FOUR DAYS after Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan tweeted that passports will not be required for Sikhs on pilgrimage to Kartarpur, Islamabad has not made any amendments in the pact — leaving pilgrims in a quandary, government sources have said.

The first batch of pilgrims is scheduled to go for the pilgrimage using the Kartarpur corridor on November 9.

Government sources said there is "absolute confusion" created by Khan's tweet that no passports will be required for the pilgrimage. "This requirement is, however, mentioned in the MoU signed. There has been no offer from Pakistan to amend the MoU in the light of Khan's tweet. Pilgrims are therefore unclear on the documents they need to carry," a source said.

The Indian side is also yet to receive any response to its list of Sikh leaders who will travel to Kartarpur as part of the first batch of pilgrims.

"A list of prominent Sikh leaders and other dignitaries who are part of the inaugural jatha to undertake the pilgrimage on November 9 has been sent to the Pakistani side. However, we are yet to receive a confirmation from Pakistan on the list," the government source said.

Sources said that several prominent dignitaries — including former PM Manmohan Singh — are travelling as part of the inaugural jatha. However, the Indian side has said that Pakistan has not allowed any advance team from India to visit Kartarpur Sahib to confirm the arrangements made. Sources also said that Pakistan has unilaterally decided on the programme and timing of the inaugural jatha without taking into

account India's inputs. "Critical information such as medical facilities available and security arrangements for the pilgrims have also not been shared with us," the source said in Delhi.

India has remained strongly committed to expeditiously realise the Kartarpur corridor on time, keeping in mind the sentiments of the pilgrims, a source said, "Infrastructure work on our side has been completed on time. We even agreed to go ahead with the MoU despite Pakistan's insistence on levying a \$20 service fee on the pilgrims."

However, Pakistan refuses to extend full cooperation which is against the spirit of the pilgrimage, government sources said.

On November 1, the Pakistan PM had said that Sikh pilgrims from India would only need a valid ID and not a passport to travel to Kartarpur and are not required to register 10 days in advance to visit the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib.

Submit fresh report on 'illegal detention of minors', SC tells J&K HC panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday sought a fresh report from the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court on a petition alleging illegal detention of minors in the region in the wake of amendments to Article 370.

"We also feel that some more facts have to be examined. Let them examine and submit a report," Justice N V Ramana, heading a three-judge bench also comprising Justices R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai, observed while hearing a petition filed by child rights activists Enakshi Ganguly and Santha Sinha.

The bench said it hoped the four-member committee would carry out the exercise "expeditiously". The court will hear the matter next on December 3.

Appearing for the petitioners, Senior Advocate H Ahmadi contended that the apex court had on September 20 asked the committee "to undertake an exercise with regard to the facts stated in the writ petition", but the committee's report showed that such an exercise "was not undertaken" at all.

The bench said the committee may not have had enough time to examine some points elaborately as it had to file its report within a week. It took strong objection to the petitioners saying that the committee had abdicated its responsibility.

The court said its September 20 order reached the committee on September 23 and all the allegations in the petition were denied by the J&K DGP who filed a report on September 25.

"We don't know the situation. The judges have to rely on

'Security reasons': Goa Raj Bhavan closed to visitors for 6 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, NOVEMBER 5

TWO DAYS after former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik was sworn in as the Goa Governor, the Raj Bhavan here is now out of bounds to the public for six months.

A decision to this effect was announced on Goa Tourism department's website which cited "security reasons" behind the move, saying it will be reviewed after six months.

Till Sunday, the Raj Bhavan, also called Palacio-de-Cabo in Portuguese, was open to tourists on select days of the week, with even the chapel inside available for prayers.

Senior government officials confirmed that Malik's J&K stint was the reason behind the decision. "It goes without saying that the incumbent of the Raj Bhavan has a far higher threat perception than the predecessor. In fact madam's (Mrudula Sinha's) security was not even classified. Mr Malik has Z-plus security as-

the executive for information," said Justice Ramana.

Ahmadi said the report only reflected information provided by the police which was bound to defend itself as respondent. He said many of the detentions as mentioned in the report were preventive and asked "how can there be preventive detention of children".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said he had no objection to the committee re-examining the matter but the petition was instituted on the basis of a "falsehood" and the court should not keep it pending. He said the petitioners had initially told a bench led by the CJI that they had not moved the J&K High Court as it was difficult to access due to the shutdown. However, the report of the High Court's Chief Justice stated that the court was fully functional and the assertion of the petitioners was false, Mehta argued. "Your lordships accepting the petition prima facie would mean accepting the contention that the HC is not functioning," he said.

"Let the report come. We will decide what to do after that," replied Justice Ramana.

Ahmadi said the Supreme Court has entertained many petitions related to human rights in the past and wondered why it could not hear this one which was more serious.

Justice Ramana pointed out that the committee was not a fact finding one but only to examine if the allegations of rights violations are true.

The committee in its earlier report said that 144 juveniles aged between 9 and 17 have been arrested, mostly in preventive detentions, since August 5. Of these, 142 had been released and only two were in juvenile homes, the report said.



Former J&K Governor Malik was sworn in 2 days ago

signed which continues," an official said.

Security was increased outside the gates Tuesday and local residents were asked not to loiter around, according to an eyewitness.

"The decision is completely of the Raj Bhavan officials. It's their call finally. They felt it was appropriate," said security officials. "Further, they do not want any crowd around or outside the premises as no chances can be taken. Anyone can walk in as a tourist with any motives," an official said on condition of anonymity.

Malik, who was sworn in as Goa Governor on November 3, had earlier told reporters that he had come from a "problematic place" and hoped it would be a "peaceful posting" in Goa.

Bhim Army chief reaches out to Mayawati to take on BJP



'Your experience is of importance to us'

India is only with the Bahujan society. If there is a problem, we have to look within. It is my request that we must keep aside all our differences and sit together for deliberations. Because only discussions and deliberations can only open a new way... Given that you are a member of the core team of the Honourable Kanshiram, your experience is of importance to us. We hope that you will participate in this discussion," Chandrashekhar's letter says. Chandrashekhar has had an

uncomfortable relationship with Mayawati. While he has often called her his "bua (aunt)" and has even expressed his desire to see her as the prime minister, Mayawati has accused him of being a stooge of the BJP who is misleading Dalits.

In his letter, Chandrashekhar has acknowledged the rising influence of the BJP across India and emphasised on the need to arrest the slide of Bahujan politics. "Even in the bastion of Bahujan politics, Uttar Pradesh, BJP has returned. It's a difficult phase... Under the BJP, atrocities have been committed against the Bahujan community and their rights have been snatched," the letter says.

He has said that in such a time, the country is looking at Bahujan politics with hope.

EPF ‘scam’: Former MD of UPPCL held

AVANEESH MISHRA
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 5



A P Mishra

FORMER MANAGING director of UP Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) A P Mishra was arrested Tuesday in connection with the investment of over Rs 2,600 crore of the state power employees' provident fund in the scam-hit DHFL. This was the third arrest in the case, which has taken a political colour with the Opposition demanding the resignation of Power Minister Shrikant Sharma, while the ruling BJP blaming the previous SP government for the "dubious" investment.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the UP Police, which is investigating the case till the CBI takes over the probe, had arrested two persons — the then secretary Praveen Kumar Gupta of the UP State Power Employees Trust and UPPCL's Provident Fund Trust, and UPPCL's erstwhile Director (Finance) Sudhanshu Dwivedi — on Saturday.

The latest arrest comes hours after the BJP government in the

thrice by Akhilesh after his retirement," the spokesperson said, alleging that Mishra had sought the Samajwadi Party ticket to contest the Lok Sabha polls and was involved in various scams during the previous regime.

Speaking at a press conference here, Akhilesh said, "If anyone is guilty, then it is the (BJP) government. If anyone is guilty, it is Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Yogi Adityanath should resign before he inaugurates the Medanta hospital built by the SP government."

"It has come to light from newspaper reports that the Chief Minister has ordered a probe into PWD's workings of the last two years. And then suddenly, news comes that the CM has taken stock of things and there will be a probe of the power department's functioning in the last two years. And the money was given to DHFL. You stay awake the whole night and order a CBI probe because you know the Opposition will ask questions. Because you want to hide the truth..." Akhilesh said, referring to the CM ordering the CBI probe into the case late on Saturday night.

"A P Mishra was arrested after his name was included in the FIR that was registered at Hazratganj Police Station on Saturday. He will be presented in court on Wednesday. In case EOW gets the custody of the other two arrested accused — Gupta and Dwivedi — on time, all the three will be brought face to face for questioning on Wednesday," said Director General (EOW) Rajendra Pal Singh, adding that an application seeking the custody of the other two has been filed in the court.

All the three, including Mishra, have been booked under IPC Sections 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery), 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant) and 471 (using a forged document as genuine).

Mishra was arrested after a team of the EOW searched the office of UP Power Employee's Trust for around 5-6 hours.

"Prima facie evidence suggests Mishra's involvement in the whole case. In the coming days, we will question more people, mainly other members of the Trust and more names could be

added in the FIR," Director General (EOW) said.

"So far we know that on April 21, 2014, board of UP Power Employee's Trust decided that non-bank high-interest options can be considered for investment and Director (Finance) was appointed to make a decision on it. On March 15, 2017, a quotation was taken from DHFL, and the next day quotation from other banks and organisations were admitted. On same day (March 16), Mishra submitted his resignation. On March 17, a sum of Rs 18 crore was given to DHFL as part of the first installment," Singh added.

"Five days later (March 22), at a time when the investment was made, a meeting was held to discuss investment options. Board members have their signature on it. The next day, on March 23, Mishra's resignation was accepted. Now the question is why the meeting was held after the investment was already made and how come Mishra was involved in these decisions when he had already submitted his resignation," the DG added.

Alleging plagiarism by makers of 'Bala', two directors move courts

ENS & PTI
JAIPUR, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 5



Bala is due for release on November 8

A COURT in Jaipur has issued a notice to the makers of the Ayushmann Khurrana-starrer *Bala* after a filmmaker sought a stay on the upcoming movie alleging that several scenes have been copied from a short film he made in 2010.

G D Bansal, representing Naman Goyal who made *The Beginning To Get Bald*, said several scenes have been copied in violation of the copyright law. "The civil suit seeks damages and permanent stay," Bansal said.

The Jaipur metropolitan additional district judge Saturday issued notice to Maddock Films Pvt Ltd, asking the makers or a pleader from their side to be present in court on Wednesday.

Goyal said he decided to move court after seeing the trailer and several scenes of *Bala*. "I had directed *The Beginning To Get Bald* in 2010 when I was a student of the New York Film Academy and it was released on Facebook. The movie had also won the award for best short film at the Mini Box Office international film festival 2010," Goyal said.

The civil suit comes even as another filmmaker Kamal Kant Chandra approached the Bombay High Court and then the Supreme Court alleging that the makers of *Bala* have plagiarised his concept.

The Supreme Court Monday directed the Bombay High Court to arrive at a resolution by November 8.

Chandra said he hopes to get a stay on *Bala* before its November 8 release.

Chandra said he met Ayushmann during the shooting

of *Bareilly Ki Barfi* and in September 2017 sent him the concept via WhatsApp. "I got a message from Ayushmann within an hour. He said he liked the concept and wanted a narration. As a struggling assistant director, I was very happy to receive positive feedback from a star. I decided to meet him with the script but I got a message from his manager that he was busy so I left the script with them but there was no response," Chandra told PTI.

He alleged that Ayushmann stopped responding to his messages and his manager told him that he was not interested in doing a movie on baldness. "I was surprised to hear the announcement that he was going to do a movie on the theme. I immediately sent them a legal notice," Chandra said.

Makers of *Bala* and Ayushmann could not be reached for comment. Ayushmann had earlier dismissed Chandra's claims. "I got the same idea from six different people. I'll just go with the person who is more credible. There was a film called 'Hair is Falling' in 2011 and there were a lot of films which were made on receding hairline but they were not successful," he had told reporters earlier.

'2 Singapore firms show interest in salvaging ship grounded off Goa coast'

Panaji: Goa government on Tuesday announced that two Singapore-based companies have expressed interest in salvaging and emptying the grounded Naptha tanker Nu Shi Nalin.

"We have got quotations from three (entities), and two of them have already surveyed the ship. The two companies are from Singapore," Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant told reporters. **ENS**

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5. Locomotor Disability
6. Cerebral Palsy
7. Autism Spectrum Disorder (previously known as Autism)
8. Intellectual Disability (previously known as Mental Retardation)
9. Mental illness
10. Dwarfism
11. Muscular Dystrophy
12. Acid Attack Victims
13. Speech and language Disabilities
14. Hard of Hearing
15. Specific learning Disabilities
16. Multiple Sclerosis
17. Parkinson's Disease
18. Chronic Neurological Condition
19. Haemophilia
20. Thalassemia
21. Sickle Cell Disease
22. Multiple Disabilities

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1.	Mr. Virendra Prasad Branch: Sonwan, Patna	Mr. Virendra Prasad	All that piece and parcel of the land and building along with present and future construction thereon. In the name of Mr. Virendra Prasad S/o Late Amirak Singh alias Roy, Area admeasuring 13 Dhur and 6 Dhurki, Sale deed No. 5599 dated 05.12.2007. Bearing Book No.1, Volume No.98, Page No.476-484, Khata no. 80, Khesra Survey No.54(P), Thana No.29, Tauzi-Bihar, Malsalami, Sub Registry- Patna City, District-Patna, Bihar, Bounded as per deed: On the North by- Siyaram Singh, On the South by- Lekhadhari, Part Varmit Plot, On the East by-Chinta Devi, On the West by- Mr. Raghunandan Singh.	09.05.2019 30.10.2019	₹ 12,37,504/- (Rs. Twelve lakh thirty seven thousand five hundred four only)
2.	M/s DK Industries Branch: Sonwan, Patna	Dharam Prakash Singh S/o Nawab Lal Singh	All that piece and parcel of the land and building along with present and future construction thereon. In the name of Dharam Prakash Singh, Area admeasuring 2.5 Katha, Registered Vide Deed No. 8053 dated 08.10.2015, Mauza-Mahuli, P.O-Kothia, P.S-Didarganj, Khata no. 09, Plot No.121, Thana No.26, Tauzi No-Bihar Government, District-Patna, Bounded as per deed: On the North by- Satya Prakash Yadav, On the South by-Sant Lal Yadav, On the East by-Niz, On the West by- Road.	30.07.2019 30.10.2019	₹ 15,80,198/- (Rs. Fifteen lakh eighty thousand one hundred ninety eight only)
3.	Shri Kumar Rajeev Ranjan and Shri Ranjit Singh Branch: Sonwan, Patna	Shri Kumar Rajeev Ranjan and Shri Ranjit Singh	All that piece and parcel of the land and building admeasuring 01 Katha 01 dhur, situated at Mauza-Mahamadpur, Baratpur, Pargana-Ajimabad, Thana-Didarganj, Dist-Patna Sub registry office-Patna City and District Registration Office Bankipore, Patna, Thana No.35, Tauzi No.17, Khata No.146, Khesra No.689(P), vide sale deed No.2914 dated 27.06.2007 in the name of Kumar Rajeev Ranjan and Ranjit Singh, Bounded as per deed: On the North by-Shiv Nath Singh, On the South by-Suresh Prasad, On the East by-Raksha Bandh, On the West by- Ramsewak Singh and Ors.	01.08.2019 30.10.2019	₹ 40,26,636/- (Rs. Forty lakh twenty six thousand six hundred thirty six only)

Date : 30.10.2019
Place : Patna

Authorised Officer
(Allahabad Bank)

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, खूँटी
सूचना
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल,खूँटी के द्वारा आमंत्रित ई. –प्रोक्योरमेन्ट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं.–WRD/ MID/KHUNTI/F2-29/2019-20 **Date :- 30.9.2019** “ चोंगा मध्यम सिंचाई योजना का जीर्णोद्धार कार्य, प्रखंड– सोनाहातू, जिला–राँची “, जो पी.आर. सं.–218392 (Minor Irrigation) (19–20)* D के द्वारा प्रकाशित है, को अपरिहार्य कारणवस स्थगित किया जाता है।
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, खूँटी
P.R.221551 Minor Irrigation(19-20):D

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELATE TRIBUNAL, DELHI
Appt. No. 318, IIIrd Floor, Hotel Samrat, Kauliyya Marg, Chanakypuri
New Delhi - 110 021

Appeal No. 222/2019
In O.A. No. 296/2017 (DRT-III, Delhi)

Union Bank of India
Appellant

Vs

Anju Jain & Ors.
Respondents

To		
1	Anju Jain W/o Sh. Rajesh Jain, R/o H-34, South Extension, Part-I, New Delhi - 110 049	Respondent 1
2	Rajesh Jain S/o, Sh. Rattan Chand Jain, R/o H-34, South Extension, Part-I, New Delhi - 110 049	Respondent 2
3	Rattan Chand Jain, S/o Lt. Sh. Lal Chand Jain R/o 19C, Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, Delhi - 110 002	Respondent 3

1. Take notice that an appeal from the order passed by the Presiding Officer of D.R.T. in the above case has been presented by the appellant on **04.04.2019** and is registered in the Tribunal. The matter was listed before Hon'ble D.R.A.T. on **05.09.2019**.

2. The above **Appeal No. 222/2019** is ordered to be place before the Registrar, D.R.A.T., Delhi on **07.11.2019** for hearing.

3. You may therefore remain present either in person or through your Counsel on the said date failing which the matter will be decided by this Appellate Tribunal on the basis of the material on record.

Give under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, this **30th day of September, 2019**.

Registrar

CORRIGENDUM

Attention of the concerned party and general public is invited to Auction Notice published in The Indian Express & Amar Ujala on 05.11.2019 in Sr. No. 1: MIS Govind Agro Foods in Property No. 9 in EMD AMOUNT (IN LAKH) 8.87 may please read as EMD AMOUNT (IN LAKH) 48.70 and Sale Date & TIME OF AUCTION in Property No. 2 & 9. 07.12.2019 11:00 PM To 12:00 PM may please read as 07.12.2019 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM. Sr. No. 2: M/s Mahesh Mercandise Pvt. Ltd in All Properties Date of Notice under section 13(2) Sarfrazai Act 10.06.2019 may please read as 06.06.2019, and Sr. No. 3: MIS Northmen Rice Mills Pvt. Ltd in Details of property land and building measuring 73 kanal - 15 Maria comprised in Khevat no. 280, Khatani no 310, Khazra no. 10/11/12 (7-17), 19 (4-10), 20 (8-0), 9/24/2 (1-0), 25 (8-0), 8/116 (8-0), 18/412 (2-4), 5/2 (7-0), 8/114/2 (2-4), 17/1 (3-12), 10/21 (8-0), 22 (3-2), 18/111 (5-0), 1/2 (3-18), 10/11 (10-14) registered with Lease Deed no 304 Dt 11.04.2017, S.R. Punjab & Supplementary Lease Deed Vaska no 991 Dt 12.05.2017 S.R. Punjab in favour of Shri Vardhaman Rice Mills Pvt Ltd. (Symbolic Possession) may please read as Land and building measuring 73 kanal - 15 Maria comprised in Khevat no. 280, Khatani no 310, Khazra no. 10/11/12 (7-17), 19 (4-10), 20 (8-0), 9/24/2 (1-0), 25 (8-0), 8/116 (8-0), 18/412 (2-4), 5/2 (7-0), 8/114/2 (2-4), 17/1 (3-12), 10/21 (8-0), 22 (3-2), 18/111 (5-0), 1/2 (3-18), 10/11 (10-14) registered with Lease Deed no 304 Dt 11.04.2017, S.R. Punjab & Supplementary Lease Deed Vaska no 991 Dt 12.05.2017 S.R. Punjab in favour of Shri Vardhaman Rice Mills Pvt Ltd. also includes Plant, Machinery and Accessories (Symbolic Possession) & Reserve price (IN IN LAKH) 1340.00 may please read as 1415.00, EMD AMOUNT (IN LAKH) 13.40 EMD AMOUNT (IN LAKH) 141.50 & Bid Increase Amount (IN LAKH) 1.00 may please read as Bid Increase Amount (IN LAKH) 10.00. Other terms and conditions of auction shall remain unchanged.

Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank

CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / REGULATION / RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS DUE TO TRAFFIC BLOCKS

In order to further upgrade the safety standards and infrastructure on Pathankot Cantt-Jammu Tawi section, Northern Railway will undertake the construction work of Limited Height Subway in lieu of Level Crossing no. C-20, C-26, C-32 and C-43 on Pathankot Cantt-Jammu Tawi section. To execute this work four Mega Traffic Blocks will be taken on 19.11.2019 & 26.11.2019. During the above mentioned Traffic Blocks the following trains will be affected as under:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)
12587 Gorakhpur-Jammu Tawi Amar Nath Express	18.11.19 and 26.11.19
15098 Jammu Tawi-Bhagalpur Amarnath Express	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
12919 Indore-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Malwa Express	18.11.19 and 25.11.19
12920 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Indore Malwa Express	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
15655 Kamakhya-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	17.11.19 and 24.11.19
15656 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Kamakhya Express	20.11.19 and 27.11.19
74909 Pathankot-Udhampur DMU	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
74910 Udhampur-Pathankot DMU	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
09021 Bandra Terminus-Jammu Tawi Special	18.11.19 and 25.11.19
09022 Jammu Tawi-Bandra Terminus Special	20.11.19 and 27.11.19
04401 Anand Vihar T.-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Special	18.11.19 and 25.11.19
04402 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Anand Vihar T. Special	19.11.19 and 26.11.19

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Train Name	Train to short terminate at / originate from	Train Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date from originating station
16031 Chennai Central-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Andaman Express	At Pathankot Cantt	Pathankot Cantt.-Shri Mata Vashno Devi Katra	17.11.19 and 24.11.19
12471 Bandra Terminus-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Swaraj Express	At Pathankot Cantt	Pathankot Cantt.-Shri Mata Vashno Devi Katra	18.11.19 and 25.11.19
12472 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra -Bandra Terminus Swaraj Express	From Pathankot Cantt	Shri Mata Vashno Devi Katra -Pathankot Cantt.	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
19415 Ahmedabad-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	At Pathankot	Pathankot.-Shri Mata Vashno Devi Katra	17.11.19 and 24.11.19
19416 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Ahmedabad Express	From Pathankot	Shri Mata Vashno Devi Katra -Pathankot	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
19225 Bhatinda Jn.-Jammu Tawi Express	At Pathankot	Pathankot.-Jammu Tawi	18.11.19 and 25.11.19
19224 Jammu Tawi-Ahmedabad Express	From Pathankot	Jammu Tawi-Pathankot	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
12237 Varanasi-Jammu Tawi Express	At Pathankot Cantt	Pathankot Cantt.-Jammu Tawi	18.11.19 and 25.11.19
12238 Jammu Tawi-Varanasi Express	From Pathankot Cantt	Jammu Tawi-Pathankot Cantt.	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
19223 Ahmedabad-Jammu Tawi Express	At Pathankot	Pathankot.-Jammu Tawi	18.11.19 and 25.11.19
19226 Jammu Tawi-Bhatinda Jn Express	From Pathankot	Jammu Tawi-Pathankot	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
74906 Udhampur-Pathankot DMU	At Jammu Tawi	Jammu Tawi-Pathankot	19.11.19 and 26.11.19
74907 Pathankot-Udhampur DMU	From Jammu Tawi	Pathankot-Jammu Tawi	19.11.19 and 26.11.19

REGULATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Train Name	Time/Period of Regulation
14034 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Delhi Express	Train will be regulated for 75 minutes between Jammu Tawi-Chhan Arorian stations on 19.11.19 and 26.11.19
18101 Tatanagar-Jammu Tawi Muri Express	Train will be regulated for 130 Minutes each at Delhi, Ambala Cantt & Firozpur stations on 17.11.19 and 25.11.19

RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS

18102 Jammu Tawi-Tatanagar Muri Express will depart from Jammu Tawi at 16.45 hrs. instead of 14.20 hrs. on 19.11.19 & 26.11.19.

16032 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Chennai Central Andaman Express will depart from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 23.55 hrs. instead of 21.55 hrs. on 19.11.19 & 26.11.19.

Note:- For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

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Ex-commanding officer of TSD opts for premature retirement

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5

COLONEL HUNNY Bakshi, former Commanding Officer of Technical Support Division (TSD), a Military Intelligence unit set up in 2010 when General V K Singh was the Chief of Army Staff, retired from service on Tuesday after opting for premature retirement.

Colonel Bakshi had earlier been sought to be tried by the Army through a General Court Martial on charges of mishandling classified information among other charges. However, when his trial convened in Ambala after a prolonged pre-trial investigation process, all charges against him were dropped when the court accepted his plea in bar.

The functioning of TSD had come under a cloud after allegations of impropriety, and it was disbanded after the retirement of General Singh.

Colonel Bakshi had protested in the court martial saying that he was not provided documents to establish his defence and lead evidence. He had also said that he was not being given adequate opportunity to cross-examine witnesses. "Principles of natural justice, as envisioned in Army Rule 180, were not complied with during the COI," his counsel had contended.

The trial had been convened on two charges under Section 69 of the Army Act read with Section 5 of the Official Secrets Act and Section 63 of the Army Act. It was alleged that Colonel Bakshi, while being in control of sensitive information that could affect security of the state, failed to take reasonable care to safeguard it, resulting in its disclosure by an NCO of the unit, Havildar Sham Das, to unauthorised persons.

CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD
Tender Notice No. CON/2019/OGT/11. Open tender through e-tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works:- Tender No. CE/CON/A-S/MIS/2019/01; Name of work: Construction of Approach Road to Goods Circulating area, Road under Bridge, RCC Box culvert etc. Approx. value: ₹20,74,42,053.37. E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs. on 29-11-2019 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 29-11-2019. For Details Please visit www.ireps.gov.in. For Chief Engineer/Con/S NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY (Construction Organisation) "Serving Customers with a smile"

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TEMP. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION (E/M), U.P. JAL NIGAM, MORADABAD
Letter No. -3230 /निविदा / 198 Dated-02.11.2019
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited U.P. Jal Nigam Lucknow from registered contractor in class C or above in Electrical & Mechanical works including supply and installation of pumping plant in U.P. Jal Nigam for S.I.T.C of Submersible pumping plant and its accessories for different Water Supply Scheme District Bijnore & Moradabad. The tender document shall be available on e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, from dated 20.11.2019 10:00 am onwards interested contractor can download the above tender document and upload their tender duly filled from dated 20.11.2019 to 02.12.2019 upto 05:00 pm on above e-procurement website. First Cover (Technical) shall be opened on dated 03.12.2019 at 11:30 am in the office of Executive Engineer Temp. Construction Division (E/M) U.P. Jal Nigam Moradabad in presence of intending tenderers if any. Tender cost **Rs. 2000.00 + 18% GST** (Non-refundable) in the form of demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer Temp. Construction Division (E/M) U.P. Jal Nigam Moradabad will be uploaded with tender. Others terms and condition can also be seen on U.P. Jal Nigam website www.upjn.org and e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in> in tender document.

Detention centre lacking, Bengaluru police launch drive against illegal Bangla immigrants

JOHNSON TA
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 5

POLICE IN Bengaluru have launched a drive to arrest and detain alleged illegal Bangladeshi residents at the instance of the new BJP government in Karnataka. This despite the lack of a functioning detention centre to house alleged illegal immigrants.

The question of lack of facilities to detain such alleged immigrants until deportation came up in the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday, with a single-judge bench directing the state home ministry to place on record the arrangements. Justice KN Phaneendra's direction came in the course of a bail plea filed by two alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh who were arrested in rural Bengaluru in August 2018.

The alleged large-scale presence of illegal Bangladeshis in Bengaluru has become a political issue and source of confusion

since the BJP came to power in July, with Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai saying that a National Register of Citizens will be introduced and Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao warning against sheltering suspected immigrants.

Prodded by the state government, police on October 25 detained 60 alleged illegal Bangladeshi residents from two pockets in east and south-east Bengaluru, where the majority of Bangladeshi immigrants live, often working as ragpickers for the corporation and domestic help at private homes.

Among those detained are 24 women and 16 children. The police have filed two cases under Foreigners Act 1946 and Section 370 of the IPC for trafficking.

Sources said the police began the crackdown under pressure from the state government to demonstrate implementation of the political policy of the BJP to weed out illegal Bangladeshis.

"A large number of people has

EXPLAINED
Police tasked with deportation

THE ENTIRE responsibility of ensuring the deportation of alleged illegal Bangladeshi immigrants arrested in Bengaluru over the last couple of weeks has been given to Bengaluru Police, officials from the Foreigners Regional Registration Office of the MHA said. The MHA will issue 'leave India' notices to them when all procedures are completed.

come from other countries, especially Bangladesh, and settled in Bengaluru and other cities of

Karnataka," Bommai said in statements espousing an NRC on the lines of the Assam NRC. "We are collecting information and will discuss with the Union minister the road ahead," Bommai said last month.

The BJP in Karnataka has often alleged the presence of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh on a large scale. In the HC this week, state authorities however indicated that official records show the presence of only 373 (without the recent 60 detentions) illegal residents from Bangladesh, with 127 released on bail.

"We raised the issue on several occasions, even in the state legislature. Lakhs of Bangladeshis have come into the state. We said this when Parameshwara (Congress leader) was home minister. They never took it seriously," former BJP CM Jagadish Shettar said.

The police have claimed that the crackdown is part of a bid to prevent crime. "To curb crime, the city crime branch has launched efforts to find illegal immigrants

and deport them. A special drive was carried out on October 25, where 60 people were detained. Procedures have been initiated to deport them. All the detainees are illegal Bangladeshi immigrants," police said in a statement.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao also issued a warning to the public against harbouring illegal immigrants, triggering apprehension in areas with Bengali workers.

"There are Bangladeshis staying in the country illegally without documents. They can be involved in anti-national activities. We will initiate criminal conspiracy cases against those who harbour such people," Rao said, while some residents' associations in east Bengaluru sought police help in verifying credentials of workers.

With a proposed detention centre — for foreigners awaiting deportation, and those accused of crime waiting to be sent back to their country of origin — not yet operational in Bengaluru, all the detainees have been housed

in the Bengaluru prison (the men) and state homes (for women and children).

A proposed detention centre intended as a "foreigners movement restriction centre" ahead of deportation procedures is not operational in Bengaluru on account of confusion among agencies in the state and Centre on security, costs and maintenance at a 40-bed social welfare department hostel which has been converted into a detention centre, Karnataka officials said.

"The foreigners restriction centre is not meant to detain illegal immigrants who have no documents to determine their country of origin. It is basically for people whose nationalities are established and are awaiting deportation," a senior government official said.

"If there are court directions, then the restriction centre can be used as a detention centre for illegal immigrants as well, but there is the question of how long people can be detained if their home country refuses to accept them."

Man who set Telangana revenue officer on fire not a farmer: police

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 5

A DAY after a man set a Telangana mandal revenue officer (MRO) on fire after she refused to entertain his pleas, police on Tuesday said the attacker was not a farmer, but an auto-rickshaw driver who was trying to recover the land his father had sold off a decade ago.

On Monday, Kura Suresh met Abdullapurmet MRO P Vijaya Reddy to get the land registered in his name. After she refused, Suresh allegedly poured petrol on the officer and burnt her to death. Reddy's driver, S Gururatnam, tried to save her but he too succumbed to his injuries Tuesday morning.

Suresh, who suffered 60 per cent burns when he poured petrol on Reddy, is also critical. Rachakonda Police Commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat told *The Indian Express* that Gururatnam was severely burnt when he tried to save the officer. "He is from Suryapet and we are making arrange-



Relatives of P Vijaya Reddy (left) at her residence, in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The officer's driver also succumbed to his injuries Tuesday morning. PTI

ments to send the body to his native place. The accused Suresh is also critical and we have not been able to question him..." he said.

Officials said Suresh's name does not figure in any of the land records that were found in the

MRO's office.

A police officer said, "Suresh was not a farmer as he had been claiming in front of officials at the MRO office. He was an auto-rickshaw driver and a resident of Gowreli village. His father had sold off four of the seven acres he owned in neighbouring

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(POWER WING)
Corrigendum-3 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Dtd.: 30.10.2019
NIT No. 460/PHD/BH-I/469 Dated : 15.07.2019
Name of work:- Chief Engineer / System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plant) Dte., BBMB (PW), Flat No. 75 SLDG Complex, BBMB, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh, Tel-Fax: 0172-2637035
Name of Work : Procurement of 2 no., 5 Tonne capacity, heavy duty Monorail wire rope Electric Hoist, one each at forebay at Gangauli and Kotla Power Houses.
Tender documents Download Start Date & Time 19.07.2019 from 1100 Hrs.
Tender document Download End Date & Time 02.12.2019 upto 1700 Hrs.
Last date & time of online bid submission 03.12.2019 upto 1700 Hrs.
Date & time of online bid opening 04.12.2019 from 1100 Hrs. onwards
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NOTICE INVITING AGENCIES FOR PROVIDING COMPLETE SOLUTIONS REGARDING PLACEMENT OF HAFED CONSUMER PRODUCTS ON E-COMMERCE PORTALS

The Haryana State Cooperative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd., popularly known as HAFED invites an Expression of Interest from reputed agencies to be engaged for providing end-to-end solution w.r.t. placement of Hafed Consumer Products on popular E-Commerce.

Expression of Interest (EOI) containing scope of work, eligibility criteria, preparation of proposals and procedure of selection can be downloaded from Hafed website i.e. <http://hafed.gov.in/>.

Interested agencies should submit their proposals along with presentation for participation in the bid on 20th November, 2019 at 11.30 A.M. in the Conference room of Hafed Corporate Office, Sector-5, Panchkula. For any clarification / details, contact 0172 - 2590520-26 (Ext.-204) or email at hafedmarketing1@gmail.com. Hafed reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason.

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
HAFED CORPORATE OFFICE,
SECTOR-5 PANCHKULA - 134019.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. XI, I&FC Department, Govt. of Delhi of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Percentage Rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works and the Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
1. NIT No: EE/CD-XI/NIT-22/2019-20
Name of work:- Development of park on land of Left Bank of Supplementary Drain near RD 33500m (U/S & D/S of Khedi Baba Bridge), RD 33600m & RD 34100m. Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,55,85,058/- Earnest Money: Rs. 3,11,701/- Period of completion: 5 Years, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m. on 08.11.2019. (Tender I.D.- 2019.JFC.18309.1) DIP/Shabdarth/094/1/19-20

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, FIRST CIRCLE U.P. JAL NIGAM, MEERUT
Letter No. 2458/731/157 Dated 1-11-19
TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender is invited for the execution of work in Jarauda Village Water Supply Scheme under "NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (SAGY)" programme District Meerut, as per following date schedule:-
Sl.No., Activity, Original Date 1- Uploading bid document at website - 14-11-2019 at 17:00 Hrs. 2- Online submission of e-bids - 15-11-2019 to 24-11-2019 at 17:00 Hrs. 3- Submission of E-tender Fee / Earnest Money would be deposited by RTGS - Up to 22-11-2019 at 15:00 Hrs. 4- Opening of application for pre-qualification- 25-11-2019 at 15:30 Hrs. 5- Opening of application of pre-qualified bids- 27-11-2019 at 12:30 Hrs.
Tender cost in Rs. 10000.00 with 18% GST. The detailed description of this tender has been obtained from website www.upjn.org or concerned office.

Coal India Limited
A Maharatna Company
Notice for EOI
Notice No. : CIL/TS-DT/Solar/EOI/001/2019/1386 dated 04.11.2019.
Expression of Interest is invited for engagement of solar Power Developer and Operator to set up 100MWp capacity solar Power Project in the state of Chhattisgarh for captive consumption purpose. Necessary details of information can be downloaded from CIL's website www.coalindiadependers.nic.in, www.eprocure.gov.in, with effect from 06.11.2019. There will be no physical sale of documents.
General Manager (M)/TS-DT

North Eastern Railway
Tender Notice No. EL-WS-GKP-2019-10
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Workshop, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" E-Tender through online (e-tendering) for the following work:
Tender No. & Description of Work : EL-WS-GKP-2019-10, Provision of power supply arrangement for PU Painting system in Mechanical workshop, Gorakhpur. Approx. Value : Rs. 1,85,16,585.04. E.M.D. Money : Rs. 2,42,600.00. Cost of Tender Form : Rs. 5,000/-. Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter : 04 Months.
• E-tender online will be submitted upto 15:00 Hrs. on dated 28.11.2019.
• For full details and submission of bid, please see the Indian Railways IREPS official website www.ireps.gov.in.
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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING
JAWAHAR BIHARI, 6th FLOOR, ASHOK MARG, LUCKNOW
No: ME-4/2019/3370 Dated 30 October, 2019
E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM
The E-Tender notice invited by Principal, Medical College Jhansi by letter no.-4952/E-Tender/Housekeeping/2019, dated 20 September, 2019 to select the service provider agency for housekeeping and sanitation at Government Medical College, Jhansi. This two bid system invited E-tender is hereby extended further due to some unavoidable circumstances. The dates are now as follows:-
1- Date of submission of bid and providing hard copy- 19-11-2019 at 5:00 pm.
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Director General

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MAIN Portal : <https://mahatenders.gov.in>, Departmental Portal : www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in
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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender in Rs.	Earnest Money Amount in Rs	Blank Tender form amount in Rs	Time limit for Completion of Work
1.	Strengthening of Road to Jetty at Revas Tal. Alibag Dist. Raigad.	4,41,57,515/-	2,21,000/-	2,360/-	18 Months (Including Monsoon)
2.	Repairs to Bander road from Gogate Clinic to Vijaydurg Bander at Vijaydurg Tal. Devgad Dist. Sindhudurg.	60,77,084/-	61,000/-	1,180/-	9 Months (Including Monsoon)
3.	Construction of Jetty at Amtem, Tal. Pen Dist. Raigad.	7,95,302/-	8,000/-	590/-	9 Months (Including Monsoon)

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The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason is reserved.
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Body of woman found in sack in UP village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, NOVEMBER 5

AN UNIDENTIFIED body of a woman was found in a sack in a Bulandshahr village on Tuesday. The woman bore no visible injury marks and had fresh henna on her hands and feet, police said. A case was filed under Section 302 (murder) against unidentified accused at Galauti police station.

"We received information from residents in Isapur that a body was found in a jungle on the outskirts of the village. It was dumped in a white sack. The woman appears to have been in her early 20s. No identification was found alongside her. We are questioning villagers to ascertain her identity and looking for possible eye-witnesses," said a police official.

According to police, the body was allegedly dumped early Tuesday to avoid any witness. They have prima facie ruled out sexual violence because her clothes were intact and she did not bear signs of struggle. The woman also did not have wounds suggesting an attack, police said. While the post-mortem report is awaited, the police suspect the woman was murdered hours before the body was found. Initial leads suggest that she did not belong to the area, police said.

Andhra revokes order to rename Kalam award

Hyderabad: After severe backlash, the Andhra Pradesh government revoked the order to change the name of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Pratibha Puraskar to YSR Vidya Puraskar, on Tuesday. "After the matter came to his notice, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy ordered officials to revoke the order to change Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Pratibha Puraskar to YSR Vidya Puraskar. The CM warned that the awards should continue in the name of the former president," a statement from the CM's office said.

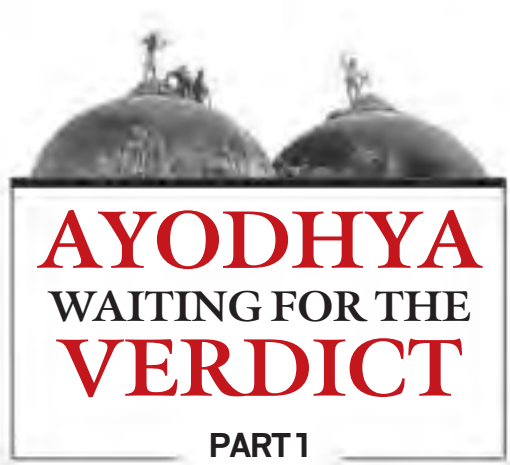
On Monday, the YSRC government in AP issued an order to rename Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Pratibha Puraskar Awards as YSR Vidya Puraskar. A government order to this effect was issued on November 4 by the School Education Department. "The Government of Andhra Pradesh in its endeavour to promote quality and excellence in education has introduced the scheme of Pratibha Awards. Under this scheme, meritorious students who excel in SSC public examinations will be awarded with merit certificates, a memento and scholarships to meet the cost of higher education," the order states.

The awards would be given on the occasion of National Education Day. The Opposition Telugu Desam Party had criticised the government for renaming the award. "Y S Jagan's government changing APJ Kalam Pratibha Puraskar to YSR Vidya Puraskar is a shocking method of self-aggrandizement at the cost of disrespecting a much venerated man," said TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu.

SIMPLY PUT **QUESTION & ANSWER**

Issues in Ayodhya title suit

In its upcoming verdict on the Ayodhya dispute, the Supreme Court will decide on the 2010 ruling of the Allahabad High Court that had directed a three-way partition of the disputed land. What were the questions the High Court had examined, leading to the appeals in the Supreme Court?



APURVA VISHWANATH & KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

THE SUPREME Court's verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute is expected soon. It will be on appeals against a verdict by a three-judge Bench of the Allahabad High Court in 2010. Justice Sibghat Ullah Khan, Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Justice Dharam Veer Sharma had held that the three parties — Bhagwan Ramlalla Virajman, Nirmohi Akhara and Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board — were in joint possession of the disputed 2.77 acres of land in Ayodhya in the absence of a better title, and had directed a three-way partition.

In doing so, the Allahabad High Court had broadly dealt with eight significant issues that involve over 30 questions in connection with the civil suit. A look at how the High Court had ruled on these eight issues, which are central to the appeal in the Supreme Court:

Is the claim made by the Hindu side in 1989, particularly by the deity Ramlalla Virajman, time-barred?

While the law of limitation extinguishes a party's right to property if they do not file a claim within six years, all three judges on the Allahabad Bench agreed that the suit filed on behalf of Ram Lalla is not barred by limitation. They agreed that even if the suits were time-barred, the Code of Civil Procedure requires that the court pronounce judgment on all issues, irrespective of its finding on a preliminary issue. The two suits filed by Nirmohi Akhara and Sunni Waqf Board were held to be time-barred.

Does a suit filed in 1885 settle the question of land possession?

In 1885, Mahant Raghubar Das had filed a suit seeking permission to build a temple in the Ram Chabutara area. Mohammad Ashgar, who claimed to be the Mutawali of the Babri mosque, opposed the suit. While he did object to demarcation of the land by a few inches, he did not raise substantial objections. The suit was dismissed; the court was of the opinion that granting permission to build a temple would amount to laying the foundation of a riot between the two communities.

On behalf of Ram Lalla, the argument was that the 1885 suit operated as *res judicata* — or a settled point of law which cannot be adjudicated again. In 2010, Justice Khan held that the order had been essentially a *status quo* order and did not decide on any legal issues, and hence cannot bind the Muslim side. Justice Sharma held that since the Mahant and the Mutawali could not be said to have contested on behalf of all parties who have an interest in the dispute, it cannot be binding on the parties.

When was the structure built, by whom, and who was in possession of the land?

The Hindu side argued that it was always

in possession of the land, and was displaced only in 1949 when the premises were sealed and attached by the district magistrate of Faizabad. They argued that a mosque was built by emperor Babur. The Muslim side argued that the mosque was built in 1528 by Babur's commander Mir Baqi, who dedicated it as Sunni waqf property, and that they were in possession since then.

Justice Khan and Justice Agarwal held that there is no conclusive evidence to support either claim. Justice Khan relied on a 1786 account by Joseph Tiefenthaler, a European geographer, to say that the structure was built before 1786 but that there is no reliable historical evidence to conclude that it was built in 1528. Justice Sharma held that the structure was built by Mir Baqi at Babur's command but it cannot be held conclusively that this was in 1528.

Was the mosque built on the site of an ancient Hindu temple?

The three judges had different views on this. Justice Khan held that no temple was demolished for building the mosque, but that it was constructed over the ruins of temples that had been lying there for a very long time, and that some of that material was used in the construction. He held that Hindus earlier believed that in a very large area of the disputed premises is a very small part that is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Ram, and subsequently Hindus started identifying the disputed premises as the exact birthplace, or as a place wherein the exact birthplace was situated. Justice Khan held that Ram Chabutra and Sita Rasoi were in existence before 1855, and Hindu worshippers offered prayers there. This formed the basis of the court's decision to grant joint possession of the land.

Justice Agarwal held that the building was not exclusively used by members of the Muslim community, and that, after 1856-57, the outer courtyard was exclusively used by Hindus while the inner courtyard was visited for worship by members of both communities.

Justice Sharma conclusively held that the masjid was built on the ruins of a Hindu temple. He relied on Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) findings that 265 inscriptions found on December 6, 1992, after demolition of the structure, and other architectural remains leave no room for doubt that the inscription is written in the Devanagari script of the 11th and 12th centuries. He also relied on the report and testimony of Dr Rakesh Tiwari, former director-general of the ASI, that an old temple had been demolished and the masjid was constructed there.

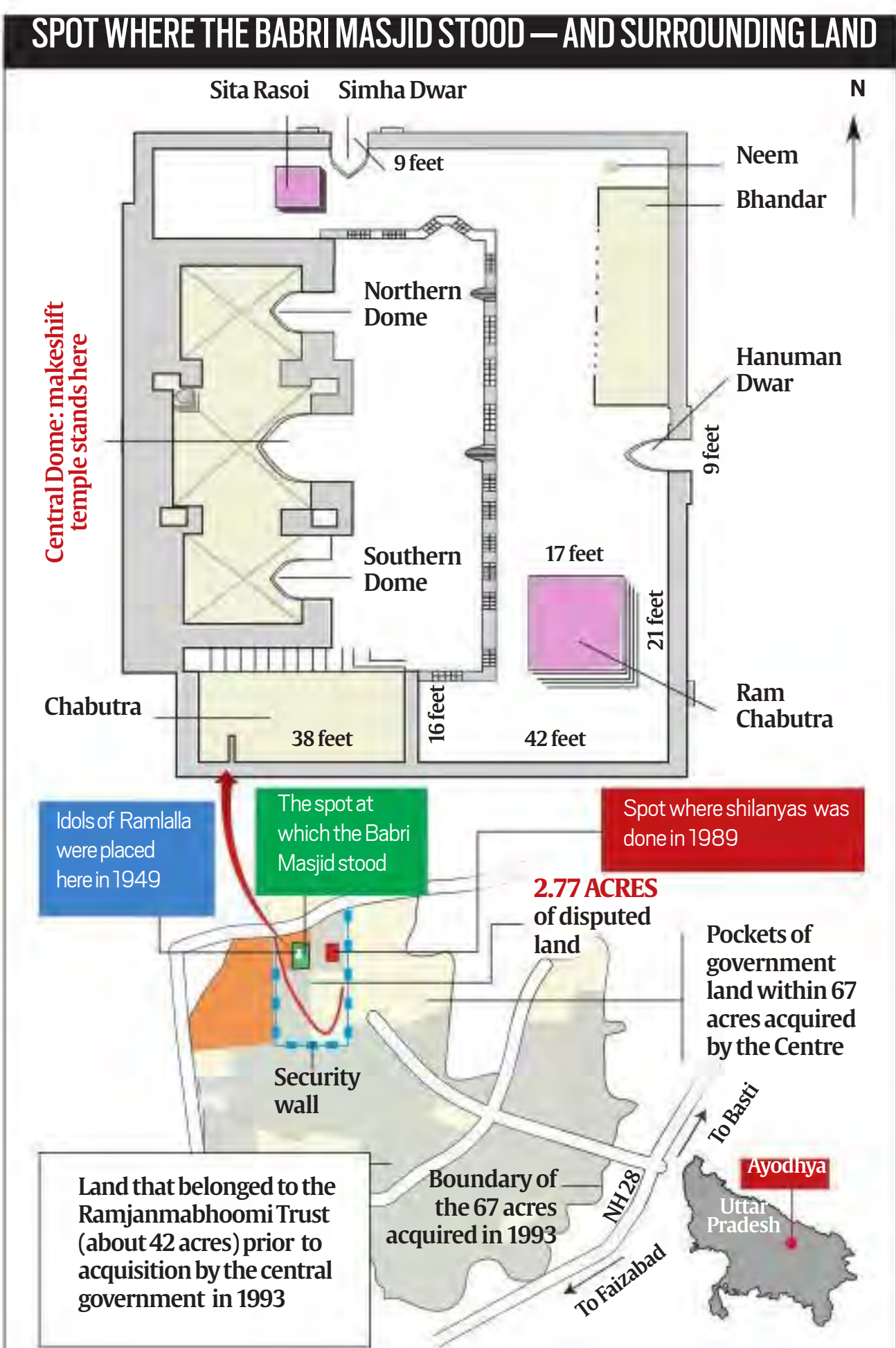
Were idols and objects of worship placed on the night of December 22-23, 1949, or were these already there?

Justice Khan and Justice Sharma agreed that these were placed on the pulpit inside the mosque for the first time that night, while Justice Agarwal held that it cannot be proved that these were placed that exact day. Justice Agarwal cited evidence that even before December 22, 1949, there were idols and objects of worship at Ram Chabutra, on the outer courtyard.

Did the outer courtyard include Ram Chabutra, Bhandar and Sita Rasoi? Were these demolished in 1992?

Based on maps of 1885 and 1950, all three judges agreed that these structures existed on the outer courtyard. The parties agreed that these were demolished on December 6, 1992.

Justice Khan referred to Tiefenthaler, the geographer who had visited the area between



IN THE COURTS, 1885 TO 2019

1885-86 The sub-judge and district judge of Faizabad dismiss a suit by Mahant Raghubar Das seeking to build a temple on the land in Ayodhya (on the courtyard where the Ram Chabutra stands) adjoining the Babri mosque.

1949 On December 22-23 that year, idols of Lord Ram and other objects of worship appear under the central dome of the Babri Masjid.

1950 Two suits are filed before the Faizabad district court by Gopal Visharad (Suit 1) seeking permanent mandatory injunction restraining Muslims from removing idols of Lord Ram.

1959 Nirmohi Akhara files a suit (Suit 3) against Baboo Priya Ram Dutt for possession of the entire property (both inner and outer courtyards) arguing that they were dispossessed of the property in 1949 after the property was entrusted to Dutt, the receiver appointed by the government.

1961 The UP Sunni Central Waqf Board, and 9 Muslims of Ayodhya file a suit (Suit 4) against Gopal Visharad (plaintiff of the first suit), Mahant of Nirmohi Akhara, and 22 others seeking a declaration of the title.

1986 District Judge of Faizabad orders removal of barriers, locks and brick-grill wall for Hindus to worship the idols.

1989 Bhagwan Sri Ramlalla Virajman at Sri Ram Janam Bhoomi Ayodhya, Asthan Sri Ram Janam Bhoomi, Ayodhya file a title suit (Suit 5) represented by "next friend" Deoki Nandan Agarwala, a former judge of the Allahabad High Court.

2010 Allahabad High Court holds that the three parties—Bhagwan Ramlalla Virajman, Nirmohi Akhara and UP Sunni Central Waqf Board — are in joint possession of the disputed 2.77 acres of land in the absence of a better title, and direct a three-way partition.

1766 and 1771 and had noted the existence of Ram Chabutra. Justice Khan held that it must have been there before that time. Its existence is noticed in several subsequent gazetteers' reports etc. On the other hand it is inconceivable, Justice Khan held, that at the time of construction of the mosque, a worshipping place of Hindus would have been either permitted to remain inside the boundary wall or permitted to be constructed. He held that the only thing that can be said is that it came into existence before Tiefenthaler's visit but after construction of the mosque.

Who had possession and title of the property?

Justice Agarwal held that the inner courtyard did not remain in possession of any of the parties exclusively. On the outer courtyard, he held that the right of prayer had been perfected by Hindus, having continued exclusively for more than a century; however, this would not apply to the inner courtyard.

Justice Sharma held that on the basis of revenue waqf records, it was not proved that Muslims remained in exclusive possession of the property. He said there were several figures of Hindu gods and goddesses on the pillars inside the mosque, which show that the property was open and not in exclusive possession of Muslims. He said Muslims cannot claim adverse possession against the property because it was an open place and everybody was visiting it, including Muslims. He concluded that Hindus have proved that they were worshipping even after the structure was constructed, and that they were in exclusive possession of the outer courtyard.

Justice Khan held that while Muslims have not been able to prove that the land belonged to Babur under whose orders the mosque was constructed, Hindus have not been able to prove that there was any existing temple at the place where the mosque was built after demolishing the temple. He concluded that both parties were/are joint title-holders in possession of the disputed premises.

Is the Babri Masjid a valid mosque?

Justice Agarwal held that for the last more than two-and-a-half centuries and at least about 200 years before the present dispute arose in 1950, the building has always been known as a "mosque". He observed that whenever Hindu parties contested a case, they have throughout called it a mosque and there has not been any change to this stand until at least 1950.

Justice Sharma said that on historical account, it was established that the mosque was built after demolishing a temple. He concluded that the recovery of 265 artifacts fully establish that damaged parts of the old Hindu temple in the form of building material were reused in construction of the mosque, against the tenets of Islam.

Justice Khan held that it cannot be said that the mosque was not a valid mosque having been constructed over the land of someone else. He concluded that while use of the material of the ruined temple cannot be said to be desirable, it is not such that it renders the mosque to be not a mosque in the eyes of the law.

Drawing of site is indicative and not to scale. Drawing of plot (not to scale) where Babri Masjid stood is based on a plan prepared in 1950 in the court of Civil Judge, Faizabad, and reproduced in the order of the Allahabad High Court.

TOMORROW
HOW THE TWO SIDES CONTESTED THE HIGH COURT VERDICT IN THE SUPREME COURT

BJP and Sena in Maharashtra: history of a difficult relationship

VISHWAS WAGHMODE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 5

TWELVE DAYS after the BJP and Shiv Sena together won 161 seats in the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, the pre-poll allies have not been able to form their government, as the Sena has made demands that the BJP has found difficult to accommodate.

Despite being partners for the major part of three decades, the relationship between the parties has been under almost constant strain — this is because the ideological affinity that brings them together also pits them against each other in a contest for broadly the same political space.

Thirty years ago

Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections of 1989, the Sena and BJP forged their first pre-poll alliance on the Hindutva platform. For the BJP, the key interlocutor was Pramod Mahajan, who had good equations with Sena founder Bal Thackeray. The BJP did not have a presence in Maharashtra at the time, and hoped to piggyback on the regional ally; the Sena wanted to harness the BJP's Hindutva appeal for gains in what was then a Congress stronghold.

As the national party, the BJP contested

more seats in the Lok Sabha election (1989), and agreed to leave the bigger share for the Sena in the Assembly polls the following year. Of the 183 seats the Sena contested, it won 52; the BJP won 42 of its 104. Manohar Joshi became Leader of Opposition but was soon challenged by Chhagan Bhujbal of his own party; in 1991, Bhujbal joined the Congress, and the post went to the BJP.

Bickering in power

The saffron allies leveraged the December 1992 demolition of the Babri Masjid and the March 1993 Bombay blasts in a communally charged, polarising campaign against the Congress in the Assembly election of 1995. The Sena won 73 seats and the BJP 65 — and in accordance with Bal Thackeray's formula that the ally with the higher number of seats would have its Chief Minister, Joshi got the top job and Gopinath Munde of the BJP became his deputy and Home Minister.

The two parties quarrelled frequently over policy — and the alliance was shaken after Raj Thackeray, then the Sena's rising star and Thackeray's political heir apparent, came under a cloud in the Ramesh Kini case of 1996. (Raj Thackeray, accused in the alleged conspiracy to drive Kini to suicide, was later acquitted.)

Tensions out of power

The allies fought the Assembly elections of 1999 together, but each tried to defeat the other's candidates so that it could win more seats than its ally and claim the chief ministership. The Sena ended up with 69 MLAs against the BJP's 56, and believed that the remaining numbers could be made up subsequently. But the BJP was not keen, and there was talk that Munde wanted to become Chief Minister.

The allies negotiated unsuccessfully for 23 days, at the end of which Sharad Pawar's NCP, which had broken away from the Congress months earlier, formed a coalition government with the Congress with Vilasrao Deshmukh as Chief Minister. During the long

spell in the Opposition that followed, the Sena and BJP could not agree on many issues — and the permanent state of tension was captured in Mahajan's ambition to see a "*shat-pratishat* (100%) BJP" Maharashtra, and Thackeray's retort that "Kamalabai was blooming in the state only because of Shiv Sena".

Even so, the parties decided to get back together for the Assembly elections of 2004 — and the Sena won 62 seats; BJP 54. In 2005, Narayan Rane, a former Chief Minister of the Sena-BJP government, walked over to the Congress from the Sena along with a dozen MLAs, and the BJP made an unsuccessful bid for the post of Leader of Opposition.

In 2009, as the Congress-NCP stormed back to power, the saffron tally dropped

sharply. But for the first time in 20 years, the BJP's 46 seats were two more than the Sena's tally in the Assembly — and the BJP had the post of Leader of Opposition.

Change in the balance

In 2002, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee asked for "raj dharma" to be followed in Gujarat, Thackeray had backed the then Chief Minister of the state: "*Modi gaya toh Gujarat gaya*," the Sena supremo had said. It is ironic that it was the rise of the new "Hindu Hriday Samrat" in Narendra Modi that tilted the balance in the Maharashtra alliance decisively towards the BJP.

Emboldened by the Modi wave in the Lok Sabha elections of 2014, the BJP sought to drive a hard seat-sharing bargain for the Assembly polls — which ended with the parties going on their own for the first time in 25 years. As the Congress and NCP too had split, multicorner election battles followed. The Sena won 63 seats, the BJP 122, and Devendra Fadnavis became Chief Minister. After sitting in the Opposition for some time, the Sena joined the government and was given 12 mostly insignificant portfolios.

Compelled to play second fiddle in the alliance, the Sena repeatedly attacked the BJP even while it was part of governments at both the Centre and the state — on demon-

etisation, Rafale, and the implementation of farm loan waivers in Maharashtra. Uddhav Thackeray said that the Sena had "wasted" a quarter century with the BJP, and the parties contested the BMC elections of 2017 separately amid a lot of bitterness.

Sena's unexpected prize

As the Lok Sabha elections of 2019 approached, both parties felt a need to get back together. In February, Fadnavis announced that there would be equal sharing of "post and responsibilities" in the state government, among other things. The results, however, underlined the enduring strength of Modi's appeal — and the Sena accepted a smaller share of seats in the Assembly polls, while the BJP dropped hints about eyeing a majority on its own.

But the Assembly results were very different. The BJP's tally fell to 105 from the 122 it won in 2014, and the Sena, despite coming down from 63 to 56 itself, was suddenly back in a position to call the shots. With the BJP now dependent on the Sena, Uddhav said on the day of the results that he wanted a 50-50 powersharing formula — including the CM post, as had been decided before the Lok Sabha elections.

The term of the current Assembly ends on November 9.



LOST OPPORTUNITY

Government should have used its formidable political capital to blunt the opposition to RCEP, push its way through

AFTER MONTHS OF uncertainty, India has chosen to hold back from joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade agreement, turning its back on one of the most dynamic regions in the world. Certain segments which lobbied against the deal might be relieved at the outcome, but the loss to the economy far exceeds the short-term perceived benefits of staying out of the pact. While the political rhetoric continues to centre around free trade, the government's action signals a distinct shift towards a protectionist stance.

Much of the domestic opposition to joining the RCEP is rooted in the fear that the influx of cheap Chinese products, non-tariff barriers which tend to restrict market access, and cheaper dairy products from New Zealand would worsen the already ballooning trade deficit and dent the domestic industry. To be fair, these are legitimate concerns. There are reasonable arguments to be made that certain sectors, agriculture in particular, would need safeguards. Though the details of these negotiations are not yet known, the Indian side should have made greater effort to convince other countries for carve-outs for certain sectors, and for allowing a gradual phasing out of tariffs to ease domestic fears. New Delhi should have used this as an opportunity to push through contentious but necessary reforms that would boost competitiveness. But, by deciding not to join, it has succumbed to the protectionist impulses that have guided much of its recent trade moves. While it is possible that the deeper than expected slowdown in the economy may have tilted the balance in favour of not joining, a certain policy incoherence marks this government's approach. On the one hand, it wants India to become a manufacturing hub. Yet, staying out of the RCEP reduces opportunities for trading with these countries, which together account for roughly a third of global trade. Manufacturing today requires greater integration with global supply chains. Signing the agreement would have signalled an embrace of freer trade, which could have aided in the shift of companies out of China to India. But the move has complicated India's course to integrate into global value chains. With this, India has also ceded space to China to have greater say in the region.

Ultimately, it was a political call. In the presence of stiff opposition, Prime Minister Narendra Modi should have marshalled his formidable political capital amassed by winning two consecutive elections, and with enhanced majority, to seal the deal. As a persuasive communicator, Modi, with the backing of 303 MPs in the Lok Sabha, could have made a convincing argument to people on the long-term benefits flowing from this deal. The failure to do so, bowing to the pressure of various interest groups, shows that parliamentary strength alone is not sufficient to push through contentious but necessary reform.

SHAMING THE LAW

The violence between lawyers, police in Delhi undermines basic norms of civic order

WHAT BEGAN REPORTEDLY as a dispute over parking between a constable of the 3rd Battalion of the Delhi Police and an advocate at Tis Hazari court has turned into an unprecedented and shameful face-off that undermines the entire justice system in the national capital.

After the violent clash at Tis Hazari on Saturday, where eight advocates and 20 policemen were injured, the striking lawyers have allegedly assaulted two litigants and a policeman outside the Saket district court. Another constable was thrashed, allegedly, outside the Karkardooma court. There have also been other reports of assaults on journalists, citizens and police by lawyers. Now, as a cycle of threats, protests and counter-protests continues, amid appeals from top police officials to maintain calm, there is little for the citizen to take away in terms of a silver lining.

That lawyers, as officers of the court — or even just as citizens — have an ethical duty to maintain basic standards of legality and public decency, should not be something that needs to be stated explicitly. Yet, it must be. As recently as 2016, lawyers attacked journalists at the Patiala House court during the then JNU student leader Kanhaiya Kumar's hearing on charges of sedition. Kumar too was assaulted at the same time. These incidents are just some examples from the many across the country where lawyers have openly flouted the law, resorted to violence and violated the spirit of the Constitution.

The criminal justice system in India is an intimidating beast. The police and the legal fraternity have a responsibility to make it less so, to be available to and accessible for ordinary people. As of now, that is certainly not the case in the capital. Those meant to uphold the rule of law are breaking it in the most crass manner possible, those who are meant to ensure order are bringing chaos to the streets. The fact that the root of the violence, and the face-off, is something as petty as a parking spot only shows what little regard officers of the law have for their own professions. The way forward is straightforward: Those who have indulged in violence, whether donning khaki or a black coat, must be brought to book. The protesting policemen who feel that the government and senior leadership of the force has little regard for those of their colleagues that have been injured must be reassured. And then, perhaps, we can see something that resembles the rule of law in Delhi.

GOLD RUSH

If Ghosh science is right, it should be raining precious metal in India. But it isn't. Further research is urgently required

THE BENGALI COMMUNITY, already drunk with joy for its third Nobel prize, could be looking at a fourth and a fifth, for state BJP president Dilip Ghosh. One in physiology or medicine, for discovering gold in the milk of Indian cows, a modern Kamadhenu fable for the age of Mammon. And another in economics, when he explains why, if gold is flowing like milk, its price keeps going up, up and away.

Ghosh has a reputation for off-the-cuff remarks, but this time, it wasn't just a throw-away line, but a line of reasoning. At a public meeting in Bardhaman, Ghosh observed that Indian cows have humps, which their imported cousins lack. The differential anatomy is crucial, because the hump contains a swarna nari (golden nerve). It is the alchemic big brother of chlorophyll, synthesising gold from sunlight. It is the Philosopher's Stone that Nicholas Flamel and Paracelsus sought fruitlessly. It was lurking far from their ken, within the Indian cow.

Unlike inauthentic Western savants, we have always known this. The clue is hidden in the legendary joke essay that all Indian schoolchildren must write, detailing the properties of the cow. "The cow is a useful animal," they are understood to expound. "The cow has four legs, two horns and one tail." Traditionally, the essayist stops there for lack of imagination. But now, the missing link in the riddle has fallen into place. It is revealed that the Indian cow also has one hump. A very crucial hump which secretes gold into the cow's milk. This must be the source of the tantalising riches of the East, which Europeans braved the seas to seek. They did not find the source. But now we have, and we shall doubtless replenish the colonial loot of centuries, and return to the Golden Age. Come, it is milking time.



V S SESHADRI

AFTER SEVEN LONG years of negotiations, India has decided not to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The final statement after the RCEP summit in Bangkok has left the matter somewhat open. It says that all RCEP countries will work towards resolving the significant outstanding issues that India has with the agreement. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement leaves no room for rethinking or further negotiation.

Two key reasons have been cited for India's decision. One, the current international context has been seen as unhelpful. The China-US trade war and the challenges of the multilateral trading system brought added pressure for quickly concluding the RCEP negotiations. This shifted the focus somewhat from crafting an agreement that worked for all. Second, the RCEP final package was seen as lacking balance and fairness. India, it appears, was not able to get several of its key concerns addressed. These, reportedly, are related to possible surge in imports, particularly from China, addressing non-tariff barriers, protection to certain sectors in agriculture, dealing with possible circumvention of the rules of origin, and securing better access in the services sectors.

What has not been mentioned but may also have contributed to the decision was the economic slowdown and a sombre mood within the country that *inter alia* has seen exports stagnating. There has also been opposition to the RCEP in recent weeks from several quarters in the country. Politically, while the RCEP received no mention in the election manifestos of the 2019 elections, they have risen to a fever pitch in the last few weeks.

This writer had argued for India to join the RCEP but for negotiating hard to get a favourable outcome. An opportunity of this nature comes rarely. This writer had also proposed in a detailed RCEP study he led for the CII that India should try and get a more back-loaded agreement for tariff commitments so that it gained space of a few years — by 2025. This would have enabled India to become competitive. After all no RCEP member runs as high a trade deficit with most members of the grouping.

The CII study had also outlined elements

Signing the agreement would have given more substance to India's Act East policy

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of a time-bound action plan till 2025 — and beyond. India should have had such an action plan in place to be RCEP ready. Such an action plan would have had a higher rate of success if there was external pressure — for example from the RCEP — to reform within a fixed timeframe.

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It does appear that India negotiated hard in the RCEP meet. Other countries were, in the end, unwilling to be accommodative of India's concerns. A more flexible stand by them would have enabled India to grow rapidly and the country could have been a larger market for all members of the grouping to benefit from. We have, therefore, decided to disembark from the RCEP bus.

India was no doubt economically, from the beginning, an outlier of sorts in the RCEP since all other countries (barring Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar which, in any case, are least developed countries and would have got a soft treatment) are members of the APEC and are participants in its various initiatives. In particular, the trade and investment facilitation action plans of the APEC have seen transformational results. Peer pressure among others significantly helped these economies in reducing transaction costs and improving their position on indices such as logistics or in ease of doing business. Even their negotiators are far more familiar with each other's policies and practices. The APEC annually holds over 300 technical meetings that have helped changing mindsets. For this very reason, a closer association such as through the RCEP could have been of help to India in playing catch up with countries which are members of the group. It could

have also promoted formation of supply chains and facilitated participation in mutual recognition agreements.

One hopes that India's decision to not join the RCEP will not detract the country from mounting a focussed effort in enhancing its competitiveness and expanding its export base. India's burgeoning imports demand no less.

It will also be essential to regulate imports in conformity with domestic and international standards, an aspect that has received inadequate attention. Not being part of the RCEP does not mean we will not get targeted by exports from the group's members which are now likely to attract more investments. Vigilant monitoring will be required to avoid circumvention.

The WTO has now become unreliable for securing and enhancing the country's market access. We therefore need to explore other means for this purpose. Bringing the ongoing trade negotiations with the US, our largest export destination, to a successful conclusion should be a priority.

On free trade agreements (FTAs), we have focussed far more on the East. We do not have a single FTA with countries in the West. Based on the RCEP negotiation experience, a realistic yet meaningful FTA strategy needs to be formulated for the next five years. Further, getting more from the existing FTAs is critical; for this, the ongoing reviews need to be fully utilised. Mobilising stakeholder support for signing more FTAs will be difficult if we cannot get the existing FTAs to work for us better.

Joining the RCEP would have given more substance to our Act East policy. The economic pillar of this policy has remained weak compared to those pertaining to political ties, strategic and security aspects and people to people relations. Opting out of the RCEP implies there is need for greater exertion now on strengthening connectivity, trade and investment bilaterally. Concepts like Indo-Pacific will otherwise lose traction for us.

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HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL

THIS IS A very momentous occasion in the history of not only the brave and patriotic Sikh community, but also of the two neighbouring countries, India and Pakistan: The collective repositories of the unique vision of Guru Nanak Dev ji. Befittingly, the 550th Parkash Utsav of the Guru is being celebrated as a global event.

Coinciding with the occasion is the historic decision of the government of India, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to open and build a corridor of access between Dera Baba Nanak in India and Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan. These twin border towns, situated about five km from each other on either side of the Indo-Pak international border, have a unique place in the life of the great Guru, as he spent the last 18 years of his life in this region, working hard as an ordinary farmer.

The government of India's decision to open up and expeditiously operationalise the Kartarpur Sahib corridor — responded to after initial reservations by the government of Pakistan, holds out great hope for the people of the two countries who have remained in a sort of time warp since the tragic Partition of 1947. The Indian government's decision is a brave and visionary step that can transcend history and help over 150 crore people here to break free of that time warp — and, in doing so, end the cycle of fratricidal hatred.

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CORRIDOR OF HOPE

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bouring countries with a combined population of over 150 crores account for roughly one-fifth of the total humanity. What happens to them impacts the destiny of the world in a significant way. Accordingly, India believes that the two countries must learn to work together bearing in mind mutual interests that are focused on the welfare of people in the subcontinent.

India has taken substantial initiatives to promote economic and cultural cooperation with every country in the region. And, successive governments in New Delhi have gone out of the way to accommodate Islamabad in particular, as is borne out by the unilateral advantage of the "Most Favoured Nation" (MNS) status conferred on Pakistan, without any reciprocal gesture from Islamabad. We believe that the governments in the two countries must begin to think of the dreams and aspirations of over a billion-and-half people from both sides of the border as a single and shared constructive force.

Guru Nanak Dev Patshah, whose followers cut across communities and countries, provides the necessary moral and emotional impetus for translation of these dreams into material welfare of the people. The Parkash Utsav and the corridor access have opened up new windows through which the winds of change and goodwill have started coming in.

Guru Nanak Dev ji is unique in that he is

revered by people and communities who may otherwise have remained in reciprocal hostility. As these words aptly sum up: "Nanak Shah Faqir, Hindu da Guru, Mulim da peer." It is his extraordinary spiritual status, which has now cracked an impossible Indo-Pak code and created an opportunity for 150 crore people in the Subcontinent, and many others elsewhere, to start a fresh era of friendship, goodwill and cooperation. Simply put, this translates into a collective fight against poverty, illiteracy and unemployment in the two countries through shared dreams, common objectives and joint efforts in that direction. But for this, an atmosphere of mutual trust must be created in which there is no place for elements like non-state actors indulging in indiscriminate killing of innocents in the name of religion.

However, this is no time for incriminations. We owe this special occasion to our great Guru whom people in the Subcontinent hold in high regard and shared reverence. We hope that we can transcend the bitter legacy of our past and walk through a new corridor of hope towards a future of prosperity.

The future generations will judge us by how well we seize this opportunity.

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NOVEMBER 6, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

JANATA MANIFESTO
THE JANATA PARTY manifesto promises structural changes to ensure rural development and distribution of 5.5 million acre of surplus land within five years. The recommendations of the Rajkrishna committee report to speed up land distribution, which was accepted by the Janata Party government, would be immediately implemented. All cultivating tenants and share croppers would be given a title deed conferring ownership of the land on them within five years.

TURMOIL IN TEHERAN
URGED ON BY Ruhollah Khomeini, Iranian protesters seized two US consulates, an

American cultural centre and the British embassy in Teheran, and continued to hold the US embassy and more than 50 hostages. Khomeini called on the student militants to act against "the great satan, America", in order to force it to extradite the deposed Shah, hospitalised in New York for cancer treatment, back to Iran for trial, Radio Teheran reported. He also demanded that Britain hand over the former prime minister, Shahpour Bakhtiar, now living in exile in Britain.

BANGLADESH FIRINGS
THE BANGLADESH RIFLES opened two more rounds of fire on Indian cultivators at Belonia in Tripura South district, according to police.

With this the Bangladesh Rifles had so far fired 38 rounds from across the border in the past four days. There was no casualty in the firing. The Border Security Force did not return the fire. The BSF has intensified its patrolling in the border areas.

AKALA-JANATA PACT
THE AKALI DAL is now likely to forge an electoral front with the Janata Party, instead of the Lok Dal and Left parties, following the near isolation of the party president, Jagdev Singh Talwandi, in the poll panel headed by his heir-apparent Sant Harchand Singh Longowal. The panel is due to meet at Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib (Sirhind).



15 THE IDEAS PAGE

Raise the bar

Justice Bobde is an experienced judge and his approach is unbiased, non-political and justice oriented. As the new CJI, his task is to restate the independence of the Supreme Court



DUSHYANT DAVE

THE APPOINTMENT OF Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde as the Chief Justice of India (CJI) gives fresh hope to all the stakeholders in the administration of justice. It comes at a time when the Supreme Court's standing amongst the people has greatly eroded. The Supreme Court has not only stopped being the protector of the fundamental and other constitutional rights, but has also failed to act as the guardian of the rule of law. Its role must be judged in the context of politically sensitive cases involving citizens, opposition parties, activists and executive actions in day-to-day governance. In these areas, the Court has virtually deferred to the executive instead of stepping in to restore constitutional rights and values in letter and spirit. The Court's performance in routine matters, of course, is outstanding. But the independence of the judiciary is judged only on the touchstone of its decisions given in politically-sensitive matters.

The single-most important reason for this is the power of the CJI to constitute benches and allocate cases as the master of the roster. The judgment of its Constitution Bench in *Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Reforms versus Union of India & Anr.*, delivered on November 10, 2017, has created a piquant situation resulting in exercise of absolute power by the CJI. So, a new but questionable jurisprudence has developed, especially on the review of administrative actions on account of sealed and covered hearings without affidavits by governments, bias and recusal amongst others.

Consequently, the outstanding work done by other judges is overshadowed. Lawyers and litigants are virtually helpless in either preventing or correcting this erosion. The Bar Association, far from being the watchdog, has been complicit in this unfortunate exercise by chief justices.

An independent and strong judiciary is a basic feature of the Constitution. Yet, the Court has allowed itself to be weakened. Perhaps, B R Ambedkar was right in saying that although the CJI is a very eminent, person, "the Chief Justice is a man with all the failings, all the sentiments and all the prejudices which we as common people have..." Justice Bobde has a tough road ahead to prove Ambedkar wrong.

During the Constituent Assembly debates, member after member yearned for an independent judiciary but were apprehensive. Ambedkar's response was: "...I quite agree that the point raised is of greatest importance, there can be no difference of opinion in the House that our judiciary must both be independent of the executive and must also be competent in itself, and the question is how these two objects could be secured...and I have said that the relation between the executive and judiciary are so separate and distinct that the executive has hardly any chance of influencing the judiciary."

These fears were perhaps not unjustified. Perhaps the Constituent Assembly was conscious of a future India, which would have a naturally soft approach of the Court towards executive actions, as in *ADM Jabalpur* the rule of Indira Gandhi. In recent times, decisions in the Birla Sahara case, CBI director's case and Rafale amongst others, have caused immense discomfiture among those who love and respect the Court. The Restatement of Values of Judicial Life (as adopted by the Full Bench of the Supreme Court on May 7, 1997) states that justice must not be merely done but also must be seen to be done. The behaviour and conduct of members of the higher



C R Sasikumar

judiciary must re-affirm people's faith in the impartiality of the judiciary. And that "every judge must at all times be conscious that he is under the public gaze".

Judges must remember words of Justice H R Khanna in his powerful dissent in *ADM Jabalpur*: said: "What is at stake is the rule of law. If it could be the boast of a great English judge that the air of England is too pure for a slave to breathe, can we also not say with justifiable pride that this sacred land shall not suffer eclipse of the Rule of Law and that the Constitution and laws of India do not permit life and liberty to be at the mercy of absolute power of executive, a power against which there can be no redress... The question is whether the laws speaking through the authority of courts shall be rendered mute because of such threats."

Justice Bobde is an experienced judge and his approach is unbiased, non-political and justice oriented. He is courteous, hears all and has judge-like qualities. His approach towards Article 21 is refreshing as one can see it in summary dismissal of SLPs in *R.S. @ Ramabhai Bhagora v. CBI* and connected matters against the judgment of Bombay High Court (04.05.2017), reversing the acquittal of many accused in Gujarat riot case. Similarly, his judgment in *Mubin Shaikh v. State of Maharashtra* reversing the order of bail to the accused in a killing of young Muslim youth is positive when he disapproved the observations of the High Court that, "the fault of deceased was only that he belonged to another religion. I consider this factor in favour of applicant/accused...", by reminding the judiciary that "we have no doubt that a Court

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fully conscious of the plural composition of the country while called upon to deal with rights of various communities, cannot make such observations which may appear to be coloured with a bias for or against a community..." Bobde's bench again declined bail to Sajjan Kumar convicted by Delhi High Court in an anti-Sikh riot case while admitting his appeal for hearing.

But one hopes that he will function as the master of the roster in an independent and objective manner. The Court comprises of outstanding and independent judges and each of them is capable of handling even politically-sensitive matters. So, there is no reason to assign them to a particular bench only. If this trend is reversed, Justice Bobde would have achieved a lot in re-stating the independence of the Supreme Court.

However, his photograph with P K Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, on the day of the issuance of his warrant, was dismaying. Perhaps Justice Bobde did not realise that he would be splashed on the front pages of newspapers across the country with Mishra so as to suggest proximity between him and the prime minister. This was surely avoidable because the same May 7, 1997 document says: "A judge should practise a degree of aloofness consistent with the dignity of his office."

Hopefully, the chief justice designate will dispel any wrong message sent to the judiciary and the nation in time to follow with his decisions and actions.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Jeremy Corbyn's plans are required to repair the damage caused by a system that is being run in favour of privileged individuals whose market and political power allows them to extract cash from everyone else." — **THE GUARDIAN**

The Maulana's march

Fazlur Rehman's dharna in Islamabad is creating a situation that exposes the faultlines in Pakistan army, politics



TILAK DEVASHER

ISLAMABAD IS, AT the time of writing, witnessing the third major dharna in recent years — that by Maulana Fazlur Rehman and his faction of the Jamiat-Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F). The Maulana is pitching for Imran Khan's resignation and fresh elections. In 2014, it was Imran Khan's dharna and in 2017 it was that of the Barelvi Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP). While the latter two did not achieve any lasting results, the jury is out on what the Maulana will accomplish. However, by all accounts, the crowd at the Maulana's dharna, which started as the "Azadi March" from Karachi on October 27 and reached Islamabad on October 31 is massive, far surpassing the previous two. It is the first major challenge to Imran Khan's leadership.

The July 2018 elections that catapulted Imran Khan to power represented political engineering on part of the army to install a "selected" PM who would toe their line. In turn, they empowered him with the façade of harmonious civil-military relations. This was a luxury that few previous political governments enjoyed. Imran Khan thus had everything going for him. What he lacked was the capacity for governance, let alone good governance. Consequently, his performance, especially in tackling the abysmal economic situation during the last 15 months, has been disappointing. This has fuelled public anger. Additionally, his single-minded focus to go after the opposition has polarised Pakistan's polity. This has created the space for the Maulana to mobilise the people, gather the opposition under his umbrella and punch above his electoral weight.

An interesting element of the situation is what is being whispered in Islamabad: The covert support that the Maulana is supposed to have received from sections of the Pakistan army. These sections are unhappy with the three-year extension given to the current army chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, though a formal presidential notification to this effect is awaited. It is believed that due to Bajwa's extension, over 20 lieutenant generals will retire over the next three years some of whom would have been contenders for the army chief's post but have lost out due to the extension.

The astute Maulana has clearly sensed an opportunity to advance his political fortunes that were badly mauled in the last elections and also to settle scores with Imran Khan, with whom he has a running feud. The secret of his power is the Deobandi madrasas spread all over the country and especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), giving the dharna a distinctly Pashtun flavor. Consequently, this dharna, unlike Imran Khan's, consists largely of madrasa students and the religiously inclined-sections of the lower mid-

dle and working classes. They face the brunt of the economic downturn and are religiously charged too — a potent cocktail.

The government is handicapped since the Maulana is following the precedent set by Imran Khan himself in 2014 when he tried to dislodge Nawaz Sharif and sat in the Red Zone for 126 days. Hence it does not really have a narrative to challenge the Maulana with.

The march has come at a particularly bad time for the Pakistan government for several reasons. For one thing, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) wants it to take action on the 27-point action plan by February 2020 while the IMF wants implementation of the tough benchmarks that include a substantial increase in taxation. None of these would be possible in the surcharged political atmosphere. It also comes amid Nawaz Sharif's critical illness. Should something happen to him, the blame for mishandling his medical treatment will fall squarely on the government.

The government seems to have three options: Tire out the crowd by doing nothing and hope they will thin out; engage with them or use force to disperse them. The last option rather than defusing the situation would make it fraught. Engaging with the Maulana despite his single-point agenda of the PM's resignation coupled with tiring out the protestors seems to be the option the government is looking at presently.

Given the crowds he has mobilised, the Maulana has certainly come to occupy centre-stage, and got the endorsement, though reluctant, of mainstream political parties. He is playing his cards guardedly based on the fast developing situation. He has slowly upped the ante like initially giving Imran Khan 48 hours to resign - the deadline ended on November 27 evening — extending the deadline by a day, converting the march into a dharna, calling for an All Party Conference (APC) to decide next steps and so on. These steps could include lock downs, blocking of highways and resignations from assemblies.

The Maulana has, however, been handicapped due to the reluctance of the mainstream parties — the PML(N) and the PPP — to whole-heartedly support the Azadi March, and especially the dharna. The poor participation of the PML(N) in the Azadi March in Lahore, their bastion, was especially noteworthy. Both parties are against creating a confrontational situation that could allow the army to step in.

While the potential for a confrontation exists in case the protestors try and march into the Red Zone, the Maulana is among the most seasoned and pragmatic leaders in Pakistan and adept in making backroom deals. Extending the resignation deadline and calling for an APC are signals of flexibility that the government would likely capitalise on in the coming days to try and defuse the situation.

The army, with its own power politics over General Bajwa's extension would, no doubt be watching the developing situation carefully.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OTHER POLLUTERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Everyone's problem' (IE, November 5). The alarming air pollution in North India is a shameful example of the collective failure of the system. Stubble burning is often seen as the sole cause of air pollution. And even the Supreme Court has blamed farmers for it. But studies have shown that smoke resulting from the burning of straw or other biomass accounts for only about 12 per cent of Delhi's pollution while dust and soil particles contribute the largest share (23 per cent) to toxic particles dissolving in the air. Emissions from tailpipes of vehicles and industrial emissions are the other main contributors to Delhi's pollution. Strict action should be taken against such polluters as well, and not just farmers.

Shakti Singh, Karnal

FIRES AND FARMERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Let's pay the price of clean air' by Anand Prakash (IE, November 5). Stubble burning has been causing smog and pollution every year in recent memory, and no one has taken a serious initiative to check it. The governments of Punjab and Haryana have been mute spectators. The Delhi CM has been crying hoarse to check stubble burning but his pleas fall on deaf ears. Blaming farmers alone is not the answer. Marginal farmers are not in a position to dispose off the crop residue on their own, as the machinery to cut it

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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and the transportation for its disposal are very expensive. The ball is in the government's court.

RDSingh, Ambala

BUSINESS ETHICS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The challenge for Indian business' (IE, November 4). Indian businesses are often perceived as a contributor to the unjust social order. They must contribute to changing this image vis-a-vis the society. They must focus on providing clean water and basic amenities to the people in collaboration with the government. The emphasis must be on social security. The business model of Devi Shetty's Narayana Health could be a model.

Sauro Dasgupta, Kolkata



VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

LESSONS FROM VICTORY

THE SANGH PARIVAR has urged the BJP to take lessons from its underwhelming performance in the Maharashtra and Haryana elections, and asked it to ponder over the efficacy of admitting turncoats into the party fold. In the latest issue of *Organiser*, the English mouthpiece of the RSS, an editorial has acknowledged the less-than-satisfactory performance of the BJP in the two elections: "What difference these election results have made is the way people have conveyed subtle messages to every party. Though the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led Governments have retained powers in both the states, these results are not as per the expectations," the editorial said. Hinting at reasons behind the party's performance in Maharashtra, the editorial further said, "Why did BJP fail to retain the Lok Sabha kind of domination? Were alliance and absorbing stalwarts from Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) strategic blunders? Why was the party

not able to address the issue of rebellion or sabotage by the ally? These and many more questions need some scrutiny. After BJP (26.7 per cent), it was the independents (18.6 per cent) who have secured the second position in terms of vote share, and this should be a matter of concern for the BJP."

It also acknowledged the good showing by Congress and the NCP and, particularly, praised Sharad Pawar. "The strength of Sharad Pawar's politics limited to 15-17 per cent vote and 50-60 seats, which he had shown for the last forty years. That he could show the same in Narendra-Devendra era is a remarkable achievement which younger politicians should study," the editorial said.

It concluded by saying that the ushering of a new political culture, of a developmental discourse, may still be a distant project: "As a nation, despite claims of dismantling caste politics, replacing it with the developmental discourse and drastic reduction in corruption, are we really heading towards a new political culture or are we just continuing the old politics of winnability by all means in a new form, is a point to ponder."

JIHADI MINDSET

IN AN OPINION article on the murder of Hindu Samaj Party leader Kamlesh Tiwari in Lucknow last month, Delhi-based lawyer

Prashant Patel Umrao has argued in *Organiser* that "it exposes the clear and present danger of rising jihadi mindset of Muslims in Bharat".

Detailing how Tiwari's murder was planned and executed, Patel has said, "All religions and human systems are infected by fundamentalists but it would be humongously wrong to not accept that Islam has it more rampantly."

He then takes on liberals and AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi, saying, "And the warriors of free speech lobby don't even condemn such brutal killings. The messiahs of Indian Muslims like Asaduddin al-Owaisi indirectly support such killings when they say, 'Even though Muslims constitute 96 per cent of Pakistan's population, they continue to behave like minority, therefore needing the State's patronage of Islam and a highly regressive blasphemy law. We are instilling a similar fear in our Hindus'. Such statements largely influence the radically charged Islamic minds. This is the irony."

He also criticised the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind for providing legal aid to the accused arrested in the murder case. "The Muslim Council has said that it is willing to bear all the legal costs to defend the five accused in the Kamlesh Tiwari murder case... Providing help to masterminds of organised murder is downright disgusting and shameful. But the

so-called intellectual lobby and jamat-e-fiberal won't utter a single word over this shamelessness and injustice."

RECOVERING ECONOMY

QUOTING TRADE FIGURES of consumer goods over the Diwali season, the latest issue of *Panchjanya* has argued that the economy is on the road to recovery. "It was expected that there would be less enthusiasm among consumers this Diwali. But the sales figures on Dhanteras and Diwali have completely demolished this analysis. Across sectors, including banking, the results of the second quarter have been stupendous. The share market too has been rising. Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) figures show that jobs have increased," the *Panchjanya* cover story said.

And, as a measure to strengthen the economy, the cover story has argued that the Indian corporate must invest in research so that it can compete with Chinese goods. It has also made an appeal for use of indigenous goods to tide over the trade deficit with China. "If we vow to only use indigenous goods and reject low-quality Chinese goods, then the problem will be solved. India's economic foundation will be strengthened," the article said.

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TOP OF THE WORLD



Xi Jinping with Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam in Shanghai on Monday. AP

CHINA

Xi voices 'high degree of trust' in HK leader

Shanghai: Chinese President Xi Jinping has expressed a "high degree of trust" in Hong Kong's unpopular leader Carrie Lam as the two met after months of increasingly violent protests in the semi-autonomous city. Xi's show of support follows speculation that Beijing was preparing to remove Lam as city authorities struggle to contain prodemocracy demonstrations that have rocked the financial hub. Their meeting in Shanghai on Monday followed another weekend of violence in Hong Kong that was marked by a knife attack and the vandalising of an office of China's official Xinhua news agency.

SOUTH AFRICA

Gandhi, Mandela busts unveiled at Tolstoy Farm

Johannesburg: Two larger-than-life busts of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela have been unveiled at Tolstoy Farm, the self-sufficient commune that he started during his tenure as a lawyer in Johannesburg. Tolstoy Farm, named after the great Russian writer whom Gandhi much admired, was a community started by Gandhi in Transvaal, South Africa, in 1910. It became the headquarters of the Satyagraha campaign which Gandhi led at that time. High Commissioner for India Jaideep Sarkar lauded the revival of the once-thriving Tolstoy Farm which had been fully destroyed over several decades.

THAILAND

Drug suspects shoot their way out of court

Bangkok: Three drug suspects — including an American — shot and stabbed their way out of a Thai court before brazenly fleeing in a pick-up truck, police said Tuesday. The three were still on the loose more than 24 hours after breaking out of a Pattaya court holding room on Monday, police said. The escapees are an American and his Thai wife, and a male Thai suspect. The couple was facing death penalty charges for drug trafficking.

FIRST STEP IN YEAR-LONG PROCESS

Trump administration begins exit from Paris climate pact

VALERIE VOLCOVICH

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 5

THE TRUMP administration said on Monday it filed paperwork to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement, the first formal step in a one-year process to exit the global pact to fight climate change.

The move is part of a broader strategy by President Donald Trump to reduce red tape on US industry, but comes at a time scientists and many world governments urge action to avoid the worst impacts of global warming.

Once it exits, the United States — the top historic greenhouse gas emitter and leading oil and gas producer — will become the only country outside the accord.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo confirmed the step on Monday and pointed out that the United States had trimmed emissions in recent years even as it had grown its energy production.

"The US is proud of our record as a world leader in reducing all emissions, fostering resilience, growing our economy, and ensuring energy for our citizens," he said.

The European Union ex-

EXPLAINED US role in pact will be decided by 2020 polls

THE PARIS climate agreement is structured in a way that the process of the US exiting the pact, which began Tuesday, will only be completed days after the 2020 election to the White House. This means that if Trump fails to get re-elected, his Democratic successor is almost certain to reverse his decision to withdraw from the agreement. The Democrats have already made climate change a major election issue, with leading progressive candidates coming out with their own plans on how to reduce emissions. On the other hand, Trump has repeatedly said the Paris pact will have an adverse effect on the US economy, and his decision to pull out is a continuation of his 'America First' campaign slogan.

pressed disappointment.

"The withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement means that the rest of us must further increase our cooperation," Krista Milkonen, minister of environment for current European Council president Finland said in a statement on Tuesday.

"We will continue to work with US states, cities and civil society in support of climate action."

An official from the French presidential office accompanying President Emmanuel Macron on a state visit to China,

said: "We regret this and this only makes the Franco-Chinese partnership on the climate and biodiversity more necessary."

Macron and Chinese President Xi Jinping will sign a pact on Wednesday that includes a paragraph on the "irreversibility of the Paris Agreement," the official said.

The State Department's letter to United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres starts the clock on a process that will be complete a day after the 2020 US presidential election.



Trump at a campaign event in Lexington, Kentucky, on Monday. He has said that the Paris agreement puts an unfair economic burden on Americans. AP

The withdrawal could leave a lasting mark, said Andrew Light, a fellow at the World Resources Institute and former adviser to the US climate envoy under former president Barack Obama. "While it serves the political needs of the Trump administration, we will lose a lot of traction with respect to US influence globally," he said.

The Obama administration had signed the United States onto the 2015 pact, promising a 26-28 per cent cut in US greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 from 2005 levels. **REUTERS**

MEANWHILE

TRUMP JR RELEASES BOOK DEFENDING FATHER

Donald Trump Jr released a book on Tuesday that rails against the Left as he admitted he had caught the political bug and may consider running for office in the future. In *Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us*, the President's son fiercely defends his father and slams mainstream media and political opponents including Hillary Clinton.

Baghdadi's sister captured in Syria raid, says Turkey

Held along with her daughter-in-law, husband in Turkish-controlled town

HUMEYRA PAMUK

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 5

TURKEY CAPTURED the sister of dead Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi on Monday in the northern Syrian town of Azaz, a senior Turkish official told *Reuters*, and is interrogating her husband and daughter-in-law who were also detained.

Rasmiya Awad, 65, was detained in a raid near Azaz, the official said, referring to a Turkish-controlled Syrian town near the border. When captured, she was also accompanied by five children.

"We hope to gather a trove of intelligence from Baghdadi's sister on the inner workings of ISIS," the official said.

Little independent information is available on Baghdadi's sister and *Reuters* was not immediately able to verify if the captured individual was her.

Baghdadi killed himself last month when cornered in a tunnel during a raid by US special forces in northwestern Syria. Islamic State, in an audio tape posted online on Thursday, confirmed that its leader had died and vowed revenge against the US.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's communications director said the woman's capture was evidence of Turkey's determination to fight against Islamic State.

"The arrest of al-Baghdadi's sister is yet another example of the success of our counter-terrorism



Turkey says Rasmiya Awad is the sister of former IS chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Reuters

operations," Fahrettin Altun wrote on Twitter early on Tuesday.

"Much dark propaganda against Turkey has been circulating to raise doubts about our resolve against Daesh," he wrote, using another name for Islamic State.

"Our strong counter-terrorism cooperation with like-minded partners can never be questioned," he added.

Baghdadi had risen from obscurity to lead the ultra-hardline group and declare himself "caliph" of all Muslims, holding sway over huge areas of Iraq and Syria from 2014-2017 before Islamic State's control was wrested away by US-led coalition forces including Iraqis and Syrian Kurds.

The group, also known as ISIS, said a successor to Baghdadi identified as Abu Ibrahim al-Hashemi al-Quraishi had been appointed. A senior US official last week said Washington was looking at the new leader to determine where he came from. **REUTERS**

PROTESTS CALLING FOR PM TO QUIT

Talks between Pak govt, Oppn leaders fail to break deadlock

Imran: Ready to accept valid demands

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 5

THE SECOND round of talks between the Pakistan government and Opposition leaders failed to break the ongoing deadlock between the two sides on Tuesday even as Prime Minister Imran Khan said that he was ready to accept all "valid" demands of the 'Azadi March' protesters, led by a firebrand cleric-cum-politician Maulana Fazlur Rehman.

Khan reportedly made the remarks in a meeting with Defence Minister Pervez Khattak-led team tasked to negotiate with the Opposition parties taking part in the massive march comprising thousands of protesters in Islamabad.

"The government is ready to accept all valid demands except the demand for resignation," Khan was quoted as saying by the *Express Tribune*.

Defence Minister Khattak said the government is trying to find a middle ground with the Opposition to break the ongoing deadlock.

"The talks between the two sides were held in a good atmosphere," he said.

However, both the sides stuck to their respective positions, Khattak told a news conference after the second round



The protesters accuse Imran Khan of rigging the 2018 elections to become PM.

of direct talks with Opposition's Rehbar Committee.

On Monday night, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government sent a second delegation to Rehman's residence to break the impasse in the wake of the Opposition's bid to oust Khan.

The right-wing Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) leader is leading the massive protest, which entered the fifth day on Tuesday. Dubbed the Azadi March, the protesters demand Khan's resignation, accusing him of "rigging" the 2018 general elections.

Opposition parties, including the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan People Party (PPP), have also thrown their weight behind the anti-government rally. **PTI**

MEGA PROTEST RALLY IN CHILE AMID EARTHQUAKE



Protesters try to protect themselves from teargas shells hurled by police in Santiago, Chile. Reuters

■ Protesters in Chile clashed with police, looted stores and endured a strong earthquake at the close of a huge rally kicking off the third week of anti-government demonstrations that sparked deadly unrest.

■ Tens of thousands tried to march on the presidential palace in downtown Santiago, and fights broke out as police tried to contain them.

■ People banged pots and pans and blared the horns of their cars as night fell in Santiago.

■ The 6.0 magnitude earthquake hit just as tensions were rising in Santiago, rattling buildings. A strong and prolonged shaking was felt, but there were no reports of injuries or damage.

Iran says uranium enrichment at underground plant to resume

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

TEHRAN, NOVEMBER 5

PRESIDENT HASSAN Rouhani said Tuesday that Iran would resume uranium enrichment at an underground plant south of Tehran in its latest step back from a troubled 2015 agreement with major powers.

The suspension of all enrichment at the Fordow plant in the mountains near the Shia holy city of Qom was one of the restrictions on its nuclear activities that Iran accepted in return for the lifting of international sanctions.

But Washington's abandonment of the deal in May last year followed by its reimposition of crippling sanctions prompted Iran to begin a phased suspen-



Hassan Rouhani blamed the US's withdrawal from the 2015

sion of its own commitments in May this year.

Rouhani recalled that under the terms of the agreement, Iran had retained more than 1,000 centrifuges at the plant which had been running empty since it

went into effect.

"Starting from tomorrow (Wednesday), we will begin injecting (uranium hexafluoride) gas at Fordo," Rouhani said in a speech broadcast by state television.

Iran said the whole process would be carried out transparently witnessed by inspectors from the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The move is the fourth announced by Iran since it began responding to Washington's abandonment of its commitments.

Iran has repeatedly warned the remaining parties to the deal — Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia — that the agreement can only be rescued if they help it circumvent US economic sanctions.

9 of Mormon family killed in Mexico ambush

Mexico City: At least three women and six children from an American Mormon community based in northern Mexico have been killed in an ambush, a relative of the victims said Monday.

Julian Lebaron said his cousin was on her way to the airport when she was attacked and shot in her car along with her four children in Rancho de la Mora, an area notorious for drug traffickers and bandits of all kinds.

"It was a massacre," Lebaron, an activist who has denounced criminal groups in the area, said.

Lebaron said his relatives located the vehicle, which had been set on fire with the bodies of the victims inside. Two other vehicles were found several hours later, containing the bodies of two more women and two children. **PTI**

TAKING OVER VOICE-CONTROLLED DIGITAL ASSISTANTS

With a laser, researchers say they can hack Alexa, Google Home or Siri

NICOLE PERLROTH

SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 5

SINCE VOICE-CONTROLLED digital assistants were introduced a few years ago, security experts have fretted that systems like Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa were a privacy threat and could be easily hacked.

But the risk presented by a cleverly pointed light was probably not on anyone's radar.

Researchers in Japan and at the University of Michigan said

Monday that they had found a way to take over Google Home, Amazon's Alexa or Apple's Siri devices from hundreds of feet away by shining laser pointers, and even flashlights, at the devices' microphones.

In one case, they said they opened a garage door by shining a laser beam at a voice assistant that was connected to it. They also climbed 140 feet to the top of a bell tower at the University of Michigan and successfully controlled a Google Home device on the fourth floor of an of-

fice building 230 feet away. And by focusing their lasers using a telephoto lens, they said, they were able to hijack a voice assistant more than 350 feet away.

Opening the garage door was easy, the researchers said. With the light commands, the researchers could have hijacked any digital smart systems attached to the voice-controlled assistants.

They said they could have easily switched light switches on and off, made online purchases or opened a front door protected by a smart lock. They even could have



Researchers said the microphones in the devices respond to light as if it were sound. Reuters file

remotely unlocked or started a car that was connected to the device.

"This opens up an entirely new class of vulnerabilities," said Kevin Fu, an associate professor of elec-

trical engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan. "It's difficult to know how many products are affected because this is so basic."

The computer science and electrical engineering researchers — Takeshi Sugawara at the University of Electro-Communications in Japan; and Fu, Daniel Genkin, Sara Rampazzi and Benjamin Cyr at the University of Michigan — released their findings in a paper Monday.

Genkin was also one of the researchers responsible for discovering two major security flaws, known as Meltdown and Spectre, in the microprocessors inside nearly all the world's computers last year. Shares of chip-

maker Intel briefly dropped 5 per cent on news of their discovery.

The researchers, who studied the light flaw for seven months, said they had discovered that the microphones in the devices would respond to light as if it were sound. Inside each microphone is a small plate called a diaphragm that moves when sound hits it.

That movement can be replicated by focusing a laser or a flashlight at the diaphragm, which converts it into electric signals, they said. The rest of the system then responds the way it

would to sound.

The researchers said they had notified Tesla, Ford, Amazon, Apple and Google to the light vulnerability. The companies all said they were studying the conclusions in the paper released Monday.

The researchers said most microphones would need to be redesigned to remedy the problem. And simply covering the microphone with a piece of tape wouldn't solve it. Fu said the microphones on several digital assistants had dirt shields that didn't block their commands. **NYT**

BSES **BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi**

TENDER NOTICE **Date: 05.11.2019**

Sealed tenders are invited for Banking of power by BRPL from all bidders

NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Period	EMD Cost (Rs.)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
HOD/PMG/BRPL/Tender/2019-20/271	BANKING OF POWER	16th April 20 to 31st March '21	Five Lakh	21.11.2019 at 15:00 HRS.	21.11.2019 at 15:15 HRS.

For further details please log on to <http://www.bseedelhi.com>

Address: 2nd Floor, B-Block, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi

Head (Power Management Group)

Regd. Off.: BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 | Corporate Identification No.: U40109DL2001PLC011527
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POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR 492 002

Tender Notice

No.PHO/Sec-10/Kit-ClO/(28)/4983/19 Nava Raipur, Dated 31/10/2019
Sealed tenders are being invited from Manufacturers (OEM) for the following item:-

Sl.No	Name of Item	Qty	Specification	EMD in Rs.	Remarks
1	Mosquito Net (Single Nets) Colour-Khaki	25000 Nos.	As per Section-IV	2,00,000/-	2 Nos. Advance Sample to prove conformity to the specification must be submitted with Lab Test Report approved from Textile Committee (Ministry of Textile), Govt. of India, Mumbai.

The cost of the tender document, State Govt. Challan of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) amount to be deposited in the Head of A/C- 0055-Police-800 other receipt or it shall be in the form of Demand Draft of State Bank of India/scheduled Bank (other than cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accounts), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Raipur. Tender Fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition. The tender document may be obtained from the following address:

Spl. D.G. (P&P)
Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur.
Pin:- 492 002. Phone & Fax: 0771-2431210, 2229622

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect must be submitted as per the schedule below.

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

a) Address for submission of tender document :-	Spl. D.G. (P&P), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar, Raipur.
b) Last date & time for Submission of Tender Document :-	02/12/2019 till 03.00 pm
c) Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid :-	Spl. D.G. (P&P), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar, Raipur. 02/12/2019 till 04.00 pm
d) Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid :-	Shall be intimated.
e) Date till which the Bid to remain valid :-	180 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid.

- Note:-** 1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.
2. Tender documents can be downloaded from website www.eproc.gov.in and at the time of submission date, tender document fee 2000/- will be paid in the form of State Govt. Challan or demand draft.
3. Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be Advertised on the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only.

Sd/-
D.L.G. of Police (P&P)
For-Director General of Police

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Indian Bank
Information Technology Department, Corporate Office.
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उत्तर प्रदेश जल नियम,
(2008) संशोधन का उपक्रम)
प्रधान कार्यालय :- दी.सी.-38-बी,
फिरोजपुर, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ-226010
निविदा सूचना No : 484 / GM(N-08)/
KARYA-10/62 दिनांक : 04.11.2019
ई-निविदा सूचना
उत्तर प्रदेश जल नियम की ओर से
प्रदेश के विभिन्न नगर निकायों
(ग्रामपंचायतों) में "Request for Proposal
for Empanment of Bidders for
Bioremediation and Clearing of
Legacy Waste Sites in Urban Local
Bodies of Uttar Pradesh" कार्य हेतु
दिनांक 26.11.2019 को अपराह्न 15:00 बजे
तक प्रस्ताव अनंतिम त्रिजे जायें। उक्त
कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रणाली दिनांक
05.11.2019 से दिनांक 26.11.2019 के मध्य
उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement
वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से
आनलाइन किया जा सकता है तथा
ई-निविदा दिनांक 26.11.2019 को
अपराह्न 04:00 बजे Directorate, Urban
Local Bodies, Meeting Hall (Ground
Floor), Shaheed Path, Gomti Nagar,
Lucknow में खुली जायेगी। ई-निविदा
प्रणाली का मूल्य रु 5000.00+GST
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वेबसाइट www.cdsupn.org एवं प्रोसेसिंग
पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर
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से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा।
निविदादाताओं को भलाह की जाहो है कि
वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर
अवलोकन करते रहें।

HARYANA NURSES AND NURSE-MIDWIVES COUNCIL,
S.C.O. -4, SECTOR-16, PANCHKULA

On-line tender is hereby invited from Regd. Firms dealing with Printing of Answer Sheets, Mark sheets, Certificates and Security Envelops & Providing of Various Services relating to Examinations for Conducting the various Exams by the Council. For Details please visit <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>.

Sd/- Registrar.

TAMIL NADU LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
4th Floor, Integrated Office Complex for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department,
571, Anna Salai, Saldapet Veterinary Polyclinic Campus, Nandanam P.O., Chennai-35
Tel. No. 044-24345362 Fax No. 044 - 24345361 e-mail: tnlida@tnlida.org | tnlida2019@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited under "Two Cover" System for the supply of 3000 Nos. of Power Operated Chaff Cutters to Animal Husbandry Department.

Pre-bid meeting on 20.11.2019 – 11.00 A.M.

Individual tender documents with full details can be downloaded free of cost from www.tenders.tn.gov.in up to **05.12.2019, 5.00 P.M.**

Last date for submission of tenders: **06.12.2019, 11.00 A.M.**
Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on the above website.

DIPR/4085/TENDER/2019 **Chief Executive Officer**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Electrical Department
E.L.D.C.No.SMII/P/93/70/2019

E-TENDER

e-bids are invited for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Remote Group Control and Monitoring for 7077 feeder pillar boxes and connected LED Street Light Fittings including Annual Maintenance of Street light controller system for 5 years in Zones I to XV, at Greater Chennai Corporation, by SE/Electrical.

The tentative value of the package is **Rs.40,42,38,240/-**

Interested bidders can participate in E-tender through the website <http://tntenders.gov.in> at 03.00 p.m. on **10.12.2019**. E-Tenders will be opened on **11.12.2019** at 03.15 p.m. in the chamber of Superintending Engineer.

SE/Electrical (i/c)

TIRUPPUR SMART CITY LIMITED
TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited in Two Cover System for Installation of Signage's in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation ABD area of Tiruppur Smart City at an estimate cost of **Rs.6.33 Crore** under Smart City Mission by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited upto **3.00 P.M. on 10.12.2019** and the same will be opened by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited or his authorized person on the same day at **3.30 P.M.** in the presence of the contractors or their representatives present at that time. The Tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in> upto **2.00 P.M. on 09.12.2019**. Any further details will be heard from Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation office in any of the working day if required. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **20.11.2019 at 11.00 am**. The Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The bidders shall not have the option of submitting their proposals electronically.

Rec. No. : E1/6630/2017
Place : Tiruppur
Date : 30.10.2019 **DIPR/4090/TENDER/2019** **Managing Director,**
Tiruppur Smart City Limited

HSI IDC
DMIC HARYANA MULTI MODAL LOGISTICS HUB PROJECT LIMITED
A Joint Venture b/w NICDIT (GOI) & HSI IDC (GOH)

This for information that Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSI IDC) and Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC) are jointly developing a Multi Modal Logistics Hub at Narnaul Distt. Mahendragarh under the name & style of DMIC Haryana Multi Modal Logistics Hub Project Limited. The SEAC/SEIAA has given Environment Clearance (EC) with Gold rating to the aforesaid project via letter no. SEIAA/HR/2019/333. The EC can also be seen on website <https://hsiidc.org.in/> and <https://environmentclearance.nic.in/>

HARYANA STATE INDUSTRIAL & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
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Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, e-mail rec.osmcl@nic.in
Advertisement for recruitment
(Revised Dateline)

No. 02/OSMCL/HR/2019 **Date: 04.11.2019**

In pursuance of Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd. (OSMCL) advertisement no. 01/OSMCL/HR/2019, dated 15.10.2019, the last date for online submission of application is hereby extended to 16.11.2019, 11.59 PM in respect to the posts of Biomedical Engineer & Biomedical Jr. Engineer only and the last date of receipt of application and documents by speed post / registered post for the aforesaid posts is extended to 23.11.2019, 5.30 PM. Applications received by speed post / registered post after 23.11.2019, 5.30 PM for the aforesaid posts will be rejected. The dateline for other posts remains unchanged.

Sd/
Managing Director
Odisha State Medical Corporation

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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 from approved and eligible contractors registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto 3.00PM dated on 06.11.2019 for the works:

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. **NIT No. 35/ RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_182984_1) **Name of work:** - Construction of elevated platform for transformer on Brahmpuri main road in Seelampur Constituency, AC-65. **Estimated Cost of Rs 23,21,562/- Earnest Money Rs 46,431/- period of completion 60 days**
H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

2. **NIT No. 94/RE/ CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_182982_1) **Name of work:** - Improvement of damaged street of Shanti mohalla colony in Gandhi Nagar AC 61. **Estimated Cost of Rs 87,30,513/- Earnest Money Rs 1,74,610/- period of completion 120 days**
H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

3. **NIT No. 113/ RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_182733_1) **Name of work:** - Construction of badminton Courts at Mini stadium, Raj Garh colony & Mahavir Swami Park, Kailash Nagar in Gandhi Nagar Constituency, AC-61. **Estimated Cost of Rs 12,28,707/- Earnest Money Rs 24,574/- period of completion 45 days**
H.O.A.: 2711 NON PLAN (REVENUE) MAINTENANCE DRAINAGE

4. **NIT No. 151/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_182736_1) **Name of work:** Construction of Protection wall around open section of Bund drain or the covered portion of Bund Drain (Park) between near RD 2200m to RD 2300M. **Estimated Cost of Rs 15,53,297/- Earnest Money Rs 31,066/- period of completion 90 days**
H.O.A.: 2711 NON PLAN (REVENUE) MAINTENANCE DRAINAGE

5. **NIT No. 152/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_182737_1) **Name of work:** Protection of boundary wall and construction of service road for sump at RD 400m of Escape Drain No1. **Estimated Cost of Rs 18,30,645/- Earnest Money Rs 36,613/- period of completion 60 days**
H.O.A.: 2225 Plan improvement of SC Basties (SCSP)

6. **NIT No. 153/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_182988_1) **Name of work:** - Repair / Restoration of damaged streets A & B Block of Jagatpuri in Krishna Nagar AC-60 (EB No 38 & 42). **Estimated Cost of Rs 85,45,644/- Earnest Money Rs 1,70,913/- period of completion 120 days**
H.O.A.: 2225 Plan improvement of SC Basties (SCSP)

7. **NIT No.154/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_182995_1) **Name of work:** Improvement of damaged Street No. 5 and its link of Ambedkar Basti Majpur in Seelampur AC-65 (EB No 75-2, 76, 77-2). **Estimated Cost of Rs 43,78,185/- Earnest Money Rs 87,564/- period of completion 90 days**
H.O.A.: Development of Unauthorised colonies

8. **NIT No. 107/ RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_183068_1) **Name of work:** - Repair / Restoration of damaged streets in Bhajanpura CA-Block in Ghonda Constituency, AC-66 (Regn No 472) including maintenance for 5 years. (Balance Work). **Estimated Cost of Rs 12,05,978/- Earnest Money Rs 24,120/-period of completion 45 days**
H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

9. **NIT No. 120/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_183062_1) **Name of work:** - Improvement of balance damaged street No. 2 of Bajrang Balli Mohalla including its links in Majpur in Seelampur AC-65. **Estimated Cost of Rs 27,35,017/- Earnest Money Rs 54,700/- period of completion 60 days**
H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

10. **NIT No. 121/ RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_183063_1) **Name of work:** Improvement of damaged street in Chauhan Bangar in ward No. 41E in seelampur AC-65. **Estimated Cost of Rs 89,34,443/- Earnest Money Rs 1,78,689/- period of completion 140 days**
H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

11. **NIT No. 123/ RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_183066_1) **Name of work:** Improvement of damaged street No 6, 8, link from No 23 to 12 (Gadde wali masjid), 48/A of Chauhan bangar & street no 13/15 Vijay mohalla in seelampur AC-65. **Estimated Cost of Rs 46,01,463/- Earnest Money Rs 92,029/-period of completion 90 days**
H.O.A.: VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT UNDER IDRVU

12. **NIT No.126/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_183077_1) **Name of work:** - Renovation of Rajesh Pilot Chaulpal at Mahali Mohalla in Ghonda Constituency AC-66. **Estimated Cost of Rs 30,77,693/- Earnest Money Rs 61,554/- period of completion 150 days**
H.O.A.: VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT UNDER IDRVU

13. **NIT No. 127/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20** (ID No. 2019_IFC_183076_1) **Name of work:** - Covering of 11nd Floor and Renovation of existing Chaulpal No. 2 at village Ghondli in Krishna Nagar Assembly Constituency, AC-60. **Estimated Cost of Rs 54,16,260/- Earnest Money Rs 1,08,325/- period of completion 180 days**
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2.	Polyliner (i) 25 Kg SMP Polyliner (ii) 1 Kg Panjin Automatic (iii) 1 Kg Printed Manual	-do-	-do-	200/-	1,50,000/- 1,20,000/- 30,000/-	07.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	25.11.2019 Upto 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 26.11.2019 at 02:00 PM
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5.	Milk Testing Equipments (i) Lactometer (ii) Butyrometer	-do-	-do-	200/-	20,000/- each	08.11.2019 From 11:00 AM	26.11.2019 Upto 04:00 PM	Technical Bid 27.11.2019 at 02:00 PM
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Note:- Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

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1.	Plastic Containers for Keeping Strips for detecting adulteration	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Head Office, SCO No. 153-155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh, Ph.No. 0172-5041836-37-38	200/-	10,000/-	-	28.11.2019 at 02:00 PM
2.	Caustic Soda Lye and Flakes	-do-	-do-	200/-	4,50,000/-	-	28.11.2019 at 02:00 PM

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

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For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website: www.tnmsc.com.
DIPR/4053/Tender/2019 **General Manager (E)**

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The Regional Director BARCF(V) on behalf of the President of India invites online bids in two parts i.e. Part A (Techno-Commercial) bid and Part B (Financial) bid , from eligible contractors for the following work :

Sl. No	e-Tender No	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (Rs.) in Lakhs.	EMD Amount (Rs.)	Period of Contract	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Tender Processing fee (to be paid to M/s ITI)
1	BARCF-V/ESS-V/2019/33	Design, construction, supply, erection, installation, testing and commissioning of 3MLD water treatment plant at new campus of BARC Achutapuram near Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh as a turnkey project.	650.00	13,00,000.00	12 Months	Nil.	Rs.5900.00

Tender Documents shall be available for view/download in e-tendering website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE from 06.11.2019 to 22.11.2019 (16:00 hrs). Only detailed NIT is also available in web site www.barc.gov.in

POLICY WATCH RCEP

India's decision is 'absolutely final' for now: Goyal

ENSECONOMICBUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

INDIA'S DECISION to be out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is "final" unless other countries involved in the pact uphold its demands, said Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday. At the same time, doors for further negotiations remained open as India did not exit the deal on a bitter note that would lead to uncertainty in its economic and political relation with these countries, according to him.

"For the present, it is a final decision. We are not joining RCEP," said Goyal during a briefing on the decision in New Delhi.

He suggested that if the remaining 15 RCEP participating countries "make a sincere effort" to resolve India's concerns and give it the confidence that they will help it "balance this trade inequality", the country may re-initiate talks to join the mega trade deal.

"In international engagement and international relations... we always talk to countries. The doors never shut for anybody. But, as I said, for the present, the decision is absolutely final," he said. "All these issues have been pending for a long time, they have been in negotiation for a long time. The onus is on other nations to respond to India's concerns and India's requests and therefore I think this will only strengthen India's position in the future."

The minister had reportedly stated during a visit to Nagpur in October that remaining out of RCEP would leave India "isolated" from a large trading bloc.

"As regards isolation, India has not got out of the pact in an acrimonious manner," he told reporters during the briefing Tuesday. "We have put forth our issues with logical reasoning. The other countries have all appreciated India's concerns. They have appreciated that the points that India is negotiating are fair and just and therefore... have assured India that they still want India to be a part of the regional trade

The Commerce Minister said if the remaining 15 RCEP participating countries "make a sincere effort" to resolve India's concerns, the Centre may re-initiate talks to join the trade deal

agreement and will make an effort to address our concerns," he said.

The Narendra Modi-led government had been "less enthusiastic" about the deal than the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government that had initiated talks to participate, but could not close the discussions citing a change in government, said Goyal. The current government had, over the last five years of negotiations, put forth "very strong demands" on aspects like services and investments that it felt would help balance regional trade, according to him.

"...Until recently, India was an outlier in 49 of the nearly 70-odd issues that were under negotiations. For the last five years, we have consistently negotiated what is good for the people of India, what is good for the industry, what is good for farmers, what is good for the economy in India," he said. According to him, India's decision to stand its ground had prevented RCEP negotiations from concluding by the earlier deadline of 2016.

"We were seeking to open the Indian market (in return) for India's products where we want access like textiles, like automobiles, like gems and jewellery," said Goyal.

Meanwhile, India plans on re-starting negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the European Union, which could open up "large markets" for the country's textile, agricultural and services sector as well as opportunities for the gems and jewellery industry, said Goyal.

RCEP is a mega free trade agreement between 10 ASEAN group countries, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and, until recently, India.

SOLUTION TO BE BASED ON 'MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING'

Will resolve India's RCEP issues, hope it joins early, says China

SOWMIYA ASHOK SHANGHAI, NOVEMBER 5

A DAY after India withdrew from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) over "significant outstanding issues", China indicated its willingness to work out a solution based on "mutual understanding and accommodation".

"The RCEP is open. We will follow the principles of mutual understanding and accommodation to resolve the outstanding problems raised by India. We welcome India joining the RCEP at an early date," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said.

On Monday, India said at the RCEP summit in Bangkok that it will not join the 16-nation trade agreement since the outcome is "neither fair nor balanced" even as the other 15 nations in the regional grouping — 10 of ASEAN plus China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand — decided to sign the pact next year.

A joint statement issued at the summit said: "India has significant outstanding issues, which remain unresolved. All RCEP Participating Countries will work together to resolve these outstanding issues in a mutually satisfactory way. India's final decision will depend on satisfactory resolution of these issues."

Among the fears expressed by opponents of the deal was that it

BEIJING REACHES OUT

■ A statement said: "China does not deliberately pursue a trade surplus with India. We can expand our cooperation in investment, production capacity and tourism in order to create a bigger pie for sustainable and balanced development"

■ Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Geng Shuang said signing and implementation (of RCEP) by India would have been conducive for more Indian goods to enter China and other participating countries

would lead to the Indian market being flooded by Chinese goods in key sectors. Speaking at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing, Geng said RCEP's signing and implementation by India would have been conducive for more Indian goods to enter China and other participating countries.

"Likewise, it would have been conducive for Chinese goods to enter India and other markets. India and China are large emerging countries with a huge market of 2.7 billion which has a huge potential. In the last five years, China's imports from India have increased by 15 per cent," he said.

"China does not deliberately pursue a trade surplus with India. We can expand our cooperation in investment, production capacity and tourism in order to create a bigger pie for sustainable and balanced development," he said.

Responding to a question on whether India's withdrawal will dent the RCEP, Geng said: "China

up negotiations on China-EU investment agreements and similar agreements between China and the Gulf Cooperation Council. "We will stay actively engaged within the United Nations, G20, APAC and BRICS, to move economic globalization forward," he said.

In his speech, Xi made a pitch for removing impediments to economic globalism. "Let us join hands with each other, instead of letting go and tear down walls instead of erecting walls and continually bring down trade barriers," he said.

"China will continue to open up its market. It has a population of 1.4 billion, and its middle-income population is the biggest in the world. The huge Chinese market points to a potential that is simply unlimited. The Chinese people often say the world is a big place and I want to see more of it. What I want to say today is that the Chinese market is a such a big one that you should all come and see what it has to offer," he said.

Referring to the recently concluded fourth plenum of the 19th party congress of the Communist Party of China, he said the decisions "included a host of significant measures to deepen reform and... opening up to promote reform, development and innovation".

More than 150 countries are participating in the second CIE in Shanghai with 64 countries, including India, setting up country exhibitions.

'Sustained recovery of economy may take a few months'

High frequency data with respect to IIP, PMI, bank credit and exports indicate a continued economic slowdown in the second quarter of fiscal 2019-20, and though a seasonal upturn during the October-November period could be seen due to the festive season, a sustained recovery may have to wait for a few months, consultancy EY

India said in its report 'Economy Watch: Monitoring India's macro-fiscal performance'

KEY FIGURES FOR INDIA

-1.1% Contraction in Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in August 2019, as against growth of 4.6 per cent in preceding month, on account of underlying weakness in all sub-industries; lowest level since November 2012, first contraction in 26 months

51.4 Headline manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (seasonally adjusted) at 51.4 in September; remaining unchanged from August and at its joint lowest reading since May 2018

4.0% Consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation for September, recording a 14-month high, which increased from 3.3 per cent in the preceding month; attributed to rising inflation in food and beverages



4.2% Growth in Centre's gross tax revenues in April-August period of FY20, as against 8.7 per cent recorded in corresponding year-ago period; lowest cumulated growth since FY10

9.8% Growth in total government expenditure during April-August FY20, compared to 12.7 per cent in corresponding period of FY19; due to subdued growth in capital expenditure

GLOBAL GDP FORECAST FIGURES FOR 2019

3% Expected growth in global gross domestic product (GDP); weakest since 2009, attributed to weak trade and subdued industrial production

2.4% Expected growth in US GDP; likely to moderate thereafter, reflecting an assumed shift in fiscal stance from expansionary to neutral

6.1% Expected growth in China GDP, with escalating tariffs and weakening external demand projected to accentuate slowdown

Blockchain can transform trading, says Sebi chief

ENSECONOMICBUREAU MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 5

SEBI CHIEF Ajay Tyagi on Tuesday urged stock exchanges to follow governance norms better than what they preach to listed companies. He also said that exchanges should not use their oligopolistic position to charge exorbitant and unreasonable fees from investors.

The capital markets regulator chief was addressing an event commemorating the silver jubilee of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), which has become a market leader since its inception and controls two-thirds of volumes by

"Exchanges need to follow governance norms much better than what they preach to listed companies. While exchanges are for-profit commercial entities, they should refrain from using their oligopolistic position by putting out exorbitant fee structures"

AJAY TYAGI

CHAIRMAN, SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

disrupting the 144-year-old BSE back with its electronic screen-based trading terminals in 1994.

Technology has made possible algo trading, T+2 days settlements and holding securities in electronic format among many other things. And in future too, technology can continue to transform capital markets. The Sebi chief said that the blockchain

technology had the potential to transform the trading, clearing & settlement process. He said: "The fund management industry, which has already taken the initial step with robo advisory services, could look very different in future with adoption of Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning."

Alongside this, Tyagi also highlighted the role of exchanges in

governance. "Exchanges need to follow governance norms much better than what they preach to listed companies. While exchanges are for-profit commercial entities, they should refrain from using their oligopolistic position by putting out exorbitant fee structures," said Tyagi.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the Centre and the RBI are working to resolve the issues being faced by realty sector. Admitting that realty sector has been left out of the booster measures announced earlier, she said the sector has a spillover effect on many sectors, especially the core sector. **FE WITH PTI**

Gold demand declines 32% in Q3 2019 on high prices, slowdown: WGC

ENSECONOMICBUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

AS GOLD prices touched their highest levels following geopolitical tensions and concerns around economic slowdown, the demand for the precious metal in India fell nearly one-third in the quarter ended September 30, 2019. Releasing the data for gold demand in the last quarter, World Gold Council on Tuesday said that India's gold demand may fall to its lowest level in three years in 2019.

According to the data released by WGC, India's gold demand for the September quarter stood at 123.9 tonnes, a 32 per cent decline in demand over the corresponding quarter of last year. Somasundaram PR, MD of WGC's Indian operations, said gold demand in 2019 could drop 8 per cent from a year ago to around 700 tonnes, the lowest since 2016.

"Along with higher prices, gold demand is getting affected by weak rural sentiment," said Somasundaram.

While India is a big consumer of gold in the form of jewellery, data shows that Indian jewellery demand declined by almost one-third to 101.6 tonnes.

"Jewellery demand suffered as consumer confidence fell further over concerns around the slowing economy. Several indicators — such as lower sales volumes reported by large fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies and domestic car/two-wheeler sales — pointed towards a slowdown in both urban and rural demand. Weak sentiment due to a liquidity crunch, excessive monsoon rains in some states, and the absence of any festivals, also influenced demand in the quarter," said WGC in its statement.

Since January 1, 2019 price of pure gold in Delhi has jumped 21.5 per cent. However, as India is the second largest market for the precious metal, a sharp decline in its consumption of the precious metal could result into a softening in the gold prices.

While high gold prices have dented the demand, WGC said that the demand also been impacted by a 2.5 per cent rise in custom duty on gold from 10 per cent to 12.5 per cent. In the Budget announcement in July

IndiGo, Etihad to announce strategic deal tomorrow

ENSECONOMICBUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

INDIGO AND Qatar Airways will make a strategic business announcement on November 7, the two companies said in a statement Tuesday. While it was not clear if the announcement is about a stake sale, codeshare pact or any other kind of partnership, sending shares of the budget carrier surged by around 2 per cent in late trade.

Qatar had shown interest in picking up stake in IndiGo earlier, but IndiGo, the country's biggest carrier, has been holding out.

The talk of a partnership comes at a time when IndiGo's two co-founders, Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal, have been involved in a dispute over alleged corporate governance violations.

IndiGo, which has about 40 per cent share of the domestic Indian market, is planning an ag-

EXPLAINED Fall will arrest flight of capital

A SHARP decline in India's demand for gold, following the rise in prices, may come as a breather for the economy that imports much more than it exports. Over the last eight years, the net import of gold and precious stones amounted to about \$245 billion. Many feel that a decline in gold imports will arrest flight of capital, narrow the current account deficit and strengthen the domestic currency.

2019, the finance minister had announced a hike in customs duty on gold import. The council said that this higher duty hit sentiment amongst both the gold trade and consumers, and fresh jewellery purchases suffered as a result.

The sharp decline in India's gold demand came in sharp contrast to the global demand for gold that witnessed a notable rise.

The worldwide demand for gold grew from 964.3 tonnes in Q3 last year to 1,107.9 tonnes in the quarter ended September 2019. WGC said that a surge in ETF inflows led to a rise in global demand. The holding sin gold-backed ETFs grew by 258.2 tonnes to hit an all time high of 2,855.3 tonnes during the quarter.

On the other hand Central banks added 156.2 tonnes to their reserves in Q3 and this was 38 per cent lower than that added in the Q3 of 2018. Jewellery demand was also down 16 per cent to 460.9 tonnes in Q3.

On the supply side, gold supply rose 4 per cent in Q3 to 1,222.3 tonnes and the rise was driven by a 10 per cent increase in recycling as the ongoing price rally continued to encourage selling back by consumers.

gressive push into more international destinations. The airline's CEO Ronjoy Dutta and Qatar Airways CEO Al Baker will "talk about the vision and future for both the airlines", the airlines said in the statement.

IndiGo flies to over 50 international destinations, including Turkey, China, Vietnam, Myanmar and Saudi Arabia. The budget carrier had, last week, placed an order for 300 Airbus A320neo-family planes, including a long-range version of the single-aisle A320neo called the A321XLR.

Differences between the co-founders of the airline came into the open after Gangwal sought intervention of markets regulator Sebi to address alleged corporate governance lapses on July 8. While the allegations have been refuted by Bhatia's group — InterGlobe Enterprises, Sebi and Corporate Affairs Ministry are reportedly looking into the issue.

Xi launches import fair; 'need to bring down trade barriers'

REUTERS SHANGHAI, NOVEMBER 4

GLOBAL TRADE barriers must be removed, and countries should uphold basic multilateral trade principles while standing firm against protectionism, Chinese President Xi Jinping said Tuesday.

Speaking at the opening of the November 5-10 China International Import Expo (CIIE), an annual import show in Shanghai, Xi said more must be done to boost global cooperation and remove barriers to innovation. He reiterated broad pledges to continue to open China's econ-



Chinese President Xi Jinping (left) and French President Emmanuel Macron at the China International Import Expo in Shanghai. Reuters

omy and markets, and strengthen protection of intellec-

tual property rights. The remarks come as US and Chinese negotiators work to finalise a text of a "phase one" agreement for US President Donald Trump and Xi to sign this month to ease the nearly 16-month trade war that has dented the global economy.

"There is no single country that can resolve by itself the difficulties facing the development of the world's economy," Xi said in a speech. "We need to join hands with each other instead of letting go of each other's hands. We need to tear down walls, not to erect walls. We need to stand firm against protectionism and unilateralism," he said.

REUTERS WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 5

CHINA IS pushing US President Donald Trump to remove more tariffs imposed in September as part of a "phase one" US-China trade deal, people familiar with the negotiations said on Monday.

The deal, which may be signed this month by Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping at a yet-to-be determined location, is widely expected to include a US pledge to scrap tariffs scheduled for December 15 on about

\$156 billion worth of Chinese imports, including cell phones, laptop computers and toys.

WHAT THE AGREEMENT ENTAILS

■ The deal, which may be signed this month by Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping at a yet-to-be determined location, is expected to include a US pledge to scrap tariffs scheduled for December 15 on about \$156-billion Chinese imports

■ China is also seeking relief from earlier 25 per cent tariffs on about \$250 billion of imports from machinery and semiconductors to furniture ■ A US official said the fate of the December 15 tariffs is being considered as part of negotiations

and a potential signing trip this month.

Another source briefed on the talks said Chinese negotiators want Washington to drop 15 per cent tariffs on about \$125 billion worth of Chinese goods that went into effect on Sept. 1. They are also seeking relief from earlier 25 per cent tariffs on about \$250 billion of imports from machinery and semiconductors to furniture.

A person familiar with China's negotiating position said it is continuing to press Washington to "remove all tariffs as soon as possible."

China's request to remove the Sept. 1 duties was earlier reported by Politico, citing sources. The Financial Times newspaper also reported the White House was considering whether to roll back the Sept. 1 tariffs, which cover some clothing items, flat-screen televisions, smart speakers and Bluetooth headphones.

Geng Shuang, a spokesman at the Chinese foreign ministry, said the two sides remained in touch.

"Trade consultations have made progress and are advancing in accordance to plan," Geng said.

Sebi comes out with operational norms for new FPI regulations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

MARKETS WATCHDOG Sebi has issued consolidated operational guidelines for foreign portfolio investors (FPI) and designated depository participants to facilitate implementation of the new FPI regulations. The Foreign Portfolio Investor Regulations came into force from September 23.

Under the new norms, all insurance entities and funds from FATF member countries have been classified as category-I FPIs.

Among others, unregulated funds or entity where the regulated investment manager is from non-FATF member country would be under category-II. To ensure transition of existing FPIs, re-categorisation of registration would be done by NSDL in consultation with the respective designated depository participants (DDPs).

An FPI can seek re-categorisation from category-II to I after providing requisite information and applicable fees to the DDP.

"These consolidated operational guidelines for foreign portfolio investors and designated depository participants are issued to facilitate implementation of Sebi (Foreign Portfolio Investors)

Due diligence process for share dematerialisation tightened

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday asked listed companies to compile and submit data about shareholders holding shares in physical form to depositories by December 31, as part of strengthening the due diligence process. Transfer of securities held in physical form has been barred from April 1, 2019.

Coming out with fresh re-

quirements for the due diligence process, Sebi said it was being done to augment the integrity of the system in processing of dematerialisation request in respect of the remaining physical shares. After receiving data from the firms, depositories have to put in place systems to validate any dematerialisation request received after December 31. **PTI**

Regulations, 2019," Sebi said. In case, the aggregate investment limit is breached, the FPI concerned has to sell the excess holdings only to domestic investors, as per the guidelines. Once the holding crosses the limit, the depositories have to inform stock exchanges about the breach.

"In the event of a breach of the sectoral cap/aggregate FPI limit/aggregate NRI limit, the foreign investors shall divest their excess holding within 5 trading days from the date of settlement of the trades, by selling shares only to domestic investors," Sebi said.

Meanwhile, the regulator also issued a detailed circular regard-

ing the process to be followed for Aadhaar-based electronic KYC exercise for domestic investors. The circular mentions about the requirements to be fulfilled by entities registered with the UIDAI as KYC User Agency (KUA) as well as for sub-KUA. For such KYC process, there would be two options — online portal and assisted investor e-KYC processes.

Sebi-registered intermediaries and mutual fund distributors, who want to undertake Aadhaar authentication services through KUAs, should enter into an agreement with any one KUA. They should also get themselves registered with UIDAI as sub-KUAs.

During the quarter, provisions for bad loans declined sharply to Rs 3,253.32 crore against Rs 7,733.27 crore in July-September 2018. But provisions shot up compared to January-March quarter level of Rs 2147 crore. Shares of PNB closed 5.28 per cent below at Rs 64.60 at the National Stock Exchange Tuesday — as NPA and provisioning numbers came in

Q2 RESULTS: BANK EARNS OPERATING PROFIT OF ₹ 3,561 CR

PNB posts ₹507 crore profit as provision eases; net NPAs fall

LOWERING NET NPA TO BE FOCUS

■ **PNB managing director S S Mallikarjuna Rao said that bank will focus on recovery to bring down the net NPA to the comfort level of the RBI by the end of the current fiscal**

■ **Rao has set an ambitious recovery target of ₹24,000 crore for the entire fiscal**

above estimates.

Gross NPAs amounted to 16.76 per cent of the gross advances at the end of September, lower than 17.16 per cent a year ago. Net NPAs or bad loans also came down to 7.65 per cent as against 8.90 per cent in the year-ago period.

PNB managing director S S Mallikarjuna Rao said that bank will focus on recovery to bring down the net NPA to the comfort

level of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by the end of the current fiscal. "If you look at the guidance, we are very confident that we can bring down the net NPA by March 2020 below 6 per cent," he told reporters while announcing quarterly results. Rao, who was appointed the head of the country's second largest lender last month, has set a recovery target of Rs 24,000 crore for the entire fiscal.

Of this, the bank has done recovery of Rs 7,000 crore during the first half of the current fiscal and the remaining Rs 17,000 crore would be done in the remaining half through cash recovery and reduction, he said.

"In NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal) there are 14 cases which are in final stages. From NCLT we are expecting Rs 11,000 crore reduction from NPAs ... the real amount received will be around Rs 6,500 crore, against which the write-back will be about Rs 3,800 crore," he said.

Total income during July-September quarter rose to Rs 15,566.61 crore from Rs 14,035.88 crore in the same quarter last year,

PNB said in a regulatory filing. The bank earned operating profit of Rs 3,561 crore during the quarter as against Rs 2,839.50 crore in the same period a year ago. During the quarter, the total interest income of the bank rose to Rs 13,292 crore from Rs 12,326 crore in the same quarter in the previous fiscal.

During the quarter, gross NPAs, in absolute terms, stood at Rs 78,472.70 crore at the end of September, lower than Rs 86,620.05 crore reported in the second quarter of 2018-19. Net NPAs were valued at Rs 32,658.69 crore as against Rs 38,278.84 crore.

The bank expects slippages of around Rs 19,000 crore this year and its Net Interest Margin around 2.40 per cent.

The bank received capital of Rs 16,061 crore from the government during the quarter to help it effectively amalgamate two state owned banks Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India. Following the infusion, the capital adequacy ratio of the bank increased to 14.07 per cent from 10.08 per cent in the same period a year ago.

BRIEFLY

RBI hikes cash withdrawal from PMC Bank

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank Tuesday enhanced the cash withdrawal from the scam-hit Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank to Rs 50,000 per account. This is the fourth raise in withdrawal limit since the bank was placed under its direct control with an administrator on September 23.

Average spot power price drops 54%

New Delhi: Average spot power price at Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) fell 54 per cent to a two-year low of Rs 2.71 per unit in October, compared to Rs 5.94 per unit in the year-ago month due to lower electricity demand, better coal supplies and higher hydro generation. **PTI**

SpaceX brings Musk back on Twitter

Bengaluru: Elon Musk has not left Twitter after all, just three days after the billionaire announced that he was going offline. Tesla Inc's chief executive officer went back on Tuesday with a handful of tweets promoting a successful test by his rocket company, SpaceX.

UK economy starts Q4 on weak note

London: Britain's economy got off to a weak start to the final quarter of 2019, with the IHS Markit services Purchasing Managers' Index edging up to 50.0, which represents zero growth, from 49.5 in September — one of the lowest readings since Britain was in recession in 2009. The all-sector PMI, covering manufacturing and construction as well as services, remained below 50 for a third month in a row.

Aramco IPO: No overseas listing for at least 1 year

Dubai: The Saudi government plans to sell 2 per cent of state oil giant Aramco in a domestic listing on December 11, three sources said, but restrictions on future share sales mean an international IPO is ruled out for at least a year. The Saudi government will face a one-year restriction on selling more Aramco shares following the domestic listing, as per the sources. **REUTERS**

Q2 RESULTS

Tech Mahindra profit up 5.6%

New Delhi: IT firm Tech Mahindra on Tuesday posted a 5.6 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 1,124 crore for the September quarter, helped by deal wins of \$149 billion in the quarter.

The company also announced that it will acquire US-based Born Group at an enterprise value of \$95 million (approximately Rs 671 crore), a move aimed at enhancing its consulting capabilities through addition of creative and design skills, technology and analytics platforms and commerce expertise.

The Mumbai-based company had registered a net profit of Rs 1,064.3 crore in the July-September 2018 quarter. Its revenue from operations grew 5.1 per cent to Rs 9,070 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 8,629.8 crore in the year-ago period.

"We are thankful to our customers for believing in our capabilities despite a tough demand environment. Our consistent large deal wins is a testimony of our differentiation in the marketplace," Tech Mahindra Managing Director and CEO C P Gurnani said.

REC net down 24% at ₹1,322 crore

New Delhi: State-run REC's consolidated net profit dropped about 24 per cent to Rs 1,322.47 crore in the quarter ended on September 30, 2019, compared to that of Rs 1,732.75 crore in the year-ago quarter, according to a BSE filing.

Total income of the company rose to Rs 7,483.75 crore in the second quarter from Rs 6,246.05 crore in the same

quarter of last year.

The company said that the loan book has continued to grow on sequential basis and has crossed Rs 3 lakh crore during the September quarter.

The loan book of the company has increased to Rs 3.01 lakh crore as at September 30, 2019, as against Rs 2.57 lakh crore as at September 30, 2018, reflecting a growth of 17 per cent. **PTI**

With focus on merchants, Google rolls out 'Google Pay for Business'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, NOVEMBER 5

GOOGLE ON Tuesday announced the roll-out of its merchant-focused Google Pay app, Google Pay for Business, in Pune. The app is meant for small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) to adopt digital payments in "a hassle-free way" that reduces the time required in the completion of paperwork and verification, Google said. Sajith Sivanandan, MD and business head—Google Pay and NBU initiatives, said, "India's SMBs are a core pillar of the Indian economy and with Google Pay for Business, we aim to ease their path to going digital."

'Boeing CEO Muilenburg has done everything right'

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 5

BOEING CO Chairman Dave Calhoun said on Tuesday the company's board believed Chief Executive Dennis Muilenburg "has done everything right," just days after he came under attack from US lawmakers and repeatedly refused to step down at a hearing on two fatal crashes involving Boeing 737 MAX airliners. "He has our confidence," Calhoun said in a *CNBC* interview, adding Muilenburg called him Saturday and offered to give up much of his compensation for

'Most global firms optimistic about growth from 2020'

Despite global uncertainty and the rising headwinds the economy has been facing for many quarters, almost all domestic companies are optimistic about their growth next year, claims an HSBC report

REASONS WHY COMPANIES ARE BUOYANT:

Prospect of entering new markets

Getting high-quality suppliers

Plans to invest in technologies that will pave the way for new products and services



96% Out of those polled, nearly 96 per cent are expecting higher growth next year, markedly higher than global and Asian peers (79 per cent and 77 per cent, respectively)

9,100 The number of companies whose business leaders were surveyed across 35 markets globally to gauge business

sentiment and growth prospects; of this over 3,200 businesses are from 12 Asian markets

86% Of those polled, 86 per cent feel protectionism is increasing in their main market

14% The percentage of people who feel protectionist policies have had a detrimental effect

SALES GROWTH

Over the next five years, fifty per cent of the companies surveyed in the country by HSBC are expecting sales growth rate of 15 per cent or more

EXPORT PROJECTIONS

This optimism extends to export projections as well, with nearly 98 per cent of them with overseas operations expect exports to grow over the next two years

US woos Asia with plan to rival China's 'Belt and Road initiative'

ELAINE KURTENBACH
BANGKOK, NOVEMBER 5

COMMERCE SECRETARY Wilbur Ross said Tuesday the US will invest and trade more in Asia as it rolls out an American plan to support "sustainable" projects in Asia as a counterpoint to China's multibillion-dollar "Belt and Road" infrastructure initiative.

Ross is leading a high-pow-

ered trade mission in Asia and along with national security adviser Robert O'Brien attended meetings at a regional summit that wrapped up Monday on the outskirts of Thailand's capital.

Like O'Brien, he sought to dispel suspicions that President Donald Trump's administration is disengaging with the region, a sentiment that deepened when Trump sent his adviser to the an-

nual summit, skipping it for a second straight year in order to campaign.

"We have no intention of vacating our military or geopolitical position," Ross told reporters in a conference call.

He said many people had misinterpreted Trump's 2017 US decision to pull out of a regional trade deal, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, as a sign of waning interest. **AP**

Oil gains 1% amid optimism on US-China deal

STEPHANIE KELLY
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 5

OIL PRICES rose more than 1 per cent on Tuesday on hopes for a US-China trade agreement and optimism that Washington could roll back some tariffs on Chinese imports. Brent crude futures rose 74 cents, or 1.2 per cent, to \$62.87 a barrel by 1756 GMT. US West

Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures rose 68 cents, or 1.2 per cent, to \$57.22 a barrel.

China is pushing US President Donald Trump to remove more tariffs imposed in September as part of a so-called Phase 1 deal, which would ease the economic impact of the trade dispute between the world's two biggest oil consumers.

"While such a development

could accommodate a signing of a Phase 1 deal that would allow for a further increase in risk acceptance and hence, bullish spillover from the equities and into the oil complex, a major long term agreement still appears elusive well into next year," Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates in Galena, Illinois, said in a report.

OPEC Secretary-General

Mohammad Barkindo said the oil market outlook for 2020 may be brighter than previously forecast, appearing to downplay any need for deeper production cuts.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) also said it would supply a diminishing amount of oil in the next five years as output increases from US shale deposits and elsewhere. **REUTERS**

'Unlimited data' pledge: AT&T will pay \$60 million, says FTC

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 5

AT&T WILL pay \$60 million to resolve US allegations it misled millions of smartphone customers by charging them for "unlimited" data plans but reducing data speeds if they used too much, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) said on Wednesday.

As part of the settlement of the 2014 complaint, AT&T is also prohibited from making any representation about the speed or amount of its mobile data, without also disclosing any material restrictions on the data.

AT&T issued a brief statement acknowledging that it had reached a settlement with the FTC.

"Even though it has been years since we applied this network management tool in the way described by the FTC, we believe this is in the best interests of consumers," AT&T said in an emailed statement.

The telecommunications company had fought the FTC in court, saying it had no jurisdiction to bring the case, but lost in 2018.

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CORRIGENDUM

In the notification invited for applications to fill up the post of the Director, which was published vide this office notification No. IGICH/DRC/1/2019-20, Dated: 02.11.2019, please note the following changes:

Serial No.6: Tenure of the Post shall be read as "Maximum 03 years or till the date of superannuation, whichever is earlier".

Serial No.8: "Method of submission of application" shall be deleted.

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EASTERN EUROPE

Thirty years of freedom, warts and all

Central and eastern Europeans are mostly happy with progress since 1989

NO EMPIRE in history has disintegrated as quickly or as bloodlessly as the Soviet one, in the remarkable year that saw the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989. A period of carnage in Romania the following month was the only grisly counter-example. Yugoslavia, never a part of that empire, followed a tragically different path; but for the rest of central and eastern Europe, though clearly imperfect, the past 30 years have been a time of marvels.

Standards of living for most of the region's peoples have vastly improved, and most of them know it. New polling by the Pew Research Centre shows that 81% of Poles, 78% of Czechs and 55% of Hungarians agree that this is the case. Only Bulgarians on balance take a gloomy view, with just 32% of them thinking that their standard of living has improved since 1989. Development has been patchy, but for every depopulating and ageing rustbelt in eastern Europe there is a booming industrial region, a tech cluster or a services centre desperate for more workers.

Majorities in every country, mostly very big ones, approve of the multiparty systems and market economies that have delivered this, as well as their integration into Western institutions—the EU (from 2004) and NATO (from 1999). Free to travel and work anywhere in the EU, millions have done just that. Many who stayed behind, though, feel left behind. Aniko Takacs, aged 25, who works at a petrol station on the Hungarian side of the border with Austria, earns €500 (\$550) a month. Her sister, who does the same job for the same company in Austria, earns €1,500. Countries with low fertility rates and little immigration are facing steep population declines.

People leave not only because wages are higher in western Europe but also because public services are better and corruption rare. So many eastern European doctors and nurses have emigrated that access to good health care has deteriorated in some places, especially outside big cities.

After three decades of democracy, cynicism about politicians is as widespread as it is in western Europe. In Slovakia 63% of people think most elected officials do not care what they think, a Pew poll finds; in Hungary, 71% and in Bulgaria, 78%. By way of comparison, the figures in France and Britain are 76% and 70%, respectively.

In western Europe and America such anger at the ruling class has translated into



East Berlin border guards atop the Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on November 11, 1989. Reuters

votes for nationalists, populists, Brexit and Donald Trump. In Hungary and Poland those who feel left behind tend to blame liberalism and the West. Zsuzsanna Szelenyi, who was an anti-communist activist in Hungary in 1989, says that many of her compatriots were disappointed after the fall of communism because they expected their country “to become like Austria overnight”. It did not,

of course, but GDP per person, not to mention life expectancy, has risen sharply across the region.

Some people have done much better

than others, and not all of them by fair means. Communist officials and securocrats who rebranded themselves as democrats had the education and connections to retain

power, make money and profit from insider-dominated privatisations. The first president of post-communist Czechoslovakia in 1989 was Vaclav Havel, a dissident playwright. Today the prime minister of the Czech Republic is Andrej Babis, the second-richest man in the country and a former intelligence service collaborator.

The success of former communists has

rankled. In some countries, populists have exploited this mood. Ardent supporters of Poland's ruling Law and Justice party did not celebrate the 30th anniversary this year of the country's first semi-free elections, which followed the demise of the Kremlin-backed communist dictatorship. The way they see it is that in 1989 “the pinkos struck a deal with the reds to keep the reds in power at the expense of the Polish people. Poland only became genuinely independent in 2015 when they were voted out and the true patriots [ie, Law and Justice] were voted in,” sighs Konstanty Gebert, a former anti-communist activist. This is an odd way to describe Poland's rise to prosperity under a series of post-communist democratic governments.

In Hungary Viktor Orban, a revolutionary anti-communist turned populist prime minister, uses anti-Western rhetoric to win support. He talks of defending the common man, downtrodden by the arrogant liberal elite. Members of this elite imitate the West, which in turn looks down on eastern Europeans as country bumpkins, he suggests. The end of communism was a liberation, he says, but Hungary also needs a revival of nationalist and Christian values, which he says he is delivering. He rejects liberal notions of human rights, tolerance and consensus.

Different places, different values

Eastern Europe remains far less liberal than the west. Tolerance towards gay people is uneven, and has diminished since 2002 in several countries, polls suggest. The end of communism unleashed hostility to the region's large Roma minority, who remain almost completely unrepresented politically. Hungary's regime has undermined the institutions that are supposed to check it, such as the courts and the media. Poland's ruling party has tried to nobble the courts and the civil service.

Despite such setbacks, progress has been striking since communism ended. Eastern Europeans have never been as free or as rich as they are today. Some of the elderly grumble that life was more secure in the old days, but their memories may be tinged with regret that they are no longer as young as they were then. Historians will describe the communist era in Eastern Europe as four decades of servitude.

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MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

The next business revolution

American business schools are reinventing the MBA

ON A visit to New York in October Marc Benioff, boss of Salesforce, compared Facebook to cigarettes and backed a corporate tax hike to deal with homelessness in San Francisco. If badmouthing a fellow technology giant and cheering the taxman were not heterodox enough for a billionaire entrepreneur, Mr Benioff laid into American management education. It “programmes” students to favour profit over the public good. This, he noted, is out of step with “the new capitalism”.

Many deans concur. “We need our students to be thoughtful about the role of business in society, particularly at a moment in time when capitalism is coming under attack,” says William Boulding of Duke's Fuqua School of Business. Nitin Nohria of Harvard Business School (HBS) reports how younger alumni and incoming classes want “the place of work to reflect purpose and values”. Jonathan Levin of Stanford's Graduate School of Business (GSB) talks of business schools' responsibility to recognise the societal consequences of corporate actions. “Corporations, their leaders and owners need to act to restore trust,” he intones.

America's business schools still dominate our annual ranking of the world's top MBAs. But the industry is being shaken up. According to the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), an industry association, American MBA programmes received 7% fewer applicants this year than last. Nearly three-quarters of full-time, two-year MBA programmes reported declines from coast to coast. Not even the most illustrious ones were spared: HBS (located in Boston) and Stanford's GSB (in Palo Alto) both saw applications dip by 6% or so. Schools face growing competition from overseas and online programmes—and, as Mr Benioff's critique implies, questions over hidebound curriculums. “We're being disrupted left, right and centre,” confesses Susan Fournier, dean of Boston University's Questrom School of Business.

When management education boomed in the 1960s, American schools taught mostly American students. As the world economy globalised in the 1980s and 1990s, so too did American curriculums and student bodies. Sangeet Chowfala, who heads GMAC, now discerns a “third wave”: improved schools outside America are letting foreign students study closer to home (and future employers).



At Harvard Business School in Boston. American MBA programmes received 7% fewer applicants this year than last. Reuters

Many offer cheaper one-year MBAs, popular in Europe but uncommon across the pond. Whereas three in four two-year MBA programmes in America saw declines in overseas applicants in the latest application cycle, numbers applying to Asian business schools rose by 9% from 2017 to 2018. A recent uptick in America's anti-immigrant sentiment is accelerating the trend.

Americans, too, are cooling on MBAs. More than half of American schools report fewer domestic applicants. Soaring tuition costs, which have far outpaced inflation, put them off as much as they do foreigners. A top-notch MBA will set you back more than

\$200,000 (including living costs). Even with financial aid, many students are saddled with \$100,000 debts at graduation. The opportunity cost of forgoing two years' worth of paycheques is higher when the economy is booming and labour markets are tight. Weak demand has caused the number of full-time MBA programmes in America to fall by nearly a tenth between 2014 and 2018, according to the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, another industry body.

Geoffrey Garrett, dean of the Wharton School, at the University of Pennsylvania, believes that a flight to quality is benefiting top

institutions like his—and their graduates. Add non-wage compensation and alumni often recoup their investments in a few years. Not counting signing bonuses, the average base salary for graduates of the five American schools with the highest earning potential was \$139,000.

Consultancies and investment banks, historically the keenest MBA recruiters, claim their appetite for holders of elite degrees has not diminished. A prestigious MBA “puts a floor on your career”, explains Kostya Simonenko, a 28-year-old consultant on leave from Oliver Wyman (which is paying for his course at Columbia Business

School). Silicon Valley, which used to dismiss MBAs as overpaid know-nothings, has become less hostile. As startups grow into large corporations, they need managers to help run things, not just software engineers to run code. A survey of recruiters by GMAC this year found that 80% of technology companies planned to hire MBAs, on a par with consultancies (82%) and financial firms (77%).

Even the finest schools, though, are not sheltered from the forces buffeting business education. Global competition and new technology platforms enable a lower cost structure for the delivery of high-quality courses. This forces “a reckoning of the MBA value proposition”, says Ms Fournier.

As part of that reckoning, Questrom has teamed up with EDX, a big online-education firm, to offer a full MBA degree online for just \$24,000, less than a third of the cost of its on-campus equivalent. Better to cannibalise yourself than let others do it, as Ms Fournier puts it. MIT's Sloan School of Management provides similarly affordable bundles of on-line courses, dubbed MicroMasters, in areas like supply-chain management and finance. These grant certificates but the credits will be honoured if a student one day decides to pursue a full degree. 2u, an online-education platform, is introducing deferred-tuition schemes for some hybrid MBA degrees. It will share the upfront costs with its business-school partners; students will pay only when they get a job.

It is not just how MBA courses are taught that is changing. So, too, is what they teach. Many budding woke capitalists agree with Mr Benioff—and demand to be taught business beyond the primacy of shareholder value. At Stanford Luisa Gerstner, a millennial MBA student from Germany, notes that sustainable capitalism plays a more central role in European schools. Julia Osterman, her American classmate, laments how, despite some social, environmental and ethical topics in its curriculum, core classes are still “too Finance 101”.

Some of their professors are not so sure. One greybeard at HBS estimates that a third of its faculty (and many older alumni) view the embrace of cuddly “stakeholder capitalism” as an unrigorous sop to political correctness. It certainly introduces lots of grey areas, Mr Boulding concedes. But, he says, schools can at least provide students with “frameworks for making choices”. A new course at Duke is entitled “Capitalism and Common Purpose in a World of Differences”. HBS has made “Leadership and Corporate Accountability” (which delves into “the responsibilities of business to the broader system in which it is embedded”) a required first-year course, with case studies weighing up things like the morality of looking beyond financial metrics at Japan's Government Pension Investment Fund.

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Recoding academics

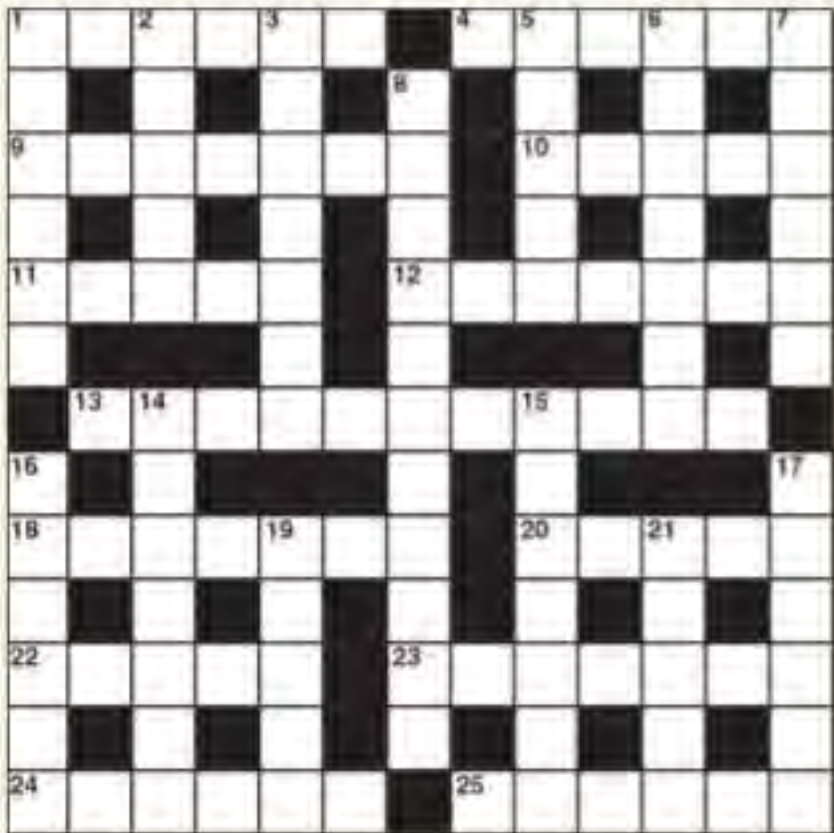
Curriculums are being transformed in less lofty ways, too. Employers, who partly or wholly bankroll half of all executive education, which earns elite schools between \$100m and \$150m a year, want it to impart technical skills. In response, deans such as Costis Maglaras, the newish head of Columbia Business School (and an engineer by training), are bolting courses on data, analytics and programming onto the timetable. As their popularity rises, they may displace stodgier subjects. Columbia used to offer several courses on debt markets but now offers perhaps one each academic year. Meanwhile, students have flocked to coding classes. The idea is not to turn business types into boffins but to prepare them to work with and manage technical staff, says Mr Maglaras. A recruiter for a big consultancy affirms that tech-savvy MBAs are “very attractive”.

Richard Lyons, former dean of the Haas Business School at the University of California, Berkeley, sees the future in providing lifelong professional education as a service: “Give alumni know-how on demand, searchable online.” Scott DeRue, dean of the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, is giving alumni tuition-free access to executive education. “The new stuff will come from insurgents, not the big MBA schools,” thinks John Kao, a management guru who formerly taught at HBS. He wants training benchmarks and standardised transcripts to make skills portable and universally recognised.

At HBS, home to perhaps the most hallowed MBA, Mr Nohria accepts that the market for its traditional offering is shrinking. In a sign of the times, his school has frozen tuition fees. He sees a dramatic expansion for “unbundlers” of online education, who “separate knowing, doing and being”. In time, he says, they will converge with “bundlers” like HBS. Far from collapsing, he reckons, management education will be the richer for it.

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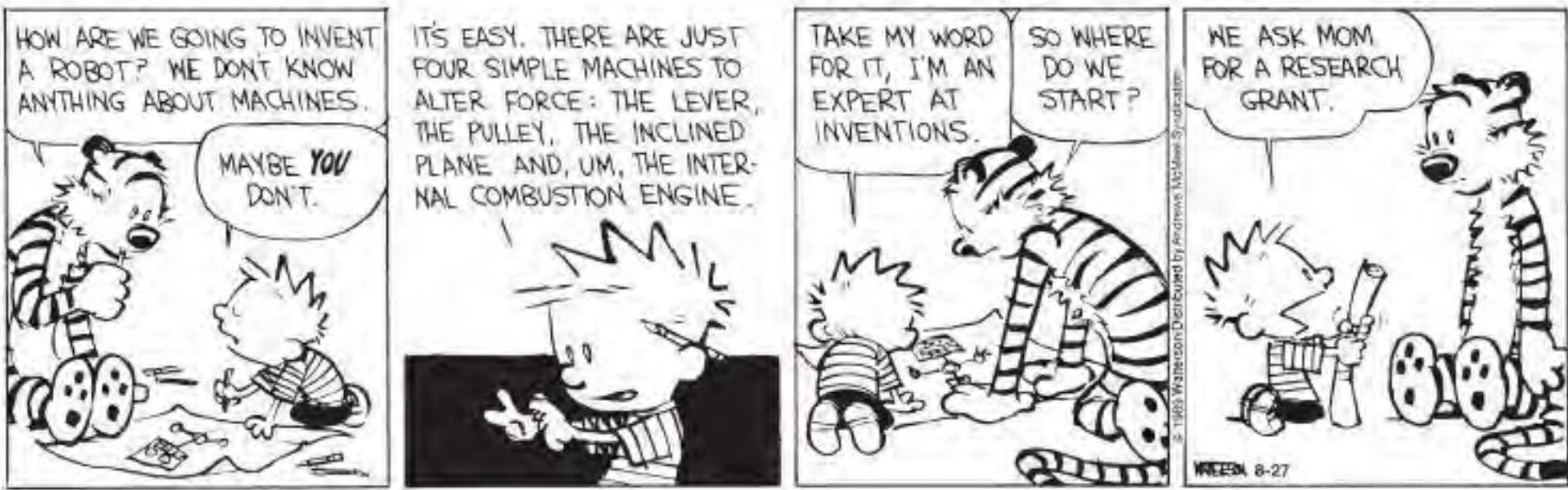
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- 3 Shell that's commonly cracked (7)
- 5 Islands have got an unusual constitution (5)
- 6 Foot-pedal that could be altered (7)
- 7 Moves stealthily and quietly among Amerindians (6)
- 8 Legal charges (11)
- 14 How promotion should be given to miner, perhaps (2,5)
- 15 Instruct or admonish (7)
- 16 Liberty, for example (6)
- 17 Quickly redrafted poster (6)
- 19 Distribute the entire first section of the Bible (5)
- 21 She appears in an ensemble that's rather colourless (5)

Solutions Crossword 3954: Across: Tellers, 5 Rifle, 8 Squash rackets, 9 Ethel, 10 Postage, 11 Tenons, 12 Airmen, 15 Assuage, 17 Easel, 19 Stop at nothing, 20 Token, 21 Spanner. Down: 1 Taste, 2 Laughing stock, 3 Epsilon, 4 Scrape, 5 Racks, 6 Free admission, 7 Eastern, 11 Transit, 13 Inertia, 14 Beings, 16 Again, 18 Lager.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLLED 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 clue.

People choose the paths that grant them the greatest amount of effort for the least amount of effort - David Shore (7...6)

DAEER



EGORR



AISDST



AELFFW



SOLUTION: EARED, ROGER, SADIST, WAFLE. Answer: People choose the paths that grant them the greatest amount of effort for the least amount of effort - David Shore

SUDOKU 4021

Difficulty Level 3s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4020



VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, SAMBALPUR, ODISHA-768018
Adv. No. VSSUT/ETC/694 Date: 30.10.2019
TENDER CALL NOTICE
Sealed tenders are invited from all registered firms having valid PAN and GST clearance certificates for supply of different items to be delivered at Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Department, VSSUT, Burla, on the specifications and terms and conditions available in the University website www.vssut.ac.in. The bidder must submit their bids only by Speed Post/Registered Post by 4.00 PM, 30th November, 2019. Sd/- Registrar

UJVN LIMITED
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)
H.O.: "UJJWAL" Maharani Bap, C. M.S. Road, Dehradun - 248006
Telephones: 0135- 2763506, 2763808, Fax No.: 0135-2763507
CIN No.: U40101UR2001SGC025966, Website: www.uttarakhandjvnlidylut.com
TENDER NOTICE
The office of EE (M&G), Dhakrani Power Station invites sealed tenders from interested firms for following work:
NIT No. 11/EE(M&G)/DKN/2019-20:- Backfill Pressure grouting, Vibration analysis and other Mechanical works at Dhakrani
NIT No. 12/EE(M&G)/DKN/2019-20:- Supply & fixing of Bronze Seals and S.S. shaft sleeve for Dhakrani Power Station
NIT No. 13/EE(M&G)/DKN/2019-20:- Various Electrical Maintenance works of Machines at Dhakrani Power Station
NIT No. 14/EE(M&G)/DKN/2019-20:- Polypoxy coating of Penstock outer surface at Dhakrani Power Station.
Estimated value of Tenders: Rs. 19.50 Lac, Rs. 11.00 Lac, Rs. 13.23 Lac & Rs. 10.51 Lac respectively.
Earnest Money:- Rs. 58500.00 & Rs. 33000.00, Rs. 39700.00 & Rs. 32000.00 respectively
Tender Cost:- Rs. 1180.00, Rs. 1180.00, Rs. 1180.00 & Rs. 1180.00 (including GST @ 18%) respectively
Availability of tender on website : 02/11/2019
Last date of downloading tender : 24/11/2019 up to 17:00 Hrs
Last date for receipt of Tenders : 25/11/2019 up to 15:00 Hrs
Date of opening of Tender : 26/11/2019 at 11:00 Hrs onwards
For eligibility criteria and fuller & further details kindly visit our website www.ujvn.com. Tenders can only be downloaded from our website and their cost has to be paid at time of submission of tender
422 चुकेसीन डिग/विज/दिनांक : 04.11.2019
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

नीलामी सूचना
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, रेवाड़ी के अधीन बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी, धारुहेड़ा व बावल पर निम्नलिखित दुकानों की नीलामी दिनांक 14.11.2019 को बस स्टैंड रेवाड़ी पर प्रातः 11.00 बजे होनी निश्चित की गई है, जिनका विवरण इस प्रकार है:-
क्र. दुकानों का विवरण स्थान अवधि
सं. 1. दुकान नं. 01 बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। दिनांक 31.03.2022 तक -सम-
2. दुकान नं. 03 बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
3. दुकान नं. 04 बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
4. दुकान नं. 05 बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
5. दुकान नं. 06 बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
6. मोची का स्थान कोसली बृथ के पास, बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
7. साईकिल व मोटरसाईकिल स्टैंड बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
8. दुकान नं. 02 आउट गेट, बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
9. दुकान नं. 03 आउट गेट, बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
10. दुकान नं. 04 आउट गेट, बस स्टैंड, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
11. दुकान नं. 01 गुजरवाड़ा, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
12. दुकान नं. 03 गुजरवाड़ा, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
13. दुकान नं. 09 गुजरवाड़ा, रेवाड़ी। -सम-
14. होटल आई.एम.टी. बस स्टैंड, बावल -सम-
15. साईकिल व मोटरसाईकिल स्टैंड बस स्टैंड, धारुहेड़ा। -सम-
16. साईकिल व मोटरसाईकिल स्टैंड बस स्टैंड, बावल। -सम-
17. दुकान नं. 01 बस स्टैंड, बावल। -सम-
18. दुकान नं. 02 बस स्टैंड, बावल। -सम-
सर्व साधारण को यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि किसी भी कार्यदिवस को 500/- रु. अदायगी करके महाप्रबंधक, रेवाड़ी कार्यालय से उपरोक्त दुकानों की नीलामी से संबंधित नियम एवं शर्तों से संबंधित फार्म महाप्रबंधक, हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, रेवाड़ी के कार्यालय से प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं।
हस्ता./- महाप्रबंधक,
हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, रेवाड़ी।

WESTERN RAILWAY AHMEDABAD DIVISION
Tender Advertisement
SMM(DL) SBT on behalf of the President of the India invites following electronic open tenders for supply of materials
Sr. No. Tender No. Brief Description of material Qty. Date & time of E-tender box closing
1 72-19-5236 Set of Bushings for Bogle Frame 45 Sets 28/11/2019, 11.00 hrs
2 72-19-5238 Rubber Item-1, CLFT3010 800 Mtrs. 28/11/2019, 11.00 hrs
3 72-19-5240 Heat Shrinkable Sleeve/Tube 3600 Nos. 28/11/2019, 11.00 hrs
4 72195244 Switch Battery Knife 10 Nos. 28/11/2019, 11.00 hrs
Regarding detailed tender notice containing purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in Manual offers will not be considered. Like us on: facebook.com/WesternRly - Follow us on: twitter.com/WesternRly

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELATE TRIBUNAL, DELHI
Appt. No. 318, IIIrd Floor, Hotel Samrat, Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri New Delhi - 110 021
Appeal No. 221/2019
In S.A. Dy. No. 290/2018 (DRT-III, Delhi)
Union Bank of India India SME Asset Vs Reconstruction Company Ltd. Ors, Respondents
Appellant Respondents
To
1 Anju Jain W/o Sh. Rajesh Jain, R/o H-34, South Extension, Part-I, New Delhi - 110 049 Respondent 2
2 Rajesh Jain S/o, Sh. Rattan Chand Jain, R/o H-34, South Extension, Part-I, New Delhi - 110 049 Respondent 3
3 Rattan Chand Jain, S/o Lt. Sh. Lal Chand Jain R/o 19C, Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, Delhi - 110 002 Respondent 4
1. Take notice that an appeal from the order passed by the Presiding Officer of D.R.T. in the above case has been presented by the appellant on 04.04.2019 and is registered in the Tribunal. The matter was listed before Hon'ble D.R.A.T., Delhi on 05.09.2019.
2. The above Appeal No. 221/2019 is ordered to be place before the Registrar. D.R.A.T., Delhi on 07.11.2019 for hearing.
3. You may therefore remain present either in person or through your Counsel on the said date failing which the matter will be decided by this Appellate Tribunal on the basis of the material on record.
Give under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, this 30th day of September, 2019. Registrar

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Bridges Department
Br.D.C.No.B3/0863/2019
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited for the following work in Two Cover System as per details furnished below.
Providing Dynamic Lightings in existing 15 Nos. of Flyovers / Grade Separator, 1 ROB, 16 Nos. of Vehicular Subways and 5 Nos. of Pedestrian Subways in Zone - I, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X and XIII.
Bid document will be available in website http://tenders.gov.in till 3.00 P.M. on 16.12.2019 for online bidding. The bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website.
EMD Amount Rs.32,50,000/-
Pre-bid meeting Date and Time : 28.11.2019 at 3.00 P.M
Last Date and Time of Tender Submission : 16.12.2019 up to 3.00 P.M.
Tender opening Date and Time : 17.12.2019 at 3.30 P.M
DIPR/4069/Tender/2019 Superintending Engineer (Bridges)

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M)-I CENTRAL ZONE
ARJUN MARG, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI
No D/EE(M)-I/CNZ/2019-20/1085 Dated: 05.11.2019
PRESS NOTICE FOR TENDER
FOR ONLINE TENDERING TIME TABLE PLEASE REFER www.tenderwizar.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER. Sealed percentage/Item rate tenders are invited for the execution of the following works by the SDMC from approved and eligible contractors. The tenders advertised on website www.tenderwizar.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER will be received as per time table and will be opened at 3.30 PM on 27.11.2019 by Executive Engineer (M)-I, Arjun Marg, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024. The registered contractors of SDMC/MCD only are eligible to tender as per their registered categories (eligibility) with SDMC/MCD subject to the conditions that they are neither black listed nor debarred at the time of purchase of tender.
Last date of purchase and download of tender 26.11.2019 up to 3.00 P.M. Last date of closing of financial bid 26.11.2019 up to 3.30 P.M. Opening of Financial bid 27.11.2019 at 3.30 PM.
S.No. I, Head of Account: K-154/3018, Name of work: Development of open space including construction of rain water harvesting, toilet blocks and porta cabin at DMRC parking site Green Park Metro Station in South Zone Tender Amount: Rs. 53,18,611/- Earnest money: Rs. 1,29,600/-, Time of completion, 1 Month, Rates hold good for: 5 Months, Tender cost: Rs. 1000/-
RO No. 95/DPI/S/2019-20 Executive Engineer (M)-I Central Zone

OFFICE OF THE SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,
ALIGARH CIRCLE ALIGARH.
Address :- DHANIPUR BLOCK ROAD NEAR CANARA BANK TRAINING CENTER. DHANIPUR, ALIGARH.
Letter NO: 974 /RED/Tender/5Cr./File No Lekha-57/ Bond Clerk/2019-20 dated: 25.10.19
Very Short Term E-Procurement Notice (Ilird Call)
1. THE SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,ALIGARH CIRCLE ALIGARH on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through e-tendering system from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B, and C as the case may be. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works.
2. Name of work as per table.
S. No. Name of District Name of work Total estimated cost (in Lakh) Excluding GST Bid security (EMD) in lakh Cost of Bid document including GST (in Rupees) Period of completion including rainy season
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1 Aligarh Construction of Road Work From Nagla Munsri Kaser Majra to Tayliya Nagla ID 10165 43.000 0.860 (300+54+2000) = 2354.00 3 Months
2 Aligarh Construction of Road Work From Sunphar to Shekhpur Satkna 10168 55.000 1.100 (300+54+2000) = 2354.00 3 Months
3. Date of availability of Bid documents on website:- 06-11-2019
4. Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 13-11-2019 up to 12.00 Noon
5. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: 13-11-2019 at 12.30 pm
6. The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-10 on-line which will not be published in any news paper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly.
For further details please log on to https://etender.up.nic.in and down load the bid document.
Sd/-
SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
ALIGARH CIRCLE ALIGARH
UPID-145125 Date 04.11.2019 www.upgov.nic.in

Uttar Pradesh Police Technical Services Head Quarter, Lucknow
8th Floor, 4th Tower, Police Headquarter, Amar Sheheed Path, Gomti Nagar Vistar, Lucknow-226002 e-mail: tshq@up.nic.in No. -TS-05/2019-3/5/6/10/11/13/14/28 Dated: October 31, 2019
e-Tender Notice
Online e-Tenders of the following instrument for Forensic Science Laboratory, UP is invited by S.P./A.D UP Police Technical Services HQ, Lucknow:
Sl. District Tender No. Instrument Name Qty. EMD (INR) Tender Cost with 18% GST (INR) Duration of Work
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(3) PCR Machine 01 10500 1800 Conditions Apply
2 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(5) Refrigerated table top centrifuge with accessories 01 10500 1800 Conditions Apply
3 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(6) Plate Centrifuge with rotor 01 8500 1800 Conditions Apply
4 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(10) Homogenizer accessories with 01 10500 1800 Conditions Apply
5 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(11) Thermo Mixer with thermoblocks 01 9500 1800 Conditions Apply
6 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(13) Liquid Handling System set of 05 micro pipettes (01 ul to 1000 ul) 02 3500 800 Conditions Apply
7 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(14) PCR Work Station 01 6500 1500 Conditions Apply
8 Ghaziabad TS- 05/2019(28) Deep Freeze (-70 C) 01 8500 1800 Conditions Apply
Bid documents are available on the website http://etender.up.nic.in, http://eprocure.gov.in and http://uppolice.gov.in from 7-11-2019 to 7-12-2019 E-Bids can be upload upto at 12:00 noon, Technical bid will bid opened on 7-12-2019 at 16:00 Hrs. All information regarding E-Tender are available on website http://etender.up.nic.in, http://eprocure.gov.in and http://uppolice.gov.in
Sd/-
(SHAHAB RASHID KHAN)
Supintendent of Police/Assistant Director, Phone: 9454400349
UPID-NO.145154 DATE-04.11.2019 WWW.UPGOV.NIC.IN

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबंधक, गंगाजल
परियोजना इकाई, उत्तर प्रदेश
जल निगम, गाजियाबाद
ISO:9001:2008
CERTIFIED TREATMENT PLANT
120 एम्पललीटर, वाटर ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट,
निकट सतीश मेडिकल कॉलेज, प्रताप
विहार, गाजियाबाद (20100)-201000
एनआइडीटी संख्या 2672/निविदा/265
दिनांक 25.10.19
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम की ओर से
गाजियाबाद एवं नौएडा हेतु 50 वर्षीक
गंगाजल परियोजना के अन्तर्गत "Painting of Chlorination Building at 245 MLD WTP Campus, Siddharth Vihar Ghaziabad" के कार्य हेतु
निविदाओं की विज्ञापन दिनांक 04.11.2019 से
11.11.2019 तक कार्यालय समय में
कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबंधक, गंगाजल
परियोजना इकाई, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम,
गाजियाबाद में की जायेगी। जोकि दिनांक
12.11.2019 को कार्यालय परियोजना
प्रबंधक, गंगाजल परियोजना इकाई 3000
जल निगम, गाजियाबाद में निविदादाता या
उनके प्रतिनिधि को सामक अंतरात 16.30
बजे वाली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य
₹10,000.00 + 18% GST है। निविदा का
वितरित विवरण जल निगम की वेबसाइट
www.upjn.org से अथवा सम्बन्धित
कार्यालय से भी प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

तेजस्विनी परियोजना
किशोरियों एवं युवतियों का सामाजिक-आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण
email id: procurement.jwds@gmail.com/jwds.jhar@gmail.com
Government of Jharkhand
Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security
JHARKHAND WOMEN DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
1st Floor, Engineer's Hostel-II, Sector-III, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004
No. 800 Date 05th November, 2019
Extension Notice for submission of EoI Proposal
1. It is in reference to the Requests for Expression of Interest (REoIs), dated 01st October, 2019, vide P.R Reference No. 218651, published on 04th October, 2019 on various newspapers by Jharkhand Women Development Society under Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security, Government of Jharkhand for Hiring of Vocational Skills Training Service Provider (VSP) for delivery of job-oriented Vocational Skills Training (VST) services to Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Jharkhand under Tejaswini Project in 16 different sectors.
2. The timeline to submit the proposal in reference to the said REoIs is being extended. The proposal, complete in all respect, must now be submitted at the address specified in the REoIs , dated 01st October 2019, by 1600 hrs. (IST) on 20th November, 2019.
3. Any proposal received by JWDS after the designated time and date shall not be considered at all.
Sd/-
Senior Administrative Officer,
Tejaswini Project
PR 221561 Social Welfare, Women and Child Development (19-20)D



23 TALK

ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD

SNAPSHOTS



City of Canals

A NEW art book, titled *Imitatio Vitae*, pays homage to The Doge's Palace, one of the landmark palaces of the city of Venice. The palace, built in the Venetian Gothic style, is the subject of the hardbound book, which is the brainchild of Alessandro Michele, the creative director of Italian luxury label Gucci. The book's title is taken from Latin, which means "imitation of life". One is taken through the architecture and bas-reliefs that are etched on the Venetian castle, which was established in 1340. The castle, over time, faced many modifications and renovations and it was converted into a museum in 1923. The pictures in the book have been sourced from CameraphotoArte, and film producer and photographer Marina Cicogna have picked out the best to be published in the book. The tome is a reflection of Michele's deep fascination with history and architecture, we see that even in the sartorial presentations from the fashion house, *Imitatio Vitae* also features handwritten notes and commentaries on chosen sculptures and pictures by eminent people like fashion designer Valentino, actors Salma Hayek, Jeremy Irons and Rupert Everett. The book, which is distributed by Marsilio Editori, will be available worldwide in 2020.



Design Game

THE SECOND edition of BengaluruByDesign kicks off on November 15. The 10-day public event will host over 50 events including installations, exhibitions, workshops, screenings, pop-ups and talks. The founder of the event, Suprita Moorthy said the event will not just shine on India's design talent, but also feature conversations on technology, materiality, sustainability and community design, and bring in a global perspective. "Design has diversified. It now touches on innumerable aspects of contemporary culture and business, yet its reputation still hinges on the product and, ultimately consumption," she said. The highlight includes Polish artist and architect Jakub Szczesny's *Taburete Tower* (pictured) that binds architectural tooling and design practice.



Stage Show

SUITS' ACTOR Patrick J Adams (pictured) will make his Broadway debut in the upcoming production of *Take Me Out* to join actors Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Jesse Williams. The production is a revival of Richard Greenberg's Tony Award-winning play centring around the aftermath of a centre-fielder's decision to come out of the closet. This sets the baseball world spinning and kicks up prejudices that threaten to divide his team.



(Clockwise from above) Nalini Malani at the exhibition *Ganesh Shirsekar*; her 2018 works *Phantoms in the Head* and *Mephisto*

ANUSHREE MAJUMDAR

STEPPING INSIDE the gallery at Mumbai's Max Mueller Bhavan to see Nalini Malani's first solo in recent years, 'Can You Hear Me?', we are immediately plunged into darkness; sounds, both industrial and shriek-like, wash over the space. On each of the walls, running from one end of the room to the other, over 50 animations flash furiously at regular intervals. It's chaotic, visceral, uncomfortable, but the Mumbai-based artist has no intention of being otherwise — the show is a response to a question and a command. If 'Can You Hear Me?' is a scream from a minor girl who was violently raped, whose cries went unheard, then 'Can You Hear Me' is all about power exerted by the government, capitalistic forces, armies and class systems over those who cannot speak out. At the gallery, Malani talks about her works, old and new, pushing the boundaries of what is art, and where can it exist. Excerpts:

When one enters the gallery, it's as though they are sitting inside your mind — they have a ringside view to your thoughts.

These animations are like thought bubbles; they started as pages of a digital notebook in 2018. Whenever I see or read something that captures my imagination, I need to react with a drawing or drawings in motion. Not exactly in its mimetic form but more as a 'memory emotion'. Whether it was something in the news or a poem, such as *Nothing Twice* by the Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska, where she writes, 'Nothing can ever happen twice. In consequence, the sorry fact is that we arrive here improvised

'The rise in the price of art doesn't reflect its quality'

In the backdrop of her latest solo in Mumbai, veteran artist Nalini Malani talks about her works, and pushing the boundaries of art

and leave without the chance to practice'.

But in the course of the history, we do see that things happen twice, or thrice.

Some events may seem the same, but our reactions to them are different. For example, in 1974, we tested the nuclear device; we did it in 1997 too. That year, a news channel called me up to ask, 'as an artist, what do you think?' I said that I would put my answer into an artwork. It became the multi-channel video installation, *Remembering Toba Tek Singh*, which was shown in 1999 at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya and attracted more than 25,000 visitors. The dialogues between the visitors were different in 1974. So many people expressed their concern about what will happen with a nuclear fallout in either of the countries, especially for the children. The clouds cannot be divided.

A lot of the animations in this show speak of the brutalities faced by disenfranchised peoples — farmers, Dalits, Kashmiris and women.

People whose voices will never be heard...when I read about them, I think why couldn't we stop that? When I feel the suffering of other people, the only way out is to be farcical, satirical or absurd in my art

NALINI MALANI, ARTIST

People whose voices will never be heard...when I read about them, I think why couldn't we stop that? When I feel the suffering of other people, the only way out is to be farcical, satirical or absurd in my art. Somehow or the other, we're unable to do things collectively. A sorry state — as if we've become a caste upon ourselves.

Tell us about *Dream Houses*, the animation you did in 1969, being exhibited in Mumbai for the first time.

The play of light and colour is deceptively simple but it really does bring the urban landscape to life in a few minutes.

Back then, I'd just finished at the JJ School of Art, and Akbar Padamsee had started the interdisciplinary collective VIEW (Vision Exchange Workshop) that summer and invited me to join. Besides a series of camera-less photographs, I made a labour-intensive stop-motion animation film called *Dream Houses* that summer. It is about the idealism and hope of the Nehruvian period of a modern India in which poverty and housing problems could be solved through a masterplan for urban space. I worked every day for nearly two months. Each acetate sheet was shot separately with an 8 mm film camera with different colour filters, and each segment of the film was reversed inside the camera and exposed twice or thrice. *Dream Houses* thus became a colour fantasy of a utopian urban landscape. As a 23-year-old artist, I had no financial means to make this reverse stock version into a screening copy. It, therefore, remained in a tin box for almost 50 years,

till it was digitally scanned and is now acquired by several international museums.

With your animations, you've been open to mediums. From the maquette to the photoplays to your iPad work, which you've made freely available on Instagram, have you been cocking a snook at the art establishment?

My interest in making art available on a non-commercial scale to a wider public started in 1991 with making artist books on photocopied pages, and using the Gallery Chemould space in 1992 for making a wall drawing, or as a newspaper at the time wrote, 'impermanent sight-specific installation'. These iPad animations are an extension of this. iPad Pro, and more specifically, an animation app and Garage Band give me the opportunity to create animations and the sound design that I could place in social media. That way people get to see original artwork for free. The rise in the price of art is not a reflection of its quality. Art has its own value — it's priceless, in fact.

In taking art out of their mainstream confines, what has that taught you about the way your work has been received all these years?

Now that I am 73, I see clearly that each generation has its own rhythm in visual language. In the absurd and frenetic time, we are living in, it is refreshing and heartening to see this language that I developed of overlapping animation video projections strike a chord, especially with young people. I hope that I can still do this with a new art format for the next generation when I turn 90.

The exhibition is on till January 2, 2020

For Better or Verse

Through recitations and renditions, 'Afreen, Afreen' will offer the admirers of Urdu a glimpse into the beauty of the language

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*Husn-e-jaanan ki tareef mumkin nahin
Afreen, Afreen
Afreen, Afreen
Tu bhi dekhe agar to kahe hamnashin
Afreen, Afreen
Afreen, Afreen*

IN THE mid-'90s when poet and lyricist Javed Akhtar penned this song and Nusrat Ali Khan composed it for a non-film music video featuring actor Lisa Ray, it emerged as an anthem for poetry lovers, providing them a new vocabulary to express their admiration for the beloved. The song termed the body of the beloved as a "statue of Ajanta", "fragrant moonlight" (*mahakati hui chandni*) and "resplendent garden" (*khilta hua ek chaman*). 'Afreen, Afreen', a day-long festival to be held in Delhi on Saturday (November 9), will give the admirers of Urdu a glimpse into the wondrous beauty of the language through recitations and renditions. Presented by Hindustani Awaaz, in collaboration with ILF Samanvay and India Habitat Centre, the event has been conceptualised and curated by writer and literary historian Rakhshanda Jalil.

The 12 sessions at the festival comprise readings and recitations of Urdu writings on the themes as diverse as devotion, dissent, rural life, problems of the farmers, nationalism without jingoism, motivational poetry, love and heart-break. "The idea is to give young audiences a taste of the many delights contained within the literary culture of Urdu. We will begin with a session devoted to devotional poetry with singing and reading of poems on Ram and Nanak by Allama Iqbal as well as on Gautam Buddha, *Hazrat-e Krishna*, the *Bhagavad Gita* in Urdu as also *naatiya kalaam* on Prophet Muhammad," says Jalil.

Fouzia Dastango and Firoz Khan will bring *Dastan-e Ghalib* to life and a session



Rakhshanda Jalil (left); 'Afreen, Afreen' will be held on November 9

will see young poets recite their verses. The day concludes with Radhika Chopra singing the choicest ghazals by Faiz, Ghalib, Mir and others.

The festival, says Jalil, has been conceived as "a taster's menu, a sampler, a smorgasbord of the many flavours, voices, themes, tones and topics in Urdu". Largely run with the support of volunteers and friends, it has been a labour of love. Its first edition was held three years ago at Delhi's Oxford Bookstore. Last year, it moved to the India Habitat Centre (IHC). This year, 'Afreen, Afreen' is part of the IHC's three-day ILF Samanvay Festival. Among those helping Jalil put together the festivals, besides friends, are her two daughters — Aaliya (23), and Insha (21) — and their friends.

At Amphitheatre, India Habitat Centre on November 9, from 11 am to 8.30 pm. Entry is free

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Batsman arrested for alleged fixing in KPL

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A BATSMAN who has played in multiple editions of the Karnataka Premier League T20 tournament Nishant Singh Shekhawat, 29, has been arrested by the central crime branch police in Bangalore on charges of involvement in fixing matches in the 2018 edition. Shekhawat, who has played for multiple teams in the KPL has been accused of helping bookies reach out to players and coaching staff of teams to get them involved in illegal betting.

Shekhawat came under the scanner following the arrest of the bowling coach of the Bengaluru Blasters team Vinu Prasad and a batsman M Vishwanathan, on charges of cheating and conspiracy. Vishwanathan who played for the Bengaluru Blasters was allegedly paid Rs five lakh for batting slowly.

Shekhawat "was in touch with bookies and contacted Vinu Prasad to fix players," the police said.

He is accused of helping Vinu Prasad lure Vishwanathan into alleged fixing during the 18th game of the KPL 2018 season on behalf of a Chandigarh bookie identified as Manoj Kumar alias Monty.

Prasad was allegedly introduced to the bookie Monty by Shekhawat, who was a player for the Shimoga Lions team at the time, police said in an initial report on the investigations which lead to the arrests of Vishwanathan and Prasad in Bengaluru last week. The police have found that M Vishwanathan, 39, was tasked by bookies with scoring less than 10 runs in 20 balls in a match against the Hubballi Tigers in 2018 and he scored nine runs of 17 balls.

Vishwanathan allegedly received Rs 5 lakh for the slow batting in the August 31, 2018 game in Mysuru. He allegedly sent out signals of his agreement to score less than 10 runs in 20 balls to bookies with a change of bat and the rolling up of his sleeves, police have alleged.

The Bengaluru crime branch has since September arrested the owner of the Belagavi Panthers team Ali Asfak Thara, 40; a celebrity drummer in the KPL and other tournaments like the IPL and TNPL, Bhavesh Bafna, 26; and has named two Delhi bookies Sanyam Gulati and Jatin Sethi for involvement in the illegal betting racket in the KPL. The police have also questioned Arvind Venkatesh Reddy, a real estate and hospitality businessman, who is the owner of the Ballari Tuskers KPL team, since 2017.

A member of the Ballari Tuskers team in the 2019 KPL, fast bowler Bhavesh Gulecha, 26, has told the police that he was approached on behalf of bookies by Bhavesh Bafna, 26, the celebrity drummer, to under perform during a KPL match. Gulecha has given a statement to the police saying he was approached by Bafna to give away more than 10 runs an over in a match in the 2019 KPL.

Gilly to Pant: Don't try to be Dhoni

New Delhi: Australian wicket-keeping great Adam Gilchrist on Tuesday had just one advice for the embattled Rishabh Pant — don't try to be the next Mahendra Singh Dhoni just as he didn't didn't try to be Ian Healy 2.0. Pant coped criticism for bad DRS calls, something that Dhoni had mastered at his peak. Gilchrist reiterated that the 22-year-old Pant should only focus on being his own best version instead of trying to ape the iconic former captain, who is currently on a sabbatical. "My number one suggestion to Indian fans and journalists would be: Don't attempt to compare him with MS Dhoni," he said. "I know from personal experience, I went after Ian Healy, who was picked in the best ever Test cricket team in Australia. I just didn't want to try to be Ian Healy. I wanted to learn from him but I wanted to be Adam Gilchrist and that would be my advice to Rishabh," he said. **PTI**



PLAYING CATCH-UP

Trailing 0-1 in the three-match T20 series, India play Bangladesh in Rajkot on Thursday. *PTI*

In T20, tortoise don't win

Dhawan's struggle in the Powerplay and his failure to convert starts is hurting India's top-order

VISHAL MENON

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

AJINKYA RAHANE was asked to open with Rohit Sharma during India's 2016 World T20 semi-final against West Indies at the Wankhede Stadium. His brief was simple: act as a buffer to his opening partner and captain Virat Kohli; consolidate and set a platform for the big-hitters to follow. Rahane did exactly that. Except, by the time he was dismissed in the 16th over, he had consumed 35 deliveries for his 40 runs and could muster only two boundaries. India lost that match despite scoring 192/2, taking first strike. That some of India's belligerent hitters such as Suresh Raina, Hardik Pandya and Manish Pandey did not even get to bat suggests the team paid a huge price for their defensive mindset. The West Indies loss also highlights a fundamental aspect about T20 batting: It's not about conserving wickets, but how smartly you utilise your batting resources.

Of late, Shikhar Dhawan has begun to mirror Rahane of the 2016 World T20 semi-final. He bats sedately and prefers to be the buffer of either Rohit or Virat. However, in their absence, Dhawan goes more into his shell, unsure about how he should approach a T20 game.

This was the case in point during his painstaking 42-ball 41 vigil against Bangladesh at the Feroz Shah Kotla on Sunday. The 33-year-old's credentials as an ODI opener is well documented but IPL and in T20s have thrown open some glaring inadequacies. A tally of 1,454 runs at an average of 27.96 and a strike-rate of 128.6 with nine fifties suggest that he has been largely consistent over a prolonged period of time in this format. In fact, there's not much of a difference with his IPL numbers either - 4,579 runs in 159 matches at an average of 33.42 and striking it at a shade over 124.

However, it's Dhawan's inability to push the scoring that has led to his team's calamitous implodings. Since the 2016 World T20, India's run-rate during field restrictions is 8.2 that puts them in the middling sixth position, behind England, Australia, Ireland, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. However, things improve only marginally for Dhawan even af-

ter field restrictions are taken off. Post Powerplay, he strikes at 134.5, which is only a six-point rise from his overall career strike-rate. On the other hand, his opening partner Rohit Sharma and captain Virat Kohli, make it count during in this period, striking at an impressive 169.5 and 171.4 respectively.

This stat underlines Dhawan's inadequacies further - that even after getting set - he rarely goes on to make it count like Rohit or Virat. It's still too early to push the panic button, but the loss to Bangladesh puts Dhawan's role under the spotlight.

In August when he was struggling in West Indies in the T20 series, his captain Kohli had backed him. "You know this format will give him space and time to just ease himself into it and not necessarily to have a go after the bowlers. I think he is an experienced player to know how to build an innings and get big runs."

That seems to indicate that the management is fine with a cautious start as long as he makes up later - which he has failed to do for a while now. But even that sedate-start tactic of the team needs to be questioned and jettisoned.

Considering Rohit Sharma too likes to take a couple of overs in to settle, India can't afford to have both openers adopt a similar approach. Also, Dhawan's slow-coach approach is likely to have an impact on Sharma; force him to attack earlier than he prefers and upset his batting plans.

If you have Kohli in mix - another batsman who prefers to bide his time at the start - then India has its top three who don't like to explode on arrival. Even if Sharma and Kohli do accelerate later, can the team afford a slug-

gish top three in T20?

The poor strike-rate aside, the opener has struggled to convert his starts. Following his 76 against Australia in Brisbane in November last year, he has gone 11 innings without a half-century. In the ensuing period, he has consistently notched up scores of 30s and 40s, but has always remained under the shadow of either Rohit or Virat, who have taken their team past the finish line through their sheer individual brilliance.

These twin anomalies came to the fore during Sunday's match, where he struggled with timing and placement, and just when he looked like he had got the measure of himself, he was dismissed. An indifferent Dhawan also put strife on the likes of KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer, who perished in a bid to up the ante.

Under any scenario - during herculean chases or in pursuit of actively setting targets - which is the team management's game plan in the run-up to the World T20 in Australia, Dhawan's efforts at the Kotla was a thoroughly underwhelming affair.

Dhawan likes the ball coming onto the bat and relishes facing pace upfront, which is why he enjoys batting on

Australian pitches.

However, his home turf at the Kotla tends to be slow and grips on the surface, which brings spinners into contention. Against Bangladesh, it was a combination of spin and pacers, who cramped him up for room by bowling around the wicket that hindered his free-flowing stroke-play.

Making every ball count

Following their 2016 World T20 triumph,

"In one day cricket, once you get past that powerplay overs the field is spread. You can just take singles and rotate strike and then odd boundaries here and there will come. But Test cricket is not like that. There are a lot of catching positions, so you have to be very disciplined."

ROHIT SHARMA

Smith powers Australia to easy win

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STEVE SMITH smashed an unbeaten 80 off 51 balls and led Australia to a thumping seven-wicket win over Pakistan in the second Twenty20 on Tuesday. Pakistan was restricted to 150 for 6 and Australia cruised to 151 for 3 with nine balls to spare.

The first match was a no result because of rain with Australia in charge at Sydney. The third and final match of the series will be at Perth on Friday. "The way we kept taking wickets throughout the innings was really important because we know how damaging Pakistan can be in the powerplay or at the end, so to get wickets consistently was the key," Australia captain Aaron Finch said.

Australia lost both of its in-form opening batsmen — Finch and David Warner — inside the first six overs, then Smith took charge. Warner (20), who hit four boundaries in left-arm spinner Imad Wasim's first over, was clean bowled by Mohammad Amir while Finch (17) couldn't clear captain Babar Azam at mid-off. Smith raised his fourth T20 half-century off 36 balls when he whipped tall fast bowler Mohammad Irfan to the midwicket boundary. He hit three boundaries on the off side in an Amir over as Australia eased to victory in the 19th over.

Smith hit 11 fours and a six. "It was nice to be there at the end and get the boys home," Smith said. "I thought the bowlers set it up early. It was probably a 170 wicket, I reckon, at least. They bowled beautifully. Then it was just about timing the run, and fortunately I was able to do that tonight."

Earlier, Pakistan, which won the toss, owed its total to a career-best 64 not out by No. 6 batsman Iftikhar Ahmed. Captain Babar Azam, the world's top ranked T20 batsman, was run out after hitting 50 off 38 balls but it was Ahmed's late charge against seamer Kane Richardson which made Pakistan total's competitive.

"We are disappointed, Steve Smith took the match away," Azam said. "He played a magnificent innings. It's very difficult when we lose early wickets. We have to gain the momentum again (but) credit goes to Iftikhar the way he played, it's a good knock."

Opener Fakhar Zaman's (2) poor form continued as the left-hander sliced Pat Cummins to a diving Warner at mid-off in the third over and Haris Sohail (6) couldn't adjust to Richardson's pace and top-edged a pull shot.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 150 for 6 in 20 ovs (Babar Azam 50, Iftikhar Ahmed 62; Ashton Agar 2/23) lost to Australia 151 for 3 in 18.3 ovs (Steve Smith 80; Mohammad Irfan 1/27).



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Eng lose 5 wkts for 10 runs to implode

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
NELSON, NOVEMBER 5

A DRAMATIC England collapse which saw five wickets fall for only 10 runs allowed New Zealand to snatch a 14-run victory in their Twenty20 international in Nelson Tuesday. It also put New Zealand 2-1 ahead in the series with two games to play. England were on track to overhaul New Zealand's 180 when they reached 139 for two in the 15th over, with captain Eoin Morgan in full flight as he cracked sixes off consecutive Mitchell Santner deliveries.

But with England needing 42 off the remaining 31 deliveries Santner turned the match when he had Morgan caught by Colin Munro off the final ball of the over. Dawid Malan (55) and James Vince (49) had laid a solid foundation for England at the top of the innings. But Morgan's dismissal started a collapse which saw Munro run out Sam Billings for one in the following over before Blair

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Tickner removed Vince. In the space of two deliveries Lockie Ferguson bowled Lewis Gregory without scoring and had Sam Curran caught for two leaving Tom Curran and Saqib Mahmood to struggle through to the end. "That's one that got away," England captain Morgan said, pointing to the lack of experience in his squad. "We were in control for the whole chase until we were three or four down, probably that's a lack of experience. The the guys need to get more games into them at this level."

Ferguson and Tickner both finished with two for 25 while spinner Santner and Ish Sodhi took a wicket apiece. "It could have

gone either way at the halfway mark. But we knew if we could keep taking wickets it would be touch for them," New Zealand captain Tim Southee said.

A sound middle-order partnership by Colin de Grandhomme and Ross Taylor laid the basis for New Zealand after Martin Gupthill had given them a flying start with 33 off 17 deliveries. Man-of-the-match de Grandhomme smacked 55 off 35 while Taylor produced a more sedate 27 from 24 in a 66-run stand after New Zealand were three down in the eighth over.

It was a better performance by England in the field with a much-improved catching effort which accounted for four of the seven wickets. But the bowling discipline dropped as New Zealand benefited from eight wides and two no balls.

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 180 for 7 in 20 ovs (C de Grandhomme 55, M Gupthill 33; T Curran 2/29) beat England 166 for 7 in 20 ovs (J Vince 49, D Malan 55; L Ferguson 2/25, B Tickner 2/25).



Spectators watch the 3rd Twenty20 between England and New Zealand at Saxton Oval, in Nelson, New Zealand. *Photosport*

FA overturn Son's red card for tackle on Gomes

REUTERS
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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR have successfully appealed against a red card shown to Son Heung-min for a tackle that led to Everton midfielder Andre Gomes breaking his ankle, so the Spurs striker can play in his side's next three games, the FA said on Tuesday.

Gomes suffered a fracture dislocation to his right ankle in the second half of Sunday's 1-1 draw at Goodison Park when he landed off balance at speed after the tackle from Son and then collided with Spurs full back Serge Aurier.

Referee Martin Atkinson initially showed a yellow card but then produced a red card - an automatic three-match ban - after a VAR intervention, with the Premier League stating Son had endangered Gomes' safety with his initial challenge.

"Son Heung-min will be available for Tottenham Hotspur FC's next three domestic fixtures after an independent Regulatory Commission upheld a claim of wrongful dismissal," the FA said in a statement.

Portugal international Gomes had surgery on Monday, and Everton said afterwards he was expected to make a full recovery.

"Everton Football Club can confirm Andre Gomes underwent surgery to repair a fracture dislocation to his right ankle earlier today and the procedure went extremely well," a club statement said.

Tottenham's players were also affected by the incident, with Son -- who was sent off by referee Martin Atkinson for his challenge -- in tears and Serge Aurier, who collided with Gomes, substituted. It added: "The 26-year-old is expected to make a full recovery."

Spurs' next domestic fixture is a Premier League home game on Saturday against Sheffield United.

Stumbling rivals leave PSG wary

French giants play down 'improved chance' as fellow heavyweights Madrid, Barca and Bayern struggle for form

AFF/REUTERS
NOVEMBER 5

WITH REAL Madrid, Barcelona and Bayern Munich looking below par this season, Paris St Germain could be forgiven for believing they have a better chance of winning the Champions League - but coach Thomas Tuchel refuses to be drawn into the debate.

"It is only November. No team has ever won the Champions League in November," the German told a news conference on Tuesday on the eve of their Group A game against Club Brugge. "Real Madrid have done a lot in the Champions League, but they have never won it in November or December."

PSG will qualify for the last 16 if they win at the Parc des Princes on Wednesday, but the side will only be judged by their ability to progress in the knockout stages, having failed to reach the last eight in the last three seasons.

Tuchel welcomes back holding midfielder Marco Verratti, who was out injured when PSG suffered their third league defeat of the season against lowly Dijon.

In the Champions League, however, PSG have won their first three games against Real Madrid, Galatasaray and Club Brugge, scoring nine goals and conceding none.

"Let's just take it game by game. Tomorrow we play Brugge and we will only focus on that for now," said midfielder Idrissa Gueye.

"We're also focused on the league, but it is true that the Champions League being such a big competition, we're more concentrated."

PSG can also qualify with a draw if Real Madrid avoid defeat at home against Galatasaray. Should Real and the Turkish side share the points, the Ligue 1 leaders will go through even if they lose to Brugge.

Bale 'not ready' to play for Real despite Wales call up

Gareth Bale is unavailable for Real Madrid's Champions League clash at home to



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Galatasaray on Wednesday due to injury even though he has been called into the Wales squad for their upcoming Euro 2020 qualifiers, coach Zinedine Zidane has said.

Bale has not featured for Real since getting injured after Wales 1-1 draw with Croatia on Oct. 13 but on Tuesday was included in Ryan Giggs' squad for their crucial qualifiers against Azerbaijan and Hungary.

Real have not released any medical information on Bale's latest injury.

"We'll see how he is at the end of the week and we'll see if he's able to go with his national team or not. Right now, he isn't ready," Zidane told a news conference ahead of his side's Group A match with the Turkish champions.

"Wales have the right to call him up and the player wants to be fit, there's no doubting that."

Giggs said he hoped Bale would feature for his club at Eibar on Saturday before reporting for Wales duty. However, Zidane said the player, who signed for Real for a then world record fee of 100 million euros (\$111.03 million) in 2013, was not close to full fitness.

"What we want is for the player to be fit and the problem is right now he isn't ready nor able to complete full training," Zidane added.

The Frenchman has previously acknowledged his willingness to part company with Bale and in July he said "if he can leave tomorrow, so much the better".

But he offered Bale sympathy for his long-

running injury troubles, adding that he hopes the 30-year-old will remain at the club until next June at least.

"I can tell our fans that the player who suffers the most in a situation like this is the player. He wants to be with us. He has got injured, he has returned here and he has not recovered, but he wants to recover, he wants to play," Zidane said.

"People are saying that I don't like Bale, that I want him to leave in January, but that's nonsense, I want him to stay until the end of the season."

The 13-times European champions made a difficult start to their Champions League campaign but two weeks ago moved up to second in Group A on four points after winning 1-0 at Galatasaray, who are bottom with one. Paris St Germain, who lead the standings with nine points after three games, host Club Brugge on Wednesday.

Bayern must 'pull themselves together' after Kovac sacking

Bayern Munich's Joshua Kimmich said there was no room for excuses from his side now coach Niko Kovac has been sacked as they look to make a fresh start under interim manager Hansi Flick in the Champions League at home to Olympiakos Piraeus.

Kovac was sacked by the Bundesliga champions after their shock 5-1 thrashing at the hands of Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday which left them fourth in the table, four points behind leaders Borussia Moenchengladbach.

"We must pull ourselves together, we have no alibis anymore. An excuse from the coach no longer exists," Kimmich told a news conference on Tuesday ahead of the Group B match against the Greek side, who they beat 3-2 away two weeks ago.

"It's not so easy for Hansi, he hasn't had a lot of time. The main responsibility now lies with the players."

No security concerns for Stenson ahead of Hong Kong Open

REUTERS
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 5

FORMER BRITISH Open champion Henrik Stenson says he has no concerns about security ahead of this month's Hong Kong Open as the tournament looks set to go ahead despite ongoing civil unrest in the Chinese-ruled city.

Numerous sporting events have been cancelled in the territory as a result of anti-government demonstrations over the last several months but the Swede says the European Tour event at Fanling should be safe for players and spectators.

"I've never had any real concerns travelling anywhere in the world to play golf," said Stenson, who headlines a field that also includes former Masters champion Patrick Reed.

"We have a Tour and they always put the safety of players and fans first. It's something that I leave for the European Tour as part of the staging of this event and whenever there's the go-ahead to play a golf tournament I'm there ready to play.

"It's never been a concern of mine."

The protests began in June over a now-shelved controversial extradition bill which kickstarted a series of demonstrations that have turned increasingly violent. The Hong Kong Open tennis event, which is part of the WTA Tour and was due to be held in October, was called off while the Hong Kong Open squash championships were also cancelled.

But the territory's premier golf competition, now in its 61st year, will go ahead as planned. The Nov. 28 to Dec. 1 tournament fills the opening slot of the 2020 European Tour's Race to Dubai. Prior to appearing in Hong Kong Stenson, who finished 20th at the WGC HSBC Champions event in Shanghai last weekend, travels to South Africa for the Nedbank Golf Challenge before taking his place at the Tour's end of season DP World Tour Championship in Dubai.

As decade draws to close, generation of rulers in women's tennis emerges

CHRISTOPHER CLAREY
NOVEMBER 5

IT WAS once again Serena Williams's decade, but the last year of the 2010s was not her year, though she made her presence and power felt by reaching two Grand Slam finals.

In 2019, the biggest moments and most prestigious trophies belonged to players much younger than Williams, who turned 38 in September.

The emergence of charismatic teenage talents like Bianca Andreescu and Coco Gauff was reassuring for the future of the sport, whose relevance to younger, entertainment-saturated audiences remains a question mark. But it was bittersweet for all those who would like to see Williams get the emotional and statistical payoff she has been striving for since she returned to work after becoming a mother.

Instead, the 2019 season belonged to the likes of Naomi Osaka, 22, who started strong, winning the Australian Open in January and rose to No. 1 before losing her mojo and finally rebounding to win two titles in October.

It belonged to Andreescu, a versatile 19-year-old Canadian newcomer who believes in the power of meditation and won the prestigious BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California, and later beat Williams to win the United States Open in her first main-draw appearance.

It belonged to Simona Halep, 28, who found form again at just the right time to win her first Wimbledon, routing Williams with a deep-in-the-zone performance in the final.

"We've played some exceptional tennis this year," she said last week, defying even logic in her desire to recognize her support team, which includes her coach, Craig Tytzer, and her mental coach, Ben Crowe.

Hitting the shots on her own, she added big-match belief to her formidable and varied tennis skill set and won her first premier-mandatory singles title at the Miami Open and her first Grand Slam singles title at the French Open. She then finished off the WTA season on Sunday by claiming the elite WTA Finals and a record \$4.42 million in Shenzhen, China.

"Mentally, I think it finally came together for her," said Daniela Hantuchova, the former top-five player turned tennis analyst. "We've all been there. Everyone tells us how good we are, but we have to believe it ourselves. And she does now."

Barty, already an Australian icon, will finish the year at No. 1 -- quite an achievement for someone who, burdened by the big expectations, once left the tour to play cricket, and quite a leap from Barty's No. 15 ranking at the end of 2018.

But then it was a year of big jumps and drops. Some stars fell back: Sloane Stephens, Garbiñe Muguruza, Angelique Kerber, Caroline Wozniacki, Venus Williams and Jelena Ostapenko.

But new ones emerged or re-emerged. Andreescu went from No. 173 to No. 5 and became the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam singles title.

The teenager Marketa Vondrousova, a



Ashleigh Barty, already an Australian icon, will finish the year at No. 1 -- quite an achievement for someone who once left the tour to play cricket. Reuters

Federer, Djokovic drawn in same finals group

London: Spectators will be hoping for a mini repeat of this year's epic Wimbledon final between Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer after the two tennis legends were drawn in the same group for next week's climax to the season, the ATP Finals.

Djokovic, who could finish the week as world number one, and Federer fought out a thrilling five set final at Wimbledon with the Serbian coming from a break down in the final set to win it 7-6 (7/5), 1-6, 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 13-12 (7/3) in what was at four hours and 57 minutes the longest final in the tournament's history.

Their group clash in London will only be the best of three sets -- Austria's two-time French Open finalist Dominic Thiem and Italian Matteo Berrettini make up the quartet.

World number one Rafael Nadal is in a group with this year's US Open finalist Daniil Medvedev, Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece and Germany's Alexander Zverev.

Nadal declared himself fit for the finals on Tuesday after he pulled out of last week's Paris Masters semi-finals -- a scan revealed a "slight strain to the left abdominal". Nadal had still replaced Djokovic -- who won the Paris Masters -- as world number one but the Serbian can reclaim it.

Djokovic will take top spot if he wins two group-stage matches and reaches the final and if the 33-year-old Spaniard -- who has yet to win the finals -- does not play or fails to win a round-robin match.

Djokovic will also finish the year as number one if he wins the tournament and Nadal does not reach the semi-finals. **AFP**

remarkable returner and the latest talented Czech left-hander, went from No. 67 to No. 16, losing to Barty in the French Open final.

Belinda Bencic, a smooth Swiss counterpuncher, came back from injury with her father, Ivan, back as her primary coach and rose from No. 37 to No. 8.

Alison Riske, an American veteran, soared 45 spots with an upgraded game and a new emphasis on analytics to finish at No. 18.

But precocity remains a powerful attention magnet, and younger Americans were difficult to ignore.

Sofia Kenin, 20, won three titles with her competitive fire and fine baseline game, and rose from No. 52 to No. 14.

Amanda Anisimova, 18, won her first tour title in Bogotá, Colombia, and reached the French Open semifinals by defeating

Halep, the defending champion. She missed the U.S. Open because of the sudden death of her father and longtime coach, Konstantin, before returning to the tour in October.

Kenin and Anisimova made waves inside tennis, but Gauff, a powerful 15-year-old from Florida possessed of exceptional court coverage and court sense, became a breakout star by reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon as a qualifier.

She later reached the third round at the U.S. Open and won her first tour singles title, in Linz, Austria, in October, as a lucky loser.

Gauff, Anisimova and Kenin should add up to an incandescent future for American tennis if they can remain focused and, above all, healthy.

The game remains a gantlet. **NYT**

CANCELLATION/ SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGATION OF TRAINS DUE TO REMODELING WORK OF DEHRADUN YARD ON HARIDWAR - DEHRADUN SECTION			
In order to further strengthen the existing infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the remodeling work of Dehradun yard on Haridwar - Dehradun Section. To execute this work, Northern Railway will take 90 days traffic blocks from 10.11.2019 to 07.02.2020. Consequently, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-			
CANCELLATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Dates (from the Originating Station)	Train No. & Name	Dates (from the Originating Station)
14265 Varanasi-Dehradun Janta Exp.	09.11.19 to 06.02.20	14310 Dehradun-Ujjain Ujjaini Exp.	12.11.19 to 05.02.20
14266 Dehradun-Varanasi Janta Exp.	10.11.19 to 07.02.20	14317 Indore - Dehradun Exp.	09.11.19 to 09.02.20
14119 Kathgodam-Dehradun Exp.	09.11.19 to 08.02.20	14318 Dehradun-Indore Exp.	08.11.19 to 08.02.20
14120 Dehradun-Kathgodam Exp.	08.11.19 to 07.02.20	12055 New Delhi-Dehradun Jan Shatabdi	11.11.19 to 09.02.20
14631 Dehradun-Amritsar Exp.	10.11.19 to 07.02.20	12056 Dehradun-New Delhi Jan Shatabdi	11.11.19 to 08.02.20
14632 Amritsar-Dehradun Exp.	09.11.19 to 06.02.20	15033 Haridwar-Ramnagar Exp.	14.11.19 to 06.02.20
14041 Delhi-Dehradun Mussoorie Exp.	09.11.19 to 06.02.20	15034 Ramnagar-Haridwar Exp.	14.11.19 to 06.02.20
14042 Dehradun-Delhi Mussoorie Exp.	10.11.19 to 07.02.20	14606 Jammu Tawi-Haridwar Exp.	10.11.19 to 02.02.20
24041 Najibabad-Kotdwar Mussoorie Exp.	10.11.19 to 07.02.20	14605 Haridwar-Jammu Twai Exp.	11.11.19 to 03.02.20
24042 Kotdwar-Najibabad Mussoorie Exp.	10.11.19 to 07.02.20	19019/29019 Bandra Terminus-Dehradun/ Mandasor-Meerut City Link Express	08.11.19 to 06.02.20
12091 Dehradun-Kathgodam Jan Shatabdi	10.11.19 to 07.02.20	19020/29020 Dehradun-Bandra Terminus/ Meerut City-Mandasor Link Express	10.11.19 to 08.02.20
12092 Kathgodam-Dehradun Jan Shatabdi	10.11.19 to 07.02.20	12063 Haridwar-Una Himachal Jan Shatabdi	12.11.19 to 07.02.20
22659 Kochuveli-Dehradun Exp.	08.11.19 to 31.01.20	12064 Una Himachal-Haridwar Jan Shatabdi	11.11.19 to 08.02.20
22660 Dehradun-Kochuveli Exp.	11.11.19 to 03.02.20	54341 Saharanpur-Dehradun Passenger	11.11.19 to 08.02.20
19565 Okha-Dehradun Uttaranchal Exp.	15.11.19 to 31.01.20	54342 Dehradun-Saharanpur Passenger	11.11.19 to 08.02.20
19566 Dehradun-Okha Uttaranchal Exp.	17.11.19 to 02.02.20		
14309 Ujjain-Dehradun Ujjaini Exp.	13.11.19 to 06.02.20		
SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminated at/ Originated from	Partially Cancellation between	Date (from the Originating Station)
13009 Howrah - Dehradun Doon Express	at Haridwar	Haridwar - Dehradun	08.11.2019 to 05.02.2020
13010 Dehradun - Howrah Doon Express	from Haridwar	Dehradun - Haridwar	10.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
12401 Kota - Dehradun Magadh Express	at Harrawala	Harrawala - Dehradun	09.11.2019 to 23.12.2019
12401 Kota - Dehradun Magadh Express	at Haridwar	Haridwar - Dehradun	24.12.2019 to 06.02.2020
12402 Dehradun - Kota Magadh Express	from Harrawala	Dehradun - Harrawala	10.11.2019 to 24.12.2019
12402 Dehradun - Kota Magadh Express	from Haridwar	Dehradun - Haridwar	25.12.2019 to 07.02.2020
12017 New Delhi - Dehradun Shatabdi Exp.	at Harrawala	Harrawala - Dehradun	10.11.2019 to 24.12.2019
12017 New Delhi - Dehradun Shatabdi Exp.	at Haridwar	Haridwar - Dehradun	25.12.2019 to 07.02.2020
12018 Dehradun - New Delhi Shatabdi Exp.	from Harrawala	Dehradun - Harrawala	10.11.2019 to 24.12.2019
12018 Dehradun - New Delhi Shatabdi Exp.	from Haridwar	Dehradun - Haridwar	25.12.2019 to 07.02.2020
12327 Howrah-Dehradun Upasana Express	at Haridwar	Haridwar - Dehradun	12.11.2019 to 04.02.2020
12328 Dehradun-Howrah Upasana Express	from Haridwar	Dehradun - Haridwar	13.11.2019 to 05.02.2020
15005 Gorakhpur - Dehradun Express	at Najibabad	Najibabad - Dehradun	13.11.2019 to 05.02.2020
15006 Dehradun - Gorakhpur Express	from Najibabad	Dehradun - Najibabad	12.11.2019 to 06.02.2020
15001 Muzaffarpur - Dehradun Express	at Najibabad	Najibabad - Dehradun	11.11.2019 to 03.02.2020
15002 Dehradun - Muzaffarpur Express	from Najibabad	Dehradun - Najibabad	16.11.2019 to 01.02.2020
19031 Ahmedabad-Dehradun Haridwar Mail	at Meerut City	Meerut City - Dehradun	09.11.2019 to 06.02.2020
19032 Dehradun-Ahmedabad Haridwar Mail	from Meerut City	Dehradun - Meerut City	10.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
14712 Sri Ganganagar - Haridwar Express	at Ambala Cantt	Ambala Cantt - Haridwar	10.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
14711 Haridwar - Sri Ganganagar Express	from Ambala Cantt	Haridwar - Ambala Cantt	10.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
12054 Amritsar - Haridwar Jan Shatabdi	at Saharanpur	Saharanpur - Haridwar	10.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
12053 Haridwar - Amritsar Jan Shatabdi	from Saharanpur	Haridwar - Saharanpur	10.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
12055 New Delhi - Dehradun Jan Shatabdi	at Haridwar	Haridwar - Dehradun	10.11.2019
14113 Allahabad/Aligarh-Dehradun Express	at Aligarh	Aligarh - Dehradun	08.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
14114 Dehradun-Allahabad/Aligarh Express	from Aligarh	Dehradun - Aligarh	10.11.2019 to 09.02.2020
12687 Madurai - Dehradun Express	at Saharanpur	Saharanpur - Dehradun	06.11.2019 to 02.02.2020
12688 Dehradun - Madurai Express	from Saharanpur	Dehradun - Saharanpur	11.11.2019 to 07.02.2020
54341 Saharanpur - Dehradun Passenger	at Laksar	Laksar - Dehradun	10.11.2019
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