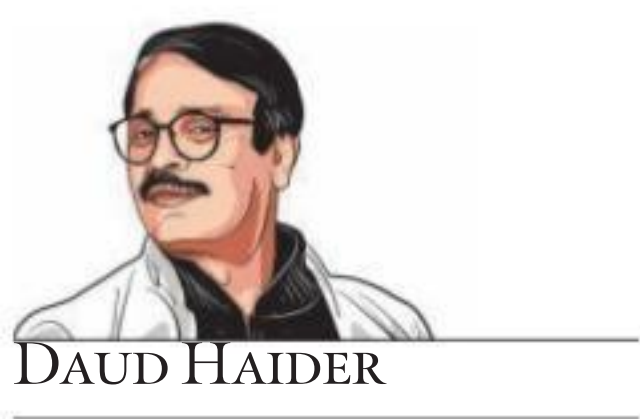


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Revisiting the Wall

Political and economic divisions continue to haunt Germany three decades after people pulled down the barrier that divided Berlin



DAUD HAIDER

THE BLOODLESS REVOLUTION came from East Germany, but it was West Berlin which demolished the wall. From November 9 to 11, West Berliners clambered on to the Wall, leapt down onto East German soil. East Berliners, men and women, meanwhile, formed orderly queues at the Bernholmer Strasse checkpoint at Prenzlauer Berg, clutching their passports issued by the East German government. The checkpoint was opened before midnight on November 9, 1989 by the East German police, following which passports were displayed, and entry gained into West Berlin. No hammers or crowbars in sight, at least in my sight. Forget about breaking down the Wall. Post-midnight, four more checkpoints opened their gates. East Berliners walked into West Berlin. West Berliners walked into East Berlin too. Without passports.

The Berlin Wall measured 161 km. Not that all of it was wall; rivers and forests were lined with barbed wire. The police presence was all pervasive, though. A watchtower every half a kilometre, no telling who was in it. Not a single East German or East Berlin artist contributed to the graffiti on the Berlin Wall. On the eastern face, that is. On the western side, there was graffiti by artists from West Berlin, West Germany, Western Europe, and elsewhere in the world. A sort of “draw as you like”. Politics, landscapes, faces, even male and female nudes; in every possible colour and size; all kinds of comments, writings, all anonymous. On one section of the Wall at Potsdamer Platz, a major tourist attraction today, I saw, in huge black Bengali letters, the word “sala”.

I found refuge in West Berlin a few years before the fall of the Wall. No one from West Berlin had any problems travelling to East Berlin. Anyone from East Germany aged 65 or more, and holding a passport, was entitled to a day’s visit to any city in the west. In some cases, a week’s visit was permitted.

For those of us who saw the fall of the Wall, the history of the fall is not yet in the past, the 30 years in between seem like yesterday because the Wall still exists. The fall isn’t complete. This wall is made of politics, economics, discrimination. For tourists to Berlin, there’s still a few metres of the “real” Wall standing at one designated spot. The area previously covered by the Wall is marked by signposts that read “Mauer (wall) 1961-89”. Bits of the Wall are still sold to visitors from abroad, complete with government authentication. But after 30 years, the “pieces of the Wall” business is floundering.

Those who are 35 have no memories of the Wall, those who are 30 don’t even know what it means. School textbooks devote plenty of space to it (particularly to the misrule of the East German government and East European Communists, not even Hitler and the Nazis, or World War II command as much attention). The current generation do not agonise over the Wall, or East-West Berlin. They are simply not interested. Their problems are rooted in today’s Germany. Unemployment is on the rise, living spaces increasingly scarce, the youth are headed abroad. The political establishment is seemingly indifferent, and the right-wing is exploiting the situation.

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CR Sasikumar

would have imagined that the fall of the Wall and the reunification of Germany (October 3, 1991) would have caused even greater turmoil? Germany is now the smoke in the European Union’s eye. The two Germanys have united to become the EU bully. A large, unified nation, economically dominant, politically monopolistic, crooking its finger at random EU nations, monitoring their every move, with no room for manoeuvre, paying lip service to the “oneness of shared democratic values”.

In the past three decades, Germany has become a critical factor not just within the EU, but in the world. The richest nation in the EU, fourth in the world, is nonetheless plagued by its own internal politics, if one were to study the political map of the last decade.

The two major political parties, CDU (Christian Democratic Party) and SPD (Social Democratic Party) are increasingly disconnected from the people, who are not giving them an electoral majority. The smaller parties, such as the ultra-right AfD (Alternative für Deutschland), are gaining strength. They are the second largest party in the Thuringen provincial elections and have sent several representatives to the Central Parliament, where they are the principal opposition party. As Tagore wrote, “The shadows descend on the forest/ thunder grows through the clouds.”

To mark the 30th year of the fall of the Wall, the government has been making loud noises about “Freiheit” (freedom). Everywhere, the information and publicity ministry has been putting up a giant, colourful poster of a nude woman, inscribed with the word “Freiheit”. The thing is, as the Bengali proverb has it, “Once you start dancing, it is a matter of time before the mask falls off.”

We had thought the collapse of the Wall would ring the death knell for Communism (including the Soviet Union and other East European Communist countries). But what do we see today? Communists forming the government in Thuringen.

In the past 30 years, no major new industry has come to East Germany. The government and large industrial companies are not interested. East Germans now openly question what they have gained from the fall of the Berlin Wall. “The Communists at least put food on our tables, gave us houses, now we’re crying for food and homes. Were we so very badly off? What has Freiheit given us?”

Close on the heels of the German reunification, the government announced, “The East must look as good as the West. And the money will come from West Germans.” And so West Germans began contributing to the “Solidarity Fund”, their contributions to be deducted from the income from jobs or businesses, from two to 25 per cent. The contri-

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bution would be returned in five years, with interest. Of course, the unemployed, or those on government dole, and East Germans, were exempt, but pensioners were not. We were all swept away in a tide of brotherly love. Since 1991, the government has been promising to return the Solidarity Fund (geld) contribution — principal plus interest — “after the next budget”. The contributors have given up.

Another serious issue has emerged since 2015 — 1.5 million refugees from Syria and the Middle East. Taxes have risen, accommodation has become scarce, essential commodities cost five times of what they used to. Water, electricity, gas, public transport, all cost three times as much now.

Say a West German citizen earns 100 euros for work done. An East German will earn 80 euros for the same job. There’s a further twist to this discrimination. Prices in East Germany are 20 per cent lower than those in the west, but on their daily visits to the west, East Germans are not entitled to any discounts on public transport fares or any kind of shopping. No discounts on plane fares while travelling abroad either.

Particularly significant is the fact that since the reunification, only two central ministers have come from East Germany, under pressure of strong criticism, only to be discarded later. As of now, all ministers are from West Germany. East Germany doesn’t count. Chancellor Angela Merkel is also from the west (Hamburg). Her father, a priest from East Germany, was stuck there following his retirement.

The Berlin Wall came down on November 9, 1991, but the collapse had begun earlier. In a move that was almost certainly pre-planned, more than 100 East Germans (mostly youth) on a trip to Hungary breached the barbed wire fence to enter Austria on August 20, 1989. Then West German external affairs minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, rushed to the aid of a bewildered Austrian government. Having exerted immense pressure on Austria to grant shelter to the East German deserters, he brought them back to West Germany. The incident received huge coverage in the West German media, and snippets reached the east too. An inspired East German populace was ready for revolution. The government was forced to open multiple Berlin checkpoints and Gunter Schabowski of the Communist Party’s politburo read out an incomplete announcement from a scrap of paper and the evening of November 9 arrived.

Haider, a Bangladeshi poet, lived in political exile in Kolkata before moving to Berlin. Translated from Bengali by Yagnaseni Chakraborty

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“IN a society where everyone is not equal before the law, or equally significant in terms of political considerations, certain people get to exercise their right to protest... others are deprived of it.” — DAWN

With a twinkle and a smile

Nabaneeta Dev Sen’s versatility was mixed always with a penetrating but forgiving sense of humour



DIPESH CHAKRABARTY

NABANEETA DEV SEN, the popular, award-winning, and feminist Bengali author, poet, teacher, raconteur, and literary critic, passed away in Kolkata on November 7. She had been fighting cancer for a while. She was 81 at the time of her passing. Born to acclaimed writer-parents, Narendra Dev and Radharani Dev, she married, in 1959, Amartya Sen, the economist who would later go on to win the Nobel prize. Their marriage ended in 1976. Antara, a well-known editor in Delhi, and Nandana, a noted screen actress, are their two daughters.

It is difficult in the space of this brief notice to convey a sense of the versatility — mixed always with a distant, penetrating but, ultimately, forgiving sense of humour — that marked the writings of Dev Sen. She moved effortlessly between many different genres of writing, from poetry, short story, novels, novellas, travel writing, children’s literature, one-act plays, essays, belles-lettres to academic literary criticism. Her writings in English belong only to the last category, all of her other writings — adding up to some eighty volumes — being in Bengali. In one of her famous autobiographical essays, with signature humour, Dev Sen described her two eyes as being rather different in what they saw of the world. Her right eye, she said, was always full of mirth and laughter, and was naturally drawn to all that was pleasurable and fun in life. Her left eye, however, was forever turned inwards and nothing that was deeply ironical or sad about the human condition could escape its attention. This was her way of explaining why all her critical observations of the world were always tinged with a gentle sense of humour. But humour was also a genre she excelled at. Even a few weeks before she died, she wrote a funny newspaper piece on her illness that made the rounds on numerous WhatsApp groups in West Bengal and Bangladesh. She borrowed an immortal and funny line from a children’s poem written by Sukumar Ray, the father of the non-sense rhyme in Bengali, and of Satyajit Ray — “Alrite, kamen fite” (Alright, come’n fight!). This was the title she gave to her short essay, where she wondered if cancer,

at 81, was such a big deal after all. And, if her friends who seemed to her to be rather sad at her suffering, were not confusing her imminent passing with the mahaprayan of a child! It was, in any case, time to go. So why so much grieving, she asked of them.

Dev Sen’s accomplishments were many. A winner of many honours and prizes, including the Mahadevi Verma Prize in 1992, Sahitya Akademi award in 1999, and Padma Shri in 2000, she was a professor of comparative literature at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, until her retirement in 2002. She held many distinguished positions, either as a visiting professor or as a visiting creative writer, at many reputed academic institutions in the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Germany, France, Japan, and Israel. She also served in leadership positions in many state-level, national and international literary institutions and acted as a member of the jury for many important literary prizes in the country. She was the founder of West Bengal Women’s Writing Forum. Her English translation of the 16th-century female Bengali poet Chandrabati’s version of the Ramayana — together with her comparative discussion of this text, the 16th-century Telugu poetess Molla’s Ramayana, some texts in Marathi and Maithili, as well as the more contemporary Telugu writer Ranganayakamma’s *Ramayana Vishavruksham* (1974-76), will remain an enduring contribution to feminist scholarship on the study of the epic.

It was through her creative writing that Dev Sen gave herself a sovereign presence in the Bengali literary sphere. I say “sovereign” because Dev Sen did not bow to any expectations that the Kolkata society might have had of a woman whose life had been the subject of gossip and speculation among the literati of the city. She was not afraid of baring her pain in the early poetry she wrote, nor did she ever compromise on questions of freedom. Finding herself a divorcee and a single mother when she was not even 40, she went to Indiana University in the United States for her doctoral degree and secured a teaching position in Jadavpur on return. She thus made a new life for herself, a life of which she was the sole author and became exemplary for many. Her writings won her a permanent place in the hearts of her readers.

Professor Dev Sen’s death will be deeply mourned in the literary and scholarly circles.

The writer is Lawrence A. Kimpton distinguished service professor of history, South Asian languages and civilizations, University of Chicago

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SECURING VARSITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Threat perception’ (IE, November 8). The posting of CISF in Rabin dr Nath Tagore’s Visva-Bharati will be a great disservice to the author of the national anthem and his ideals. Threat perception has become a new reason to undermine rational and democratic arguments against the powers that be.

L R Murmu, Delhi

ISSUES AFTER RCEP

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Closing a door’ (IE, November 8). The gains made by the country if it had joined the RCEP would have been negated by the losses in several sectors of the economy. But if India does not carry out reforms it will continue to lag behind its competitors in Asia. India has a huge market of cheap labour and a spirited private sector which can be used to its advantage. The government should look into reducing energy costs and encourage other efficiency measures to increase the viability of the country’s industries.

Anmol Singh Gandhi, Ujjain

CREATE CHANCES

THIS IS WITH reference to the article, ‘Experts, dissent and the economy’ (IE, November 8). One of the main reasons for the poor state of the economy is the focus, by successive governments, on giving subsidies, freebies and doles. People should be empowered to buy goods and services and not handed them free of cost. This can be done by creating employment opportunities and developing infrastructure. By setting up educational Institutes on the lines of IIMs, AIIMs and IITs and by giving impetus to research, the country’s policymakers can check brain drain.

Veena Shenoy, Thane

ABOUT HARMONY

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘On Ayodhya, listen carefully’ (IE, November 7). The author deserves to

LETTER OF THE WEEK

WRONG PRIORITIES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Lost opportunity’ (IE, November 6). The decision to opt out of RCEP is not surprising. Export-led growth does not figure in our list of priorities. In contrast, Bangladesh has achieved an 8 per cent GDP growth on the back of rising exports. Asian tigers led by Indonesia and Vietnam have left us far behind in grabbing the opportunities provided by the US-China trade dispute. Now, with RCEP countries accounting for one third of foreign trade, an export revival is highly unlikely.

S Bhalariao, Mumbai

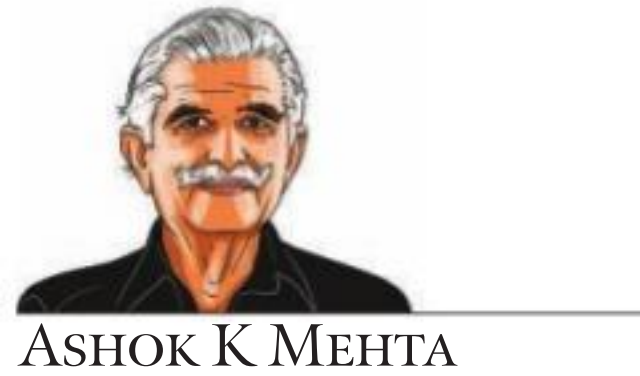
be congratulated for reformulating the slogan, “Garv se kaho hum Hindu hain” to “Prem se kaho hum Hindu hain”. She has expressed the sentiments of many who want to see a Ram temple and yet, respect the existence of mosques where our Muslim brethren can worship.

Vinod Dhall, Gurgaon

CORRIDOR OF HOPE

THIS REFERS TO the report, ‘Kartarpur opening tomorrow, Pak Army overrules Imran Khan: Passports needed’ (IE, November 8). Kartarpur corridor’s opening comes at a juncture when operations of the Samjhauta Express and Thar Express have been suspended and trade-ties cut. At a time when people to people relations is almost negligible, the opening of the Kartarpur comes as a breather.

Abhishek Saroha, Haryana



ASHOK K MEHTA

WINNING A VICTORIA Cross — the highest gallantry award an Indian soldier could get before Independence, like the Param Vir Chakra today — is a rarest of rare events. It is born out of a conjugation of stars when audacity, temerity and daredevilry combine with luck to make ordinary mortals perform feats of battle-madness in the face of extreme risk, and the enemy. Gorkhas have a flair for risk taking as many are not familiar with danger. Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw once famously said: “Anyone who says he does not know fear is either lying or a Gorkha”.

However, the following stories about valour and courage are bewilderingly true. One battalion of the Indian Army — the Second Battalion, Fifth Gorkha Rifles, Frontier Force — achieved the unthinkable. It got three Victoria Crosses in the second Burma campaign during World War II, all within 14 months and two within the same action. The Second Battalion Fifth Gorkha Rifles (Second-Five) had got a drubbing from the Japanese on both sides of the Sittang River crossing in February 1942. It was reduced to half its strength of 880, mostly due to non-swimming Gorkhas being caught on the wrong side of the river when the bridge on it was

A rare courage

Celebrating the three Victoria Cross winners in World War II

blown up. Many were taken as prisoners, or went missing. Another battalion — First Battalion, Third Gorkha Rifles — faced worst depletion. It was amalgamated with Second-Five to constitute the Fifth Battalion, Third Gorkha Rifles (Five-Three GR) with a commanding officer from Second-Five.

The three actions that got the Second-Five the VC took place along one axis — Tiddim to Imphal — to prevent the Japanese from taking Imphal. All three were classic infantry battles entailing the use of silencing machine guns, lobbing grenades into bunkers and assaulting gun emplacements, culminating in hand to hand combat using bayonets, khukuris and stones and the ultimate weapon of faith, the cry, “Aayo Gorkhali”. In defence or in attack, battles were fought to the last man, last round, the wounded refusing evacuation and the leaders at the front. Compare this with today’s stand-off combat with missiles and drones where the assault is mounted from another continent by remote control.

Second Fifth VC winning actions were of a different kind. The first action on May 26, 1943, was on Basha Hill to stem Japanese advance. Havaladar Gaje Ghale leading his platoon was asked to evict the Japanese. Ghale

and the raw recruits he led had not been baptised under fear. Even then, he shepherded them, while being under fire from a dozen machine guns, across the killing zone into the lion’s den. Ghale would take one lot and return to guide the second along the narrow ledge criss-crossed by all manner of small arms and indirect fire. On his third sortie, Ghale received multiple wounds but refused to be evacuated, fighting doggedly till the Japanese yielded.

The second VC battle on June 26 1944 was in Bishenpur when Subedar Netra Bahadur Thapa was ordered to take Mortar Bluff under Japanese assault. With a reinforced platoon, Thapa sneaked into Mortar Bluff and held it. The perimeter defence withstood several deadly Japanese assaults. Luck deserted the platoon as two machine guns became unusable and stock of ammunition sunk. With several wounded, Thapa rallied his men to hold fast. The ammunition re-supply team was wounded as Japanese entered the post. He called for artillery fire on his own post and fell, fighting a memorable action with khukuri in one hand and the head of a Japanese in the other.

The third VC action on June 26, followed immediately to recapture Mortar Bluff and

Water Picquet. Leading his section, Naik Agan Singh Rai’s heroic action not only regained Mortar Bluff but also led to the capture of Water Picquet. At both places, Rai single-handedly covered by his section and artillery, charged gun emplacement killing their crew. Rai’s battle heroics became stuff of legends. In his village in Nepal after his retirement, Rai re-enacted for me, both the battles in a spellbinding one-man sound and light show.

On November 9 in Dehradun, the next of kin of the three Victoria Cross winners will be honoured on the 133rd Raising Day of Second Five. Hundreds of veterans from Nepal and India will meet to remember not just the VC winners but other brave soldiers of the battalion who were recognised in battle, and many who went unsung. The whiff of Five-Three GR will return after 77 years as the present commanding officer is from One-Three GR which is co-located with Second Five in Dehradun. The toast to the President will be drunk with Old Monk rum, though some diehards will prefer Nepal’s traditional jhol, kodo.

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TELLING NUMBERS

Maternal mortality rate in the states: Assam 229, Kerala 42

MATERNAL MORTALITY ratio, measured as the number of maternal deaths per lakh live births, varies among the Indian states from a high of 229 per lakh in Assam to a low of 42 in Kerala. This emerges out of the data in a Special Bulletin on Maternal Mortality in India 2015-2017 of the Sample Registration System, released on Wednesday.

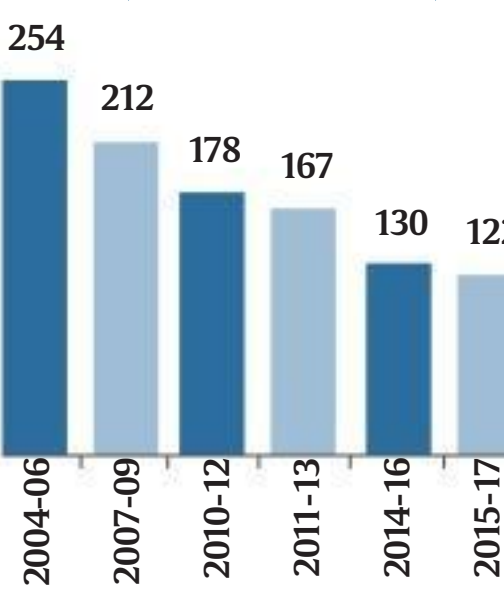
Across the country, the maternal mortality ratio has declined from 130 during 2014-2016 to 122 during 2015-17. While the bulletin has flagged a 26.9% decrease since 2013 (from 167 in 2011-13 to 122 in the latest bulletin), the decline has been by more than half since 2004-06, when the ratio was 254.

Since maternal maternity ratio, or MMR, is calculated by dividing the number of maternal deaths in a given population during a period of time by the number of live births occurring in that period, it reflects the risk of maternal death relative to the number of live births. There is another measure, maternal mortality rate, which is calculated by dividing the average annual number of maternal deaths in a population by the average number of women of reproductive age alive in the same period. This rate reflects the risk of maternal death per pregnancy or per birth and the level of fertility in a population. The bulletin provides details of both measures.

For Assam, which recorded the highest MMR, the 229 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births is still an improvement from the 2014-16 MMR of 237. Uttar Pradesh (216), Madhya Pradesh (188), Rajasthan (186), Odisha (168), Bihar (165) and Chhattisgarh (141) follow. Among these states, the maternal mortality rate is the highest in Uttar Pradesh, at 20.1. Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Assam follow with maternal mortality rates at 17.5, 16.9, 16.8 and 15.2 respectively.

Kerala has the lowest MMR, at 42. It is followed by Maharashtra (55), Tamil Nadu (63), Andhra Pradesh (74), Jharkhand (76) and Telangana (76). Kerala also has the lowest maternal mortality rate, at 1.9, followed by Maharashtra at 3.3.

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO (MMR) IN INDIA (PER LAKH LIVE BIRTHS)



STATES WITH HIGH MMR, 2015-2017

State	Maternal Mortality Ratio	Maternal Mortality Rate
Assam	229	15.2
Uttar Pradesh	216	20.1
Madhya Pradesh	188	17.5
Rajasthan	186	16.8
Odisha	168	11.1
Bihar	165	16.9
Chhattisgarh	141	11.0

STATES WITH LOW MMR, 2015-2017

State	Maternal Mortality Ratio	Maternal Mortality Rate
Kerala	42	1.9
Maharashtra	55	3.3
Tamil Nadu	63	4.8
Andhra Pradesh	74	3.6
Jharkhand/ Telangana	76	6.1 / 3.8

Maternal maternity ratio = maternal deaths/lakh live births

Maternal mortality rate = Average annual maternal deaths/average number (in lakh) of women of reproductive age alive

Source: SRS, Niti Aayog

According to the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the global target is to bring down the MMR to fewer than 70 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births by 2030.

THIS WORD MEANS

OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF INDIA

The status author Aatish Taseer enjoyed until Indian government revoked it. Who are eligible for it?

THE INDIAN government has revoked author Aatish Taseer's Overseas Citizen of India card (*The Indian Express*, November 7). An Overseas Citizen of India, or OCI, is a category introduced by the government in 2005. Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) of certain categories as specified in the Citizenship Act, 1955 are eligible for being OCI cardholders. Some of the benefits for PIO and OCI cardholders were different until 2015, when the government merged these two categories.

The Ministry of Home Affairs defines an OCI as a person who was a citizen of India on or after January 26, 1950; or was eligible to become a citizen of India on that date; or who is a child or grandchild of such a person, among other eligibility criteria. According to Section 7A of the OCI card rules, an applicant is not eligible for the OCI card if he, his parents or grandparents have ever been a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh. This is the ground cited by the government in revoking the OCI card granted to Taseer, whose

father was a Pakistani national. Taseer grew up in India, and holds a British passport and a Green Card in the US.

OCI cardholders can enter India multiple times, get a multipurpose lifelong visa to visit India, and are exempt from registering with Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) no matter how long their stay.

If an individual is registered as an OCI for a period of five years, he/she are eligible to apply for Indian citizenship. At all Indian international airports, OCI cardholders are provided with special immigration counters. OCI cardholders can open special bank accounts in India, they can buy non-farm property and exercise ownership rights and can also apply for a driver's license and PAN card. However, OCI cardholders do not get voting rights, cannot hold a government job and purchase agricultural or farm land. They cannot run for public office either, nor can they travel to restricted areas without government permission.

AMITABH SINHA

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WHILE ONGOING and predicted impacts of climate change have been bringing an almost daily reminder of an impending catastrophe, there is some good news on another environmental danger. An "ozone hole", which builds up over the Antarctic region this time of the year, has been found to be the smallest since it was first discovered in the 1980s (briefly reported in *The Indian Express*, October 24). This comes just a month after the UN Environment Programme said that the ozone layer was on track to be completely restored within "our lifetime" itself.

Depletion of the ozone layer, which protects the planet from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun, was considered as grave a threat to the planet in the 1980s and 1990s as climate change is now. Over the years, however, that threat has largely dissipated, as the world has banned the production and consumption of most of the "ozone-depleting substances". However, it will take another 15-45 years for the ozone layer to be fully restored.

Why is ozone important?

Ozone (chemically, a molecule of three oxygen atoms) is found mainly in the upper atmosphere, an area called stratosphere, between 10 and 50 km from the earth's surface. Though it is talked of as a layer, ozone is present in the atmosphere in rather low concentrations. Even at places where this layer is thickest, there are not more than a few molecules of ozone for every million air molecules.

But they perform a very important function. By absorbing the harmful ultraviolet radiations from the sun, the ozone molecules eliminate a big threat to life forms on earth. UV rays can cause skin cancer and other diseases and deformities, in plants and animals.

During experiments in Antarctica in the early 1980s, scientists noticed that during September-November, the concentration of ozone fell considerably lower to what was recorded in the 1950s. Studies and satellite measurements confirmed the depletion, and by mid-1980s scientists narrowed down on a class of industrial chemicals like chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, as the likely culprits.

What causes the ozone hole?

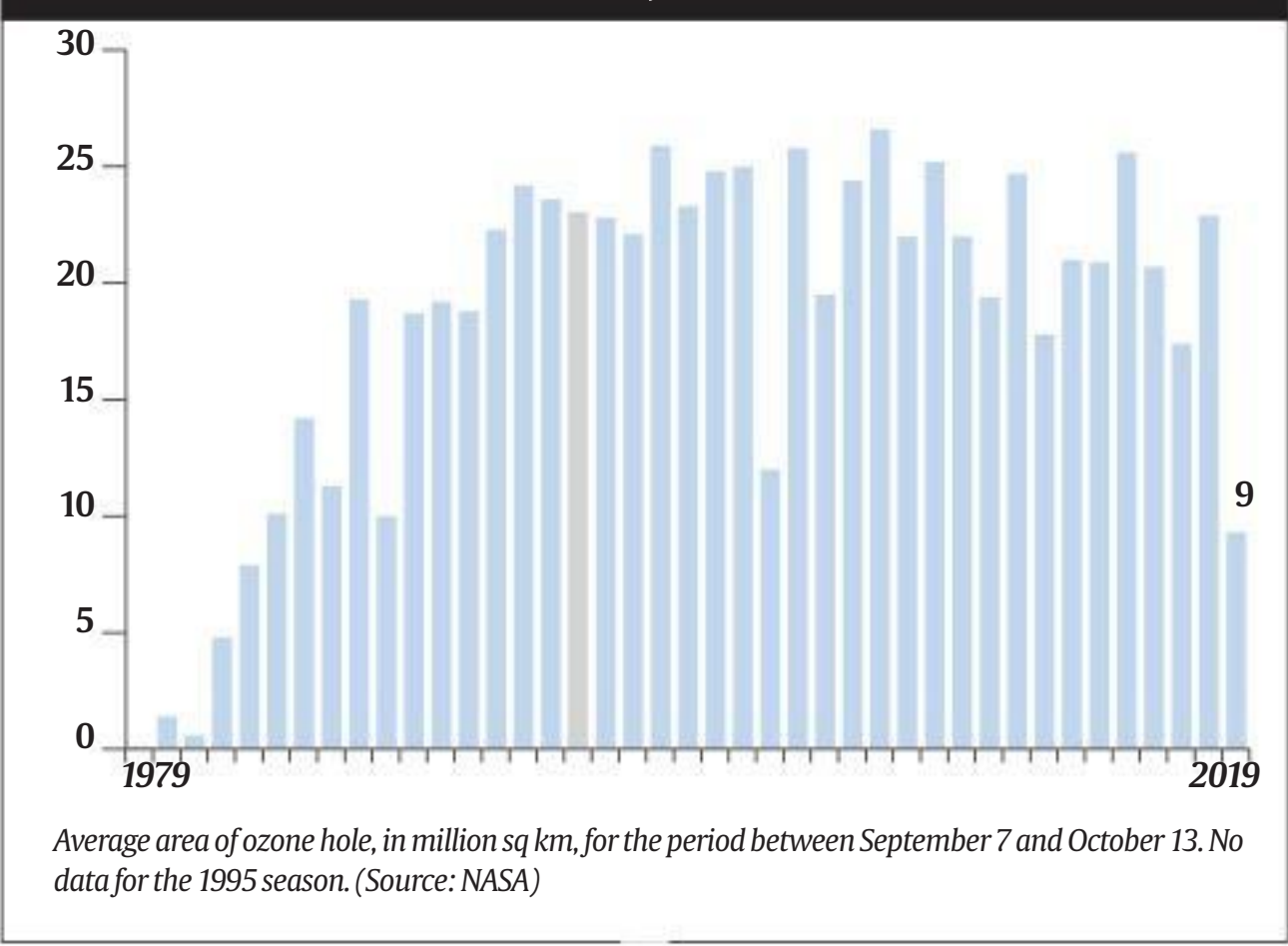
The 'ozone hole' is not really a hole. It is a

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

What to read in ozone hole size

The annual ozone hole over the Antarctic has been found to be at its smallest since the 1980s. What causes the hole, and what does the small area this year mean in the context of climate protection efforts?

OZONE HOLE SIZE, OVER THE YEARS



Average area of ozone hole, in million sq km, for the period between September 7 and October 13. No data for the 1995 season. (Source: NASA)



World Ozone Day in 2013. Express Archive

region in the stratosphere, directly above Antarctica, where the concentration of ozone has been measured to become extremely low in certain months. Depletion is not limited to that area and has happened in other regions of the stratosphere as well, but a set of special meteorological and chemical conditions that arise over the Antarctica in the months of

September, October and November make the problem much more acute there.

NASA recently reported that this ozone hole, which usually grows to about 20 million sq km in September, was less than half that size this year, the smallest it has ever been during this time after being discovered.

Is this a major gain?

NASA said that this could have happened because of an extraordinarily high temperatures in the stratosphere this year, rather than the ongoing human efforts to contain the ozone depletion. Scientists have reported that temperatures in some areas of the stratosphere — usually over 100 degrees below zero — were 30° to 40°C higher than normal in September this year. At least two such extraordinary warming of the stratosphere has been observed in the past, and on both those occasions the ozone hole was also measured to be smaller than usual. But scientists are not sure why this warming happens. This warming has no observed connection with the warming in lower atmosphere that leads to climate change.

But while this gain might be temporary, the depletion in the ozone layer is consistently being contained, thanks to global efforts to ban the use of harmful chemicals that destroy ozone. CFCs and similar chemicals

Fake 'horns' in the lab: will they save rhinos?

Study describes method to create fakes using horse hairs, rhino experts not convinced it can stop poaching

KABIR FIRAQUE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE MAIN reason why rhinos of all species are poached, including the one-horned Indian rhinoceros found mostly in Assam, is that there is a market for its horn. In Chinese traditional medicine, the rhino horn is believed to have medicinal and other health benefits, including working as an aphrodisiac — an idea that remains a threat to rhino populations.

Now, researchers have proposed a solution — fake horns. They have described a method for creating fake "rhino horns" using horse hair, and suggested that if the market could be flooded with these, then the demand for real rhino horns would go down. The proposal has been met with incredulity by rhino conservation experts in India.

What the research claims

Scientists from the University of Oxford and Fudan University, Shanghai, have described their method in a paper published on Friday in the journal *Scientific Reports*. They

have suggested that the method will provide a blueprint to create "credible fakes" that could eventually flood the rhino horn market.

Unlike the horn of a cow, at the core of which is live bone, the rhino's horn is actually a tuft of hair that grows, tightly packed, and glued together on the nose by a mass of cells and fluid. The scientists relied on the horse, which is the rhino's near relative, bundled together its tail hairs and glued them together with a matrix of regenerated silk. These sample structures, they have reported, were similar to real rhino horn in look, feel and properties, as shown by analytical studies.

In order to confuse the market, the authors stressed, plausible copies should be simple to produce while being similar. The composite they created is easily moulded into a "rhino horn copy" with a microstructure that, when cut and polished, is remarkably similar to that of the real horn, they said.

The composition and the method of preparation should be the same for Indian and African rhinos, co-lead author Fritz Vollrath, professor of zoology at Oxford, told *The Indian Express* in reply to a question. In a statement on



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the Oxford website, Vollrath said, "We leave it to others to develop this technology further with the aim to confuse the trade, depress prices and thus support rhino conservation."

Questions over effectiveness

If fakes do infiltrate the market, the question is whether buyers will eventually become conscious enough to avoid them. "It's a black market already and dodgy entrepreneurs will find ways... Exposing the rhino horn for what it is i.e. a tuft of hair, albeit a hugely expensive one that is easily replicated, should rattle the end customer and make him consider spending good money on it," Vollrath said, by email.

In India, rhino conservation experts were

unconvinced when the study was brought to their notice. "The fake rhino horn concept will not work," said Dr Bibhab K Talukdar, chair, Asian Rhino Specialist Group of International Union for Conservation of Nature/Species Survival Commission; Asia coordinator, International Rhino Foundation; and CEO and secretary general of the NGO Aaranyak. "... Whether fake or real horn trade, the intention is to make money. So this is not going to help rhinos in the wild, either way!" Talukdar said.

Amit Sharma, head of Rhino Conservation, World Wildlife Fund, noted he has not seen the study, "but my view is that people are always looking for genuine products as they value it. This is true for any commodity. There will always be check and balance especially for products of high value and demand."

At Kaziranga National Park, home to over 2,000 rhinos, the number of rhinos poached has decreased from 27 in 2014 to six in 2017. For these horns, too, the market is China. Talukdar said in the last few years horns from Assam, and North Bengal, are being transported to China via Myanmar.

Inputs from Tora Agarwala in Guwahati

Why Thiruvalluvar matters in Tamil Nadu, and the debate over his history

ARUN JANARDHANAN

CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 8

FOR A WEEK now, a controversy has been playing out in Tamil Nadu over the legacy of the ancient saint Thiruvalluvar. It began with the BJP state unit tweeting a picture of Thiruvalluvar, whose white robes had been replaced with saffron, which drew protests from Dravidian and Left parties. On Monday, a statue of the saint was vandalised in Thanjavur; on Wednesday, after the state BJP IT cell asked party members to pay floral tributes to Thiruvalluvar statues across the state, Arjun Sampath, leader of a fringe group called Hindu Munnani, tried to drape a saffron shawl on one statue, and was arrested. A look at the importance of Thiruvalluvar in Tamil Nadu:

Who was Thiruvalluvar?

He is regarded as a cultural and moral icon for Tamils across caste and religious lines. The period when he lived is debated,

as is his religious identity. Some place him in the third or fourth century; others put him in the eighth or ninth. Some call him a Hindu; some trace his past to Jainism; Dravidian groups count him as a saint with no religious identifiers except his Dravidian roots.

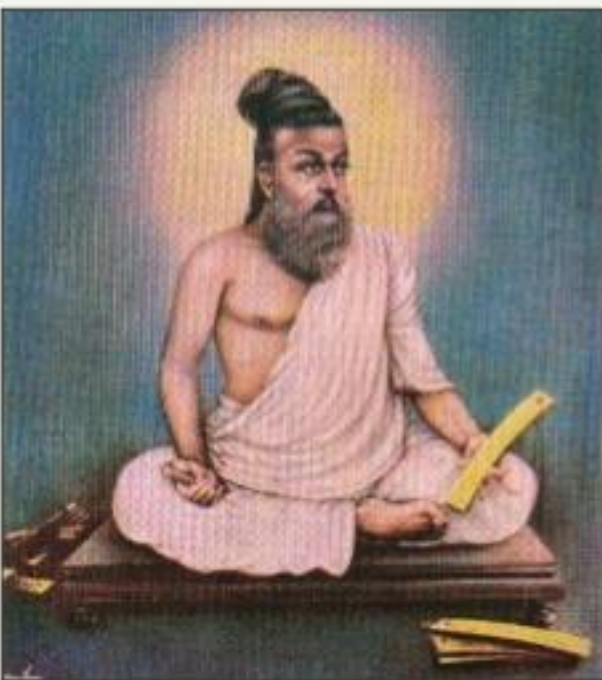
In his 1873 book *Tamil Wisdom: Traditions Concerning Hindu Sages and Selections from their Writings*, British scholar Edward Jewitt Robinson wrote about the saint, including the suggestion that "Valluvan, or priest of the Pariah tribe, found the deserted child [in a grove in Chennai], and reared him as his own." The book quotes several testimonies on Valluvar (Thiruvalluvar), including: "Of the six sects, one will condemn the system of the other but none of them will condemn the system propounded by Valluvar in his Cural: It has the merit of harmonising the opinions of them all, so that each sect would admit it to be its own." Another testimony says, "It is difficult to say whether the Sanskrit or the Tamil is the best: They are perhaps on a par, since the Sanskrit possesses the Veda, and the Tamil

the Cural, composed by the divine Valluvar."

What are the contemporary views?

BJP national secretary H Raja told *The Indian Express* that Dravidian parties who don't believe in gods had removed Hindu symbols from depictions of Thiruvalluvar. Raja said *Tirukkural*, the saint's collection of 1,330 couplets (or Kurals/Curals) is similar to Hindu Sastram. "The original Thiruvalluvar had *vibhuti* and all Hindu symbols. It was Dravida Kazhagam and DMK who changed his appearance to suit their political gains," he said, arguing that the saint's verses and life were similar to *Sanatan Dharma*.

S Swaminathan, a retired IIT professor who specialised in ancient Tamil history, said: "From whatever little evidence left on Thiruvalluvar's life, several scholars had concluded that most likely he was a Jain, neither a Hindu nor a Dravidian. All that we can ascertain is *Tirukkural*, his extraordinary piece of literature, has no comparison in Indian history or ancient literature."



A painting of Thiruvalluvar

Where does all this fit in alongside recent findings on Dravidian history?

While the ongoing controversy was trig-

gered by the BJP's efforts to attribute a Hindu religious link to Thiruvalluvar, Dravidian history has already been the subject of recent discourse. Findings from the Keeladi excavation site, published by the state archaeological department, had pushed back Tamil Dravidian history in South India by at least 300 years, from 300 BCE to 600 BCE. The exhaustive excavations did not find symbols associated with Hinduism, which strengthened the theory of ancient Dravidian history detached from Hinduism. The excavations are expected to throw light on a nearly 1,000-year gap between the Indus Valley civilisation (1500 BCE) and the Sangam Era (600 BCE).

Is this the first time that efforts are being made to claim the legacy of important Tamil personalities?

Swaminathan said that this has been happening all along, by Dravidian groups five decades ago, and by Hindutva groups now. "The so-called picture of Thiruvalluvar

in white robes itself was a recent imagination. No figure or picture of Thiruvalluvar existed [earlier]. We do not even know whether the ancient saint who penned *Tirukkural* was one person or a blend of many over the years. Like Jesus, we created the figure of Thiruvalluvar several hundred years after his death," Swaminathan said.

Two years ago, a similar controversy had been created when the BJP called the 19th-century social reformer Sree Narayana Guru a Hindu saint. Guru, who is credited with laying the foundations for Kerala's social and secular fabric, is known for opposing casteism and promoting spiritual freedom.

In 2017, the RSS national council in Coimbatore called for popularising Tamil saints and icons in the organisation's literature to help Hindutva ideology gain more visibility in the state. The RSS-BJP has sought to claim the legacy of freedom fighters and national leaders like Kappalottiya Tamizhan, with whom households in Tamil Nadu identify closely.



TOPOF THE WORLD



Ivanka Trump

MOROCCO
Whistleblower identity not relevant: Ivanka

Rabat: Ivanka Trump on Friday echoed her father's view that the House impeachment investigation is an attempt to overturn the 2016 election. But, in an interview with AP, she parted ways with President Donald Trump by calling the identity of the impeachment whistleblower "not particularly relevant." The Republican president and some allies lately have been pressing the media to publicise the whistleblower's name. "The whistleblower shouldn't be a substantive part of the conversation," she said.

US
Govt increases H1B application fee by \$10

Washington: As part of its revised selection process, the US has hiked by \$10 the application fee of the H-1B visa, the most sought-after among Indian IT professionals. The programme allows companies in the US to temporarily employ foreign workers in occupations that require application of a body of highly specialised knowledge and a bachelor's degree or higher in the specific specialty, or its equivalent. This non-refundable fee will support the new electronic registration system, said the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on Thursday.

PAKISTAN
Ailing Sharif to fly to UK for treatment

Lahore: Pakistan's ailing former prime minister Nawaz Sharif has heeded doctors' advice and given in to his family's request to fly to London for the treatment of his diseases, a report said Friday. The development comes a day after it was reported that the PML(N)supremo may travel to London for further treatment along with his younger brother Shehbaz Sharif. "Nawaz Sharif has finally agreed to go to London after the doctors told him categorically that they had already exhausted all medical treatment [options] available in Pakistan..." a family member told *Dawn* newspaper.

AZADI MARCH: DAY 8 OF SIT-IN

Come to negotiating table, resolve differences: Pak govt to protesters

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ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 8

THE PAKISTAN government on Friday told the opposition leaders, led by firebrand cleric-cum-politician Maulana Fazlur Rehman, to end their agitation, even as the protesters demanding resignation of Prime Minister Imran Khan refused to call off their massive sit-in that has entered the eighth day.

Dubbed as 'Azadi March', the massive protest led by right-wing Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) leader is held to topple the Khan-led government. The opposition leaders accuse Khan of "rigging" the 2018 general elections. Addressing thousands of protesters on Thursday night, Rehman said the government negotiators should not come for talks if the prime minister's resignation was off the table.

Defence Minister Pervez Khattak, during a National Assembly session Friday, told opposition parties to "come to the table" to resolve all differences.

"Keep sitting [on protest], but do not harm the country," Khattak, who is leading the government's negotiation committee, was quoted as saying by the



Azadi March protesters in Islamabad. File

Dawn newspaper.

Khattak has alleged that Rehman considered negotiations with the government committee as "time pass".

"They [opposition] are not even ready to listen. Maulana sahib says that this jirga is a time pass. Fine, then we are also passing time with you," Khattak said.

Members of the Opposition, however, threatened that the JUI-F sit-in will continue. The opposition parties are protesting in the assembly against government's move of passing 11 ordinances on Thursday without holding a debate.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Khawaja Asif said passing of laws through

ordinances was not a "good omen" and warned if the government continued with the practice, it would "ruin democracy".

Addressing Khattak's remarks during the session, he said: "[Your party] sowed these seeds. You were the one who danced on top of a container."

The opposition leaders on Thursday gave Prime Minister Khan a 48-hour ultimatum to resign, saying the anti-government protest will take a new direction after two days.

"The Azadi March will take a new direction after two days," said senior JUI-F leader Akram Khan Durrani. Rehman on Wednesday warned chaos will ensue if their demands were not met.



5 DEAD, OVER 300 INJURED IN IRAN EARTHQUAKE

A damaged car under a building's ruins, after the earthquake, in Eastern Azerbaijan province on Friday. The 5.9 magnitude earthquake killed at least five people and injured more than 300 in crumbling and collapsed buildings. *Reuters*

HONG KONG

Student's death triggers fresh violence

CLARE JIM & JESSIE PANG
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 8

Candlelight Hong Kong vigils mourning a student who died on Friday after a high fall during a pro-democracy rally quickly spiralled into street fires, bursts of tear gas and cat-and-mouse clashes between pro-democracy protesters and police.

The centre of violence was on Nathan Road, in Kowloon district of Mong Kok, one of the most densely populated locations in the world, where activists built barricades and trashed an en-



People attend a rally in Hong Kong on Friday. *Reuters*

trance to the metro station. Police used a robot to detonate a

suspected explosive device on a side street after at least three

Pakistan may stay on FATF Grey List beyond Feb 2020

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 8

PAKISTAN MAY remain on the Financial Action Task Force's Grey List beyond February 2020 for money laundering and terror financing due to its "risk profile", according to media reports.

Pakistan was placed on the Grey List by the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in June last year and was given a plan of action to complete it by October 2019, or face the risk of being placed on the Black List with Iran and North Korea.

The FATF retained Pakistan on the Grey List and warned the country of action for its failure in combating money laundering and terror financing.

Hammad Azhar, the minister responsible for economic affairs division, said some countries had been removed from the Grey List

PARIS

MOZART MANUSCRIPT TO GO ON SALE

An original score of two minuets composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart when he was 16 are to be put up for auction in Paris later this month, Sotheby's said on Thursday. The asking price for the handwritten score dating from 1772 has been set at 150,000-200,000 euros (USD 166,000-220,000), the auction house said. It goes on sale on November 18

NATO is currently experiencing brain death because of Trump: Macron

STEVEN ERLANGER
BRUSSELS, NOVEMBER 8

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron shocked allies in an interview published on Thursday, saying that he did not know whether NATO's commitment to collective defense was still valid and that the alliance was experiencing "brain death" because of a lack of strategic coordination and leadership from the United States.

"What we are currently experiencing is the brain death of NATO," Macron told *The Economist*. He said the US under President Trump appeared to be "turning its back on us," notably by pulling troops out of north-eastern Syria without notice, and he called on Europeans, as he has often done, to do more in their own defense with the aim of "strategic autonomy."

Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany responded unusually sharply to what she called Macron's "drastic words," which she does not share. "That is not my point of view," Merkel said in Berlin. "I don't think that such sweeping judgments are necessary, even if we have problems and need to pull together," Merkel said. "NATO remains vital to our security."

Asked for his own response, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo praised NATO in the eastern German city of Leipzig, after spending the morning touring the former border that divided East Germany from the West, where he was an officer in the United States Army.

"I think NATO remains an important, critical, perhaps historically one of the most critical strategic partnerships in all of recorded history," he said. **NYT**

New Zealand passes 'zero carbon' law, PM hails move

REUTERS
WELLINGTON, NOVEMBER 8

NEW ZEALAND has placed itself on the right side of history in the battle against climate change, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Thursday, after lawmakers adopted a measure to cut carbon emissions to net zero by 2050.

Thursday's framework enshrines in law the new 2050 greenhouse gas reduction target and makes it a legally binding objective to keep global warming below a rise of 1.5 degrees Celsius forecast by the United Nations.

"Today, we have made a choice that I am proud of," Ardern told parliament. "I hope it means the next generation will see that we...were on the right side of history."

The bill accords different treatment to methane emissions from animals versus other greenhouse gases, but still targets a cut of 10% in biological methane by 2030, and up to 47% by 2050. "This...is the centerpiece for meaningful climate change action in New Zealand," said Minister for Climate Change James Shaw, the leader of the Green party, which is in coalition with Ardern's Labour.

Chow, 22, who studied at the University of Science and Technology (UST), fell as protesters were dispersed by police. He died Friday — graduation day for many UST students. His death is likely to fuel anger at police, who are under pressure over accusations of excessive force. **REUTERS**



Jacinda Ardern



Emmanuel Macron

Cloud over NATO meet

MACRON'S REMARKS come ahead of a NATO summit on December 3 and 4 to mark its 70th anniversary. They raise question marks over the outcome of a meet already overshadowed by Trump's criticism of NATO allies.

The French president's remarks are seen as an attempt to assert his leadership in Europe, which, in his words, is facing "exceptional fragility" amid the US' unilateralist approach and changing equations with Russia and China. Experts have criticised Macron's "provocative" and "deliberate" remarks, and accused him of taking a unilateral approach in Europe while criticising the US for the same.

Trump ordered to pay \$2 million for misuse of charity

ALAN FEUER
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 8

A STATE judge ordered President Trump to pay \$2 million in damages to nonprofit groups on Thursday after the president admitted misusing money raised by the Donald J Trump Foundation to promote his campaign and pay business debts.

The damage award brought an end to a protracted legal battle over the foundation, whose giving patterns and management became a flash point during Trump's run for office in 2016.

The settlement, which was finalised last month and announced Thursday in the judge's order, included a detailed admission of misconduct that is rare for the president, who has long employed a scorched-earth approach toward fighting lawsuits.

Among Trump's admissions in court papers: The charity gave his campaign complete control over disbursing the \$2.8 million that the foundation had raised at

GUILTY, BUT...

TRUMP ADMITTED he had used funds raised by the Donald J Trump Foundation to promote his campaign and pay business debts.

THOUGH HE admitted wrongdoing in court papers, Trump attacked what he described as "political hacks in New York State"

ALL THEY found was incredibly effective philanthropy and some small technical violations, he wrote

a fund-raiser for veterans in Iowa in January 2016.

The president also admitted to using the foundation to settle the legal obligations of companies he owned, including Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Florida, and the Trump National Golf Club in Westchester County. **NYT**

'It's AN EXISTENTIAL MOMENT FOR THE COUNTRY... EVERYONE IS SEARCHING FOR THEIR IDENTITY'

Germany, now unified for 30 years, continues to grapple with identity

KATRIN BENNHOLD
BERLIN, NOVEMBER 8

ABENAA ADOMAKO remembers the night the Berlin Wall fell. Joyous and curious like so many of her fellow West Germans, she had gone to the city center to greet East Germans who were pouring across the border for a first taste of freedom.

"Welcome," she beamed at a disoriented-looking couple in the crowd, offering them sparkling wine.

But they would not take it. "They spat at me and called me names," recalled Adomako,

whose family has been in Germany since the 1890s. "They were the foreigners in my country. But to them, as a black woman, I was the foreigner."

Three decades later, as Germans mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Saturday, the question of what makes a German — who belongs and who does not — is as unsettled as ever.

The integration of East and West has in many ways been an unabashed success. Germany is an economic and political powerhouse, its reunification central to its dominant place in Europe. But while unification fixed

German borders for the first time in the country's history, it did little to settle the issue of German identity. Thirty years later, it seems, it has even exacerbated it.

Ethnic hatred and violence are on the rise. A far-right party thrives in the former East. Adomako says she is still afraid to go there. But she is not the only one who feels like a stranger in her own land. In the decades since the wall fell, Germany's immigrant population has become the second largest in the world, behind the United States. But that is not the story Germans have been telling themselves.

Two decades after the coun-



Abenaa Adomako (left) whose family has been in Germany since the 1890s. *NYT*

try stopped defining citizenship exclusively by ancestral blood-

line, the far right and others have started distinguishing between

"passport Germans" and "bio-Germans." Across the former Iron Curtain, a new Eastern identity is taking root, undermining the joyful narrative that dominated the reunification story on past anniversaries.

"It's an existential moment for the country," said Yuri Kharchenko, a Berlin-based artist who defiantly identifies as a German Jew despite — and because of — the armed guards outside his son's nursery in Berlin.

Even as Germany became a major immigration country, no real path to citizenship was extended even to the children of immigrants born in the country.

As a child, Idil Baydar says she felt German. But that has changed. Baydar, the 44-year-old daughter of a Turkish guest worker who arrived in the 1970s, now describes herself as a "passport German foreigner."

"The Germans have turned me into a migrant," said Baydar, a comedian who has grown popular on YouTube by mocking Germany's uneasy relationship with its largest immigrant group.

The final straw came last year when a verdict was reached in a series of 10 murders of mostly Turkish immigrants. Other immigrants had been blamed for those crimes. In reality, they had

been carried out over seven years by an underground neo-Nazi group shielded by Germany's own intelligence service.

For many in Germany, the case became a byword for the failure of the postwar security apparatus to control far-right extremism. For Baydar, it took away the last shred of confidence that the country of her birth had her back.

Recently, she has been planning an "escape route," possibly to Canada. "My German friends tell me: 'You're overreacting,'" she said. "I tell them: 'If I had blue eyes and blond hair, I'd say the same.'" **NYT**

16 BODY & MIND

Making meaning out of grief

Author of a new book says loss is what happens to you in life, but meaning is what you make happen



Gracia Lam/NTT

JANE E BRODY

IT'S BEEN nearly a decade since my husband died, but every detail of the day remains etched in my mind as if it were yesterday. I remember the call that came from the hospice facility at 2 am, then talking to the funeral parlour that was to retrieve his body and transfer it to the medical centre where students could learn from it.

Not five hours later I was on a plane to South Carolina, where I'd been scheduled to speak on — of all things — end-of-life issues. When I said in the course of my talk that my husband had died that night, a man in the audience was incensed. How dare I? he challenged. How could I just up and leave on the day my spouse of 44 years had died?

I admit that it can strike some as uncaring, even coldhearted. But what that man didn't know is that weeks before he died, my husband asked me not to cancel any professional commitments for his sake. What I was doing by speaking in South Carolina that day was respecting his dying wish and honouring his memory.

We both had known his death was imminent, and I suppose I had experienced the acute stages of grief in the weeks prior. I felt lucky that I and my sons, daughters-in-law and grandsons had a chance to say goodbye and tell him how much he was loved and admired.

My getting on with the business of life after his death was what he expected of me and what I was pleased to be able to do. Respecting his wishes, and not capitulating to the expectations of outsiders who might behave differently, was my way of finding meaning in the wake of my loss.

In a new book, *Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief*, David Kessler, a grief expert who himself needed to find meaning fol-

lowing the sudden death of his 21-year-old son, writes that "meaning comes through finding a way to sustain your love for the person after their death while you're moving forward with your life. Loss is simply what happens to you in life. Meaning is what you make happen."

In the best example I know personally, following the devastating loss of her 12-year-old son, Sammy Cohen Eckstein, who was killed by a car in front of his house, Amy Cohen co-founded a group called Families for Safe Streets to combat dangerous conditions and reckless driving on New York City streets. This Brooklyn mom has worked tirelessly to promote slower speeds and expanded use of speed cameras to spare other families such tragic losses.

It took seven years, but last May, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a law that will increase the number of speed cameras in school zones to 750 from 140 "so that other mothers will get to raise their children, so that other children can grow into adults themselves," she said.

Kessler had worked with Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, who in 1969 immortalised what she called the "five stages of grief" in her best-selling book *On Death and Dying*. Then, with Kessler in 2004, she wrote a second classic, *On Grief and Grieving*, discussing how we deal with those five stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and finally acceptance.

In his new book, Kessler said that following the death of his son, "I knew I couldn't

and wouldn't stop at acceptance. There had to be something more."

That "more", he concluded, is meaning. He calls it "the sixth stage of grief, the stage where the healing often resides". It can take any one or more of many forms. It can, as Cohen has done, strive to keep others from being killed by a vehicle, or in Kessler's case, from dying of an accidental drug overdose like the one that killed his son.

Some people find meaning through belief in an afterlife; for others it comes from recalling fond memories of the loved ones they lost. In my eulogy at the funeral for my father, who died of a heart attack in a Brooklyn supermarket in 1982, I said, "He died with his boots on, doing what he loved the most: shopping for food."

Although there were many things wrong with how my mother's death was handled 24 years earlier, this then 16-year-old found meaning in visiting her in the hospital every afternoon after school and being at her side when she took her last breath.

For Harriet Klein, a retired speech-language pathologist in New York, meaning came by compiling a book of poems called *Mourning Muse* she wrote following the death of her husband of 50 years. Likewise, Leslie Gerber of Woodstock, New York, immortalised his partner's loss with a book of poems he called *Losing Tara: An Alzheimer's Journey*.

Many families take great comfort in being able to donate organs of their deceased loved ones to save the lives of others. In his book, Kessler describes an extraordinary co-

Perhaps the most challenging loss to live with is a death by suicide. Grieving survivors typically receive far less support from others than if the death had occurred as a result of cancer or a traffic accident, for example

The right kind of exercise may lower dementia risk

Being physically fit may sharpen memory and lower our risk of dementia, even if we do not start exercising until we are older

GRETCHEN REYNOLDS

BEING PHYSICALLY fit may sharpen the memory and lower our risk of dementia, even if we do not start exercising until we are middle-aged or older, according to two stirring new studies of the interplay between exercise, ageing, aerobic fitness and forgetting. But both studies, while underscoring the importance of activity for brain health, also suggest that some types of exercise may be better than others at safeguarding and even enhancing our memory.

The scientific evidence linking exercise, fitness and brain health is already hefty and growing. Multiple studies have found that people with relatively high levels of endurance, whatever their age, tend to perform better on tests of thinking and memory than people who are out of shape. Other studies associate better fitness with less risk for developing Alzheimer's disease.

But many of these studies have been one-time snapshots of people's lives and did not

delve into whether and how changing fitness over time might alter people's memory skills or dementia risk. They did not, in other words, tell us whether, by midlife or retirement age, it might be too late to improve our brain health with exercise.

So, for the first of the new studies, which was published this month in *The Lancet Public Health*, researchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway, helpfully decided to look into that very issue, taking advantage of the reams of health data available on average Norwegians.

They began by turning to records from a large-scale health study that had enrolled almost every adult resident in the region around Trondheim beginning in the 1980s. The participants completed health and medical testing twice, about 10 years apart, that included estimates of their aerobic fitness.

The researchers pulled records now for more than 30,000 of these middle-aged participants and categorised them by their fitness and how it changed over the decade. Some



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had started and stayed out of shape; they remained in the lowest 20 per cent of aerobic fitness for the whole 10 years. Others moved into or out of that group. And the fittest few began outside of the bottom 20 per cent and remained outside that group for all 10 years.

The researchers then checked records from nursing homes and specialised memory clinics to see which participants developed dementia during a 20-year follow-up period and if fitness affected their risk for the disease.

They found that it did. People who were fit throughout the study period proved to be almost 50 per cent less likely to develop dementia than the least-fit men and women. Perhaps more encouraging, those men and women who had entered middle age out of shape but then gained fitness showed the same substantial reduction in their subsequent risk for dementia.

"We expected some effect" on brain health from having or adding fitness, says

Ulrik Wisloff, the director of the Cardiac Exercise Research Group at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and senior author of the new study. "But the effect was larger than we thought."

His group's study did not examine, though, how those men and women who raised their fitness managed that feat. Which makes the other new study about exercise and memory a valuable complement.

In that experiment, which was published recently in *Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism*, researchers at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, tested what types of exercise might be most effective at increasing both aerobic fitness and memory performance in healthy, older adults.

They began by recruiting 64 sedentary men and women aged 60 or older and measuring their fitness and thinking skills. The researchers focused, in particular, on the participants' ability to differentiate similar memories, such as where in the same parking lot someone left his or her car yesterday versus today. This kind of recall often declines with age, and a poor performance can mark the start of mild cognitive impairment and, in some cases, dementia.

After testing, the researchers randomly assigned the volunteers to visit the lab and stretch, as a control group, or start exercis-

ing. One of the exercise groups walked moderately and steadily on treadmills three times a week for about 50 minutes. The others began interval walking, during which their treadmills' incline was cranked high for four minutes so that their heart rates rose to about 90 per cent of each person's maximum, followed by three minutes of easy walking, and three more rounds of the incline intervals.

After 12 weeks, the volunteers repeated their fitness and cognitive tests, with striking results. Only the interval walkers now showed significant improvements in both physical endurance and memory performance, and their gains were linked. The more fit someone became, the more his or her memory sharpened.

In essence, the findings suggest that "it is not too late" for middle-aged or older people to start exercising and protect their memories, says Jennifer Heisz, an associate professor at McMaster University who oversaw the new study. But the exercise probably needs to be at least somewhat intense, so that it raises heart rates and goes fitness. "I tell people to add in some hills when they go for a walk," she says, "or pick up the pace between street lamps."

Wisloff would agree. For endurance and brain health, he says, try regularly to "exercise with an intensity so that you get out of breath."

SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Kids with siblings less likely to be obese



ONLY-CHILDREN are more likely to be obese than kids with siblings, according to a study which found that families with multiple children tend to make more healthy eating decisions. The study, published in *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, found that only-children, who researchers refer to as "singletons", had less healthy family eating practices, and beverage choices. They also had lower total Healthy Eating Index score, indicating there are both individual and collective differences in eating patterns between the groups. HEI is a measure of diet quality, independent of quantity, that can be used to assess compliance with the dietary guidelines and monitor changes in dietary patterns. **PTI**

[20-40 YEARS]

Running linked to low early death risk



ANY AMOUNT of running is associated with a significantly lower risk of premature death, according to a study. The analysis looked for studies on the association between running or jogging and the risk of death from all causes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. The researchers, including those from Victoria University and University of Sydney, found 14 suitable studies, involving 2,32,149 people, whose health had been tracked for between 5.5 and 35 years. During this time, 25,951 of the participants died, the researchers said. When the data was pooled, any amount of running was associated with a 27 per cent lower risk of death from all causes for both sexes, they said. **PTI**

[40-60 YEARS]

Statins may increase risk of skin infections

STATINS, COMMONLY taken to reduce cholesterol, may increase the risk for skin infections. Statins are known to increase the risk for diabetes, and diabetes increases the risk for staphylococcus infections of the skin and underlying soft tissue. But a new study in the *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* suggests that the effect of statins on infection may also

be independent of diabetes.

Researchers used data from the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs from 2001 to 2011 to track prescriptions for statins and match them with prescriptions for anti-diabetic medicines and prescriptions for antibiotics used to treat staph infections.



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DIET DIARY

How to keep your gut in good shape

Ensure that you take good care of your gut as it may spell the difference between health and disease



BY ISHI KHOSLA

MORE THAN ever, the issue of undesirable gut flora — dysbiosis — is being recognised now. It is linked to several health issues, ranging from minor digestive problems like bloating, cramps, loose motions, constipation, among others, to more serious ones like affecting the immune function.

Digestive system is home to trillions of bacteria called gut flora, some beneficial and some harmful. Beneficial bacteria aid in digestion, manufacture vitamins and stimulate immune cells, while harmful bacteria disturb the activity of useful bacteria and produce undesirable health effects.

Imbalance in gut flora in the small intestine is known as Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO). It can be caused due to several factors. Often, food sensitivities (such as gluten, dairy, among others), imbalanced diets (high in sugar, preservatives, pesticides and artificial sweeteners), chronic alcohol use, excessive medication, antibiotic abuse, stress, sleep deprivation, lack of exercise as well as ageing can disturb the balance of gut flora, leading to SIBO. Certain diseases such as pancreatitis, liver disease, kidney disease, immune-deficiency and diabetes too can make an individual predisposed to SIBO.

Symptoms of SIBO are non-specific and may range from bloating, abdominal distension, abdominal pain or discomfort, diarrhoea to fatigue and weakness. Long-standing SIBO leads to changes in the gut (intestinal lining), causing inflammation. Inflammation is a starting point of several maladies, including obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancer. Changes in intestinal lining are also referred to as leaky gut, which is associated with chronic fatigue, foggy brain, neurological disorders, migraines, food intolerance and allergies, lowered immunity and auto-immunity, skin problems such as eczema, psoriasis and hyper-pigmentation and fibromyalgia (muscle pains and joint pains). Other features of SIBO include malabsorption, nutritional deficiencies, metabolic and bone disorders and neuropathies, meaning numbness and tingling sensation in the extremities. The non-specific nature of SIBO makes it difficult to distinguish and diagnose.

Treatment includes correcting the underlying cause — addressing food sensitivities, providing nutritional support, improving gut flora through probiotics and prebiotics, reducing alcohol, limiting sugars, processed foods, trans-fatty acids and including intake of antioxidant rich foods and good fats (omega-3 fatty acids). Supplementation with specific nutrients is important to heal the gut. So ensure that you take good care of your gut as it can spell the difference between health and disease.

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SENSEX: 40,323.61 ▼ 330.13 NIFTY: 11,908.15 ▼ 103.90 NIKKEI: 23,391.87 ▲ 61.55 HANG SENG: 27,651.14 ▼ 196.09 FTSE: 7,380.98 ▼ 25.43 DAX: 13,260.78 ▼ 28.68

*International market data till 1900 IST

DEMONETISATION THREE YEARS AFTER

Cash in circulation up 25.6% to record high of ₹22.57L cr

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

THREE YEARS after the government announced the demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes on November 8, 2016, the currency in circulation (CIC) has jumped by 25.63 per cent to a record high of Rs 22.57 lakh crore as on November 1, 2019, from Rs 17.97 lakh crore as on November 4, 2016.

The Rs 4,60,000-crore rise in the currency in the system in the past three years indicates that cash is still ruling the roost in the financial system despite the big push in digital transactions and less cash economy. CIC has increased by Rs 2,84,799 crore in the last 12 months alone, as per the data available from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

After Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were withdrawn from the system in November 2016, CIC fell to around Rs 9 lakh crore in January 2017. Cash in the system has been steadily rising even though the government and the RBI pushed for a “less cash society”, digitisation of payments and slapped restrictions on the use of cash in various transactions.

After the notes were withdrawn from circulation on November 8, 2016, nearly all of that money came back to the banking system. The RBI received Rs 15.310 lakh crore of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes, or 99.3 per cent of the Rs 15.417-lakh crore worth of notes, which were in circulation as on November 8, 2016.

However, a senior banker said the rise in CIC in absolute numbers is not the reflection of reality. “What needs to be taken into account is the currency to GDP ratio, which had come down after demonetisation. But this would have gone up of late with the decline in the growth,” he said.

According to a recent RBI study on digital payments, although digital payments have been growing gradually in recent years, both in value and volume terms across countries, the data suggests that during the same time CIC to GDP ratio has increased in consonance with the overall economic growth.

“Several anomalies, however, are visible in the trend: first, the spread and intensity of use of digital payments does not seem to have any specific relationship with how developed a country is,” it said.

“An increase in digital payments to GDP ratio over a period of time does not seem to automatically imply a fall in the currency to GDP ratio of the country,” the RBI study said. Currency to GDP ratio, which dipped below 10 per cent after demonetisation, had gone above 12 per cent as of March 2018.

Moreover, the RBI’s Vision Document on payment systems says, “While no specific target is considered for CIC, the enhanced availability of

EXPLAINED

Nowhere near a ‘less cash’ society

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PoS (point of sale) infrastructure is expected to reduce demand for cash and thus over time achieve reduction in CIC as a percentage of GDP.”

The sudden withdrawal of notes in November 2016 roiled the economy, with demand falling, businesses facing a crisis and GDP growth declining nearly 1.5 per cent. Many small units were hit hard and shut shutters after the note ban. It also created a liquidity shortage.

Cash transactions through ATMs were also rising steadily. From Rs 2,00,648 crore in January 2017, debit card transactions through ATMs and PoS terminals rose to Rs 2,95,783 crore in January 2018, Rs 3,16,808 crore in January 2019 and Rs 3,45,492 crore in August 2019, as per the RBI data. Significantly, as much as Rs 2.87 lakh crore was cash withdrawal through ATMs in August.

Ramaswamy Venkatachalam, MD-banking and payments, FIS, said: “The real challenge in the digital payments network is to create a trustworthy robust ecosystem for our consumers. While we are making efforts to move towards a cashless economy, we have to ensure that we back the innovations with robust security infrastructure. While we need innovations to continue our march towards a cashless economy, we have to ensure secure and safe transactions to keep the transaction volume growing.”

Experts are expecting a boom in the digital payment industry. “From being primarily a cash-obsessed economy, India’s digital transformation story is new but exciting. The evolution of the industry has been triggered by increasing internet and smartphone penetration,” said Jasal Shah, managing director and CEO, Velocity MR.

INFOSYS, TCS, SBI AND HDFC BANK AMONG AFFECTED

Post India’s outlook revision, Moody’s downgrades 21 firms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

AFTER CHANGING the outlook of India’s sovereign ratings to negative from stable and affirming the Baa2 foreign-currency and local-currency long-term issuer ratings on Friday, Moody’s Investors Service downgraded the outlook for 21 companies. These companies belong to the infrastructure, oil and gas, and information technology sectors.

Rating outlook was cut to negative from stable for Infosys, TCS, State Bank of India and HDFC Bank, along with other financial institutions, corporates and sovereign-linked infrastructure companies.

Moody’s revised the outlook for ratings of eight companies — Bharat Petroleum Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, Indian Oil Corporation, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Oil India, Petronet LNG, Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services — to negative from stable.

Shares of all the companies that witnessed a downgrade in outlook and are listed on the stock exchanges saw share prices fall by up to 5.2 per cent. While the shares of HPCL fell 5.2 per cent, ONGC and TCS saw their shares fall by 2.6 per cent and 2.5 per cent, respectively. GAIL and Petronet LNG saw their

Company	Fall in share price (%)
HPCL	5.2
Petronet LNG	5
GAIL	3.9
Adani Transmission	3.9
ONGC	2.6
TCS	2.5
Adani Green Energy	2.25
BPCL	2.03
NTPC	1.8
Infosys	1.6

*List includes names of 10 firms that saw the biggest fall after Moody’s downgrade

share prices fall 3.9 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively.

Moody’s revised the outlook of six financial institutions to negative from stable: EXIM India, HDFC Bank, Hero FinCorp, HUDCO, Indian Railway Finance Corporation, and SBI, while maintaining stable outlook for Bank of India, Canara Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Syndicate Bank and

Union Bank of India.

Among the infrastructure companies, the ratings outlook was revised down for NTPC, NHPC, National Highways Authority of India, GAIL, and Power Grid Corporation to negative from stable.

Moody’s revised down ratings outlook to negative from stable for Adani Green Energy Restricted Group, comprising Wardha Solar (Maharashtra) Pvt Ltd, Kodangal Solar Park Pvt Ltd, Adani Renewable Energy Ltd, and Adani Transmission Restricted Group, comprising Raipur-Rajnandgaon-Warora Transmission Ltd, Sipat Transmission Ltd, Chhattisgarh-WR Transmission Ltd, and Hadoti Power Transmission Service Ltd, Barmer Power Transmission Service, Thar Power Transmission Service Ltd and Adani Transmission (Rajasthan) Ltd.

“Ratings of IOCL, BPCL and OIL incorporate our expectation of support from the Indian government. Therefore, a downgrade of the rating of the sovereign to Baa3 from Baa2 will result in a downgrade of the respective Baa2 ratings of these companies,” said Vikas Halan, senior vice-president and lead analyst for the Indian oil and gas companies at Moody’s.

“Ratings for Infosys and TCS are constrained to no more than

two notches above the sovereign rating. Therefore a sovereign rating downgrade will also result in downgrade of the A3 ratings of Infosys and TCS,” said Kaustubh Chaubal, vice-president and senior credit officer, Moody’s.

There was a change in outlook to negative for the ratings of NTPC, NHPC, NHAH, Power Grid and GAIL.

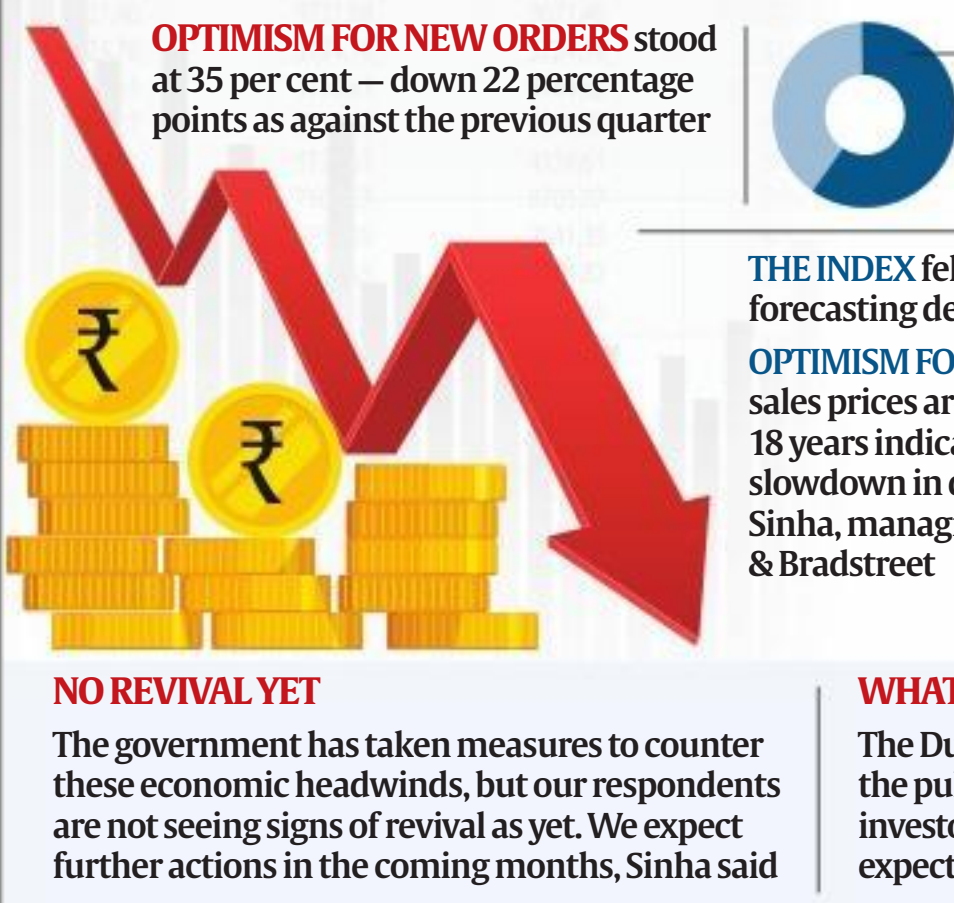
“We have changed the ratings outlook for NTPC, NHPC and NHAH because these firms’ ratings incorporate our expectation of support from the government. Consequently, if the sovereign rating is downgraded to Baa3 from Baa2, we will downgrade the ratings of these companies accordingly,” said Abhishek Tyagi, vice-president and senior analyst, Moody’s.

The change in outlook for the backed senior secured notes issued by Adani Green Energy Restricted Group reflects its dependence on sovereign owned entities, such as Solar Energy Corporation of India, for more than 70 per cent of the offtake from its power projects, it said.

“Meanwhile, the negative outlook on Adani Transmission Restricted Group’s (P) Baa2 rating, reflects the fact that virtually all of the restricted group’s operations are based in India,” said Spencer Ng, vice-president and senior analyst, Moody’s.

‘Biz optimism for Dec qtr falls 19.5% amid slowdown’

Corporate India is forecasting deteriorating growth for the October-December period this year as optimism for new orders and sales prices has hit the lowest level in nearly 18 years, the Dun & Bradstreet Composite Business Optimism Index said



‘Equity fund inflows fall 8.8% in October’

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

EVEN AS the Sensex jumped to a new peak in the month of October, the net equity mutual fund inflow during the month declined to Rs 6,026 crore, down 8.8 per cent from Rs 6,609 crore in the previous month.

However, liquid funds witnessed an inflow of Rs 93,202 crore as against an outflow of Rs 140,731 crore in September.

SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) inflow also witnessed a minor fall in October, the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) said on Friday.

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mode crossed Rs 3 lakh crore, rising by Rs 14,600 crore in October.

NS Venkatesh, chief executive, AMFI said: “SIP AUM crossing the Rs 3 lakh crore landmark for the first time ever and the continual rise in SIP accounts are a positive reflection of disciplined approach adopted by the retail investor fraternity. We expect equity markets to perform better in the coming quarters, as the positive impact of government initiatives trickles down in the economy, driving further inflows in mutual funds.”

Overall, the mutual fund sector witnessed an inflow of Rs 133,481 crore during October this year. The total AUM as on October 31, 2019, were Rs 26.32 lakh crore.

Growth in India will not be an uninterrupted move upwards: Suzuki

REUTERS
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

SUZUKI MOTOR said it was no longer gung-ho about India’s auto market, the world’s fourth-largest, where it has seen relentless growth in the past seven years. And the parent of the country’s biggest car maker is not alone.

The Japanese automaker issued the warning after it reported a slump in quarterly profit this week on tumbling sales at its Indian unit, Maruti Suzuki, which accounts for half the number of cars sold in India.

Maruti Suzuki India reported October total production of 1,19,337 units, as against 1,50,497 units in September.

“We no longer think that growth in India will be an uninterrupted move upwards,” Suzuki President Toshihiro Suzuki cautioned. Maruti’s sales, which were growing till January, has slipped every month over February-September 2019.

The auto sector has gone into a tailspin this year as tight liquidity at shadow banks, high taxes and a weak rural economy have sapped consumers’ buying power.

Global players like Ford, Volkswagen and Fiat are already re-evaluating their strategy as they struggle to make inroads in a market dominated by small cars.

“Car makers are getting very cautious regarding their future investments in India. Most of them

Jan onwards, no charge for NEFT transfer from savings account: RBI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has mandated banks not to charge savings bank account customers for online transactions in the NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer) system with effect from January 2020.

The central bank had earlier done away with charges on fund transfers through RTGS and NEFT routes to boost digital transactions and asked banks to pass on the benefits to customers. The Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS) is meant for large-value instantaneous fund transfers while the NEFT is used for fund transfers up to Rs 2 lakh. The RBI used to levy minimum charges on banks for transactions routed through RTGS and NEFT system for other fund transfers. Banks, in turn, levied charges on their customers.

In October, the RBI said it will make it easier for people to transfer money as NEFT will soon be available 24 hours as opposed to working hours on weekdays as of now. The revised timings will be effective from December this year.

At present, NEFT is available only till 7:45 pm on working days. Also, NEFT does not work on the second and fourth Saturday of the month.

Meanwhile, in a statement on Friday, the RBI said it has decided to permit all authorised payment systems and instruments (non-

SBI slashes deposit rates by up to 75 bps, MCLR by 5 bps

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

STATE BANK of India on Friday reduced its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by 5 basis points across all tenors and sharply slashed the deposit rates between 15 and 75 basis points.

This is the seventh consecutive cut in lending rates by the bank this financial year. With this reduction, the one-year MCLR, to which most of its loan prices are linked, will come down to 8 per cent, the bank said in a statement.

The bank also revised its interest rates on term deposits on account of adequate liquidity in the system. The new deposit rates will also be effective from November 10. It has reduced interest rate on retail term deposit by 15 basis points for one year to less than two years’ tenor. Bulk term deposit in-

terest rates have been reduced by 30 to 75 bps across tenors, the bank said.

On October 9, close on the heels of the Reserve Bank’s fifth cut in repo rate, SBI slashed the interest rate on savings bank deposits (with balances up to Rs 1 lakh) by 25 basis points from 3.5 per cent to 3.25 per cent with effect from November 1, 2019. The bank then also slashed its retail term deposit and bulk term deposit interest rates by 10 bps and 30 bps respectively for ‘1 year to less than 2 years’ tenor with effect from October 10, 2019. It has also reduced the MCLR (Marginal cost of funds based lending rate) by 10 basis points, making home and personal loans cheaper.

SBI had earlier linked the interest rate on savings account deposits with balance of over Rs 1 lakh to repo rate. Currently, it stands at 3 per cent.

Q2 RESULTS

M&M group profit dips 24%

Mumbai: Mahindra & Mahindra and Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturers’s consolidated net profit for the quarter ended September 30 fell 24 per cent to Rs 1,355 crore on the back of continued slowdown in the sector leading to de-growth across segments. Revenues from operations fell 15 per cent to Rs 10,935 crore, compared to the year-ago period. Ebitda saw a YoY decline of 16.7 per cent in the September quarter to Rs 1,541 crore. **FE**

Ashok Leyland profit dips 93%

Chennai: Hit hard by months-long slowdown in the commercial vehicle sector, Hinduja Group flagship Ashok Leyland (ALL) has reported a 92.6 per cent drop in net profit to Rs 39 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2019, against Rs 528 crore in the same quarter last financial year.

With the volume (sales) plummeting to 44 per cent in the September quarter of the current financial year, the Ebitda margin declined sharply to 5.8 per cent from 10.9 per cent in the year-ago quarter. **FE**

are either deferring or just scrapping their India new model plans,” said Puneet Gupta, an autos sector expert at IHS Markit.

Auto executives and analysts point out that some car makers are focusing on their strengths in terms of products instead of chasing volumes with small cars. Some others are taking drastic steps to reduce their exposure.

Ford has agreed to sell a majority stake in its India arm to M&M, ending its independent operations in the country after two decades and highlighting the challenges automakers face in growing profitably in Asia’s third-largest economy.

OECD proposes minimum tax for global firms

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

PUTTING FORWARD the right for jurisdictions to “tax back” where other jurisdictions have not exercised their primary taxing rights, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has floated a consultation paper for Global Anti-Base Erosion (GloBE) proposal under Pillar Two, proposing a minimum rate of tax for all internationally operating businesses.

This implies that not only tech companies, but also most multinationals, which have intangible assets as profit drivers, would be covered under the tax ambit.

Comments for the tax proposals under Pillar II, which won’t be

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limited only to digital companies, have been invited till December 2, following which a public consultation meeting would be held on December 9.

“A minimum tax rate on all income reduces the incentive for taxpayers to engage in profit shifting and establishes a floor for tax

competition among jurisdictions. In doing so, the GloBE proposal is intended to address the remaining BEPS challenges linked to the digitalisation of the economy, but it goes even further and addresses these challenges more broadly...depending on its design, the GloBE proposal may shield developing countries from pressure to offer inefficient tax incentives. The GloBE proposal is based on the premise that, in the absence of a co-ordinated and multilateral solution, there is a risk of uncoordinated, unilateral action, both to attract more tax base and to protect existing tax base, with adverse consequences for all jurisdictions,” the OECD paper said.

The public consultation document on Pillar II of BEPS 2.0 project, that broadly contains four

main proposals for global minimum taxation is in addition to proposals under Pillar I, which were circulated a few weeks ago and were related to the allocation of taxing rights between jurisdictions considering various proposals for new profit allocation.

“The Programme of Work for Pillar Two specifies that the GloBE proposal will operate as a top-up to an agreed fixed rate. The determination of the actual rate of tax to be applied under the GloBE proposal will be discussed once other key design elements of the GloBE proposal are fully developed,” the OECD paper said.

Rajendra Nayak, tax partner and national leader-international tax services, EY India, said the GloBE proposals could lead to significant changes to the interna-

tional tax rules under which multinational businesses currently operate. “The scope of the GloBE proposal is not limited to highly digitalised businesses. The proposals would, through changes to domestic law and tax treaties, provide jurisdictions with a right to ‘tax back’ where other jurisdictions have not exercised their primary taxing rights or the payment is otherwise subject to low levels of taxation.”

The proposal includes income inclusion rule that would tax the income of a foreign branch or a controlled entity if that income was subject to tax at an effective rate that is below a minimum rate. Rakesh Nangia, chairman, Nangia Andersen Consulting said taxing digitalised economy is the priority for nations worldwide.

DBS: Prudent spending, higher revenues to allay worries over economy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SINGAPORE, NOVEMBER 8

THE WORRIES over India's economic growth outlook will be over if fiscal consolidation takes place by prudent spending and higher revenues through privatisation receipts, alongside a wider tax base, Singapore's DBS Bank said on Friday.

Encouragingly, cyclical growth momentum is getting a hand from reduction in rates and surplus liquidity conditions, wrote Radhika Rao, vice senior president and economist at DBS. Looking past the transient spike in inflation, there is room for monetary authorities to provide more support this year, said Rao in comments on Moody's Investors Service downgrade of India's economic outlook to negative from stable. Better growth is necessary to lower overall public debt levels, which are currently above medium-term targets, she said.

Trump on tariff rollback: Haven't agreed to anything

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 8

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Friday said he has not agreed to rollbacks of US tariffs sought by China, sparking fierce doubts about when the world's two largest economies may end a 16-month trade war that has slowed global growth.

Officials from both countries on Thursday had said China and the United States have agreed to roll back tariffs on each others' goods in a "phase one" trade

Govt announces Steel Scrap Recycling Policy

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

IN A bid to ensure quality scrap for the steel industry, the government on Friday came out with a Steel Scrap Recycling Policy that aims to reduce imports, conserve resources and save energy. India's steel scrap imports were valued at Rs 24,500 crore in 2017-18, while the deficit was to the tune of 7 MT.

"The policy aims to ... promote circular economy in the steel sector", besides promoting "a formal and scientific collection, dismantling and processing activities for end of life products that are sources of recyclable (ferrous, non-ferrous and other non-metallic) scraps which will lead to resource conservation and energy savings and setting up of an environmentally sound management system for handling ferrous scrap," the Ministry of Steel said in a statement.

The statement said the policy will ensure processing and recycling of products in an organised, safe and environment friendly

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manner, besides evolving a responsive ecosystem and producing high quality ferrous scrap for quality steel production minimising the dependency on imports. It said the policy envisages a framework to facilitate and promote establishment of metal scrapping centres, which will ensure scientific processing and recycling of ferrous scrap generated from various sources and a variety of products.

The National Steel Policy 2017 aims to develop a globally competitive steel industry by creating 300 MT per annum steel production capacity by 2030 with a contribution of 35-40 per cent from EAF/IF (Electric Arc Furnace/ Induction Furnace) route.

AFTER MOODY'S DOWNGRADE OF INDIA OUTLOOK

Sensex takes 330-point hit; Re tumbles 31p against USD

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

THE BENCHMARK BSE Sensex on Friday plunged 330 points after Moody's cut India's credit rating outlook, citing concerns on the economic growth front. The rupee also depreciated 31 paise to 71.28 against the US dollar, amid worries over foreign capital inflows in the wake of the change in outlook.

Though the Sensex briefly hit a fresh intra-day high of 40,749.33, it failed to sustain the momentum and finally ended 330.13 points, or 0.81 per cent lower at 40,323.61. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty plunged 103.90 points, or 0.86 per cent, to end at 11,908.15.

The Sensex had closed at fresh lifetime highs in three of the five sessions this week, while the Nifty had reclaimed the key 12,000-mark after five months. Moody's

OFF ALL-TIME HIGH

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■ **The rupee depreciated to 71.28 against the United States dollar, amid worries over foreign capital inflows**

Investors Service cut India's credit rating outlook to negative, the first step towards a downgrade, saying the Centre has been partly ineffective in addressing economic weakness, leading to rising risks that growth will remain lower.

Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Rating downgrade forced investors to book profit in a volatile

market and rupee weakened to three-week low. Given the subdued performance of the equity market during the year, MF inflows fell to four-month low while premium valuation of large and blue-chips is not attracting new funds in the market."

Siddhartha Khemka, head—retail research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said, "While lowering of rating outlook is negative, we believe the government is trying to stimulate growth and hence a shift from its previous fiscal prudence. The government has taken various measures, including one of the boldest reforms in the form of corporate tax cut."

Sun Pharma, Vedanta, ONGC, TCS, HUL, ITC, NTPC, Asian Paints and Infosys shed up to 4.23 per cent. On the other hand, Yes Bank, IndusInd Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Bank, Tech Mahindra and HCL Tech rose by up to 3.76 per cent.

Sectorally, BSE FMCG, metal,

oil and gas, healthcare, IT, tech, telecom and power indices fell up to 1.80 per cent. BSE Realty, Bankex and consumer durables indices rose up to 1.55 per cent. The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices too fell by up to 0.79 per cent.

Meanwhile, MSCI, the world's biggest index compiler, has added eight Indian stocks including HDFC Asset Management, Info Edge (India) and Indraprastha Gas Ltd to its India Index, while removing Vodafone Idea, Yes Bank, BHEL, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Indiabulls Housing Finance and L&T Financial Holdings.

MSCI also added seven stocks and deleted four from the MSCI Global Standard Index. The additions include Berger Paints, Colgate, DLF, HDFC AMC, ICICI Prudential Life, SBI Life, and Siemens. The deletions from the global index include Glenmark, Indiabulls Housing, Vodafone Idea, and Yes Bank.

BRIEFLY

‘Over 60K from BSNL, MTNL opted for VRS’

New Delhi: Over 57,000 employees of BSNL have opted for the voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) in the last few days and the figures when combined with that of state-owned MTNL exceed 60,000. Telecom Secretary Anshu Prakash said Friday.

Bank of Baroda net profit jumps to ₹737 crore

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda Friday said it posted a rise of 394.63 per cent net profit at Rs 737 crore in the quarter ended September due to higher net interest income.

IDBI Bank narrows Q2 loss to ₹3,459 crore

Mumbai: Improving asset quality and better margins helped the crippled IDBI Bank to marginally narrow its net losses at Rs 3,459 crore in the September quarter, the bank said Friday.

Google names new country manager

New Delhi: Google said it has appointed Sanjay Gupta as its new country manager and vice-president of sales & operations for India.

Aurobindo's US arm recalls Ranitidine

Hyderabad: Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc. is conducting a voluntary recall of Ranitidine tablets 150 mg Ranitidine capsules 150mg, 300 mg and syrup due to the detection of carcinogenic impurities, the company told the US FDA.

NCLT directs CIRP against Rolta India

New Delhi: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has directed to start corporate initiate insolvency proceedings (CIRP) against IT firm Rolta India Ltd. PTI

NCDEX wins award for agri initiatives

New Delhi: At the 4th Global Agriculture Summit and Awards on Tuesday, Indian Council of Food and Agriculture presented the 'Global Development Award' to National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), for its "contributions in agri ecosystem for benefit of farmers". ENS

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single Bid System through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work : Pw4y Zonal Contract for Maintenance of Track under the Jurisdiction of SSE/Mangoan. Tender Notice No. : KR-W-01-58-2019-13. Estimated Cost : ₹ 396.82 Lakhs (Excluding GST). Closing Date/Time : 29/11/2019 up to 15:00 hrs. for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion Period : Twenty Four Months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit <https://ireps.gov.in> website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.**

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD
CHENNAI CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE No.CC/17/2019-20 Dated: 06-11-2019
Sealed Tenders with Pre-Qualification system duly superscribed on the covers with Name of Work, Reference No., Due Date and Name of Tenderer are invited for the following works so as to reach the office of the Superintending Engineer (Chennai Circle), Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Chennai - 600 035 up to **3.00 P.M.** (as per Office Clock) on the due dates mentioned below. The Tenders will be opened by the undersigned at his office at **3.30 P.M.** on the same day in the presence of the Tenderer or their Agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Approximate Value (₹ in Crores)	EMD in Rupees
1	2	3	4
1.	Construction of 205 Flats (45 HIG & 160 MIG) in S.No.254/2B Part, 255 Part, 256/1B Part, 258/20 Part, 258/32 Part & 253/1 Part in Padi Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District in Anna Nagar Western Extension Under Self Finance Scheme.	70.95	35,58,000/-
2.	Construction of 108 HIG Flats in Shenoy Nagar in T.S.No.43, Block No.3, Perambur, Purasawalkkam Taluk, Chennai District in the Place of dilapidated 64 TNGRHS Flats at Shenoy Nagar Under Self Finance Scheme.	37.56	18,88,000/-
3.	Construction of Multistoreyed Commercial-cum-Office (B+S+6 Floors) and 32 (16 HIG & 16 MIG) Residential Flats (B+S+8 Floors) at T.S.No.26 Part of Urur Village, Velachery Taluk, Besant Nagar, Chennai District Under Self Finance Scheme.	29.46	14,83,000/-

Last Date & Time for Receipt & Opening of Tender on 12-12-2019 up to 3.00 P.M. & 3.30 P.M. respectively. Period for sale 05-12-2019 to 11-12-2019 Cost of Tender Document is **Rs.15,750/-**. The Tender Document can be downloaded www.tender.tn.gov.in at free of cost. The Tender Notice & other Conditions details can be had from Superintending Engineer/ Chennai Circle, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
Chennai Circle

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar, Queens Road, Bengaluru-560 052.
No.EE/SJN/TEND/08/2019-20 Date: 07-11-2019
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover System)
(Only through E-Procurement Portal)
The Executive Engineer (Shivajinagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx value of work	EMD
1.	Improvements of Roads in Q No. 4th Street Cross Roads of Thuliranthamman Temple at Bharathi Nagar area in Ward No.91.	Rs. 100/- Lakhs	Rs. 1,50,000/-

Calendar of Events : 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from : **14-11-2019. 2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **25-11-2019 at 12:00 hrs. 3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16.00 hours on 27-11-2019. 4)** Technical bids will be opened on **29-11-2019 at 16:30 hrs** if possible or next working day. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days and **website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.**
Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division.
"Pay development charges, help to develop Bengaluru"

INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH
South Hospital Complex, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore -29
Phone : 26639149/ 22443143/ 22442421 Telefax : 080-26541799
e-mail : ihealthchild@yahoo.in Website : www.igch.org
No. IGICH/DRC/1/2019-20 Date: 08. 11.2019

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATION
A Notification No: IGICH/DRC/1/2019-20 Date: 02.11.2019 published by this office regarding inviting of applications to fill up the post of the Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health has been withdrawn due to administrative reasons.
Sd/- Member Secretary, Selection committee & Director of Medical Education, Bengaluru

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT72019-2023758-80 निर्दिष्ट सूचना /19-20 Date: 07.11.2019
निम्न लिखित परियोजनाओं पर पक्कर चुकाने हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाइन निर्माणों आमंत्रित की जाते हैं:-

कार्य का विवरण	अंशित मूल्य (₹.)	निर्दिष्ट सूचना संख्या
Collection of Toll Tax on Various Roads for Private Vehicles only.		
1. Alwar-Behror-Narnaul Road. RRC1920WLOB00475 2. Kishangarbas-Kotputli Road. RRC1920WSOB00476 3. Chomu-Shahpura Road. RRC1920WSOB00473 4. Jaipur-Jobner-Nagaur Road. RRC1920WLOB00474 5. Jodhpur-Phalodi Road. RRC1920WSRC00467 6. Kotputli-Kuchaman Road. RRC1920WLOB00479 7. Mahwa-Hindaon Road. RRC1920WSOB00480 8. Nasserabad-Kekri-Deoli Road. RRC1920WLOB00493 9. Sikar- Luharu Road. RRC1920WLOB00481 10. Salumber-Keer Kee Chowki & Debari-Bambora Road. RRC1920WSOB00482 11. Sanganer-Jaipur Road. RRC1920WSOB00483; S.No. 4. Khatkar-Bijolia Road (Bundi-Bijolia Stretch). RRC1920WSOB00494	6316.92 Lac 468.64 Lac	आवृत्तकाल ई-239/19-20 आवृत्तकाल ई-240/19-20

अंशितकाल निर्माण कार्य चालू करने की अंतिम तिथि 05.11.2019 पर्यंत 09.00 बजे से 11.11.2019 पर्यंत 06.00 बजे तक।
निम्न से सम्बन्धित सूचना निर्माण एवं पक्कर आकर्षण हेतु <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajjasthan.nic.in> तथा <http://roads.rajjasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। शुल्क कोटेशन की अपेक्षा निर्दिष्ट हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबपोर्ट <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> पर ऑनलाईन करायें आवश्यक है।

राजस्थान सरकार

NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
NANGAL UNIT, NANGAL NANGAL - 140126 (PUNJAB)
TENDER NOTICE
Ref.No. NFL/NGL.MTL.S/2019/30 Date: 08.11.2019

S.No.	Work Description	Esti-mated Value	EMD	Online Bid Submission Date
1.	Online bids are invited through E-Tendering for Design, Manufacturing, Testing, at Works, Packing and Supply, Erection & Commissioning of 11KV Plant Consisting of 21 No's of Feeders for Jyoti Switch House and 11KV Plant Consisting of 10 No's of Feeders of Water Treatment Plant. Quantity: 1 Set.	--	--	20.11.2019 up to 10.00 am onwards
2.	Online tenders in two part bid system are invited for Contract for Transportation of Ammonium Nitrate (Met) Ex-NFL Nangal (PB) to various destinations in the Union of India.	Rs. 8.67 Crores	Rs. 1,00,000/-	25.11.2019 at 03:30 PM

For any further details visit our website: www.nationalfertilizers.com, <http://eprocure.gov.in>; <http://nfl.etenders.in>; www.tenderwizard.com/NFL. Vendors are advised to visit our website regularly. Any Amendment/Corrigendum to the above NIT will be displayed only on aforesaid website. **DGM (Materials)**

BRIDGE & ROOF CO. (INDIA) LTD.
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
CIN No. U27310WB1920G01003601
"KANKARIA CENTRE", (4TH & 5TH FLOOR), 2/1, RUSSEL STREET, KOL-71
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (e-NIT)
No. MAT(P) / ERE / 71094 / 1134 dated 08.11.2019

GLOBAL TENDER
On line item rate Bid(s) / Offer(s) in two Part System are invited from reputed, resourceful parties for supply of Sheet Pile in connection with Shore Protection against Massive Erosion to save Country Old Indira Gandhi Water Treatment Plant (IGWPL) of KMC at Palta, Kolkata, West Bengal.
Other than Manufacturer, Trader, Dealer or Stockiest may also participate in this Tender based on authorization letter from manufacturer

Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	Date of Availability of e-NIT Tender Document in Website as well as CPP Portal	Last date of Bid Submission (ON-LINE)
A.	Manufacturing, Testing, Inspection, Supply & Delivery of 600 mm width 4800 MT hot rolled "U" Type steel Sheet Pile as per specification.	08.11.2019	21.11.2019

Interested Bidder(s) will have to be enrolled & registered with the Government e-Procurement System; through logging on to <https://eprocure.gov.in>
Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted in Company's Website: www.bridgeroof.co.in and CPP Portal: <https://eprocure.gov.in> only

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice
Tender No: **SE/PHC/MPM/9.10/2019-20**
KIIFB Improvements to WSS to Kondotty - Construction of 19MLD WTP & Laying distribution and transmission main. EMD: **₹5,00,000/-**. Tenderfee: **₹16,800/-**
Last Date for submitting Tender: 16-12-2019, 03.00 pm Phone: 0483-2734871
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JL-GS-6-396-2019-20 Superintending Engineer PH Circle, Malappuram

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INDORE
Simrol Campus, Khandwa Road, Post- Simrol, Indore-453552 Email : mms@iiti.ac.in
Tel : 07312438700 Ext 958/949/203


ITI(MM)/Adv/L/CH/690/DKR-AR/19-20 Nov 08, 2019
E-tender Notice
Online tender is invited by IIT Indore from OEM/ their Authorized Distributors/ Accredited Indian Agents/ Sole Selling Agents for procurement of
1. Supply and Installation of Laboratory Furniture of Chemistry Department.
Interested bidders can see the tender details on the website link : <http://www.iiti.ac.in> /tender OR <https://eprocure.gov.in/> [eprocure/app](https://eprocure.gov.in/)
REGISTRAR

DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION, SUNDARGARH
(1st floor, DMF Office) District Rural Development Agency,
E-mail: dmsfundersgarh@gmail.com
Sundargarh-770001, Tel No. 06622-273846

Letter No. 7357 (DMF) Dated the 07.11.2019
RFP NO:- DMF/SNG/04-2019-20

- The Collector-cum-Chairperson, District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Sundargarh, Government of Odisha invites technical and financial proposals from reputed implementing Agency/ Firms of National and International repute for **"Operation & Management of 37 nos. Ambulance Service (BLS & ALS), 13 no. Maha-Prayan Vehicles in Sundargarh District out of D.M.F Fund"** as detailed in the Scope of Work in this DTGN.
- Nature of Works :- **Operation & Management of 37 nos. Ambulance Service (BLS & ALS), 13 no. Maha-Prayan Vehicles in Sundargarh District out of D.M.F Fund**
- Method of Selection Quality-cum-Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
- Tender(Bid) Cost **Rs.10,000/-** to be submitted in shape of DD in favour of Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh to be drawn at Sundargarh
- EMD **Rs.30,00,000/-** to be submitted in shape of DD in favour of Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh to be drawn at Sundargarh
- Availability of bid document in the website :- **From 11.00 A.M. of 11.11.2019 to 04.12.2019 up to 5:00 P.M.**
- Last date of receipt of Bid :- **04.12.2019 up to 5:00 P.M.**
- Last date of Pre Bid Query **29.11.2019 up to 5:00 PM**
- Mode of Receipt of Bids :- **Through Speed Post / Registered Post (India Post) and by no other means.**
- Date of opening of Technical Bid and Commercial Bid :- **Date: 06.12.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**
- Address for Business query and correspondence :- **Chief Executive Officer, 1st Floor, DRDA Building, District Mineral Foundation, Sundargarh PIN -770001, Odisha. Tel-06622-273846**
- The bidders have to participate in OFF-LINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Sundargarh District website (www.sundargarh.nic.in). Any addendum /corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said websites. If any query then contact E-mail ID - dmsfundersgarh@gmail.com.
Note:
 - The date of opening of the Price bids will be intimated to the qualified Bidders before the due date through Email or Telephone, if it will not be possible to open on the same day of opening.
 - Collector & Chairperson-cum-Managing Trustee of DMF reserves the right to change any schedule of bidding process.

Sd/- Collector & Chairperson, DMF, Sundargarh



"You should ask him (Infosys chairman Nandan Nilekani) or the God. I've nothing to say and investors should draw their own conclusions"

AJAY TYAGI
CHAIRMAN, SEBI

would come to know. Regarding the SEC, that is something confi-

dential between two regulators.

Over the past few years, Sebi has been reducing the expense ratio on mutual funds, affecting income of MF distributors. While it is good for investors, but India is still not a mature market where financial products are still sold instead of being bought. How do we fix this?
If you put yourself in place of investors, how would you feel that the total expense ratio (TER) has not been transparently disclosed, or it is charged upfront if there is a lot of churning. So this is something which had to be done. In my perception, the MF industry ... has grown from Rs 11 lakh crore to Rs 25 lakh crore in five years because of trust, faith and self regulations by MFs. I will not give that much credit to Sebi except that last one year, we had to intervene in debt mutual funds and we found the anomalies. **FE**

Co-related equity indices: Sebi introduces cross margining

New Delhi: Sebi on Friday introduced cross margining facility for offsetting positions in co-related equity indices, a move that will increase liquidity and trading volumes in stock markets.

Cross margining allows market participants to reduce the total margin payment required, if they are taking two mutually offsetting positions. The move helps market participants transfer excess margin from one account to another. **PTI**

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER NOTICE
Name of the work : **Assistance in Railway Operation works at Station Exchange Yard and Main Yard. Estimated cost : ₹ 81,99,561/- including GST.**
Last date & time of submission of bid : **26.11.2019 up to 16:30 Hrs.** Refer our website for details : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>
Dy. Traffic Manager, PPT/PR/445/2019-20, Dt.08.11.2019

RITES LTD.
A Govt. of India Enterprise (Ministry of Railways)
9 Floor, Industry House, 45, Far Field Layer, Rose Centre Road, Bangalore-560 001
E-mail: procurement@rites.co.in info@rites.co.in helpdesk@rites.co.in

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
GM(C), RITES Ltd. invites on behalf of the Dept. of Technical Education, Bangalore online percentage rate bids on Two Packet System for the following work: **NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/50/2019** Date 08.11.2019, Extension of Government Engineering College at Bidar in Bidar District for DTE, Est. Cost is **Rs.1991.74 Lakhs.** (Approx.). **EMD: Rs. 19.92 Lakhs.** Period of completion **20 months.** Last date and time of submission of bid **30.11.2019 upto 11.00 hrs.** The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only.
Sd/- General Manager (C) RITES Ltd.
For and on behalf of DTE

**EASTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P.LTD**
Corporate Office, P&T Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam-13.

e-Tender Notice
The APEPDCL is opting for e-tendering from the eligible bidders for Tenders for Erection of 33/11KV Outdoor Sub-Stations alongwith connected lines, 33KV interlinking lines, erection of additional/enhancement of PTRs for Extension of 9Hrs. 3 Ph supply to Agricultural consumers during day time in Rajamahendravaram and Eluru Circles of APEPDCL on Partial Turnkey basis vide Bid Nos. CGMP/Projects/ APEPDCL04 to 09/2019-20. All the interested bidders may visit www.appecurement.gov.in to view details of the tender and time schedule of the above works. Phone No.: 0891-2582235, 0891-2582326
Advt-76
Chief General Manager/Projects
CC bills can be paid thru PayTm and also POS machines at our counters at ERO's for cashless transactions

Tender Notice for College Canteen Contract for the year 2019-20
Applications are invited under sealed cover for the canteen contract for the year 2019-20 upto August 31, 2020. The relevant details related to canteen contract can be obtained from the college office during working hours. The important dates and information is detailed below:
1. Last date for submission of Bids: 23.11.2019 by 3 P.M.
2. Opening of Bids: 25.11.2019 at 11.00 A.M.
3. Tender Fees: 200/-

**Principal
Govt. College for Women,
Rewari.**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI SHRINE BOARD, KATRA**

e_NIT No. MV/E/19/2072 Dated 26.10.2019
On behalf of the Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra, J&K, e-tenders are invited from the eligible Govt. Contractors/ Construction Companies/firms desirous of participating in the e-bidding for the work "Construction of Durga Bhawan Building at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine near Katra (J&K).
Approximate Cost of Work: **Rs. 22.00 Crores**
Earnest Money: **Rs. 44.00 Lacs**
Time of Completion: **48 Calendar Months.**
The bid document consisting of Instruction to bidders, Qualification criteria, Terms & Conditions, specifications, BOQ and other information can be seen/downloaded from the website: <http://ktenders.gov.in> and Shrine Board's website: www.maavaishnodevi.org. The NIT/bid document download start date shall be 01.11.2019 after 10.00 hrs. onwards. The bid submission end date shall be 12.12.2019 upto 16.00 hrs. The bids shall be uploaded only on website: <http://ktenders.gov.in>. The first prebid meeting shall be held on 18.11.2019 and 2nd prebid meeting shall be held on 25.11.2019 at the same venue as mentioned in the bid document.
No.- MV/E/19/2220-24
Dated: 08.11.2019
Sd/- Executive Engineer (C)
SMVDSB, Katra.

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 of Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto3.00PM dated on 11.11.2019 for the works:

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT 1. NIT No. 43/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183264_1) Name of work: - Improvement of damaged street of Chand Mohalla in Gandhi Nagar AC-61. **Estimated Cost of Rs 34.21,299/- Earnest Money Rs 68,426/- period of completion 45days**

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT 2. NIT No. 47/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183267_1) Name of work: - Improvement of damaged street of Kanti Nagar Extn. Colony in Gandhi Nagar AC-61. **Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 21,75,979/- Earnest Money Rs 43,520/- period of completion 45days**

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT 3. NIT No. 49/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183268_1) Name of work: - Improvement of damaged street of Raghubarpura No 1 in Gandhi Nagar AC-61. **Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 18,80,895/- Earnest Money Rs 37,618/- period of completion 45days**

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT 4. NIT No. 50/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183296_1) Name of work: - Improvement of damaged street of West Azad Nagar in Gandhi Nagar AC-61. **Estimated Cost of Rs 39,49,428/- Earnest Money Rs 78,989/- period of completion 75days**

H.O.A.: Development of Unauthorised colonies

5. NIT No.155/E/IE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_183318_1) Name of work: - Improvement of gall with side drains/raising of drains in Dr. Ambedkar Colony, A&B Block, Johripur Extn. Unauthorized Colony of Gokalpur Constituency including Maintenance for 5 years, AC-68 (Regn. No.810/895 (Balance work)). **Estimated Cost of Rs 24,73,937/- Earnest Money Rs 49,479/- period of completion 90days**

Note:


1) The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tender. In case only the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.

2) The following Scanned copies are required to be uploaded:- (i) Copy of GST Registration upto date file returned proof (ii) Registration of enlistment in the appropriate class. (iii) Scanned Copy of EMD. (iv) Scanned copy of ESI and EPF registration. (v) Copy of Pan Number. (vi) Valid Mobile Number, WhatsApp Number and E-mail ID.

3) EMD's in the form of DD/FDR in favour of EE, CD-IV may be submitted in the O/o of EE, CD-IV physically upto 3.00 P.M. in the date of opening tender. If the same shall not be deposited physically, the tender shall be treated as cancelled. The Detail of above mentioned work can be seen and download from website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>


4) No manual tender shall be accepted; only tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be considered.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DIP/Shabdarth/0967/19-20

**KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION**
e-Tender Notice

E-Tender ID	Items	Bid submission end date
2019_KSRTC_285806_4	LASER PRINTER	14.11.2019
2019_KSRTC_311475_2	DOT MATRIX PRINTER (136 COLUMN)	06:00 PM

For more details visit:
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.keralarts.com/tenders/purchase
Ph.No.0471-2471011 Extn: 303
Date : 09.11.2019 (Sd/-) Chairman & Managing Director

**SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT-II) WZ UNDER DABRI FLYOVER (BETWEEN PIER NO. 3 TO 5) NEW DELHI - 110058
No. E.E. (Project-II)WZ/TC/2019-20/9 Dated : 07.11.2019
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Online tenders are invited for the work of (I) 1/1 I/S OF ROAD BY DENSE CARPETING BY PDG. BM, BC ETC. FORM TC-1458 (BIKANER MITHAI WALA) TO F-222 IN TC CAMP AND F-BLOCK REGHUBIR NAGAR IN 008-S IN WZ, KHYALA (2) FROM A-1 SHOP TO CAMP OPP. KALI MATA MANDIR TO E-197 E-BLOCK TO CAMP AND E-BLOCK RAGHUBIR NAGAR IN WARD NO. 008-S IN WEST ZONE, KHYALA. (3) FROM MAIN GATE OF 608 SLUM FLAT NO. A-53A OR BOUNDARY WALL IN 608 SLUM FLATS TAGORE GARDEN IN WARD NO. 008-S IN WZ, KHYALA, (4) FROM S-221/51 (GULATI BUILDING MATERIAL) TO DISPENSARY CORNER OF S-BLOCK, VISHNU GARDEN IN WARD 008-S IN WZ, KHYALA AND (5) FROM T-9 TO T-97 IN T-BLOCK, VISHNU GARDEN IN WARD NO. 007-S IN WEST ZONE, (II) I/S of internal roads by providing TC, BM and BC for Janakpuri Block C2C, H. NO. C2C/12-61 TO C2C/12-84, Fair Deal Properties to C2C/12-122, H. NO. C2C/12-1 TO C2C/12-23, H. NO. C2C/12-25 TO C2C/12-44, C2A Gate No. 1 TO C2A Gate No. 4, H. NO. 2A-41 TO C2A-59, H. NO. C2A-209 TO C2A-227, H.NO. C2A-61 TO H. NO. C2A-111, H. NO. C2A-170 TO H. NO. C2A-188, H. NO. C2A-149 TO C2A-168, C2A Gate No. 2 to C2A-147, H. NO. C2A-111 to C2A-248A, C2A Gate No. 1 TO C2A-113, Lal Sai Mandir Marg to C2A Gate No. 1, Mall Road to H. NO. C5C-23A, H. NO. C5C-21A to C5C-2A, Janakpuri, in Ward 16-S, West Zone, Tenders will be opened on 26.11.2019 at 3.30 P.M. Estimated Cost : (I) Rs. 84,01,800/- & (II) Rs. 29,87,300/-
For detailed NIT or any change in schedule /corrigendum please refer to: <https://tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER>
-Sd/-
R.O. No.98/DPI/S/2019-20 E.E. (Project-II)WZ

**Mehraj**


General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Mehraj, S/o: Ayub Khan, R/o: D-45, Shivaji Market, Tagore Garden, Delhi has been missing since 20.10.2019 from D-45, Shivaji Market, Tagore Garden, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 41A dated 27.10.2019 has been registered at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:
Name: Mehraj, Age: About 44 Years, Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue Jeans Pant, White Colour Shirt and White Colour Shoes in feet.
If anyone have any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO
Police Station, Rajouri Garden, Delhi
Ph: 011-22780090, 8750870628
DP/8497/WD/19

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**
(Power Wing)

CORRIGENDUM-1 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT No: 551/P&D(TS)/SS&P-359 Dated: 16.10.2019
Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, P&D (TS) Directorate, BBMB, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Ph-1, Chandigarh-160002.
Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Testing before despatch, Supply, Delivery, testing & commissioning at site of four (4) nos. 132 KV Duplex type (without door) C&R panels for 132 KV Gangual - Kotla Tie circuits-I & II having Numerical Protection Relays (SCADA compliant), Two (2) nos. each at Gangual Power Houses & Kotla Power Houses.
The due dates against above NIT are as per the following schedule:

Last date & time for receipt of Tender document fee	22/11/2019 up to 1700 Hrs.
Last date & time of online Bid submission	13/12/2019 up to 1100 Hrs.
Due date & time of online Bid opening	13/12/2019 from 1500 Hrs. onwards

For detailed NIT, Earnest Money deposit & pre-qualifying criteria, please visit BBMB Website <http://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com> and www.bbmb.gov.in.
1123-PR-TS-4 For Your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**
Tender Notice

Name of work with its location	App. Cost of the work (in ₹) P.A	Cost of Tender Form through E-Payment gateway (in ₹)	Earnest Money to be deposited through E-Payment Gateway (in ₹)	Completion period of the work	Date & time for submission of Tender & Opening	Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
Pay & Use Toilet, Hind Class Waiting Hall at Railway Station Shajhpur	1,94,400/- P.A. Excluding GST@18%	2,360/- including GST@18%	58,400/-	Three years	Tender will be received upto 14:00 hrs. of 04.12.2019 and opened thereafter	tender will only be accepted via e-tendering through www.ireps.gov.in any tender received manually or through any other mode will not be considered


No correspondence will be entertained after opening of tender
Tender Notice No. 9/Pay & Use/MB Divn/019.c dated 08.11.2019 3593/19
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**MP POORV KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.**
BLOCK NO.7, SHAKTI BHAWAN, RAMPUR, JABALPUR (M.P.)
CIN : U40109MP2002SGC015120, Tel No:0761 2702473, Fax No.0761-2660048
No CGM/PUR/EZ/GM-III/ 2859 Jabalpur, dtd: 25.10.2019

ONLINE TENDER
Online Tender Is Invited For Following Services :-

S.No.	T.S. No. DISCOM/ EZ/PUR	NAME OF ITEMS	APPROX. VALUE Rs. in Lakhs	TENDER FEE (in Rs.)	DATE OF OPENING OF TENDER
1.	1052 (e-Tender No.2019_PKVVC_60135_1)	Work of Collection of Electricity Bills through Any Time bill Payment Machines (ATBP) / any other electronic devices on Wallet Model at various locations under jurisdiction of MPPOKVVCL, Jabalpur.	612.00	11,200/-	16.11.2019

For other details visit our website - www.mpez.co.in & mptenders.gov.in
SAVE ELECTRICITY C.G.M. (PURCHASE)
बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के निराकरण के लिए 1912 डायल करें

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
01892-265028, E-mail : ee-kan-hp@nic.in

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Kangra Distt. Kangra H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in Electronic Tendering System from the Eligible Class of Contractors Registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the Table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date for Downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission of Bid	Time Limit
1.	A/R & M/O Residential Building (SH: Repair of Assistant Engineer, HPPWD., Sub Division Lunj Residence)	7,51,362/-	21.11.2019	15,050/-	05.12.2019	Three Months
2.	Restoration of rain damages of Gaggal Dodan Tyali Paig road (SH: P/L Cement Concrete Pavement in km. 0/200 to 0/300 and Restoration of rain damages of Kangra Bhowan Ladwara road (SH: Providing & Laying Cement Concrete Pavement and C/o road side drain in km. 0/250 to 0/350).	8,00,089/-	21.11.2019	16,000/-	05.12.2019	Two Months
3.	C/O road from Sadhnu to Prai road km. 0/0 to 1/300 including 40.00 mtr. Span Bridge Over Khani Khad at RD 0/545 under NABARD RIDF-XXIV in Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH: F-C, Passing Places, R/Wall, Cross drainage work, Granular Sub Base, Wearing and tarring work, side drain. Parapets and C/O mtr. Span Pre-stressed Box Girder Bridge Over Knouli Khad at RD 0/545).	1,43,30,017/-	21.11.2019	1,76,000/-	05.12.2019	One Year
4.	C/O Additional Accommodation of Science Block (Model-C) at Govt. Sr. Sec. School Darini (SH: C/O Building portion, WS & S.I. rain water harvesting system and C/O septic tank).	81,15,636/-	21.11.2019	13,700/-	05.12.2019	Nine Months
5.	Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) of Shahpur Sub Division for the year 2019-20 Village Rural Road (Additional Plan) Shihoga to Uperia Ddber (HP0413VR0072) 0/0 to 2/00 (SH: P/L 25mm thick bituminous concrete pavement in km. 0/0 to 2/00).	13,24,450/-	21.11.2019	26,500/-	05.12.2019	One Month
6.	Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) of Shahpur Sub Division for the year 2019-20 Rural Road Shahpur to Mahjar Road (HP0413VR109) km. 0/0 to 1/0 & 1/0 to 1/450) (SH: P/L 25mm thick bituminous concrete in km. 0/0 to 1/0 & 1/0 to 1/450).	9,37,389/-	21.11.2019	18,750/-	05.12.2019	One Month

The Bidders are advised to note other Details/Terms and conditions of tender from the department website:www.hptenders.gov.in. The Contractors/Firms should be submit the hard copy of document as required in the bid of the above mentioned works. The Contractors/Firms should be submit all the documents a/w original FDR & Demand Draft before opening the Technical Bid, otherwise no document will be entertained after opening the Technical Bid. So that the same can be open well in time **Please Note**. The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the Bids without declaring any reasons therefor.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
2769/HP

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

Notice inviting applications for the appointment of Halt Contractors
Applications are invited from eligible candidate for appointment as halt contractors for sale of tickets on commission basis at following halt stations for a period of five years. Last date for receiving applications is 29.11.2019.

SN.	Halt Station	Stations between	Section	District
1	Barwasni	Sonipat-Mohana Haryana	Jind-Sonipat	Sonipat, Haryana
2	Jasia	Makrauli-Rukhi	Rohtak-Panipat	Rohtak, Haryana
3	Harsana Kalan	Sonipat-Rathdhana	Delhi-Ambala	Sonipat, Haryana
4	Rukhi	Jasia-Bhainswan	Rohtak-Gohana-Panipat	Sonipat, Haryana
5	Khandrai	Butana-Gohana	Gohana-Jind	Sonipat, Haryana
6	Delhi Inderpuri	Brar Square-Naraina Vihar	Ring Railway	South-West, Delhi
7	Karsindhu	Safidon-Nara	Jind-Panipat	Jind, Haryana
8	Bhambewa	Lalit Khara-Isapur Khari	Jind-Sonipat	Jind, Haryana
9	Machhrauli	Jhajjar-Palhawas	Rohtak-Rewari	Jhajjar, Haryana
10	Palhawas	Machhrauli-Gokulgarh	Rohtak-Rewari	Rewari, Haryana
11	Mohana Haryana	Lath-Barwasni	Jind-Sonipat	Sonipat, Haryana
12	Gokulgarh	Pahlawas-Rewari	Rohtak-Rewari	Rewari, Haryana
13	Dighal	Asthal Bohar-Jhajjar	Rohtak-Rewari	Jhajjar, Haryana

Information regarding eligibility, important dates format of application and Commission is available at Northern Railway website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in. All corrigenda, addenda, amendments, time extensions, clarifications etc. to the Notice will be hosted on the above website only.

No. 631-CP-TC-Pt-II-2015 Date : 08.11.2019 3596/19
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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr. PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that Sonu Prajapti S/o Lt. Sh. Dharampal Prajapati R/o H.No. 1040, Maab Bhagwati Chowk, Mohalla Rampuri, Distt. Muzzaffar Nagar (U.P.) have committed (or is suspected to have committed) offence case FIR No. 662/17 dated 30.09.2017 U/s 498-A/406/34 IPC, has been registered at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Sonu Prajapti cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sonu Prajapti, absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sonu Prajapti, of case FIR No. 662/17 dated 30.09.2017 U/s 498-A/406/34 IPC, at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.12.2019.
By Order
Ms. Saumya Chauhan
Ld. M.M., Mahila Court-05 (West)
Room No. 353, 3rd Floor
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/2833/OD/19

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE
Refer to Notice published on 05.11.2019, Railways have decided to change the number of **82395 Patna-Anand Vihar Terminal Suvidha special (Bi-Weekly) train** as "Train No. **03295 Patna-Anand Vihar Terminal special train on special fare**" which will run on 13.11.19, 16.11.19, 20.11.19 and 23.11.2019. The other information like timings, route, stoppages, accommodation etc. will remain unchanged.
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
Security Helpline No. 182 and passenger Complaint Helpline No. 138
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Visit us at : www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

**Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.**
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
ISBT Sarai Kale Khan Delhi-110013
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following work through e procurement solution only.
1. NIT No. : 48/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2018_DTIDC_183433_1
Name of work : Maintenance of ISBT Sarai Kale Khan
SH : Construction / Raising height of boundary wall on the western side and southern side of the ISBT Premises.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 9,75,516/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 19,450/-
Time Allowed : 60 Days
Last date of receipt of Tenders : 15/11/2019
The Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd. ISBT Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/0973/19-20

**HIMACHAL PRADESH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.**
RITZ ANNEXE, SHIMLA - 171001
Tel.(0177) 2652704, Email: project@hptdc.in, website: www.hptdc.in
File No. Proj./4-164/19-TDC

Expression of Interest
HPTDC intends to invites sealed bids through e-procurement system from firms/ consultant/consultancy firms registered with appropriate registering Govt. authority for preparation and submission of DPR which includes conceptualisation, designing. Preparation of BOQ, power point presentation of projects showing all the components and master plan for impressive group virtual reality tour in bus in Transit of Rohtang Tunnel on Leh-Manali Highway proposed to be executed by HPTDC. The proposed project cost would be approximate Rs. 08.00 Crore. The bid shall reach in the office of Executive Engineer-I, HPTDC Shimla on or before 23/11/2019 at 10:30 AM. The bids shall be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in the presence of consultants/ consultancy firm or their representatives. Other terms and conditions may kindly be downloaded from our website www.hptdc.in or <https://hptenders.gov.in>.
Executive Engineer

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**
TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed tenders:-
Tenders for Contract of "Station Ticket Booking Agent" at "E" category railway stations of Moradabad Division for issue of unreserved railway tickets through computerized Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) are invited. Name of stations are as under:
Kahela, Puralni, ClutterbuckGanj, Banthara, Bareillycant, Kakori, Rahimabad, Landaura, Tisua, BehtaGokul, Daltapur, Simthaul, Uchaul, Katghar, Koda, Mauzzampur Narayan, Maseet, Iqbalpur, Babugarh, Gumthah, Chodiala, Ramkot, Ikkar, Makhi, Rasiyua, Mundhapandeya, Miranpurkata
Completion period 3 years (Three years)
Cost of Tender Form Rs. 1180/- per tender form for each station
Address of the office from where the Tender form can be purchased Commercial Branch of the office of Divisional Railway Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad upto 17.00 hrs. of date 09.12.2019 on working days.
Date & Time for submission of the Tender & opening of Tenders Tenders will be received on 10.12.2019 from 10.00 to 14.00 hrs and will be opened after 15.00 hrs.
Website of Terms and conditions, location and STBA form where complete terms and conditions etc. of STBA can be seen www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in Notice board is located in the Commercial Branch of the office of Divisional Railway Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad
No. : 1/STBA/Policy/2016 C 3586/2019
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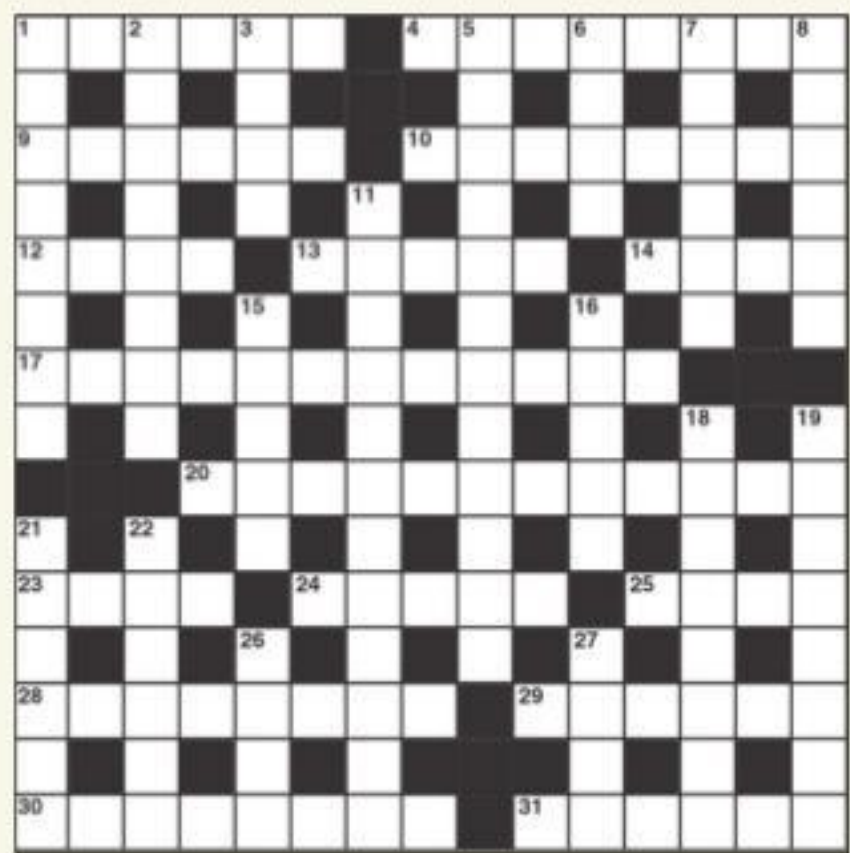
**Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**

Regd. Office:- PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in
(O/O Dy. Chief Engineer/TL Circle Jalandhar)
Address: Office Room No. 310-311, 2nd floor, Shakti Sadan, Jalandhar.
Telephone No. 0181-2975617 Mobile No. 96461-07248
Email: setjalandhar@gmail.com
(E-TENDER NOTICE)

Sr. No.	Tender Enquiry No.	19, 20/ TL JAL Circle/2019-20
1.	Description of work	Laying of tower foundations Erection of towers and stringing and sagging of conductor with earth wire for the construction of:- 1) 66 KV line from 220 KV S/S Khar to 66 KV Badali Ala Singh S/car on DC towers 16.251+0.137 KM/0.2 Sq" (replacement of existing Towers/Rail Pole. 2) 66 KV Khizrabad-Purkhali line SC on DC towers 6.941 KM/0.2 sq"

Note:-
1) Detailed NIT may be downloaded from the PSPCL website <http://pspcl.abcpocure.com> and www.pspcl.in upto 05.12.2019
2) The tender shall be accepted only through online mode.
3) In case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in the newspapers. Detail regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website www.pspcl.in
Sd/-
Dy. Chief Engineer,
C449/19 C-7774/PB TL Circle, PSPCL, Jalandhar.

CROSSWORD 3958



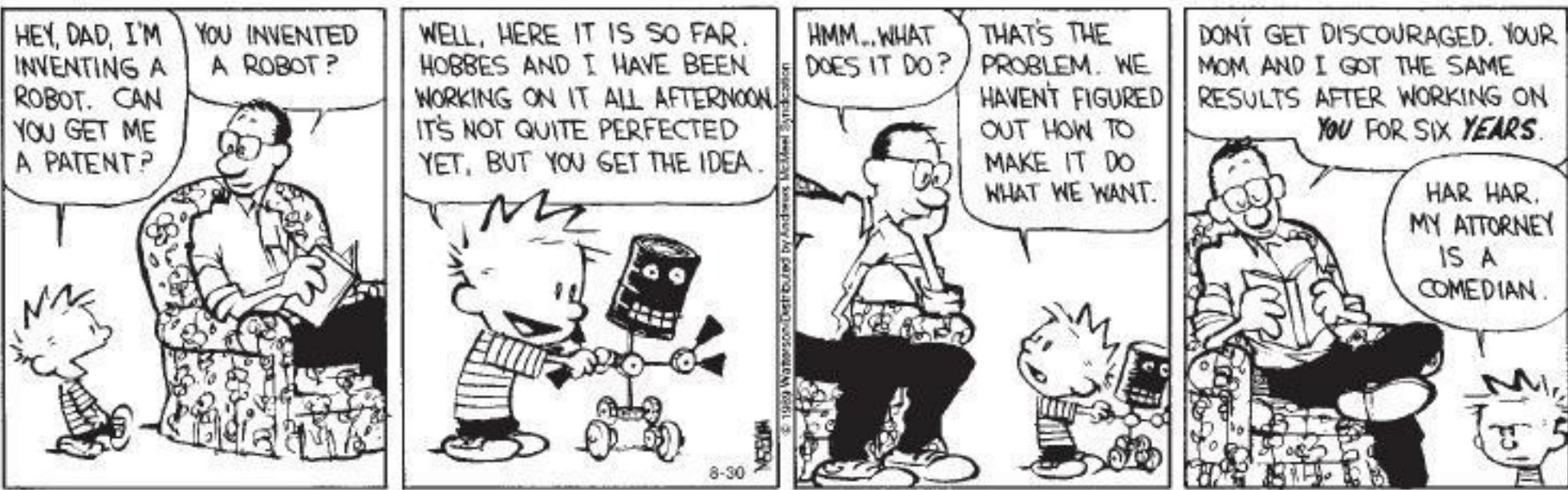
- ACROSS**
- Plays for time in the theatre (6)
 - Influenced in an unnatural way (8)
 - Mother hits out on August 1st (6)
 - Lose track of account in simple form (8)
 - Girl turned right (4)
 - Cooked meats provide energy (5)
 - In December I'm expecting frost (4)
 - Still twenty required to get even (6,1,5)
 - Conduct a consuming interest? (5,7)
 - About a thousand sheets of paper (4)
 - Check out of Kabul (5)
 - Girl getting rave review (4)
 - Discovers it's fun to do wrong (5,3)
 - Verdi's composition transmits power (6)
 - This is dropped by plants for birds (8)
 - A number put on tissue (6)
- DOWN**
- Not in one's own interest (8)
 - Arrests about a thousand supporters (8)
 - It's bound to mean a change of plea (4)
 - It's the done thing in France (4,8)
 - See a letter goes to the agent (4)
 - Distressing twitch about to irritate (6)
 - Motor sled that is constructed (6)
 - You're welcome to define a gratifying experience (3,1,8)
 - Cover for person with a dagger (5)
 - Not just any type of injury (5)
 - Kept quiet (8)
 - Two fools in murderous combination (8)
 - A professional apt to benefit (6)
 - One who deserves what he gets (6)
 - Customs applications (4)
 - The charge is about right, but you don't have to pay (4)

Solutions Crossword 3957: Across: 1 Still, 4 Drifter, 8 Ski, 9 By no means, 10 Armband, 11 Repay, 13 Nutmeg, 15 Editor, 18 Backs, 19 Turnout, 21 Redundant, 23 Rex, 24 Numbers, 25 Spied. Down: 1 Sustain, 2 Idiomatic, 3 Libra, 4 Denude, 5 Immured, 6 Tea, 7 Risky, 12 Pot-pourri, 14 Essence, 16 Relaxed, 17 Strays, 18 Baron, 20 Rates, 22 Dam.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

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

— is a lousy _____. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose. — Bill Gates (7....7)

IREEE MOCSTU

BARSS LTUCCH

SOLUTION: IRENE, EBBIE, BRASS, CUSTOM. CLUTCH
Answer: Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose. — Bill Gates

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

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

SUDOKU 4024

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8			5		2			
			9		1			
4	8		7	6		9		
3	2		5			4	8	
7	4	6						
	9	8			7			

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4023

8	4	6	9	5	7	3	1	2
7	1	5	3	4	2	8	9	6
9	2	3	8	1	6	7	5	4
5	8	4	6	3	1	2	7	9
1	9	7	2	8	4	5	6	3
3	6	2	5	7	9	4	8	1
6	5	9	4	2	8	1	3	7
4	7	8	1	9	3	6	2	5
2	3	1	7	6	5	9	4	8

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Sr. DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 169-DRM-MB-19-20 closing date 10.12.2019 16:00 hrs. Name of work: Repair to road surface & speed breaker of Level crossing in BLM-SPE section of SSE/Works/BLM under ADEN/HR-II. Tender closing date/time: 10.12.2019 16.00 Cost of work: Rs. 22,32,769.54 Earnest Money: Rs. 44,700.00. Tender Cost: Rs. 3,000. Bidding start date: 26.11.2019 and Period of Completion: 04 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into www.irops.gov.in. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. Tender No. 169-DRM-MB-19-20 Dated: 07.11.2019 3599/19
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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
No.: EE/KNNL/UTP/DN-RNR/TND/Tank Filling Project/PB-2/2019-20/2163, 2164, 2165, 2166 & 2167 dtd: 04-11-2019.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal system)

On behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division, Ranebennur, Haveri District in Karnataka invites tenders on LUMP SUM TURN KEY basis on e-procurement portal from KNNL category-I enrolled contractor for the following Five Works. Bidders who satisfies through GO e-procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in shall submit bids as an individual / Joint Venture (JV) along with Tie up with the pump manufacturer.

- Filling of Anur and other surrounding 30 numbers MI/ZP Tanks in Byadagi taluk of Haveri District by Lifting water from Tunga Bhadra River Near Kothilal village in Ranebennur Taluk.
- Filling of Budapanahalli and other 17 numbers MI/ZP Tanks in Byadagi taluk of Haveri District by Lifting water from Tunga Bhadra River Near Chowdayadanapura village in Ranebennur Taluk.
- Filling of Balambeedu and other surrounding 162 numbers MI/ZP Tanks in Hangal taluk of Haveri District by Lifting water from Varada River Near Gondhi village in Hangal Taluk.
- Filling of Hirekoushi and other surrounding 77 numbers MI/ZP Tanks in Hangal taluk of Haveri District by Lifting water from Varada River Near Balambeedu village in Hangal Taluk.
- Sarvagna tank Filling Scheme by Lifting of Water from Tungabhadra River near Ukkadagathri for Filling the 77 number of tanks in Rattihalli and Hirekerur Taluks of Haveri District.

The Amount put to tender, EMD amount, Tender conditions and for further details visit our website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the undersigned in all working days during the office hours. Phone No. (08373) 267071. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through e-portal. (1) The contractor can have access to e-tender documents from 14-11-2019 to 30-11-2019 up to 5.30 PM (2) Date and time for Pre bid meeting on 21-11-2019 at 11.30 AM at O/o Managing Director, KNNL, 4 th floor Coffee Board building, DrJI Ambedkar Veedi, Bangalore. (3) Last date of bid submission of completed e-tendering documents on 30-11-2019 up to 5.30 PM. (4) Technical bid will be opened on 03-12-2019 at 11.30 AM at office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division, Ranebennur. 5) Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid from the competent authority. Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected /Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the e-procurement portal.

Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling/rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons what so ever. Tender processing fee as per e-procurement portal system is non refundable.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, U.T.P. Dn, Ranebennur.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 11 / 2019-2020 Dated: 08.11.2019
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	09192270	KIT OF AUTOMATIC TWIST LOCK FOR BLC WAGONS	24087 SET	13.12.19
02	09192493	POH KIT FOR KE2CSLA DISTRIBUTOR VALVE	1339 SET	13.12.19

NOTE:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.irops.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained. 3595/2019

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केन्द्रीय कार्यालय
उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
कमल सिनेमा बिल्डिंग, रेलवे स्टेशन रोड, मुजफ्फरगढ़

पर्यावरणीय अपातित हेतु लोक सुनवाई के लिये आम सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मे 01 अथवा दोआम शुगर मिल्स, शुगर युनिट (ए युनिट ऑफ सरकारी लाल इंडस्ट्रियल जेड लैंड), शामली (उ०प्र०) द्वारा कार्यरत शुगर इकाई में गन्ना पिराई क्षमता 6250 टोनीसी०डी० से 8000 टोनीसी०डी० का विस्तारोपरण एवं 22 गन्नाघट कोजल क्षमता प्लांट की स्थापना किये जाने सम्बन्धी प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है। राज्य बोर्ड द्वारा भारत सरकार के पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा अधिसूचना संख्या-एस०ओ०-1533, दिनांक-14/9/2006 के अनुसार में इस इकाई को अपातित प्रमाण-पत्र जारी करने से पूर्व लोक सुनवाई की सूचना जारी किया जाना आवश्यक है एवं इस सूचना के अंतर्गत क्षेत्रीय आम जनता को किसी भी आपतित/सुझाव हेतु 30 दिन का नोटिस दिया जाना आवश्यक है। लोक सुनवाई पैनल की संरचना पर्यावरणीय अधिसूचना संख्या-एस०ओ०-1533 दिनांक-14/9/2006 के अनुसार होगी एवं उक्त उद्योग के प्रस्ताव से संबंधित अपिलेख निम्नलिखित कार्यालयों में उपलब्ध है :-

- जिलाधिकारी कार्यालय, शामली।
- उपायुक्त, जिला उद्योग एवं उद्यम प्रोत्साहन केन्द्र, शामली।
- कार्यालय, जिला पंचायत, शामली।
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No.: EE/SJN/TEND/07/2019-20 Date: 05-11-2019

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover System) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs)
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Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from 08.11.2019. (2) Date of submission of tenders online through e-Procurement portal: on or before 4.00 PM on 22.11.2019. (3) Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 18.11.2019 at 12.00 PM at above office. (4) Date of opening of Technical Bids: 25.11.2019 at 4.30 PM at above office. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

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Tels-Fax - 9140-24015346. E-mail : niphm@nic.in, <http://niphm.gov.in>

Date: 08-11-2019

Corrigendum to Advertisement Notification No. 07/2019
The last date for submission of applications for the posts of Director (Pesticide Management) and Joint Director (Plant Protection) against the Advertisement Notification No. 07/2019 is extended upto 11-12-2019 by 5.30 p.m. due to Administrative reasons. The applications should reach the Registrar, National Institute of Plant Health Management, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500 030 in hard copy on or before the above said due date.

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APMSIDC invites tenders through e-procurement platform for

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No.:KSWC/TECH/TENDER-89/3015/2019-20 DATE: 08.11.2019

SHORT TERM 'e' -TENDER NOTIFICATION
The online e-tenders were invited from the manufacturers of lorry weighbridges for Installation of 60 MTs Electronic Lorry Weigh bridges at State warehouse (1)Maddur, (2) Malur(Irabanahalli), (3) Devihosur (Haveri), (4) Machenahalli, (5) Bagalakote U-3, (6) Koppala (Guladahalli) and (7) Kadajji (Davanagere) at e-proc portal Indent No. KSWC/2019-20/IND-166. Due to technical problems at e-proc portal the last dates for submission of Tenders have been postponed to 20.11.2019 upto 04.30 PM.

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No.: EE/P-E/Tend-11/Cor-2/2019-20 Date: 05-11-2019

CORRIGENDUM-2
Due to technical reasons Tender Notification No.: EE/P-E/Tend-11/2019-20 issued on Dated: 25-10-2019 is postponed. The Calender of Events of Tender is extended as below. All the other terms and conditions of tender notification remain unaltered.

Revised Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal from: 12.11.2019. (2) Last date for uploading the filled Proposal: 20.11.2019 upto 4.00 PM. (3) Date of Opening of Technical Proposals: 22.11.2019 at 4.30 PM. (4) Date of Opening of Financial Proposals: After approval of technical bid from competent authority.

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Anything that happens now in the way of travel or overseas contacts will have major consequences for you or your loved ones over the coming months. If you understand that the most important planetary cycle is a very long-term one, then you'll gain a much better perspective on your daily ups and downs.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Relationships dominate your thinking. If this is true then your stars at the present are absolutely superb, and you should press ahead with radical changes at work or at home. Do realise, though, that everything depends on how other people react. Play your cards carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You may be pulled in two directions, but then that gives you the chance to have your cake and eat it, doesn't it? Actually twenty-five hours per day will probably not be enough to accomplish all that is required at home or at work. Could your expectations be too high? I think they could.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You can't bottle your feelings up for ever. Share all your thoughts and feelings today, and take any short journeys that are necessary. Very soon, perhaps over the next few days, a major family or domestic improvement will be moving from number ten on your list to number one.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It's a splendid day to shell out some cash, but the stars are making no distinction between minor purchases and major investments, like a new house or two. There is no way you will be able to cut costs for a little while longer, but at least you can avoid needless waste.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
Money and financial transactions are the most important item of the day, but longer-term transits indicate that legal issues, foreign connections and educational aspirations are absolutely central. In matters of the heart it's friendship that you want. Passion can wait until later.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You are in an excellent position to take the initiative, and should do so as soon as possible. Your lunar alignments put you in an almost unassailable position, and you should make sure that work is combined with pleasure. Hopefully employers and people in authority will appreciate your true talents.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Home, property and domestic concerns are crucial to your happiness. You may have your own ideas, but you may allow other people to take the lead; a close partner will protect your interests. Give social engagements a very high priority: friends expect no less.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
A series of brilliant planetary aspects is setting you up for a very special period. Begin this phase today by making various discreet enquiries and keeping certain feelings to yourself. You should also take practical matters into your own hands, lest other, less competent people, overlook essential details.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
One very major and historic planetary alignment is now in the past, but another, which is much more specific, is imminent and, whatever your wishes, whatever your ambitions, you should spare no effort over the next three days. There is no time to waste.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Partners may be making extra demands. You may continue to take the line of least resistance and give as much sympathy and support as you can. Don't fret, for any apparent retreat will be an advance in disguise. It's important that you lift your morale by letting your hair down socially.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You appear to be trying to avoid the important issues, but there is nothing unusual in this. There is everything to be said for enjoying yourself today, for who knows what tomorrow brings? Besides, there's absolutely no point in walking around with a long face.

21 REVIEWS

CINEMA & MUSIC

BALA ★★★

Director: Amar Kaushik **Cast:** Ayushmann Khurrana, Bhumi Pednekar, Yami Gautam, Dheerendra Kumar, Saurabh Shukla, Jaaved Jaaferi, Seema Pahwa

Hair We Go Again

SHUBHRA GUPTA

IT'S FUNNY how being hirsute is equated with manliness: a prematurely balding man often becomes the object of juvenile derision; worse, he becomes less than optimum in the sexual attraction-bedmate stakes.

Ayushmann Khurrana's playing of the once-plentiful-now-scarce-sar-ki-kheti Balmukund Shukla is so spot-on that you forget the man ever had any hair on his head. And on his chin, arms, chest, and err, presumably, nether regions: all those body parts usually covered with a healthy, glossy, manly pelt.

Amar Kaushik's film is both loud and subtle as it tracks Bala's journey from a boisterous chick-magnet adolescence to a craven manhood: our hero is the kind of guy who tapes the upper part of his bathroom mirror so that his receding hairline stays out of his line of vision. He has sloping shoulders, slightly protruding teeth, and a belligerence belonging to a fellow wronged by fate.

Some of those loud parts are cringe-making. Would you slather on a mix of bodily fluids from a bull (yes, that's a 'nuskha' we see being used, and it reminds us of Khurrana's feat in his debut *Vicky Donor*) in the hope of hair-growth? No? Then you don't know what true desperation is, even if your household, and your audience, is holding their nose in disgust, and their bellies with helpless laughter.

But both Kaushik and Khurrana get the vulnerable parts really well too, and that's where the film scores. The Kanpur-Lucknow locations are still fresh enough (though the next time I hear *kantaap* and Kanpur in the same breath, I will use a right upper cut of my own); the accent is kind-of-there even if not perfectly consistent. The only one who gets it all the way right is the young actor who plays Bala's put-upon young brother: Dheerendra Kumar is a hoot.

And that brings me to the two ladies in this loop. Bhumi plays Latika, the dark-skinned childhood pal of Bala's who has grown up tormented because of her complexion, but has been able to put it to a side even if it still hurts. Pednekar was Khurrana's co-star in one of their best films (*Dum Lagaa Ke Haisha*), and they bring some spark to



their scenes, even if her dark-darker skin tone keeps varying. But conflating bald pates-dark skin-short-stature feels like a bit of a stretch, and a tasteless convenience. I wanted more of Latika, her heart-to-heart chats with her mooch-wali-mausi (Pahwa, always so solid), and her inner turmoil. Why is Latika's face so disturbingly black, when she herself labels it being 'saanwli'? Why is the aunt's hairy upper-lip not been seen to by a beautician? This could have been much more, but is let down by a plot always in a hurry to get back to the male hero's predicament.

The strand that belongs to the fair, beautiful Pari (Gautam) is looser and laxer, but more convincing. Gautam was Khurrana's co-star *Vicky Donor*, and we see them slip smoothly in a groove. The use of the current selfie-driven, tik-tok oriented celebrity culture raises it up a notch, and I liked that the girl who lives only by appearance is not vilified, because the guy is doing exactly that, too.

There are, in fact, so many points that Bala is busy raising, while using baldness as a chief peg, that it feels overstuffed at times. And though Bala is meant to be a stand-up comic, his mimicry of Bollywood greats becomes tiresome and repetitive, and a terrific supporting cast is reduced to propping up the hero. And yes, all over again, the third act turns into a moral science lesson: with our hero pontificating on inner and outward beauty, turning his lines into preachy pulpit patter. Yes, we know that fair is not lovely, but society, you know.. Yeah, we know.

Still, Khurrana's Bala is as achievement. He's perfected the art of playing people who are not instantly likeable, and he works the characters' kinks to the point where we can see them, and yet sympathise. This is an unfiltered, bare performance, unafraid to be seen as ridiculous: this kind of shucking of vanity, even if it is self-aware, is rare amongst Bollywood actors. Bala is human, he is flawed; he is one of us. He makes us smile. So does this delicious line, Kaushik throwing in a politically acute curveball, just like he did in *Stree* — 'poora Uttar Pradesh chal raha hai bhagwaan bharose, aur bhi chal jayega'. Or words to that effect.

Mazaa aa gaya guru.

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Take the Shine Off

DOCTOR SLEEP

★★★

Director: Mike Flanagan **Cast:** Ewan McGregor, Rebecca Ferguson, Kyliegh Curran, Cliff Curtis, Zahn McClarnon

SHALINI LANGER

MORE THAN horror itself, it was Jack Torrance's descent into it that made *The Shining* special. Writer Stephen King may have held on to his displeasure with the film version of his novel, but it was the sinister, creeping mania that laced Stanley Kubrick's movie and Jack Nicholson's Torrance which lifted his terror into a role to remember.

A sequel to *The Shining* was always going to be a tough act to follow. To many fans of that book and the film, *Doctor Sleep* made its task even harder with a story about a vampire-like cult, feasting on the soul-like "steam" of people who have shining (or extrasensory) powers. The cult was unconvincing enough in the novel, and led by Ferguson's Rosie the Hat in the film, its members are almost comical/non-sensical, not to say poor performers. Pitted against villains who float about in a state of hippy, silent vacuousness, are McGregor's Dan 'Doc' Torrance and Curran's 13-year-old Abra. Dan has finally made some peace with the ghosts he lugs from the Overlook Hotel, helping people on the door of death at a hospice (hence

the name 'Doctor Sleep'), and Abra is excited like any teen at her newly realised powers of shining.

At more than two and a half hours, director Flanagan (who also directed King's *Gerald's Game*) is faithful to the book when a little distance may have been better, while breaking away from it in the most crucial parts. The result is an over-long, tedious effort with hardly any genuine scares, unnecessarily grisly scenes, till ultimately the film pays an overdue obeisance to the Kubrick version.

In return to *The Shining*'s indelible hotel, the film only ends up reinforcing *Doctor Sleep* as a poor successor — with a Nicholson-lookalike popping up and making McGregor look more ineffectual than he needs to. King, who features in the film's end credits, has been vocal in his support for this screen version. Even that may be an acknowledgement of how Kubrick burnished *The Shining*.

There are flashes of ambitiousness in *Doctor Sleep*, particularly in its suggestion that there may be more to the 13-year-old Abra's steely cool in the face of death than a desire for good. And even in its talk of the world being a "hungry place", full of "dark forces" — which ultimately goes nowhere. The best thing about *Doctor Sleep* though is Abra, with newcomer Curran — wan and hurt in parts, vain and exultant in others — shimmering enough on that grey zone between good and bad to suggest what often lies on the other side of a shining: a dark side.

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Tis the Season

LAST CHRISTMAS

★★

Director: Paul Feig **Cast:** Emilia Clarke, Henry Golding, Emma Thompson, Michelle Yeoh

EMMA THOMPSON is the writer/screen-writer/co-producer, plus one of the main cast members, of *Last Christmas*. Emilia Clarke was one of the multiple-award-winning members of *The Game of Thrones*. Henry Golding and Michelle Yeoh still bear the halo of the success of *Crazy Rich Asians*. Paul Feig is the director behind hits like *Bridesmaids*, *Spy*, and the new *Ghostbusters*. *Last Christmas* calls itself "inspired" by George Michael.

That all must add up to something.

Let's just say the film is a long way from 'must'. Its protagonist Katarina or Kate (Clarke) is the kind of selfish, snarky and smug London-dweller who only a Phoebe Waller-Bridge can pull off — before they all find their way. She crashes at friends' homes, only to either kill their pets or destroy stuff accidentally, sort-of works at a shop which sells Christmas trinkets all year round, dressed as an Elf, and fancies herself as a

singer of George Michael songs and Christmas carols. The shop is owned by Yeoh, who calls herself Santa, just to complete the experience. And, in one of the film's many silly jokes, Kate believes her Chinese employer's name is actually that.

One fine evening, Kate looks out the shop window and sees whom but Tom (Golding) loitering around, looking up. He takes her for a stroll around the city during the course of which he shows her a "secret garden", points out the fairy lights twinkling in London's "narrowest" alley (which won't seem very narrow to you), teaches her ice skating on a deserted rink — while cycling around delivering stuff as a courier, and working as a volunteer with people suffering from stress and at a homeless shelter. Yes, it's as dreamy as that.

Clarke tries to be her effervescent best, and her million-watt smile does make it all go down easy. However, Golding is much too insipid to hold up the other end, not to say the disappointing plot which meanders from the mundane to the silly.

Thompson does lift up the proceedings a bit as an immigrant from former Yugoslavia who is still scared the Communists may come looking. However, the film only intro-



duces this strain for a laugh, making short shrift of the immigrants in the time of Brexit, as much as it does of its homeless. Unlike Kate, her sister Marta is a successful lawyer (parallels to be drawn to *Fleabag* again).

There is one thing going for *Last Christmas*,

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Technical Error

SATELLITE SHANKAR

★★

Director: Irfan Kamal **Cast:** Sooraj Pancholi, Megha Akash, Palomi Ghosh, Upendra Limaye

THERE'S SOMETHING relentlessly cheerful about this cheerleader-for-the-Armed-forces film called *Satellite Shankar*. It's the kind of 'maa-ke-haath-ka-khaana-and-furlough missing-ek-bahadur-fauji-kidastaan' that Hindi cinema was filled with in the 60s and 70s, all mush and schmaltz, and loud bumper-sticker patriotism.

Stir that up with the current age of muscular nationalism, and the spread of social media, and we have Shankar (Pancholi), a perfect Indian, a mix of the North and South. He is a soldier whose adventures connect us 'desh-wasis' in a tsunami of love and concern, from Kashmir to Coonoor. Scratch that, not Kashmir, uh-huh, because there reside the stone-pelting, pheran-wearing, skull-cap-bearing anti-nationals: for a film which wears its 'deshbhakti' on its sleeve, to single out the vaunted, troubled paradise on earth, is both singular and revelatory of an appealing-the-establish-

ment agenda.

And that's a pity because otherwise this film enthusiastically spreads good cheer along Shankar's way, as he heads towards his mum and grandmom, in planes, trains and automobiles. Awaken a comatose old lady here, saving dying citizens there, fixing corrupt netas and cops in between, while having a running engagement with a spirited video blogger (Ghosh) who puts the soldier and his story on the map.

This very *Forrest Gump*-ish intent could have been better realised if the plot had been less simplistic, and the lead actor a little more versatile. He's pleasant enough, has a spiffy hair-style which remains unruffled all through the way, whether he is beating up a bunch of men, or climbing a sparking electricity pole, or chasing after trains. But that's about it.

A pretty young girl's (Akash) sweet dalliance with Soldier Shankar adds an interesting flavour, and lifts it out of the straight and narrow. But the film needed more nuance, more layers, and much more magic. Are you a satellite or a tubelight, asks the girl. We laugh out loud. That's a funny line, well delivered. It's fun. That's what fable-like tales require.

SG



Wrong Turn

BYPASS ROAD

★★

Director: Naman Nitin Mukesh **Cast:** Neil Nitin Mukesh, Rajit Kapur, Gul Panag, Sudhanshu Pandey, Manish Chadhuri, Adah Sharma, Shama Sikander

A WELL-APPOINTED mansion out in an isolated spot is lit up at night. A window shatters. A body falls to the ground. A car is driven off at high speed. Another car comes barreling at it. Crash, bang, thud. A bloodied body comes to rest.

Bypass Road checks all the boxes of a murder mystery-cum-thriller. A murder. An accident. More killings. Sundry characters up to no good. Lots of red herrings. But the film is just another botched attempt at a genre Bollywood has never excelled at.

Vikram (Mukesh) is the son of a rich man (Kapur) who has a young wife (Panag) and daughter. Someone is out to get

Vikram: who can it be? The second wife who hates his guts? A jealous lover? Or a masked stalker trawling the mansion, bloody knife in hand?

The plot is convoluted. The proceedings are confused. The bit of menace generated by the cat-and-mouse chase in the house is diluted by weak strands which add nothing to the main act. A couple of men in black, one with a drawn face, and the other with a stern one, are in the mix. So are two women who never look very sure about their bearings.

A cop-cum-sleuth (Chaudhuri) with a constantly furrowed brow and narrowed eyes is on the case. Background music ebbs and swells as we wait with unbated breath for the final reveal. If you are wise in the ways of whodunits, you will have twigged on early on.

The first and only time that Neil Nitin Mukesh left an impact was in his first film, *Johnny Gaddar*. This has him in practically every frame, and he goes at the material with sincerity, and there are one or two twitchy twists. But all told, this is a drag.

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A Little Too Much

LITTLE THINGS (Netflix)

★★

Show creator: Dhruv Sehgal **Cast:** Mithila Palkar and Dhruv Sehgal

EKTA MALIK

A YOUNG couple in Mumbai, navigating fledgling careers, a living-in relationship and debating/fighting at night on whether to eat sandwich for dinner or Maggi. That was the premise of the first season of *Little Things* three years ago. By Season 2, Netflix came on board, and well things changed. Now we have season three on our hands, and we are still not sure if Netflix' arrival was a good thing for the independent show.

Season 2 had ended with Dhruv (Dhruv Sehgal) and Kavya (Mithila Palkar) having the trademark soul-baring conversation, which we also saw in season one. "Because I take us for granted," admits Kavya. Anyway, the third season plunges us straight into Bangalore, where Dhruv has taken up a research position. "So, long distance?" they both ask each other.

We see Dhruv trying to settle in this new academic world, and Kavya, trying to adjust to a life without him. Missed phone calls, unanswered texts, and new Instagram posts — that's the new dynamics for the two. But slowly, steadily they both settle in, and eventually a new rhythm



of life sets in. Kavya makes new friends, and Dhruv too gets in sync with a laid back idyllic campus, and focuses on his research. Just six months, they said. But those six months help in the development arc of the lead characters more than the previous two seasons put together.

The charm of *Little Things* lay in how modern-day romance is not about the big gestures but is actually about keeping calm in the face of daily shenanigans. That how sleeping in for 10 minutes will make you late for work, get you screamed at by your

boss, starting a whole chain of unfortunate events, and yes the person who will bear the brunt of all this will be your partner. By Season 2, with a big investor, the scale of the show got bigger, the house got bigger and so did the supporting cast. So did the issues of the said relationship. Season 3 takes it to another level. It seems for the first time that the two are interacting with the world at large. We meet the families for the first time, and through them we see another side of Dhruv and Kavya. *Little Things* comes at an interesting time, where everyone in

the country is talking about the youth, but no one is talking to them. We haven't had this story, we had a *Permanent Roommates* on similar lines, but that was more goofy, fun stuff.

The show — though very much set in the millennial, urban, English speaking landscape of privilege — takes up pertinent issues that plague the young and their relationships today. We see friends drifting apart, disconnecting with their families, and borderline midlife crisis. Concept is not the problem for *Little Things*, it's the execution. Season one was a refreshing, innocent and interesting take on things that we see around us. Season two, evolved, but Season three is too heavy. Dhruv Sehgal, the developer of the series and also the writer of Season One and Two, wants to address too many things — career angst, social issues, family etc — but sadly they don't land. What this season needed was a tight screenplay and better dialogues. "*Kaise baat kar rahi hai yaar*", works when you are fighting over ice cream, not when you are discussing a life-altering decision.

For a show centred around a live-in couple, we see the lead pair burdened by the world they live in, with little or no time for romance. But maybe that's what happens when you have been with someone too long. The intentions of *Little Things* are in the right place, but what's the point if you are unable to execute them? A little bit of heart could have gone a long way. *Little Things* has become something big and boring.

Little Things streams on Netflix today

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JURGEN KLOPP
ON LIVERPOOL'S MATCH AGAINST MAN CITY

22 SPORT

Cops connect dots: From KPL to Abu Dhabi T10 League

Owners who influenced cricketers CM Gautam, Abrar Kazi to fix games in Karnataka T20 tournament have had stakes in high-profile UAE extravaganza

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TWO KARNATAKA Premier League franchisees whose names have cropped up prominently in the ongoing match-fixing scandal in the T20 tournament, and who allegedly influenced cricketers CM Gautam and Abrar Kazi to fix matches, have also owned teams in the star-studded T10 League in Abu Dhabi.

Gautam, a former Karnataka Ranji captain, and Kazi, another Ranji player from the state, were arrested on Thursday on the charges of fixing as many as four KPL matches in 2018 and 2019. A day later, the Bengaluru police said the duo did so at the insistence of Belagavi Panthers' owner Asfak Ali Thara, who was nabbed in September in the KPL fixing racket, and Bellary Tuskers' Arvind Venkatesh Reddy, who has been questioned by the police.

Thara was a co-owner of the now-defunct Kerala Knights team in the ICC-approved T10 League. Some of the players in the Knights squad included England limited-overs captain Eoin Morgan and Jonny Bairstow, and West Indies' T20 guns for hire, Chris Gayle and Kieron Pollard. The Knights do not feature in the 2019 edition of the league, which begins on November 14 at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

Reddy remains the co-owner of the Karnataka Tuskers team (previously known as Rajputs), which has on its payrolls names such as South Africa's Hashim Amla, West Indies's Evin Lewis and Marlon Samuels.

Multiple fixes

According to a preliminary investigation report of the Bengaluru crime branch police on the arrest of Gautam, captain of Bellary in the KPL T20 tournament, and Kazi, an all rounder for the same team, the duo conspired with team owners and bookies to fix matches.

In one instance of alleged spot-fixing, Belagavi owner Asfak Ali Thara offered Gautam Rs 7.5 lakh to get a bowler to give more than 10 runs in an over during a game between Bellary and Bengaluru Blasters.

Gautam, a seasoned hand who has also played for Royal Challengers Bangalore, Delhi Daredevils and Mumbai Indians in the IPL, allegedly set up a deal with the off-spinner Kazi during a practice session ahead of the match. Kazi was given an advance of Rs 2.5 lakh for the job. During the match Kazi gave 11 runs — including two wides — when brought on to bowl his first over of the game, the match records reveal (KPL 2019, 12th game).

In the final of KPL 2019, Gautam was allegedly asked by Thara to bat slowly during his innings. Gautam scored 29 of 37 balls and Bellary lost the game by eight runs while chasing a target of 152 set by the Hubli Tigers. According to police, Gautam received Rs 15 lakh as payment from Thara as part of the deal.

In two other games — Game 19 of the 2019 season against Mysuru Warriors and Game 21 of the 2018 season — Gautam was asked by his own team owner Reddy to under perform, the Bengaluru police have alleged.

The crime branch police have also identified Amit Mavi, a small-time cricketer, as being a key intermediary between the bookies, the owners and the players in the fixing scandal.

"CM Gautam, his team mate Abrar Kazi along with Ali Asfak Thara, Arvind Reddy, Amit Mavi and others have indulged in cheating in the 2019 edition of the KPL and



In the final of KPL 2019, Gautam was allegedly asked by Belgavi owner Thara to play a slow knock. Screenshot from the final

Belgavi's Thara was the co-owner of the Kerala Knights team. Some of the players in the squad included Eoin Morgan, Jonny Bairstow, Chris Gayle and Kieron Pollard. Reddy has a share in the Karnataka Tuskers team, which has on its payrolls names such as South Africa's Hashim Amla, West Indies's Evin Lewis and Marlon Samuels.

have earned money through illegal means," the crime branch police have said the report.

Thara, 40, was arrested by the police for placing bets on KPL matches with a Dubai-based bookie. He is alleged to have influenced many other players in the KPL to participate in the fixing racket.

Thara, a travel and tours operator with business interests in Dubai, and Reddy, 45, a real estate businessman, purchased Belagavi and Bellary, respectively, in 2017. Reddy later roped in the Kannada film actress Ragini Dwivedi as co-owner of Bellary.

Reddy's association with the T10 League began in 2018 when he bought stakes in the Rajputs, which has Brendon McCullum as captain and icon player.

Treasurer Dhumal bats for fixing law

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 8

MAKING MATCH-FIXING a criminal offence will help curb the corruption menace, Arun Dhumal, the cricket board treasurer, observed. His comment came in the wake of the KPL-gate that so far has seen seven arrests by the Bangalore Police, including an IPL regular like CM Gautam, for their alleged involvement in betting / fixing in the Karnataka Premier League. This is for the first time a BCCI office-bearer expressed his views on the alleged corruption incidents in the T20 leagues organised by the state associations.

"That's the problem. We don't have a law against match-fixing/spot fixing. The Lodha reforms did nothing, so to say, on this. They had taken a view on everything. They should have put their mind to this also, what needs to be done. Traditionally the BCCI has taken a strong position on those who have been involved in this (corruption). But through the judicial process, punishments got relaxed. The BCCI had a stronger view on the basis of our inquiry (against the accused) vis-à-vis what came out through the judicial process. And that's because there's no law against match-fixing/spot-fixing," the BCCI treasurer told *The Indian Express*.

This year, the Tamil Nadu Premier League, too, was under the scanner, as alleged approaches had been made to the players, coaches and team owners. Those approaches were reported to the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) that launched an inquiry. The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association, too, had set up a three-member inquiry panel which gave its league a clean chit.

"These leagues are run by the state cricket associations. But after the incidents that have been portrayed in the media, we have to take a view on this. So far, what we have seen are media reports. But we need to know the facts (from the ACU and state associations). When we meet-up, we have to look into all the aspects and then take a view on how to deal with it," Dhumal said, adding that it may come up for discussion at the BCCI AGM.

Asked, if any added anti-corruption measure will be taken for the next year's IPL, he said: "Our ACU is doing a fine job, with regards to the IPL. But there has to be legal measures (to deal with sports corruption). So there needs to be a law."

In July last year, the Law Commission had recommended that match-fixing and sports fraud should be made criminal offences with severe punishments. It also called for legalising sports betting in India, leaving the final call to Parliament and the state legislatures.

Last month, while speaking to this paper, The BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit chief Ajit Singh, too, had said corrupters would continue trying to influence matches until there's a law against sports corruption. "Once there's a law, then police can take action against them. Right now the police's fact-finders take a lot of time (and) until and unless they get other corroborative evidence (they can't make a watertight case). As far as Sreesanth is concerned, this has been the case," he had said.

Sreesanth's life ban, handed by the BCCI disciplinary committee for his alleged involvement in the 2013 IPL betting and spot-fixing, was set aside by the Supreme Court earlier this year and accordingly, the cricket board's ombudsman Justice (Retd) DK Jain reduced his suspension to seven years that would end in September 2020.

Before that in 2012, the Andhra Pradesh High Court had struck down the life ban imposed by the BCCI on Mohammad Azharuddin. The former India captain now helms the Hyderabad Cricket Association. It needs to be seen if the proposed uniform sports code incorporates the recommendations made by the Law Commission.

Meanwhile, the BCCI will not allow the IPL franchises to go and play exhibition matches abroad. "This has no merit," Dhumal said.

'Prima facie, fixing is covered by Section 420'

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
NOVEMBER 8

FORMER MAHARASHTRA Cricket Association president and senior lawyer Abhay Apte explained the criminal aspect of match-fixing.

What crime does a player commit when he fixes a cricket game?

Without a specific law, the crime here is largely based on interpretation. If it is covered under the general criminal law of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which is cheating, the point of intention becomes very difficult. The Law Commission has strongly recommended that there should be a separately law for match-fixing and sports fraud. That's the need of the hour, because without a specific law it's very difficult to cover the cases successfully. When the IPC was made in 1860, this situation didn't arise.

Which Section of the IPC is breached, when fixing happens?

Prima facie it should be the Section 420, which deals with cheating and dishonesty.

If it is cheating, who has the accused cheated?

The spectators. In a bigger context, it can be team owners and all the stakeholders of the game. Because, nobody comes to see a fixed match. Honesty is the very essence of sport. Also, sportsmanship. If you do something in a predetermined way to defraud someone and make wrongful gain, then that's cheating.

Even with a specific law, how can you prove before the court that somebody has deliberately batted slowly, or somebody has intentionally bowled a no-ball?

Of course the entire conspiracy has to be brought on record. Just by saying that somebody batted slowly or somebody gave away three runs in three balls, won't be enough. The intention has to come on record that there was a planning, there was a decision, there was a betting, what has been betted — all those things will have to come. The complete chain of circumstances should show the conspiracy. Mere unpredictable performance per se cannot be called match-fixing.

Will a specific law with severe punishments help curb the menace?

Yes, it will. I give you an example; earlier cheque bounce was also covered under cheating. But there also, judging the point of intention was difficult. That's why a specific law was needed and accordingly the Negotiable Instruments Act was amended. Under Chapter 17, new provisions have come. So now it has become very deterrent and speedy.

With CoA gone, BCCI CFO, staff step down

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DAYS AFTER the change at the top in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the Indian board's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Rangnekar Rangnekar tendered his resignation. Two of his staff too resigned. During the tenure of the Supreme Court appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA), Rangnekar and the office bearers were at loggerheads over multiple issues. The matter once escalated to the apex court where Rangnekar alleged that he received death threat from the then BCCI treasurer Anirudh Chaudhary.

At one stage, his official travel to West Indies , via United States of America, was questioned by former acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary and CoA member Diana Edulji.

Rangnekar confirmed his resignation. "I have submitted my resignation to the BCCI and I felt its the right time to move on. It was great learning experience for me to be part of Indian cricket board. Life moves on and am thankful for BCCI for giving me the opportunity," Rangnekar told *The Indian Express*.

He added that he wasn't quitting because of any pressure. Rangnekar submitted his resignation to BCCI chief executive officer Rahul Johri.

However, it's not clear whether he will be serving his notice period or be relieved with immediate effect.

'Spinners need to keep calm & carry on'

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INDIAN OFF-SPINNER Washington Sundar feels tweekers have a huge role to play in T20 cricket even though they are most susceptible to being hit all over the park in the shortest format.

Sundar's assertion came after the second T20 International against Bangladesh, which India won by eight wickets here on Thursday night.

The spin duo of Yuzvendra Chahal (2/28) and Sundar (1/25) played a big role in stemming the run flow after Bangladesh got off to a bright start by reaching 60 for no loss in seven overs.

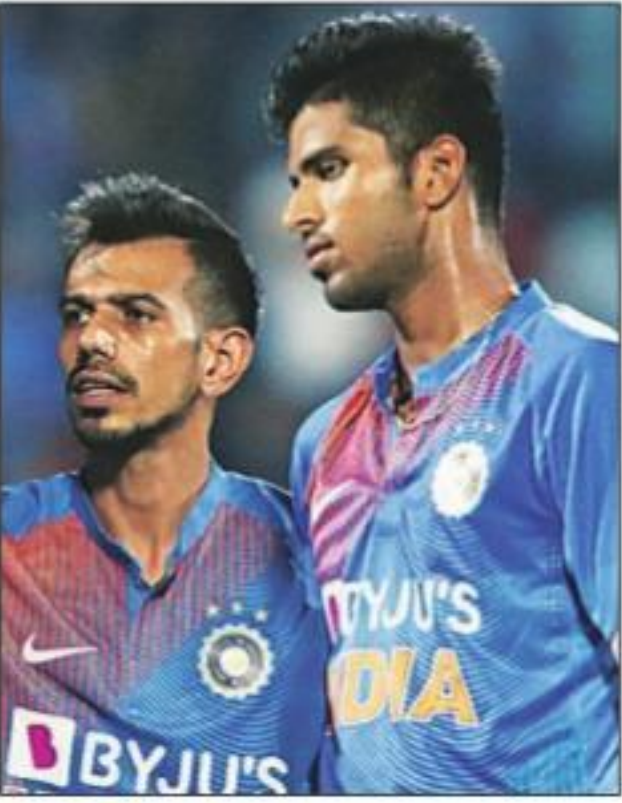
"Spinners definitely have a big role to play in the shortest format of cricket because they take the pace off the ball. Sometimes pitches can give little assistance to the spinners as well," Sundar said at the post-match press conference.

In fact, it was Chahal's double breakthrough in the 13th over that helped India restrict Bangladesh to a sub-par 153 for 6, which the hosts chased easily to level the three-match series.

"It's all about knowing what to do, knowing where the batsmen is going to hit you and other small, small things. Obviously it is important to keep things simple and be calm and composed. You can get hit badly in a few games, but that happens in this format of the game," he added.

Sundar heaped praise on senior pro Chahal, saying the Haryana bowler is an "asset" for any team as he knows the art of picking up wickets in the middle overs of a T20 game.

"It is very important to be honest, espe-



Tweekers Yuzvendra Chahal and Washington Sundar pulled things back for India in the middle overs.

cially for someone (like Chahal) who can bowl in the middle overs and change the dimension of the game. We have seen him (Chahal) doing that in ODIs and T20 as well. He comes in the middle overs, takes 2-3 wickets and changes the game completely," the lanky off-spinner from Tamil Nadu said.

"He (Chahal) is very experienced in this format and knows what to do to get wickets in the middle overs. We have seen him being very successful in the powerplays as well. He is definitely an asset for any team.

"The way he (Chahal) changes his pace and he knows what the batsman will try and do and which batsman is going to hit where.

Different batsmen will have different plans but he is very clever. He is very calm and composed under pressure," added Sundar.

The 20-year-old, who has played 14 T20 Internationals, said Indian bowlers did a fine job in restricting the opposition to 153 on a Rajkot wicket, which offered good bounce and carry. "To be honest the wicket was very beautiful, the bounce and carry was really good. We thought 180 was par (score), we would have liked to get that if we had batted first. But to have restricted them for 153, I think as a bowling unit we did a very good job," he observed.

He said, after a not-so-impressive start, the Indian bowlers pulled things back in the middle overs.

"They (Bangladesh openers) batted really well. We thought spinners will play a crucial role on this wicket. There was very good bounce and pace, and it was very important for us to take the pace off the ball," Sundar said.

Sundar is confident of India winning the three-match series at the final T20 scheduled to be played in Nagpur on Sunday.

"We have just lost one game (in Delhi) and that was also a close game. If a couple of things had gone our way in that game we would have won. But I think in this game we won convincingly. We can expect a similar track in Nagpur," he said.

Sundar also lavished praise on stand-in skipper Rohit Sharma, whose 43-ball 85 ensured an easy chase for the home team, saying the right-hander is a treat to watch when in full flow. "I had the best seat in the house to watch him (Rohit) bat. If he plays like this then it is a treat for anyone in the stadium. Certain boundaries he hit were unbelievable," he said of his skipper.

BCCI vs ICC: 'If demands not met, won't sign MPA'

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 8

SAFEGUARDING INDIA'S interests at the ICC has become the BCCI's top-most priority and the Indian board might even refuse to sign the Members Participation Agreement (MPA) for the 2023-2031 cycle if their demands are not met.

"That's our top-most priority. We are seriously going to oppose their (new) governance structure, business model and the Future Tours Programme (FTP). If it comes to a crunch, then I don't see the BCCI is signing the MPA," cricket board treasurer Arun Dhumal told *The Indian Express*.

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For the ongoing cycle, 2015-2023, both the BCCI and the ICC have the same official broadcaster, Star Sports, for their home series and global events respectively.

The ICC has also kept the BCCI out of its newly-formed working group that will look into the future governance structure of the world body.

Revenue loss

India contributes to over 70 per cent of the ICC's revenue. But in 2017, as the global body disbanded the 'Big Three' model and revamped its revenue distribution system, the BCCI's projected revenue came down to \$293 million over an eight-year cycle. Under the 'Big Three' model, India stood to earn at least \$440 million over an eight-year period from 2015-2023. Based on profits, it could even rise to \$570 million.

After taking charge as the BCCI president, Sourav Ganguly, too, has spoken about how time has come to assert India's case at the ICC.

"... sometime less is more in life. So we got to be careful with that (more flagship ICC events). And the football World Cup happens every four years and you see the madness. That's a decision the ICC has to make. I'm not in a position to talk or comment on it. As in, when I get an opportunity to be a part of the discussion, I will speak," Ganguly had said.

"The ICC's holiday is over," said former BCCI treasurer Anirudh Chaudhary.

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 8

In Doha, at the Asian Championships, the 21-year-old shot an impressive 588 to finish second in the qualification stage of the women's 25m pistol event.

"Her strength is her calmness and composure, and even though she faces some financial problems at home, she never let it affect her shooting and she knows that she has got one task, to shoot well. We had to make some minor adjustments in her technique in

"With her gymnastics background, she had a flexible body and she did not face much difficulty to adjust to the requirements of pistol shooting," Prakash recalls. "She used to spend extra hours in training and watching other shooters practice. And since she is an introvert, it helped me as a coach since she did

"Now I have to be extra careful now when checking and repairing the lights at the indoor range," he adds, lightly. "I have to make sure they are working fine and there is no hindrance to her training with other shooters."



Chinki Yadav with coach Jaspal Rana in Doha

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
PERTH, NOVEMBER 8

Despite the poor run, which included an embarrassing 3-0 home series defeat to an under-strength Sri Lanka that cost Sarfaraz Ahmed the captaincy, they remain number one in the rankings. But their cricket chiefs will be worried about the two Tests against Australia to come, starting this month in Brisbane. "Very disappointed, but we lost to a good team. We have learnt a lot from this series and we'll take the positives and come back hard in the next series," said skipper Babar Aзам.

and debuts handed to batsman Khushdil Shah and bowler Muhammad Musa. Only Azam and Ahmed have shown signs of life in the batting department this series and, again, no one else stood up. Azam had hit consecutive 50s in the previous games, but he fell early, out lbw to Mitchell Starc for six. **BRIEF SCORES:** Pakistan 106/8 (Iftikhar 49, Richardson 3-18, Abbott 2-14 and Starc 2-29) lost to Australia 109/0 (Finch 52*, Warner 48*) 10 wickets.

Malan and Morgan imposed themselves on the game first when they score 76 runs in five overs — from the 10th to the 14th overs — achieving an almost unstoppable momentum. **AP**

BRIEF SCORES: **England** 241/3 (Dawid Malan 103*, Eoin Morgan 91) beat **New Zealand** 165 (Tim Southee 39, Parkinson 4-47) by 76 runs.

Flamengo clinch 1-0 win over Botafogo

Flamengo left it late but Lincoln's goal two minutes from time was enough to give them a 1-0 win over Botafogo on Wednesday that preserved their eight-point lead in Brazil's Serie A. The visitors struggled for much of the first half against their city rivals but took control shortly before halftime and were dominant following the 54th minute red card shown to Botafogo midfielder Luiz Fernando. However, it was not until the 88th minute of the bad-tempered match that Lincoln broke the deadlock to give them their 18th win in a run of 22 unbeaten

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SHIVANI NAIK
NOVEMBER 8

He had a spot of bother — when a handful of his serves were faulted — he suspects by service judges who were from Taiwan or Hong Kong and hence “biased”.



Satwik and Chirag will face Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo of Indonesia in China Open semis.

At 6-6 in the second, the Indians were tested. Satwik kept smashing from the back but the shuttles were considerably slower on the day and Chirag took matters in his

“When I’m in the front court, I usually hold the racquet a little higher so there’s the shorter swing... From the back court I hold as low as possible, so that I have a bigger swing and smashes are harder,” he explained.

He switched in a jiffy in that point. The Indians broke away thereafter at 15-12 and using every inch of the court to pinpoint their winners, made the tall rivals look con-

In the semis, they run into Indonesian World No. 1 Gideon — Kevin. “Play with good strategy and don’t make mistakes,” the coach warns. Satwik believes it’ll be more than just tactics.

"Kevin especially plays a lot of mind games. We've never played them at 100 percent, only 30 percent. Let's see what we can do tomorrow," he says. Cerebral deconstruction will be part of the plan in this humdinger. Indians have lost to the "Minions", springy energy balls with brains ticking faster than most, a good 7 times. "Need to be stronger mentally," Satwinder adds.

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leading Australia to its first Fed Cup victory in 45 years. Barty, who won the French Open for her first major, and last week's WTA Finals in China, will play Caroline Garcia of France. Ajla Tomljanovic will make her debut for Australia playing the opening singles match Saturday against Kristina Mladenovic. "Caro's a great friend of mine and I know that we both play our best tennis during Fed Cup week, so I think tomorrow's match is going to be of a really high quality," Barty said Friday. The 26-year-old, Croatian-born Tomljanovic only received clearance from the International Tennis Federation to represent her adopted country last month. Tomljanovic and Mladenovic know each other well — the pair rose through the junior ranks in Europe together and their fathers played each other in professional handball.

Commonwealth Games Federation President Louise Martin will arrive here on November 13 for a meeting with IOA's top officials, who have proposed a boycott of the 2022 Birmingham CWG for shooting's exclusion from the roster. CGF CEO David Grevenberg and Media and Communications Manager Tom Degun will accompany Martin for the two-day visit to India. The meeting was agreed upon following Indian Olympic Association's proposal to the Sports Ministry in July to boycott 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. The meeting between the top brasses of the CGF and the IOA will be held on November 14. The IOA delegation will be led by its president Narinder Batra and will also have secretary general Rajeev Mehta.

Northern Ireland coach to take over at English club Stoke. O'Neill led Northern Ireland to the European Championship for the first time in its history in 2016, with the team reaching the last 16. O'Neill will briefly combine both jobs. He will oversee Stoke's game against Barnsley on Friday but will return to the Northern Ireland squad for two final European Championship qualifiers against the Netherlands on Nov. 16 and



in the MLS Best XI in 2018 and 2019 after netting 53 goals in the competition.

More athletes join Cain in accusing Salazar of body-shaming them

NEW YORK TIMES
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NIKE SAID on Friday it would investigate the “deeply troubling” allegations of emotional and physical abuse made by Mary Cain against its Oregon Project, a distance-running training program.

In a video for The New York Times Opinion, published on Thursday, Cain accused the project’s director, the marathon great Alberto Salazar, of repeatedly urging her to lose weight to unhealthy levels.

Salazar was recently suspended for four years for anti-doping violations, and the Nike Oregon Project was shut down. Nike also said in a statement that “Mary was seeking to rejoin the Oregon Project and Alberto’s team as recently as April of this year and had not raised these concerns as part of that process.”

Cain was a high school middle distance phenom from New York, qualifying for the Olympic Trials in 2012 at 16. Later that year, she began training with Salazar and continued to do so until 2015. Her later performances on the track did not match her early promise.

In the video, Cain, 23, accused Salazar of shaming her in front of others on the team when she did not reach the required weight targets. She said that her low weight caused her to miss her period for three years, leading to lower levels of estrogen and five broken bones. She also said that she had suicidal thoughts and cut

herself, but that no one at Nike “really did anything or said anything.”

Salazar replied to Cain’s video in a statement to The Oregonian: “Neither of her parents, nor Mary, raised any of the issues that she now suggests occurred while I was coaching her. To be clear, I never encouraged her, or worse yet, shamed her, to maintain an unhealthy weight.”

In a Twitter message on Friday morning, Cain acknowledged that she had sought to reconnect with Salazar.

“I wanted closure, wanted an apology for never helping me when I was cutting, and in my own, sad, never-fully healed heart, wanted Alberto to still take me back,” she wrote. “I still loved him. Because when we let people emotionally break us, we crave more than anything their very approval.”

“We quickly fell out of touch this summer,” she added, “and that made the rose color glasses finally fall off. He didn’t care about me as a person; only as the product, the performer, the athlete.”

Cain received support on social media from other runners. “I had no idea it was this bad,” tweeted Shalane Flanagan, the 2017 New York City Marathon winner. “I’m so sorry, @runmarycain that I never reached out to you when I saw you struggling. I made excuses to myself as to why I should mind my own business. We let you down. I will never turn my head again.”



Middle-distance runner Mary Cain alleged that Salazar shamed her to maintain unhealthy weight levels. AP

United’s teen talent Greenwood leads the way

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
PARIS, NOVEMBER 8

TEENAGER MASON Greenwood scored as Manchester United cruised into the Europa League last 32 with a 3-0 win over Partizan Belgrade at Old Trafford on Thursday, while Celtic stunned Lazio with a last-gasp goal in Rome to progress.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer’s United knew that a third victory in four Group L games would be enough to send them through. The 18-year-old Greenwood broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute with a cool finish to score his third goal of the season and second in this competition.

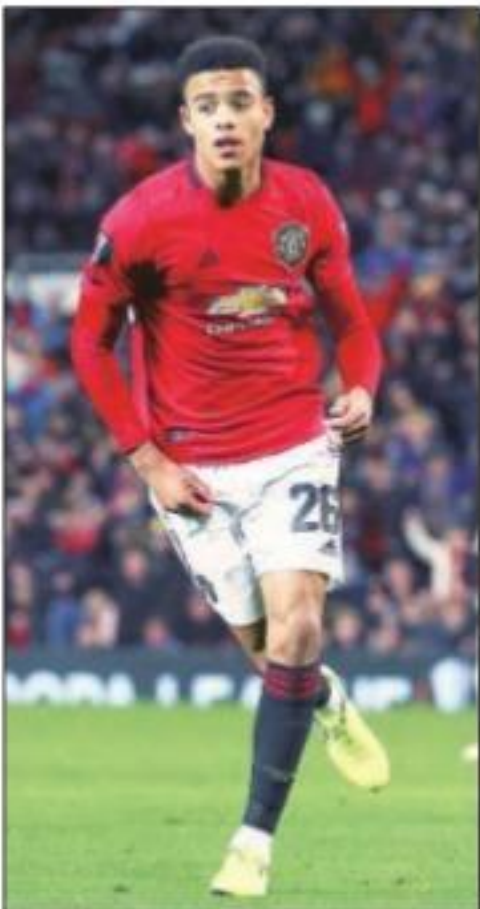
Anthony Martial doubled the advantage after the half-hour mark with a brilliant individual goal, before Marcus Rashford lashed home the third four minutes after the interval.

The comfortable victory saw United bounce back after a 1-0 loss at Bournemouth last weekend had ended a three-game winning run. “I think it was a good performance but there are things we can improve on,” Rashford told BT Sport.

“We managed to score three goals but it could have been a lot more.” AZ Alkmaar thrashed Astana 5-0 in Kazakhstan to keep control of the race for second place in Group L behind United, eliminating their hosts and moving four points clear of Partizan. Olivier Ntcham scored a dramatic injury-time winner to grab Celtic a 2-1 victory at Lazio.

Neil Lennon’s outfit remain top of Group E with two games remaining, seven points clear of third-placed Lazio after their second straight win over the Romans.

“It’s great to have qualified with two games to spare,” Celtic manager Lennon told uefa.com.



Mason Greenwood opened the scoring on Thursday. Reuters

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“It’s too early to say how far we can go in this competition but we can be a difficult opponent for anyone.”

Ntcham strikes

Ciro Immobile volleyed the hosts into a seventh-minute lead, but James Forrest drew Celtic level before half-time.

But substitute Ntcham latched onto Odsonne Edouard’s pass in the fifth minute of added time and dinked a cool finish over Lazio goalkeeper Thomas Strakosha. The other game in the group saw CFR Cluj move to within a point of qualification by beating Rennes 1-0 in Romania. Celtic’s Old Firm rivals

Rangers gave their hopes of reaching the knockout stage for the first time since 2011 a massive boost with a 2-0 victory over Porto at Ibrox.

Second-half goals from Alfredo Morelos and Steven Davis fired Steven Gerrard’s men second in Group G, three points ahead of Feyenoord after the Dutch side’s 1-1 draw with Young Boys. “He has been outstanding for us all season and he has turned up again tonight and got a very important goal for us to set us on our way,” Davis said of Morelos, after the Colombian’s 11th Europa League goal this term.

Bundesliga leaders Borussia Moenchengladbach grabbed their

first win of the Europa League campaign as Marcus Thuram’s 95th-minute strike sealed a 2-1 triumph against Roma.

The German club moved second in Group J, ahead of Roma on head-to-head and two points behind leaders Istanbul Basaksehir, who saw off 10-man Wolfsburg 3-0 in Austria.

Wolves made it three straight Europa League wins despite Ruben Neves missing a penalty as Raul Jimenez’s 92nd-minute goal grabbed a 1-0 success over Slovan Bratislava at Molineux. Nuno Espirito Santo’s men now sit five points clear of Slovan in second in Group K, with Braga a point ahead of the Premier League side at the top after beating Besiktas 3-1.

“We all felt maybe it was going to be one of those nights,” said Wolves skipper Conor Coady. “This win was important. We did our jobs well.”

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 (₹ in Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended
		30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	30.09.2018 (Unaudited)	31.03.2019 (Audited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	30.09.2018 (Unaudited)	31.03.2019 (Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	40,683.95	62,958.60	38,575.25	1,02,704.25	40,683.95	62,958.60	38,575.25	1,02,704.25
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (before Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	7,186.04	9,270.17	7,459.26	15,395.52	7,186.04	9,258.55	7,459.26	15,395.52
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	7,186.04	9,270.17	7,459.26	15,395.52	7,186.04	9,258.55	7,459.26	15,395.52
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	5,999.86	7,479.09	5,504.03	11,257.58	5,999.86	7,467.47	5,504.03	11,257.58
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and other Comprehensive Income (OCI) after tax]	5,984.86	7,449.09	5,526.53	11,206.96	5,984.86	7,437.47	5,526.53	11,206.96
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital [Face value of ₹ 2/- per Equity Share]	951.57	951.57	981.57	951.57	951.57	951.57	981.57	951.57
7	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)				63,270.45				63,270.45
8	Earning Per share (for continuing and discontinued operations) (of ₹ 2/- each) (not annualised)								
	- Basic EPS (in ₹)	12.61	15.72	11.21	23.02	12.61	15.69	11.21	23.02
	- Diluted EPS (in ₹)	12.61	15.72	11.21	23.02	12.61	15.69	11.21	23.02

Notes:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter and half year ended Financial Results are available on the website of BSE & NSE where the Company's shares are listed i.e. at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and on the Company's website, www.dhanuka.com.

2. The above results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2019 which have been subjected to review by Statutory Auditors of the Company were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 8th November, 2019, in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

For and on behalf of the Board
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