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Bulandshahr Inspector's murder pre-planned

4 arrested; armed to the teeth, Bajrang Dal activists specifically targetted Subodh Kumar Singh, say police

PRAMOD KUMAR SINGH/SP SINGH ■ BULANDSHAHR

Bulandshahr Police has arrested four persons for the murder of Inspector Subodh Kumar Singh Rathor who was posted at Siana police station in the district.

Subodh was murdered by a mob of Bajrang Dal activists who were protesting the presence of a cow carcass in sugarcane field of Mahav village under the jurisdiction of Siana police station on Monday.

"It appears to be a cold-blooded murder as rioters had come fully armed with arms, iron rods, spears and wooden sticks and they specifically targeted Inspector Subodh," a police officer said on the condition of anonymity. Circle Officer (CO) of Siana Satya Prakash Sharma escaped death as police force arrived on time and he was taken out to safety from a locked room.

Inspector Subodh could not escape as rioters attacked with deadly sharp weapons and did not allow the rescue team to take him to hospital. By



Police officials carry the mortal remains of Inspector Subodh Kumar Singh after the wreath-laying ceremony in Etah on Tuesday

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the time he was taken to hospital, he had succumbed to bullet injuries in the head.

Bajrang Dal district convener Yogesh Raj, main accused

in the killing, is on the run, police officials said.

According to sources in Bulandshahr Police, it appears that those behind the murder

of Inspector Subodh Kumar had come prepared to bump him off as they did not heed to the continuous assurance given by him to lodge an FIR after a

carcass of cow was found hanging in a sugar field on Monday morning.

"Inspector Subodh Kumar, who had reached the spot immediately after getting the call, tried his best to assuage the irate crowd and he was joined by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Siyana who kept on announcing via a loudspeaker that exemplary action was being taken against those found guilty of killing coes. However, there were certain elements who were not in a mood to listen and they egged on the irate crowd to take revenge. Situation went out of hand and soon there was free of all as the police team led by Inspector Subodh Kumar was outnumbered. The mob, that was baying for his blood, targeted Inspector Subodh Kumar and snatched away his .32 bore licensed gun and three cell-phones, including the one with the CUG number of the Uttar Pradesh Police. They shot in the head with his revolver. As other policemen tried to take him to hospital, the mob attacked them," said police.

Police have named 27 persons in the FIR under various IPC Sections and Section 7 of the Criminal Amendment Act.

According to the FIR lodged on the statement of Sub-Inspector Subhash Chand of the Siana Police station who witnessed the gory murder of

his immediate superior Subodh Kumar, 27 accused who were identified have been named in the FIR. They are: Yogesh Raj, Vishal Tyagi, Satendra Rajput, Chaman, Devendra, Upendra Raghav, Ravi Saini, Ashish Chauhan, Shikhar Agrawal, former

Pradhan Raj Kumar, Jeetu alias Fauzi, Sachin, Ramesh Joshi, Vineet, Saurabh, Sumit, Chhotu, Satish, Vikas Tyagi, Pawan, Vikrant Tyagi, Bablu, Ankur, Robin, Tinku, Guddu and Harendra. Names of about 60 persons have been mentioned as unidentified.

Whose father is next? Asks slain cop's son

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The son of the police inspector killed in mob violence over alleged cow slaughter in Bulandshahr said his father wanted him to be a good citizen who doesn't provoke violence over religion.

"My father has lost his life in this Hindu-Muslim dispute. Whose father is next?" Abhishek Singh said.

Inspector Subodh Singh, who had initially probed the 2015 lynching of Dabri resident Mohammed Akhlaq over rumours about beef consump-



tion, and a 20-year-old man were killed Monday during an attack on policemen.

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UP Dy CM defends VHP, Bajrang Dal

Lucknow: Defending Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal in the Bulandshahr violence on Monday, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Tuesday said that it would be premature to name a Hindu outfit for the fracas before the probe was completed. "I am deeply saddened by the incident in Bulandshahr. The State Government has constituted a SIT which is probing the matter threadbare," he said.

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CAPSULE

LEARN ABOUT RELIGION FROM INDIA: DALAI LAMA

Farrukhabad: Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama on Tuesday said Muslim countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan and Syria should learn about religion from India so that there is peace in the world. P5

SC TO BIHAR, KERALA: SPL COURTS FOR MFPS, MLAs

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked Bihar and Kerala to set up special courts in each of their districts for the trial of pending criminal cases against present and former MPs and MLAs.

EX-RS MEMBER GETS 3 YRS JAIL FOR LTC SCAM

New Delhi: Former Rajya Sabha member from Mizoram, Lahming Liana, has been sentenced to three-year jail by a Delhi court for forging air tickets to claim reimbursement of leave travel allowance (LTC).

I-T RETURNS RISES 50% TO 6.08 CR: CBDT CHIEF

New Delhi: The number of people filing Income Tax returns has increased 50 per cent to 6.08 crore so far in the assessment year 2018-19 compared to the year-ago period, the CBDT top official said on Tuesday.

WE'LL WORK OUT THINGS ON S400, SAYS MATTIS

Washington: US Defence Secretary James Mattis appeared to be confident on resolving the pending CAATSA sanctions on India for it deciding to buy the multi-billion dollar S-400 missile defence system from Russia.

Centre brings Michel back for Agusta justice

After UAE Govt's extradition nod, scam middleman flown to Delhi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a big diplomatic victory, the Indian Government on Tuesday night brought back AgustaWestland chopper scam prime middleman Christian Michel from the UAE.

On arrival at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Michel was formally arrested and taken the CBI headquarters. He will kept in a safehouse before being produced in Patiala House Court on Wednesday. The agency will seek his custodial interrogation, said a senior CBI official.

The CBI press release said the deportation of Michel from the UAE was coordinated by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and CBI interim chief M Nageswar Rao.

According to senior officials, the UAE Government ordered Michel's deportation on Tuesday afternoon and within hours Michel was handed over to Indian authorities, led by CBI Joint Director Sai Manohar, who were in Dubai for the past two days.

Brownie points for Modi Govt!

During the trial court proceedings in Italy, the prosecution produced documents and communications between Michel and his partner Guido Haschke and alleged that Michel paid around ₹400 crore as a bribe to Congress leaders



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The communication between Michel and Haschke showed that five per cent of the deal value that is ₹3,600 cr was to be shared with "The Family"

UAE Government's final order on the deportation came after Michel lost his appeal in the apex court there. Incidentally, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj is in Dubai for high-level talks with her UAE counterpart.

The Modi Government had approached Dubai authorities in early 2015, demanding the deportation of Michel, who was the main middleman accused of bribing top Congress leadership for the controversial purchase of 12 VVIP helicopters from Italian firm AgustaWestland.

Michel entered into conspiracy with co-accused, including public servants, by altering the tender guidelines and downgrading service ceiling from 6,000 metres to 4,500 metres. Service ceiling denotes the operational height at which a helicopter can operate.

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According to Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) engineers, on Monday they found 12 nuts and bolts installed at the bridge

Won't contest 2019 polls : Uma Bharti

Will concentrate on the issues of Ram temple in Ayodhya, says former Madhya Pradesh CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Days after Minister for External Affairs Sushma Swaraj announced to remain away from Lok Sabha polls on

health grounds, her cabinet colleague and the former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Uma Bharti here on Tuesday said she would not contest Lok Sabha polls next year and would focus on the Ram temple issue.

Earlier in February this year, Bharti had announced to take three year gap from active politics over health issues.

While talking to media persons here, she said, "I would remain in politics all through my life but won't contest Lok Sabha poll next year." Presently the former MP Chief Minister Bharti is an MP from Jhansi in UP.

She told that a positive atmosphere should be created for bringing an ordinance on the Ram temple construction at Ayodhya and blamed Congress chief Rahul Gandhi for vitiating the atmosphere.

The BJP leader, who rose to prominence during the Ram Janmabhoomi movement in the 90s, said the Ram temple issue should be discussed with all political parties.

"This (Ram temple) matter should be discussed with all political parties as court said that it (construction of the temple) is a matter of a dispute of land and not a dispute of

faith," she said.

The firebrand BJP leader affirmed the struggle for construction of Ram temple would continue. BJP would win the assembly poll in Madhya Pradesh and Shivraj Singh Chouhan would become Chief Minister for the fourth time, she opined.

Despite being at odds with CM Shivraj, Bharti was named among party's star campaigners in the just concluded election campaign in MP. Bharti was among the prominent faces who had actively participated in Ram Janmabhoomi andolan in 1990s.

Postal ballots found in Madhya Pradesh police headquarters canteen

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Hours after the Congress party approached Election Commission alleging mishandling of EVMs in Madhya Pradesh, the Congress workers found postal ballots lying unattended inside a canteen of MP Police Headquarters (PHQ) here on Tuesday.

The voting through postal ballots was undertaken in Bhopal on November 18 and around 4,000 of these paper ballots were issued to police staffers who were engaged in poll duties. Personnel from the police, special armed forces (SAF), home guards, special police officers had taken part in these postal ballots which need to reach the EC by December 11 the day of counting.

Meanwhile, the Congress workers had found these postal ballots from a canteen of Home Guards' office which is situated besides police headquarters in Bhopal in Jehangirabad locality.

Congress leader Krishna Ghatge told, "I had received an input and as I reached the Home Guard canteen on Tuesday, I found

three envelopes of postal ballots outside the canteen and there were around 250 more such envelopes inside, unattended. I had learnt the postal ballots were lying at the canteen for last three days." Ghatge alleged saying the party would complain to Chief Electoral Officer MP over this serious lapse on Wednesday.

While talking to media persons, Congress candidate from Bhopal South-West PC Sharma said, "We had recovered the postal ballots on the table of Home Guard canteen unattended and some of the envelopes were open." He alleged that the authorities have made a mockery of the polling process in MP while referring to the EVMs and other anomalies. The officer present on the spot expressed ignorance about the reason why postal ballots were lying in the open.

The incident comes close on the heels of several incidents which have put question marks on the safety of EVMs. It started with a polling officer who was found with EVMs in a hotel room in Shujalpur a night prior to polling and then large numbers of EVMs malfunctioned in MP especially at Satna on the day of polling on November 28.

SC lets I-T Dept re-assess tax of Rahul, Sonia in Herald case

But apex court bars punitive action against Cong leaders

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed the Income Tax Department to re-assess the tax of top Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi for 2011-12 in connection with the National Herald case.

The apex court, however, restrained the department from "giving effect" to its order in the proceedings against Rahul, who is the Congress president, and his mother Sonia till the pendency of the matter before the court.

A bench of Justices AK



Sikri, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer said that it is not going into the merit of the case but passing an interim order as the limitation period for completing the assessment is expiring.

"Since the limitation period for completing the assessment is expiring, in the meantime, it would be open to the Assessing Officer to complete the assessment and pass the assessment order as well.

Nuts bolt away from Signature Bridge

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After dangerous selfies and multiple accidents at Delhi's newly built Signature Bridge, it is now the turn of thieves, who have started lifting nuts and bolts from the iconic bridge that can endanger the very structure of the bridge that hinges on nuts and bolts.

"Thieves are emboldened since there are no CCTV cameras on the bridge. To make matter even worse is the absence of security guards that has given an unbridled run to these enterprising thieves. Though construction is still going to finish the incomplete work, anti-social elements are having a field day especially during nights," said an official on the condition of anonymity.

According to Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) engineers, on Monday they found 12 nuts and bolts installed at the bridge



which connects the pylon with the surface missing.

Talking to The Pioneer, an engineer at the site said that now they are left with only one choice that is to weld the whole section to avoid such theft incidents in the future.

"These parts were not missing earlier, this is an

extremely shocking act. If the sufficient numbers of bolts are removed, this seemingly simple act of vandalism can become a safety hazard which can risk lives of people. We will find a solution with stronger welding or by deploying guards," said the DTTDC official adding that he had written

a letter to authorities to install CCTV camera at the bridge.

The work is still pending on upper segments where the viewing gallery will be built, hence the DTTDC has not yet handed over the bridge to the Public Works department (PWD). The DTTDC has planned to close down the

bridge from 11 pm to 5 am for completing the unfinished work. The vandalism at the Delhi's Signature Bridge is not new as recently a few trans-genders were seen stripping, unclothing in the public and posing for photos near the Signature Bridge which had resulted in unruly scenes at the spot.

After a chain of accidents were reported at the Signature Bridge in Wazirabad, the Delhi Police has deployed 12 traffic police personnel from 8 am to 8 pm at the bridge and its approaching road from Khajuri side in the national Capital.

"There is no complaint by DTTDC officials. We on daily basis do 'Integrated Checking' where local police personnel, traffic police and a PCR man are deputed on a picket to keep a check on any mischievous activity. Our pickets are organised at the end of the bridge and we avoid pickets at peak hours time for smooth traffic flow," said a senior police official.

Hindi play Deepshikha on girl's struggle screened

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Dedicated to the 'girl power' and the females of the society from different walks of life, Hindi play Deepshikha talks about the want for a son and the struggle of daughters.

Parents learnt about the importance of daughters in a house as the Hindi play 'Deepshikha' was staged at Shaheed Bhawan on Tuesday.

The play was directed by Rajiv Shrivastava and was written by Vivek Savrikar. The play was presented by the artists of Mandali Theatre troupe, Bhopal.

During the play as many as 18 senior and young artists showcased their acting talent on stage leaving the audience enthralled.

The story of the play surrounds the life of Sharma family. There is a desire for a son in the family following the superstitious beliefs. But the family has two daughters Sumita and Anita. After years, the family is blessed with a son. As it was a long desire for having a son, he grows up in much love and care.

Each family member loves him to an extent that even his wrong doings are



A scene from the play 'Deepshikha' staged at Shaheed Bhawan in Bhopal on Tuesday

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considered and he is forgiven every time. With this situation, Sumita and Anita are struggling in the family.

They are given least attention as they are the daughters

of the Sharma family.

But with their hardwork and perseverance they become better persons and good professionals. Anita becomes a gynecologist

whereas, Sumita is happily married to her husband.

But the over-loved son of the family is influenced by his peers and get involved in bad habits.

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As the play goes to the next level, it showcases that how daughters bring laurel to the family making their parents proud. At the same time, they try and bring their brother on the right track. The play was wonderfully presented leaving the audience mesmerized till the end.

Sagar School's shrivastava receives APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE18 Award

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Anushka Shrivastava, student of Sagar Public School, Saket Nagar, Bhopal received APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE 2018 award by Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India in Gandhi Nagar.

The competition is organized by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) in which over 90,000 submissions of students from 643 districts of all States and Union Territories of India were received out of which only 21 projects got selected in 2018.

This year 31 students from 11 States were awarded for their 21 ideas / innovations

Anushka had submitted the project of Biodegradable Water Bottle using local material has brought fame and laurels to state with creation of eco-friendly bottle with selection at First position on innovative invention in APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE Competition organized by National Innovation Foundation- India (NIF) in association with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Honey Bee Network and other partners every year to promote creativity, originality and innovation



amongst children.

In her eco-friendly bottle, she used two layers of coir with sphagnum moss in between with khuss inner lining.

A mixture of urad daal, jaggery and vinegar has been used as binder.

Coir makes the bottle water resistant, the moss layer acts as an insulator, and khuss layer keeps the water fresh for a long period of time.

Anushka had submitted

this project work under the guidance of Shubhangi Nemade working as a PGT Biology in Sagar Public School, Saket Nagar.

Sudhir Agrawal, Chairman, Sagar Group and Pankaj Sharma, Principal, Sagar Public School, Saket Nagar have congratulated Anushka Shrivastava for her achievement and recognized the efforts of her mentor Shubhangi Nemade in bringing laurels to school.

Dabur launches awareness on boosting immunity

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Dabur Chyawanprash has been committed to helping every Indian achieve the strongest immunity for over 100 years.

We will attempt to reach out to provide protection to underprivileged kids by highlighting the importance of Immunity besides providing Chyawanprash to these Kids, said Dabur India Ltd Manager - Corporate Communications Dinesh Kumar while speaking with media on Tuesday.

Under this campaign, Dabur Chyawanprash has joined hands with leading NGOs from 12 cities in India i.e. Varanasi, Lucknow, Amritsar, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Patna, Bhopal, Raipur, Pune, Nagpur and Chandigarh.

During cycles of seasonal change there is a sudden temperature change, which leads to illnesses like cough, cold & flu.

Enhancing immunity is an effective way to fight diseases like Cold, Cough,

Respiratory problems etc. Dabur Chyawanprash is an effective solution to boost one's immunity needs through changing weather cycles.

As part of its commitment to safeguard the health of the future generation, Dabur Chyawanprash today announced the launch of a mega awareness initiative aimed at securing the health of underprivileged kids across the country.

Under this initiative, Dabur Chyawanprash - together with Dr Parmeshwar Arora, MD (AY) BHU Varanasi Gold Medalist & Senior Consultant- Ayurvedic Department,

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital - Delhi - will conduct Immunity awareness sessions to educate children about the need to build a stronger immune system to fight against changing season, common bacteria and viruses.

The drive was flagged off in Bhopal on Tuesday with a special session conducted for more than 200 kids from Aarushi Foundation.

MP Shooters bag 3 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze in shooting championship

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In the 62nd national pistol shooting championship MP players performed brilliantly, by bagging the three gold, two silver and three bronze medals.

The championship was played in Trivandrum, Kerala. Expressing his contentment on this achievement by the players of the Academy, Director Sports and Youth Welfare S.L. Thousen congratulated the medal winners.

In the championship, the Academy's player Rubina Francis presented the wonderfully by winning three gold medals in different individual events, to Madhya Pradesh.

Rubina Francis made Madhya Pradesh proud by winning one gold medal in 10 meter senior, 10 meter junior and 25 meter junior event.

Similarly, the trio of Academy player Saif Khan, Udit Joshi and Ashwin Joshi earned the silver medal in the 25 meter Sports Pistol Junior Men Team event.

Academy champion Soft Yadav and Bismah Ansari pair gave bronze medal to Madhya Pradesh at the 10m Pistol Youth Woman Team event of

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the championship.

On the last day of the championship today, pistol players won two bronze medals. Under the 50 meter free pistol junior team event of the boys category, Academy's player Saif Khan and Indore player Raghav Gupta and Abhay Singh trio won a bronze medal.

It is notable that in the past, Academy's player Chinki Yadav has won silver medal in the 25m Sports Pistol Senior Women Personal Championship bronze and Saif Khan Air Pistol Junior Mixed Team event. The players are trained under the guidance of the Chief Advisor of Madhya Pradesh Shooting Academy and Chief Instructor of Pistol Jaspal Rana and Trainer Jaywardhan Singh.

First Adventure Next event concludes

STAFF REPORTER N BHOPAL

The two-day international event specialized in Adventure travel, one of its kinds in ASIA, successfully concluded by MP tourism from Tuesday at the new International Convention Centre here. It focused on adventure tourism by combining marketplace (chowk Bazar), meetings, networking opportunities, inspirational speakers and educational sessions together for national attendees as well as delegations from abroad.

The successful convention was witnessed by nearly 200 attendees including global buyers, international/national media representatives, sellers and office bearers of the Adventure Tour Operators Association and hotels, hospitality and tour operators who came to expand their knowledge spectrum and itinerary offerings. To grace the event, Suman Billa- Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Swadesh Kumar- President of ATOAI and Akshay Kumar- Chairman of Adventure NEXT committee were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary Tourism and Managing director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Hari Ranjan Rao said, "Madhya Pradesh is truly honored and privileged for being the ever first host of AdventureNext in Asia. We thank ATTA and all the respected international buyers, felicitators, media and national delegates who came together



A foreign delegate participates in a Saree draping workshop during ongoing International 'Adventure Next' event organised at historical Minto Hall (Convention Centre) in Bhopal on Tuesday

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er to make this event a grand success. The AdventureNext not only brought together the networking sessions but it also gave a unique definition to the hidden treasures of adventure tourism in India. With this we focus to promote the adventure travel aspect with full pace in Madhya Pradesh as well."

Speaking on the same, Shannon Stowell, CEO of AdventureNext, Adventure Travel Trade Association said "We were honored and proud to present the world AdventureNext'18 with MP

tourism. The extraordinary variety of adventure travel Madhya Pradesh preserves is worth experiencing. Adventure NEXT captured India's religious heritage, mythological, historical, wildlife, and beautiful architectural spots clubbed with physical activities and journals for the attendees. This is just the beginning, ATTA also plans to introduce more tours which are adventure driven panning across the unexplored exploratory destinations of India."

The event encapsulated

the theme 'Pulse of Tomorrow' indulging delegates to explore future-driven business opportunities from Madhya Pradesh, the heart of incredible India. The indulgent agenda featured trending topics such as economics of wildlife tourism and immersive technology while the educational workshops like traditional Gond Art show kept attendees engaged. For the prestigious event, the cultural programs included performances of popular Indian dances- Bharat Natyam, Mohini Attam, tribal folk dances.

Moot Court organised at Career College of Law

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Moot Court was organized at Career College of Law here on Tuesday. The students discussed the Hemraj Double Murder Case during the moot court.

The defence lawyer was Chanchal Tiwari and the prosecution was Pramod Sharma. Moreover, Ragini Sharma was the judge at the court. During the Moot Court Gajanand Dubey as a CBI Officer and Sakshi Jain gave his testimony as a gynecologist.

The argument began with "My lord Rajesh Talwar and Nupur Talwar are the main accused. This is clear from the investigations of the CBI officer, from the statements of the Bharati Mandal,

who was the maid of the house, from the post mortem report and from the Medical Officer's report." Judge Ragini Sharma said that in view of all the evidence and witness and public prosecutor Pramod Sharma, the decision was

taken to their side, considering all the evidences and arguments.

On this occasion, Ashutosh Mishra, Secretary, Bhopal, District Legal Services Authority was present as the Chief Guest in the programme.

Addressing the students, Mishra said that the Bachelor of Law of India and the University of Law the Moot Court Practical has been declared compulsory for each student so that before the graduation of the law, the student becomes aware about how the courts work.

Mishra wished students for their bright future.

At the start of the programme, guests were welcomed by Prof. Professor of Career College of Law, P.N. Tiwari.

The programme was conducted by Prof. Sonam Jain while Prof. P K Gupta gave the vote of thanks. There were a large number of law students, including academic and non-academic staff.

Workshop on sexual harassment of working women in work place

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A workshop on Sexual Harassment of Working Women in the Workplace was organized on Tuesday. The workshop was organized by Bhopal Management Association (BMA) for employees of BSNL.

Workshop on Sexual Harassment (Prevention, Prohibition and Discrimination) Act, 2013 was conducted on. Senior Advocate and BMA Executive Member GK Chhibbar, who has experience of more than 36 years of labour, women and child law, gave lectures in detail about working women and answered the questions of the employees present.

As many as 70 employees / members of BSNL employees, Sagar college teachers, various professional institutes and BMA Bhopal were present in the workshop, regarding information related to sexual harassment (prevention, rebuttal protest) Act 2013

regarding workplace women by PowerPoint Presentation Received Officers present at the program concluded that their institutions will keep the environment suitable for everyone and be aware of the problem of sexual harassment.

The experts said that sexual harassment in workplace and related cases are increasing day by day. So it is really important to spread awareness about it among people.

They also shared that not only physical but mental harassment is also increasing among corporates especially. Women should know how to tackle these situations legally so that such cases should not increase.

Mahesh Shukla, Chief General Manager, BSNL, Alka Shukla, President, and other present women expressed happiness at the organizing of this workshop. Vishvas, Honor Secretary told about the activities of BMA.

The program was run by Anand Krishna. BSNL expressed gratitude to BMA for organizing the programme.



Students walk the ramp at a fashion show organised by National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Bhopal on Tuesday

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Let people prove if EVMs can be tampered: Uma to EC

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Amid the ongoing controversy over the efficacy of EVMs, Union minister Uma Bharti Tuesday said the Election Commission (EC) should let people secretly prove if the machines can be tampered with or not.



"Once the EC had invited all political parties to prove if EVMs can be tampered with, but it did this openly and nobody came forward"

The former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, who once opposed the EVMs, added that many countries in the world, including the US, were not using Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) despite being much advanced technologically and scientifically as compared to India.

but it did this openly and nobody came forward." "Therefore, if someone wants to share secretly with it (EC) (if tampering is possible), then it should maintain the confidentiality of that person," she told reporters at her official residence here.

it is the duty of the EC to take everyone along and satisfy them," she said.

The statement comes in the wake of the Congress raising doubts over the security of EVMs which contain the votes cast in the November 28 election for the 230 Assembly seats in Madhya Pradesh. "Once the EC had invited all political parties to prove if EVMs can be tampered with,

"Because there are many countries in the world, like America, which are much ahead of us in the field of science and technology, but they are not using EVMs.

"Whatever the issues, they should be addressed. Otherwise, these doubts may escalate and threaten the country's democratic system," the Union Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister said.

Jawan commits suicide at Morar Cant in Gwalior

Shivaji allegedly committed suicide by consuming poison at his quarters

PNS ■ GWALIOR

A soldier attached to the Morar cantonment in Gwalior took the extreme step to end his life. According to sources the diseased soldier was under depression for two months.

the funeral rites. A case has been registered at the Morar Police Station and inquest proceeding initiated.

The 24-year-old soldier, belonging to Karnataka leaves behind his wife who is seven months pregnant.

Earlier in the day, the deceased had sent his wife off to his native village in Karnataka, saying he was going on a two months training program. After returning from the Railway Station he consumed some poisonous substance.

The soldier, Shivaji allegedly committed suicide by consuming poison at his quarters situated in the cantonment area. He was rushed to the Military Hospital where he breathed his last during treatment.

Hearing the sound of his vomiting a neighbor informed the higher authorities, who rushed to his quarters before transferring him to the Military Hospital where he died.

The body, after post-mortem is being flown to his native village in Karnataka for

are taking a number of measures to reduce stress among soldiers, but the ground reality is that cases of suicides due to depression among the military personnel are on the rise.

In another tragic incident in the Gole Ke Mandir area of the city, a 12 year old boy hanged himself to death. Devendra, the only son of his parents was alone at home in the morning.

His parents, both laborers had gone for work when the tragic incident occurred. When his mother returned at noon, she found the door of the house locked from inside.

She raised an alarm and when the neighbors broke open the door they found the body of the child hanging from the ceiling. Gole Ke Mandir Police have registered a case and are making further inquiries.

The Police suspect that the boy might have accidentally hanged himself while playing in the room.

INBRIEF

NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED TO CANDIDATES: EC

Bhopal: Joint Chief Electoral Officer Rajesh Kaul said that 161 notifications have been issued by returning officers to various candidates in the suspected paid news case in state under Vidhan Sabha Election 2018. Fifteen candidates have accepted the news mentioned in the notification issued by the returning officer as paid news and have accepted addition of the amount of paid news in their election expenditure. The District level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee has given the order of addition of the paid news amount in 146 cases so far to the concerned candidates' election expenses. Six appeals against the orders made by District Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee, Ujjain and Betul have been received by the State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee. The Committee has withstood the decision of the District Level Committee while hearing the case.

EVMS AND VVPAT KEPT IN STRONG ROOM: EC

Bhopal: Chief Electoral Officer VL Kantha Rao told the representatives of political parties regarding the counting of votes for the Assembly Election 2018 that the EVMS and VVPAT kept in the strong room are under tight security. Constant vigilance is being kept near the strong room through CCTV cameras round-the-clock. The EVMS and VVPATs used in the polling have been sealed in front of the candidates or their representatives in 51 strong rooms of the state. Its videos have also been recorded. All these strong rooms will be opened in front of the candidates on December 11 which will also be recorded. Additional Chief Electoral Officer Sandeep Yadav, Lokesh Jatav, Joint Chief Electoral Officer Rajesh Kaul and representatives of recognized political parties were present during the meeting.

EC DIRECTS SECURITY PERSONEL TO PROVIDE PROTECTION

Bhopal: Chief Electoral Officer VL Kantha Rao told that the Election Commission of India has directed that any person who has been provided security by either the Centre or the state government on the day of the Assembly Election, 2018, besides the central and State ministers, opposing MPs, MLAs, chairpersons of local institutions, Mayor, Municipality, Nagar Panchayat presidents, District Panchayats, Panchayat Samiti Chairman, chairpersons of central and state cooperative bodies, presidents of centre/state undertakings and government servants cannot be appointed as agents for counting of any candidate. Any person being provided security, election/counting agent under security cover cannot be agent for counting. No candidate will be allowed into the counting centre accompanied by his security guard/armed security guard. Such candidates will be admitted into the centre only after taking the consent letter to surrender his security of his own accord for entry into the counting centre without security guards.

COUNTING WILL BEGIN ON DEC 11

Bhopal: Counting for the Vidhan Sabha Election, 2018 will begin on December 11 at 8 am. The counting will begin with counting of the postal ballots first. For counting of postal ballots, a table will be installed separately for every Assembly constituency-wise. For this an assistant returning officer will be appointed. Only valid postal votes will be included in the calculation of postal ballots. QR code will be scanned for the validity of the ballot papers issued in the electronic form. A QR code is imprinted by the Commission on all electronic ballot papers. After 30 minutes of counting of the postal ballots, counting will start from EVMs. If the calculation of postal ballot is not completed before final stage of EVM, then the last phase of the EVM will be calculated only after the calculation of the post ballot is completed. The result of counting of each phase will be given to the counting agent and its calculation sheet will be given to the calculation agents appointed on the returning officer's table.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS IMPOSED IN SARNI TOWN

Betul: Prohibitory orders were imposed in Sarni town on Tuesday after a tiger was spotted close to residential areas over the past three days. Shahpur SDM Shrawan Kumar Bhandari told the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) had written a letter informing that a tiger was seen close to residential areas in the town since December 1. He said the Forest department had launched a rescue operation to apprehend the tiger and get it to move back to the forest. "In order to prevent public movement during the rescue operation, prohibitory orders under section 144 of CrPC (banning gathering of more than five persons in public places) has been imposed. This would be effective in the municipal limits of Sarni till the completion of the rescue operation," SDM Bhandari said. Betul Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) PS Champawat said the tiger's presence was captured by CCTV cameras and it had been seen in residential areas six times in the past three days.

CIIMP ORGANISES CONCLAVE ON IT FOR MSME'S

Bhopal: Confederation of Indian Industry Madhya Pradesh is organizing a conclave on IT for MSME's on Wednesday at Hotel Marriott's Bhopal with an objective to create awareness within the MSME & Start Up industry of Madhya Pradesh about the need to adopt digital technologies in order to stay relevant. Competitive and ahead keeping global competition and need for improvising as per the time and demand of market. The conclave will have discussions on sessions like - Benefits of Digital Marketing with focus on: New Emerging platforms', 'Use of Technology to enhance Competitiveness', 'IT for MSME', 'TRedS' and 'Digitalized Fund Raising Options'. Anurag Shrivastava, Managing Director, Netlink Ltd, Chandramouli Vemuru, Chief Operating Officer, RXIL - Receivables Exchange of India Ltd, Sunil Dadi, Regional Director - IOT India and ASEAN, AT&T Global Network Services India Pvt Ltd, Pragya M Mehrishi, Policy Communications Manager, Whats App and Bhaumik Shah, Business Head, Capital World Platform Pvt Ltd would expressed their views on the occasion.

93RD FREE UROLOGY CAMP HELD AT SEWA SADAN

Bhopal: The 93rd Free Urology camp is held at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Sant Hirdaram Nagar Today. As many as 450 patients have registered their names for treatment. These include 345 male and 105 female patients. This camp is jointly organized by Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Jeev Sewa Sansthan and Hongkong based Philanthropist Smt. Rita and Kan Lakhani. Eminent anaesthesia specialist from USA Dr Radha Sukhani was especially present on the occasion. Place wise breakup of patients is as follows: As many as 224 patients registered their names from Bhopal. Simultaneously 58 from Sehore, 38 from Raisen, 37 from Vidisha, 22 from Shahjapur, 13 from Hoshangabad, 10 from different places of Uttar Pradesh, 9 from Indore, 8 from Raigarh, 6 from Dewas, 5 from Harda, 4 each from Guna and Sagar, 2 from Betul and 1 each from Balaghat, Bhind, Chhindwada, Gwalior, Maharashtra, Narsinghpur, Rajkot, Rewa, Teekamgarh and Ujjain. Surgeons and Physicians have started investigating the diseases of the patients and required X-ray, Sonography and other Pathological procedures are also being undertaken. In the presence of Sant Siddh Bhu, Dr Deepak Jhangiani Mumbai, Dr Rajendra Panjabi Indore, Dr CP Dewani, Dr TK Gyanchandani, Dr Bhawnani and Dr Sudheer Lokwani Bhopal, Social Activist Tejmal Dhanwani, Lokumal Aswani and JK Pannani were main amongst dignitaries who inaugurated the camp by lighting the lamp and worshipping God.

TT Nagar Police nab four miscreants from Ambedkar ground

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The five nabbed accused were identified as Vishal Sonkar, Jitendra Kushwaha, Shekh Samar alias Kula Shanu and Raju Mandloi.

All four nabbed accused are habitual offenders and have been booked for several criminal cases. Shanu was booked for robbery.

Auto rickshaw, mini truck collide, two die

All the five were passengers who were in sharing auto rickshaw while no one in the mini truck was injured or died in the accident

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Two persons including a woman died and three persons were injured after an auto rickshaw and mini truck collided head-on near Bhadbhada under Ratibad police station area late in the afternoon on Tuesday.



Five injured persons were rushed to the nearby hospital after where two of them were declared dead while three escaped with injuries.

truck was injured or died in the accident.

The deceased were identified as Shakuntal (40) of Ratibad and Kapil Patel (24) of Neelbad. One of the injured was taken to Sharda hospital and was identified as Sarita Chandravanshi.

The bodies got stuck after the auto rickshaw got damaged badly due to the collision. The accident occurred due to high speed as the drivers failed to control and collided. The mini truck driver escaped the spot and is still missing.

Police said that the identity of the two injured was established as Premnarayan and Gaurishankar. The accident took place around 4 pm and proved fatal for two persons. The two vehicles collided head-on resulting into death of two persons on the spot while three escaped with injuries.

The bodies were sent for

the post mortem and a case under section 304 A of the IPC was registered against the errant driver.

The mini truck and auto rickshaw were seized by the police and case has been registered against both the drivers. Auto-rickshaw was not having registration number as it recently bought.

BJP would get comfortable majority in MP polls: Shivraj

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

During State assembly election campaigning in Hyderabad, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday exuded confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would get a comfortable majority in the just-concluded Assembly elections in the state.



"We will get a good majority. It's not correct to say a number. I don't lie.

You will see on (December) 11th (counting day). The BJP will get a comfortable majority," Chouhan, who is here to campaign for his party in the Telangana Assembly polls, said.

Some individuals might have faced anti-incumbency at some places, but not against the government, the chief minister said, asserting that there was no anti-incumbency.

The Election Commission is a constitutional body and we all have faith in it. "Can it happen in today's age that EVMs changed and power went off?" he asked.

On the concerns raised by the Congress over electronic voting machines in MP, Chouhan said, "The speciality of the Congress is that it starts searching for reasons for loss even before the defeat and prepares a prelude to it.

When it was pointed out that the EC had itself said the electricity went off for two hours in a strong room in Bhopal, Chouhan said the commission was responsible and it would look into it.

On the mob violence in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district in which a police officer was one of the two persons killed in the incident, Chouhan said the BJP was against violence and action would be taken as per the investigation.

Alleging that the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in Telangana had disappointed people on various fronts, Chouhan said BJP was the alternative.

Describing the alliance among the Congress, the TDP, CPI and Telangana Jana Samiti for the Telangana polls as "opportunistic", he claimed that it was a failure.

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Gold jewelry, ₹70K cash burgled from Retghat

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Gold jewelry and ₹70000 cash were burgled from Retghat under Talaiya police station area on Monday.

Prices of onion and garlic have dropped to between 50-90 paise and ₹2 per kilogram in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch Mandi, leading to distress among farmers

Police said that the victim Mohammad Faraz Khan along with family had gone to Guna on November 29 and when he returned in the afternoon on Monday the valuables were found burgled.

after the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under sections 457 and 380 of the IPC and have started further investigation.

A complaint was lodged with the police by the victim in which the victim stated that he along with the family had gone to meet relatives in Guna and on his return the door of the house was found open and on entering, the valuables were found burgled.

Domestic help and security guards would be questioned in the further investigation. Meanwhile, Kamla Nagar police have nabbed a 38-year-old miscreant involved in operating betting at Prempara late in the night on Monday and recovered ₹11000 from his possession.

The police said that as part of the investigation, CCTV cameras of the locality will be investigated. The neighbours have expressed ignorance over the burglary.

Police said that acting on a tip off a man was nabbed and betting receipts were recovered from his possession and ₹11000 from his possession.

In the incident, three gold chains and ₹70000 cash were burgled. The total loss in the burglary is around ₹2 lakh.

Based on the complaint

Onion, garlic prices dip, farmers' distress continues

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Soon after the intense election campaign revolving around farm crisis concluded in Madhya Pradesh, the farmers seem to have returned to their normal hassles including bumper crops and dipping prices especially that of onion and garlic.

Only a small amount of onion and garlic was sold at lower price due to their poor quality," Neemuch Mandi secretary Sanjiv Shrivastava claimed.

Prices of onion and garlic have dropped to between 50-90 paise and Rs 2 per kilogram respectively in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch Mandi, leading to distress among farmers.

As per the estimate provided by the Mandi official, the wholesale price for onion was 90 paise per kilogram while it was Rs two for garlic. Shrivastava claimed that the average rate of onion on Monday in Neemuch Mandi was Rs 600 per quintal while this was around Rs 1000 for garlic.

While some of them returned without placing their produce for sale, others dumped it in the market and left, said officials Tuesday. An official, however, said the lower rates were mainly for that part of the stock which was of poor quality, adding that oversupply was a factor in bringing down prices.

Shrivastava said around 5,000 quintals of onion and 8,000 quintals of the garlic arrived at Neemuch Mandi on Monday.

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DCW chief visits Sanskar Ashram



DCW chief Swati Maliwal visits Sanskar Ashram Girls Home early morning in Dilshad Garden in New Delhi on Tuesday. Ranjini Dimri | Pioneer

NINE MISSING GIRLS CASE

"The girls residing in the Ashram were not given proper food and clothing. The girls complained of not being shown to doctors and it was observed that their regular medical checkup was not done"

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following the disappearance of the nine girls including a minor from Sanskar Ashram Girls Home in Dilshad Garden, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) Chairperson Swati Maliwal on Tuesday visited the Ashram to inspect the shelter and has asked for the case to be transferred to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police.

As of yet, police haven't been able to trace the girls. Senior police officials of Shahdara district said that police teams were on the job to locate the missing girls and

bring them back to the shelter home.

DCW chairperson while talking to the media on Tuesday stated that the Ashram is in a terrible condition. "We found out that the girls who have gone missing had been rescued earlier from GB Road, by DCW itself.

It is disheartening that the Commission, at great risk manages to rescue the girls from GB road who end up being re-trafficked," she said.

"The girls residing in the Ashram were not given proper food and clothing. The girls complained of not being shown to doctors and it was observed that their regular medical checkup was not done," Maliwal said. Maliwal also alleged that the traffickers at GB road were definitely responsible in the abduction of

these girls and there were high chances of the girls ending up back in GB road.

DCW Chief appealed to Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Anil Bajaj to crackdown on the brothels working in GB road area. "Brothels at GB road are hubs of trafficking and each girl there is raped by 30 men daily. The Police Station at 200m remains a mute spectator at best and colludes with the traffickers at worst," she added.

Expressing disappointment in the police for not being able to trace the girls, Maliwal has appealed to Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik to transfer the case to Crime Branch. Further she has appealed to the Delhi Government to ensure better condition in shelter homes as well as create rehabilitation schemes for survivors of trafficking.

Gupta urges for inspection of shelter homes by STF



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP leader Vijender Gupta has urged Union Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi to form a special task force to carry out "in-depth inspection" of shelter homes for women and girls in the national Capital.

His request comes a day after Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia suspended two senior officials of the Women and Child Development Department for laxity in duty after eight women and a minor girl were reported missing from a shelter home in east Delhi.

The Delhi Commission for Women has claimed that the matter came to light on December 2, six months after the inmates had gone missing. The same day Delhi Police registered an FIR in connection with the matter.

"A special task force should be formed to carry out in-depth inspection of every shelter home in Delhi.

There must be investigation of the facilities provided, the security measures and rehabilitation programmes being undertaken by shelter homes," he said.

Gupta, the leader of opposition in Delhi Assembly, said the mere suspension of the district officer and the shelter home superintendent was inadequate to bring any positive change at these facilities.

Traders' body will meet L-G, Kejriwal

CHANDNI CHOWK REDEVELOPMENT

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Opposing the Chandni Chowk redevelopment project, traders' body will meet Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajaj and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Traders are demanding that the Shahjahanabad Board officers are initiating campaign to destroy the commercial character of the area in the name of development of Chandni Chowk.

Traders' body also claimed that local citizens, traders' organisations were not taken into confidence by the Board; this impractical scheme is not acceptable to us.

The body also appealed to Delhi Government to develop all the three car parking at Dangal Maidan, Gandhi Maidan and Lal Quila and Chandni Chowk be declared as Zero Parking areas to help solve the problem.

Claiming Chandni Chowk a traders' hub and not a tourist place, traders' association said that in last two decades many schemes were framed but could not be implemented because the concerned officers framed scheme treating Chandni Chowk as a tourism centre.

"It is a vibrant trade centre where thousands of citizens resides and everyday lakhs of people come for their trading.

All of us want beautification but not such beautification which will make the lives of children, senior citizens living in the area difficult and destroy the

trade," a trader said. "We were never consulted by the Shahjahanabad Board. Initially we were called in a meeting but when we opposed "no vehicle zone beatification scheme", then we were not invited in the subsequent meetings.

In this redevelopment project, BSES and DJB are the major agencies, in first phase - from December 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 - BSES will construct ducts and required infra for shifting of transformers and moving overhead cables underground.

As per the UTTIPEC plan, 5.5 m wide carriageway on the both sides with a central verge, there will be a footpath along northern and southern carriageway of 5.75 m and 12.75 m wide respectively.

In second phase - from December 15, 2018 to April 30, 2019 - the DJB will carry out work of installation of water pipelines and sewer lines and

after this construction of pedestrian zone and developmental of central verge will start. According to Delhi Traffic advisory for the UTTIPEC project - the vehicles coming from Delhi Gate and intending to go to Chandni Chowk will be diverted on SP Mukherjee Marg. These vehicles may be parked in the parking lots of Gandhi Maidan (HC Sen Marg), Dangal Maidan (SPM Marg) Church Mission road parking.

4 women arrested for involving in prostitution racket

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police have arrested four women suspected of being involved in a prostitution racket in Rohini Sector-20 on Monday after members of the Resident Welfare Association (RWA) allegedly lodged a complaint regarding suspicious activities pertaining to the flat. The four were arrested for reportedly indulging in obscene activities in a public place. "A First Information Report (FIR) report has been registered at Begampur Police Station.

Four women were arrested from the flat in Sector-20, Rohini

under sections 292 (selling, advertising etc of obscene materials) and 294 (engaging in obscene act at a public place) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) Rajneesh Gupta.

According to police, a Police Control Room (PCR) call was received at around 7 pm on Monday. On reaching the spot, locals alleged that some persons were running a prostitution racket and creating nuisance in the area.

Police revealed that the accused were living as tenants, and all the four women were major.

Arms selling cartel busted, three nabbed

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of three persons, Delhi Police claimed to have busted an illegal arms selling cartel.

Two persons identified as Aman Bhardwaj (25) and Vishal Gahlot (28) were arrested from Dwarka,

while one Ankur Chaudhary (22) was arrested from Ghaziabad by Dwarka district's Anti-Auto Theft Squad (AATS), police said. "On October 29, this year, information was received regarding two arms suppliers Aman and Vishal who were said to be arriving in Sector-11, Dwarka in Delhi.

A trap was laid and at around 6.15 pm the duo arrived.

Police staff moved quickly and were able to arrest the two after a short scuffle," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse stated.

According to police, two loaded illegal pistols were recovered from their possession. "Both accused were arrested and produced in court. During their three days PC remand, they disclosed whereabouts of another arms supplier Ankur Chaudhary in Ghaziabad. One more loaded pistol was recovered from Ankur Chaudhary," said

the DCP. During interrogation, it was revealed that Ankur who hails from Aligarh (UP), instigated Aman and Vishal to indulge in illegal arms trading as he was in contact with several persons in Aligarh who are in the illegal arms trading business.

"The accused persons told the police that Ankur moved to Ghaziabad and enrolled in Bharat Academy at Pratap Vihar on the pretext of preparing for competitive examination.

But the main purpose of his stay in Ghaziabad was that it facilitated his contacts with arms suppliers of Aligarh," the DCP said.

Revised Abadha rate in Shreemandir soon

SAROJ KUMAR MISHRA ■ PURI

The revised price list of Abadha (Mahaprasad) would be pasted in Ananda Bazar in the Shreemandir premises here in a few days' time, said Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Chief Administrator Pradipta Moahapatra on Tuesday.

Mohapatra said that the SJTA supplied required ration items and engaged 'Suars and Mohasuars' (cooks) in cooking Mahaprasad for cost assessment on an experimental basis. The cooks would give expenditure details of all items to a committee within a few days and then the committee would fix prices of different items of Mohaprasad and bring in a final rate chart for public in the Ananda Bazar within a week, he said.



Arrangements and time schedules for 'Pahili Bhoga' rituals on December 16, January 1 and 'Makar Sankranti' would be prepared

He said fixing a rate chart for Abadha items is a part of administrative reforms and would ensure that devotees would get Mahaprasad at right prices.

Mohapatra further informed that tem-

ple administration would soon oust all unauthorised occupants from the Ananda Bazar soon.

Regarding the proposed 'online ticket system for Darshan of the Trinity, the SJTA chief said the managing committee (MC) member from the Prathari Nijog has been assigned the charge of drafting a modality in this regard.

The ticketed system would be implemented on basis of report, said Mohapatra.

He said that many devotees want special views of deities on payment like 'Parimanik Darshan'. The proposed ticketed darshan is only meant for such devotees, he said.

Besides, he informed that the arrangements and time schedules for 'Pahili Bhoga' (dawn offerings) rituals on December 16, January 1 and 'Makar Sankranti' would be prepared.

'Dharmendra making false allegations'

Centre's 'no tender' norm followed by State: BJD

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The BJD has severely criticised Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan saying that he made false allegations that the State Government changed 'no tender' norms in public works from Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh and, thus, encouraged corruption.

"Union Minister Pradhan doesn't know that the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had framed such a rule to which the Odisha Government followed. His allegations are false and baseless. It seems that Pradhan is desperately trying to hoodwink people of Odisha," said BJD spokesperson

Dr Sasmit Patra in a statement.

Patra said the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways first changed the norms for 'no tender' in public works from Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh. Later, the State Government, intending to implement it, brought the matter before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Odisha Legislative Assembly which has representations from the Congress and BJP MLAs apart from the BJD. The PAC recommended that such a norm change should be undertaken. Accordingly, the State Government implemented the Centre's financial norms.

"Unaware of Central norms, the Union Minister is wasting too much of his time in touring Odisha neglecting his own work in Delhi. His repeated false statements are unbefitting of a Central Minister and he should check facts before making irresponsible comments," said Patra.

'BJD MLAs work as contractors in disguise'

BJYM conf to decide action plans against PC today

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Mocha (BJYM) would hold a youth conference titled 'Nua Odisha Yuba Sanjojaka Sammilani' involving youth convenors of all 147 Assembly constituencies here on Wednesday to decide action plans to fight against alleged PC (percentage) taking practice and press for creation of employment opportunities in the State. "The State Government has made rules to distribute projects worth up to Rs 5 lakh without tenders. Now, BJD MLAs have turned contractors in disguise and are taking all projects. Thus, unemployed youths have been deprived of getting income sources," alleged Morcha State president Tankadhar Tripathy on Tuesday.

He further informed that slogans be given to the effect that youth activists would go to people and make them know how BJD leaders have become contractors and taking away Government funds and call upon youths to get united and fight for their rights. Among others, Morcha national vice-president Thakur Ranjit Das, State general secretaries Bishwaranjan Jena and N Rajendra Kumar and secretary Om Prakash Mishra were present.

Tripathy said BJYM convenors from all Assembly constituencies would gather here to decide strategies against such illegal practices being adopted during the Naveen Patnaik Government. He said Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan would attend the conference as chief guest.

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Jobs, employable talents: Odisha not in top-10 list

SANJEEV KUMAR PATRO ■ BHUBANESWAR

When the catch-phrase 'Skilled in Odisha' has been Odisha Government's buzzword in skill development, a reality check for Odisha is while Odisha didn't earn a place in top-10 States with maximum hiring in 2018, it also failed to make into top-10 States with maximum employable talent in coming year 2019.

The worse is outlook for hiring intent in Odisha in 2019 looks dim as industries here show meagre interest in hiring in the New Year.

More shocker is Bhubaneswar, which topped country in Smart City list, is nowhere in top-10 employable cities, where Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) at number 3 and Thane (10th), Nashik (7th) from Maharashtra have made their way into top-10 in 2018.

Employability means workforce joining jobs market that can get readily absorbed in the industries as per their skill requirement.

Such a grim noting was to the fore in recently released

India Skills Report-2019. Wheebox, India's leading online talent assessment company, PeopleStrong, India's leading HR solutions and technology company, CII, Pearson, World's learning company, AICTE and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) have conducted a WEST (Wheebox Employability Skill Test) and India Intent Hiring survey across 29 States covering over a three lakh plus students, 120-plus employers to assess ground situation of employability, employment in country. The survey and WEST were conducted during July - November 2018.

According to Hiring Intent survey, Odisha didn't figure in top-10 States nationally with maximum hiring activity in the country, where neighbouring Bihar sits prettily at number 2 and West Bengal at number 10 nationally. The damning fact to fore in the survey is Odisha figured in bottom-10 as below 2 per cent employers in Odisha expressed intent to go for hiring in 2019, despite the fact that nationally Core Sector (steel, minerals, power, oil and gas)

figuring among top-3 hirers in 2019.

This makes it pretty clear that the core sector in the State is not in the pink of health and Odisha model of skilling looks unable to stand tall.

Odisha didn't make into top-10 States in the country in index of talent availability, despite State's skilling mission is led by noted expert Subroto Bagchi. Andhra Pradesh (1st), Uttar Pradesh (9th), West Bengal (10th), figured in top-10 list in talent availability. Coincidentally, none of mineral-bearing States, except Gujarat, Karnataka and AP, figured in top-10 States in talent availability. This again means new-age job churning States walk away as a big drawer of employment in THE country. India Skill Report 2019 shows States having a well entrenched new-age jobs infrastructure are among the top-10 in employment. The report has a big hint for Odisha as it says the three most sought-after skills in the country in today's business environment are: communication skills, adaptability and learning ability.

Guests fume over OTDC hospitality at Konark

PNS ■ PURI

Hundred of guests invited to the Konark Festival fumed over the hospitality of the OTDC staffs during a dinner. After witnessing the festival, they had a dinner in OTDC restaurant. However, the manner the restaurant staffs treated irked the guests.

The guests have now raised questions on hospitality of the Odisha Tourism whose ethics have long been based on 'Atithi Debo Bhaba' (guests are equal to God). On the opening day of the Konark Festival, more than a hundred of guests, including artists, journalists, besides eminent personalities were invited by the Tourism Department. OTDC buses carried them to Konark from Bhubaneswar and Puri besides other places. At the end of the festival, the guests were taken to Chandrabhaga beach by busses for visiting the sand art exhibition.

Before return they had their supper at the nearby OTDC restaurant. However, a rude reminder

for guests was that they had to wait in a queue before the food counter for half an hour with plate in hand.

In the middle of the dinner, many guests walked to counter for supplementary dishes as no waiter came to their tables. Many complained of food scarcity while seeking for second time.

Even some guests preferred to enter private eateries watching a shameful condition here. For serving so many guests there were few waiters in the cafeteria.

"I was ashamed to watch the hospitality of OTDC towards its invitees. If it is for us then what would have been for the tourists," questioned Bijay Mishra, a Puri based senior journalist.

"Really it was sad to join the dinner hosted by OTDC. I was better to choose a private restaurant than entering here," commented tabla-artist Sankar Behera, who returned home emptied stomach.

He charged the higher authorities of Odisha tourism for mismanagements.

113-year-old Baripada church shortlisted as heritage building

BIBHUTI PATI ■ BARIPADA

The 113-year-old 'The Church' in the mission compound here as well as the 107-year-old 'Community Centre' in the leprosy home Murgabadi near here are shortlisted as heritage buildings, for which steps have been taken as stated by Union Minister of Culture Dr Mahaesh Sharma.

He assured a delegation of the Etani Trust led by Dr Subhankar Ghosh when they approached him.

The Etani Trust earlier passed a resolution in its board meeting to pursue the matter with the Centre to consider these two buildings as heritage structures.

"The Church' is an epitome of God's love for the people who are mostly leprosy sufferers. Under the British regime, the Mayurbhanj Maharaja's regent and Mrs Kidell, Mrs Gilbert, Grace Allenby and many more came from Australia and England time to time.

Later Miss Alcorn and Miss Stevens were joined with the 'Charitable missionaries' leprosy services and especially both had very popular stand-



ing with the people of Mayurbhanj.

Then as the last expatriate missionaries of the mission, Graham Staines also served the leprosy people in the same church and building.

Graham's wife Gladys Staines received Padmashree award for her lifelong services in Mayurbhanj and left unforgettable memories along with the church buildings and the community centre.

The then Mayurbhanj Maharaja Shree Ramachandra Bhanjdeo had gifted the land to Miss Kate Alanby, a missionary from Australia in 1896.

Miss Alanby constructed the church in 1905 in the mission compound.

In a similar manner in 1907, for the benefit of leprosy-

affected people of Mayurbhanj, a community centre was constructed in the leprosy home campus. The Maharaja had provided all the support for both the buildings along with campuses.

Dr Subhankar Ghosh explained to Minister Dr Sharma about the importance of the buildings and why it is necessary to declare them as heritage buildings.

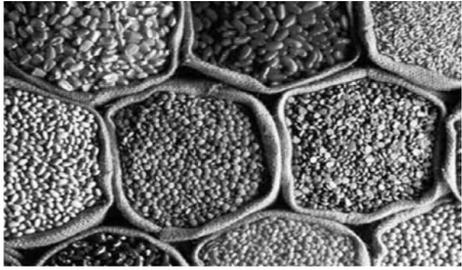
Dr Ghosh said, "A structure of more than a hundred years old in its original forms can be considered as a heritage building.

Though it is not too late, the Center has taken initiative in this regard. This is a pride for Odisha and an honour to the Late Maharaja Shreeram Chandra Bhanjdeo."

'Procurement of pulses, oilseeds up by 13 times'

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Procurement of pulses and oilseeds by the Government from farmers shot up by 13 times during the four-and-a-half-year rule of the Modi regime as compared to the procurement done during the UPA period. This benefited as many as 54 lakh farmers whose annual income registered an increase of ₹80,000 on an average, the Government has claimed.



According to the Agriculture Ministry, between 2009-10 and 2013-14 — when the Congress — led UPA was in power — only 7.28 lakh metric tonnes of pulses and oilseeds valued ₹3,117.38 crore was procured at the minimum support price (MSP) whereas from 2014-15 to 2018-19, a quantity of 93.97 lakh MT of pulses and oilseeds valued ₹44,142.50 crore was procured. Of these, procurement of 78.84 Lakh MT amounting to ₹35,800 crore alone has been contributed by the States of Madhya Pradesh,

Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

"The country has reported production of 25.23 MT of pulses during 2017-18 against production of 14.66 Million Tonnes in the year 2009-10, an increase of 72.10 per cent. Similarly, the production of oilseeds has increased from 24.88 Million Tonnes to 31.3 Million Tonnes during the same period, registering an increase of 25.80 per cent," the note said. For the procurement, the Cabinet has already sanc-

tioned an additional guarantee of ₹15,053 crore, it said.

As against a Government guarantee of ₹2,500 crore up to the year 2013-14, a Government guarantee of ₹18,250 crore for the Years 2018-20 has been made available for smooth conduct of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPSS). "Besides, this is the first time that Food Corporation of India (FCI) is participating in these operations for ensuring MSP for pulses and oilseeds growing farmers," it said.

In 2017-18, prices of most

crops including pulses and oilseeds fell below Government announced support prices following a record harvest. Part of the reason for the plunge in prices to levels significantly lower than MSP is the missing trader — the key price maker in the market.

Food Corporation of India and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) will procure 44 lakh tonne of oilseeds and pulses under the new scheme — Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AAASHA) — aimed at ensuring assured and better returns to farmers.

The NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) shows that average agriculture household income has increased from ₹6,426 to ₹8,931 per month in 2016-17. Apart from a paltry income, farmers are facing rising indebtedness, lesser financial inclusion, and absence of insurance facility, according to the report.

Jaitley praises Centre's policies for improving lives of people in rural areas

New Delhi: Blaming the Congress for agrarian distress, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Tuesday said the policy of the NDA Government to pump in more resources into rural areas has improved agricultural productivity and the quality of lives of the people in villages.



Jaitley said with the current level of investment in the next two decades, the infrastructure in rural areas will come at par with that in the cities.

The Minister's remarks came in the backdrop of Opposition party's allegations of ignoring rural India and agriculture sector and the last week's massive protest in the national Capital by farmers across the country. "The NDA Government has pumped in resources into the rural areas, which have improved infrastructure, the quality of life of people living therein and increased agricultural productivity," Jaitley wrote in a blog titled "India's rural sector".

The Government, he noted, has increased expenditure on rural roads, housing and healthcare as well as launched schemes like Swachh Bharat, rural electrification, JanDhan, Ujjwala Yojana and Mudra Yojana with an aim to improve the agrarian sector. **PTI**

Coal scam: ED attaches ₹117-crore property of Prakash Industries

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached movable and immovable properties worth ₹117 crores of Prakash Industries in a money laundering case in connection with coal block allocation scam.

The CBI had registered an FIR against Prakash Industries Ltd., alleging that the company had applied for allocation of Coal Block vide an application dated January 12, 2007 to the Ministry of Coal in response to an advertisement issues on November 13, 2006.

According to the CBI FIR, the application was found to be containing false net-worth details and on the basis of such misrepresentation, the company got allocated Fatehpur Coal Block on February 6, 2008. The block was subsequently de-allocated in the year 2014 after the coal scam was unearthed. Taking cognizance of the CBI FIR, the ED registered a case under Prevention of Money Laundering Act August 30, 2014.

The ED probe revealed that the company filed false declaration with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on November 17, 2007 intimating allocation of the coal block which was actually awarded on

February 6, 2008 jointly to Prakash Industries Ltd. and SKS Ispat Power Ltd.

"As a result of filing of this false declaration, the shares of M/s Prakash Industries recorded an astronomical rise in their value. At one point in time i.e. on 02.04.2007, the share price was ₹31 per share whereas on 04.01.2008, the share price was ₹351 per share," the ED said in a statement.

In order to encash the artificially created rise in the share value, the company issued 62,50,000 preferential shares at a premium of ₹180 per share and sold these shares to five selected companies. In the process, the company generated ₹118.75 crores in the form of share capital.

The amount of ₹118.75 crores, which was generated as a result of the offence under PMLA and amounted to "proceeds of crime".

"On investigation to the effect, it was found that the above said proceeds of crime had been generated and used in the continuous expansion related to manufacturing activities, therefore the value of ₹117.09 crores was attached in the form of movable and immovable properties of the company under the provisions of PMLA," the agency statement added.

CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST MPS AND MLAS SC: Set up special courts in each district of Bihar, Kerala

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked Bihar and Kerala to set up special courts in each of their districts for the trial of pending criminal cases against present and former MPs and MLAs.



Earlier in the day, the top court was informed that there were 4,122 criminal cases pending, some for over three decades, against present and former members of Parliament and legislative assemblies.

A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph passed the directions for setting up special courts in every district of the two states and also sought compliance reports from the Patna and Kerala high courts by December 14.

The apex court directed the high courts to send back cases from special courts, which were already constituted, to jurisdictional district courts.

The Supreme Court has given the liberty of constituting as many courts as required in the districts of these two states for trial of cases against the legislators.

The apex court also said the special courts would take up life term cases on a priority while hearing pending matters against MPs and MLAs.

The court was hearing a PIL filed by lawyer and BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay seeking a life time ban on politicians convicted in criminal cases besides the setting up of special courts to expeditiously try cases involving elected representatives.

The apex court had sought detailed data on the pending criminal cases against the present and former legislators from the states and various high courts so as to enable the setting up of adequate number of special courts for expedited

trial in these cases.

Senior advocate Vijay Hansaria who is assisting the court as amicus curiae in the matter along with advocate Sneha Kalita had filed the data received from states and high courts and submitted it to the apex court.

The data compiled had stated that in 264 cases, trial has been stayed by high courts. Further, the report said in several cases which have been pending since 1991, charges have not yet been framed.

In a previous hearing, the apex court had considered the submission of Hansaria that earmarking a particular court in each district both at sessions and magisterial level and directing them to treat the cases on a priority basis could be a viable option to ensure timely completion of proceedings.

The top court was also informed that 12 special courts set up to try lawmakers exclusively have not been constituted on a uniform pattern, and their number needs to be raised to 19 for trying cases at the sessions level. **PTI**

After row, HRD Min withdraws Kashmiri translations under 'Bhasha Sangam'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of the row it generated, the HRD Ministry has withdrawn the Kashmiri translations of certain sentences under its "Bhasha Sangam" initiative.

Last week, the Ministry's Department of School Education and Literacy had initiated the "Bhasha Sangam", a celebration of linguistic diversity, with an aim to familiarise every child with simple dialogues in all the 22 languages under Schedule 8 of the Constitution.

The row erupted over the wrong translations of sentences from English to Kashmiri, from Kashmiri to Roman and from Kashmiri to Devanagari.

"Sentence translations in Kashmiri under Bhasha Sangam were prepared by NCERT in association with language experts from Dept of Education, J&K & University of Kashmir. @HRDMinistry is sensitive to the comments raised & has therefore decided to withdraw them," the Ministry said in a tweet.

Naidu calls all-party meet day before start of Winter Session

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to build a consensus for a smooth conduct of the proceedings in the Upper House, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has called an all-party meeting on December 10, a day before the commencement of Parliament's winter session.

The Rajya Sabha chairman has called the meeting of the floor leaders of all the parties in the Upper House at his residence. Among others, the meeting is expected to be attended by Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad and the Leader of the House, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.

This will be the last full-fledged Parliament session before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Government will be keen to make it productive. For the Opposition, it will be the last chance to take on the Government in the House.

The Government will push for the passage of the "triple talaq" bill pending in the Rajya Sabha in the upcoming session.



It had earlier promulgated an ordinance to make the practice of instant triple talaq a penal offence.

The results of the Assembly elections in five states, in which both the ruling BJP and the Congress have high stakes, are bound to cast a shadow on the parliamentary proceedings. The results of the Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram Assembly polls will be announced on December 11.

On several occasions, Naidu has expressed concern over the deadlock between the ruling and the opposition sides that has halted the smooth functioning of the House.

Issue notice to Shah for making communal atmosphere in T: Cong to EC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday urged the Election Commission (EC) to issue a notice to BJP chief Amit Shah for a statement he had made in Telangana, which the Opposition party alleged was aimed at creating a communal atmosphere in the poll-bound State.

Senior Congress leaders Ahmed Patel, Kamal Nath and Kapil Sibal met EC officials and raised a number of issues, ranging from EVM-related complaints in Madhya Pradesh and Shah's statement to the arrest of the Opposition party's working president in Telangana.

Shah's statement in Telangana was absolutely false and misrepresented some points of the Congress's poll manifesto in the southern State, Sibal told



Congress leaders (L-R) Vivek Tankha, Kapil Sibal, Kamal Nath, Ahmed Patel, and others leave after a meeting with Election Commissioner at Nirvachan Sadan in New Delhi on Tuesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

reporters after meeting the EC officials. The statement of the BJP chief was aimed at creating a communal atmosphere, he alleged, adding that the Congress had urged the poll watchdog to

issue a notice to Shah for his remarks.

Sibal said the other issue they raised with the EC was of the arrest of Telangana Congress working president A Revanth

Reddy, who had called a "bandh" to protest against Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) chief and the state's caretaker Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao's public meeting in the Kodangal

Assembly constituency.

"He (Reddy) was arrested at 3 am and was not told why he was arrested. We requested (the EC officials) that such arrests should not be made during the time of elections," he added. Reddy was taken into preventive custody early Tuesday. The other issue that was raised with the EC was of the Telangana Chief Minister calling a Cabinet meeting and giving directions, Sibal said.

Sibal also criticised Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for choosing to attend election campaigns in Telangana instead of looking after the situation in his State where senior police official was killed by a mob identified from right wing group.

Nath said the issue of complaints related to electronic voting machines (EVMs) at various places in Madhya Pradesh was also raised with the EC officials. "We have demanded that action be taken against the officials at these places, from where such complaints are coming," the Madhya Pradesh Congress chief said. Sibal said they cited examples such as EVMs being transported in private school buses without registration numbers. Another issue that was raised was that the second round of counting of votes should start only after the process for the first round was over, he said.

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Muslim nations must learn about religion from India: Dalai Lama

Farrukhabad (UP): Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama on Tuesday said Muslim countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan and Syria should learn about religion from India so that there is peace in the world.

"There are various religions and traditions in India having population of over 125 crore. Muslim countries should learn from India. So that there is peace. There is coordination among all the religions here and due to non-violence principle, modern India is developing," the Dalai Lama told reporters during a brief interaction here. Asked about Doklam dispute, the spiritual guru only said, "Both the countries should sit and resolve the issue. The slogan of 'Hindi-Chini bhai bhai' should be relevant." **PTI**

Kartarpur in Pak territory because of then Cong leaders' lack of vision: PM

Jaipur: Stepping up his attack against the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday alleged Kartarpur went to Pakistan at the time of independence because the party leaders of that time had no vision and did not respect Sikh sentiments.

Referring to the recent opening of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor across the India-Pakistan border, Modi said, "Correcting Congress's mistakes was my destiny."

As electioneering for December 7 assembly polls in Rajasthan nears its end, the prime minister addressed rallies in Hanumangarh, Sikar and Jaipur.

Congress president Rahul Gandhi also held a series of



public meetings in the state.

At one rally, Modi took on Gandhi for mocking him for chanting 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' at every meeting. The prime minister said he will continue to do so despite Gandhi's 'fatwa' on it. Gandhi had taunted in Alwar that Modi should begin his meetings by saying 'Anil Ambani ki Jai', 'Mehul Choksi ki Jai', 'Nirav Modi ki Jai' and 'Lalit Modi ki Jai'.

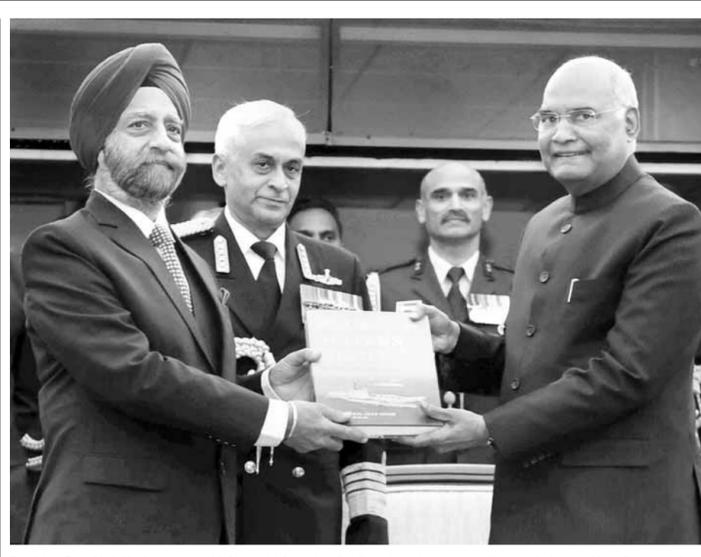
Modi suggested that the Congress leadership had bun-

gled during Partition.

"They could not see anything beyond the 'Rajgaddi' (power), so Kartarpur went to Pakistan," he said.

"The then policy makers of the Congress in the country were in a hurry to come to power. Partition happened and in that too several mistakes were made because of which Kartarpur Sahib went to Pakistan," he said.

"A little bit of wisdom and sensitivity at that time would have ensured that Kartarpur, which is just 3 km away (from India), would not have been taken away from us. It was their lack of vision and sensitivity that they did not respect the sentiments of the Sikh community," Modi claimed. **PTI**



President Ram Nath Kovind, along with Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lamba, releases a publication during the Navy Day reception in New Delhi on Tuesday. **PTI**

INSHORT

MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME: SC FINES 5 STATES, DELHI

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday slapped a fine on five States and Delhi, saying they were "not taking seriously" the matter related to implementation of the mid-day meal scheme in schools. The apex court directed Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Jammu & Kashmir to pay ₹1 lakh each as costs for their failure to create an online link along with a chart meant for monitoring the implementation and hygiene of mid-day meal scheme in Government-run schools.

SC REJECTS PIL OVER JUDGES APPOINTMENT

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has refused to entertain a PIL seeking centralised system for selection and appointment of judicial officers in lower courts across the country. A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi on Monday dismissed the plea, filed by an NGO, seeking enforcement of the apex court's decisions of 1991 and 1996 which had favoured setting up of 'All India Judicial Services' to fill vacancies of judges in lower courts.

67% UNDERTRIAL CASES: TAKE STEPS, SAYS SC

New Delhi: Concerned that as many as 67 per cent prisoners in the "overcrowded" jails across India are undertrials, the Supreme Court on Tuesday sought urgent steps for early conclusion of cases against them.

INDIA, SUDAN REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS

New Delhi: India and Sudan reviewed bilateral relations, including in areas of trade, defence and capacity building, during the eighth session of the Foreign Office Consultations, the Ministry of External Affairs said

CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS' DATA NEEDS TO BE STUDIED

New Delhi: The "huge amount of data" collected by the Government and the NCPCR in their social audits on child care institutions across India needs to be analysed, the Supreme Court said Tuesday while hearing a matter related to abuse of children at orphanages and CCIs.

RaGa ATTACKS MODI OVER KURIAN JOSEPH'S CLAIM

New Delhi: Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi over ex-Supreme Court judge Kurian Joseph's claim about alleged interference in administration of justice by the apex court, alleging that the "chowkidar" had made a judge his "court-puppet".

Not in the cow's name

With cops being killed at Bulandshahr, vigilantism cannot be allowed to run amok or deployed as a political ploy



The brutal killing of policemen by a mob of cow vigilantes in Bulandshahr, which ran amok enraged by the sight of carcasses in the fields, shows that nothing has changed in the badlands of Uttar Pradesh when it comes to frenzied attacks based on religious polarisation. First, it shows a complete disrespect for and erosion of the law and order machinery. Second, it shows that no lessons have been learnt from the killing of Mohammad Akhlaq, who was killed in Dadri over falsified

charges of refrigerated beef at his home. Regardless, the needle of suspicion continues to be always pointed at a pre-determined threat based on religious insecurities and identity politics. Ironically, the policeman investigating that case and who had found some inconvenient truths was killed here for doing his job, trying to separate fact from fiction. Earlier, he was transferred, this time he had to pay with his life. Third, rumour-mongering, be it social media or plain hearsay, continues to be a volatile tool in the hands of the fringe elements to justify their relevance, propaganda and foment chaos. Finally, it gives credence to the theory that for all conciliatory talk, there's no ridding the common polity of a planted Islamophobia. There are many questions about how the allegedly slaughtered cows were dressed up at the site all too conveniently and how the provocative incident happened on the last day of a three-day congregation of Muslims. The intent of majoritarian muscle-flexing was all too clear.

These are indeed serious concerns that have stemmed from the overuse of votebank politics by every party concerned over time. But to use retrograde ideologies for dominance has been disastrous particularly over the last few years. Yogi Adityanath may be campaigning for his party in poll-bound states as the new doer leader but there's nothing new or path-breaking that he has to show for himself as Chief Minister of a state considered the political crucible of India. True the BJP may want to play up its Hindutva agenda in the run-up to the general elections in 2019 to appeal to its core constituency, now that the Supreme Court has even pushed back a ruling on Ayodhya, but letting the fringe loose can certainly do more harm than good. Because not many will be sold on the idea of polarisation given that this time a serving policeman was murdered on duty. Yes, faith has its followers and logic but as the local body polls in Sabarimala prove, the BJP failed to reap any political dividend despite its shrill campaign on not allowing women of all ages into the shrine. It got only two of the 39 seats in its kitty, the Left literally romping home. Time has come for all States to address the issue of reining in vigilantism and organised mob fury and curb election time thuggery and bogeyism. In September, the Supreme Court took a stern view of the fact that only nine of the 29 States and two of the seven Union Territories had so far complied with its slew of directions to deal with mob violence and cow vigilantism. It had even warned that if the remaining states and UTs did not do the needful, any default would be viewed seriously and their home secretaries would have to appear before it. Still this is not being taken seriously. If there is no example set of a corrective action being taken in a case such as the one in Bulandshahr, then the nation runs the risk of legitimising mobocracy. For if not anything, the victim this time is the institution of law and justice. And that is a dangerous precedent to set.

Buzz in the sky

Drones can fly in the Indian airspace from December 1 with a lot of caveats. But they will require strict monitoring



The Government's decision to allow commercial drones will definitely allow India to spread its wings in the sky. With this move, we have joined the league of advanced economies like the US, UK and Australia among others that have been using the drone technology for years for socio-economic benefits while keeping an eagle eye on security protocols. It would definitely help us realise the full potential of a digital society and access services and conveniences, cheap and on time, without the baggage of maintaining a huge infrastructure or a workforce. The immediate beneficiary will be the healthcare sector; hospitals and institutions can now airlift organs, blood units and other medical supplies faster within the golden period of treatment and hence save lives. Not only between cities but to far flung areas as well. You do not need to create green corridors along congested road networks. Drones have wide application in agriculture as they can be used for monitoring, mapping and planting purposes. In fact, a drone's reconnaissance capacity, that makes it a favourite military tool, can be used to harvest data for many site studies and on-ground projects.

However, there has always been a debate about invasive drones being a threat to our security network. And it is because of this that the government took longer than usual to iron out a fullproof protocol, given our risks to internal security, particularly from terrorism. Also in the absence of an international flying code for unmanned aerial vehicles, the Civil Aviation Ministry had to evolve its own rules that will be upgraded with changing circumstance. The caveats appear to be well thought out and if implemented right should eliminate threat perceptions and fears of misuse by private operators. Under the new law, drones will be required to keep to a certain payload, tag their aerial vehicles with a name and a unique identification number. Operators will also have to obtain a series of approvals like the 'Unmanned Aerial Operator Permit' and an insurance cover. Barring exceptional cases, drones will be allowed to fly only during the day with a condition that they remain prominently visible. These restrictions have been put in place to ensure that in the event of a complaint, authorities can zero in on violators in no time. But as sensible as they may appear, practically speaking, for any regulation to acquire teeth, there must be strict vigilance and implementation of codes. Therefore, a task force to oversee operations is essential. The applicants must be screened thoroughly too with a clear statement of the purpose of his/her drone services. Besides, the entire process of procurement of licences should be frictionless and cost-effective, else there will be no takers. Flying codes must indeed be kept sacrosanct. Drones cannot be allowed to trespass in restricted zones, particularly in congested metros. What happens in the outside case of a bird-hit or a slightly off-course manoeuvre hitting a building? While technology can provide life-altering benefits, it is also susceptible to human manipulation by way of being hacked into and used as a tool of terror. Perhaps it is for this reason that retail deliveries have been kept out of the ambit for the time being, a move that could revolutionise e-commerce and logistics.

Heal past wounds

There will be hurdles but we must strive to improve the state of tribals and put our best foot forward in implementing the recommendations of a truth commission



AJOY KUMAR

James Baldwin, a renowned novelist and one of the most recognised and respected voices of the civil rights movement in the United States of America, famously said, "Not everything that is faced can be changed but nothing can be changed until it is faced." Baldwin's quote eloquently explains that while dealing with any form of exploitation or injustice, it is near impossible to move forward from it without exposing it in its barest and most brutish form. In this week's article, I will focus on how we as a country need to examine the state of tribals in India and discuss the historical injustice that has been meted out to them to enable us to move forward and actually begin to heal the wounds of the past.

The tribal population in India happens to live in States that are extremely rich in minerals and other resources, such as the State of Jharkhand. Though it may be difficult for many to appreciate, the relationship of tribals with their land is not one of mere ownership or possession but a relationship with significant cultural significance. Since land is considered to be sacred to a number of tribes who view the preservation of their land as preservation of their culture, each tribe has its own customary laws that typically govern their land and these customary laws have been in existence even prior to British rule. The nature of this unique relationship of tribals with their land was recognised by the British as well as the Indian Constitution, as is evident from the Fifth Schedule of our Constitution.

Over time, however, these rights have been increasingly diminished as the rights of the tribals to their land were weighed against the need to develop such areas and the demand for the resources in this land. This led to a systematic diminishing of rights, which has now made the tribals among the most exploited communities in the country, where even though tribals account for less than 10 per cent of the total population of the country, they account for over 40 per cent of the total population that has been displaced due to infrastructure projects in India since Independence.

What is worse is that more than 75 per cent of the tribals who have been displaced are estimated not to have been rehabilitated in any way, leaving them without a home, any means of earning a livelihood and devoid of their cultural heritage. To make matters worse in Jharkhand, the Raghubar Das-led BJP Government has through its tenure pushed amendments to the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Act, 1908 and the Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, 1949 and introduced the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Jharkhand Amendment)



Act, 2017, all of which are anti-tribal and have made the displacement of tribals much easier.

We, therefore, as a country must take a moment and introspect. The question is how do we try to move forward and exhibit sincerity and commitment in addressing these wrongs? One way in which atrocities of the past have been dealt with in other countries is through a truth commission that examines and documents the extent of injustices that has been suffered.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa is probably the most well-known commission which sought to heal South Africa by uncovering the truth about the human rights violations that occurred during the period of apartheid. While all such truth commissions seem to have a common thread running through them, that of laying bare the truth of the exploitation suffered by a community, an examination of the Truth and Justice Commission in Mauritius may be especially instructive.

The Mauritian Truth and Justice Commission examined a system of deprivation of land that extended to over 300 years and the mandate of this Commission was to gather information and enquire into the legitimate claims of persons and families who were dispossessed of their land, among other things.

The Commission as part of its mandate examined socio-economic class abuses and the possibility of reparations for the community.

While arguing for the creation of the Commission, the Prime Minister of Mauritius, Navin Chandra Ramgoolam, stated: "This Commission will pave the way to reconciliation, social justice and national unity through the process of re-establishing the historical truth. It is the legitimate expectation of everyone to know our true history. It is only after we have faced with this reality that we can consolidate unity in our country. It is important, therefore, that we recognise our past history and lay that past to rest so that we can move on to reconciliation, justice and national unity."

As part of its report, the Commission recommended certain steps to heal the country, including memorialising slavery and encouraging a better and more inclusive account of Mauritian history and culture.

A similar approach is necessary and called for in the context of tribals in India in relation to the displacement that has been suffered by them. It is imperative for us to know our entire history including this one. Only after such recognition and documentation can we begin to heal the wounds of the past and start a constructive dialogue with those who have been displaced. Without it, we

will remain in the dark and be left prodding at the problem with willful ignorance rather than illuminating knowledge.

Critics of such an approach may state that establishing such a commission and conducting an enquiry to determine the displacement of tribals will require resources, commitment and a stomach for uncomfortable questions. It may also be argued that an examination of Truth Commissions around the world, including the Mauritian Truth and Justice Commission, suggests that a number of recommendations of these Commissions have not been incorporated as yet and, therefore, the results are far from satisfactory.

To these critics, I would like to draw their attention to the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "Truth stands, even if there be no public support. It is self-sustaining." Therefore, while there will be hurdles, we must strive to improve the state of tribals and put our best foot forward in implementing the recommendations of such a commission; it is important to remember that the pursuit, determination and documentation of the displacement and abuse suffered by tribals in our country are in itself a goal worth striving for and an end worth achieving.

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SOUNDBITE

Investigative agencies must maintain professionalism, remain faceless and resist the temptation of rushing to media when a probe starts.



Finance Minister — Arun Jaitley

Preservation of cultural heritage is a promising sector and promoting cultural links is a priority for the strategic EU-India partnership.



EU Ambassador to India — Tomasz Kozlowski

I'm a first-generation American. I can understand what it feels like to be different. It's a struggle to identify who I am in a place where I don't fit in.



Actor — Rami Malek

What happened in Bulandshahr has left down humanity. The State Government said that whoever is responsible will be brought to justice.



Union Minister — Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning lessons

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "A curious case" (December 3). No one is indispensable in any field and that includes sports. There is no iota of doubt that Mithali Raj's contribution to Indian women's cricket has been immense.

In fact, she brought glory to the nation on several occasions by memorable knocks at the international tournaments. It is unfortunate that due to politics taking an upper hand, Mithali was sidelined in a crucial match in an international tournament. Even though she is at the fag end of her long illustrious cricketing career, the treatment meted out to her by coach, Ramesh Powar, and a member of BCCI, Diana Edulji, is deplorable.

Careers of many eminent Indian cricketers were cut short due to ego clashes. Hence, Mithali Raj should consider that aspect in this profession and continue to concentrate on her career. She has still got a few more years left before hanging up her boots and exit gracefully in style.

KR Srinivasan
 Secunderabad

Time to regenerate our damaged soil

Water and air pollution are hot subjects of discussions everywhere. Soil pollution has not received the same level of attention as the above two. Land degradation is destined to cause soil pollution. The chemicals emerging from industrial and agricultural practices act as catalysts. Untreated waste has also destroyed thousands of species of fish, birds and plants among others. Though soil has the innate property to filter out contaminants, it can do so only to a limited extent. The rest of the contaminants may trickle into the atmosphere to add to the air pollution and seep down below polluting water tables.

Considering the importance of soil, the International Union of Soil Sciences and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations have decided to observe December 5 as the World Soil Day. The crippling effects of soil pollution, including congenital health disorders, infective diseases and non-con-



tagious diseases like cancer, have awakened the health professionals to the dangerous possibilities of soil contamination. Environmental scientists may have in their armoury various remedies to combat soil contamination but the responsibilities of an individual as an active contributor to prevention and elimination of soil pollution cannot be overlooked.

Ganapathi Bhat
 Akola

Agrarian crisis

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Farmers' plank" (December 3). It is ironical that our farmers have to work hard in fields under all weather conditions to feed our mouths but themselves go to bed on an empty stomach. At times they even take extreme steps under

outstanding bank loans and debts. This burning problem cannot be afforded to be tackled by way of waiving short-term loans alone unless and until farmers are allowed to retrieve their costs and control over resources, like land, water for irrigation, insurance, knowledge management and market, and are also facilitated by the state-of-the-art agricultural technologies in terms of the cli-

mate resistant measures. A permanent solution to this perennial agrarian crisis is not only in the farmers' interest but in the national interest as well. Aggrieved over this very sorry state of affairs, the revolutionary Urdu poet Dr Mohd Iqbal had said: "Jis khet se dehqan ko mayassar nahi rozi us khet k har khosayen gandum ko jalado" (fire should be set to every corner of the field that can-

not provide two square meals to the farmers themselves).

Azhar A Khan
 Rampur

Keep courts free

Sir — The recent claim of Justice Kurian Joseph drew the attention of the entire nation creating a new controversy. He claimed that the previous Chief Justice of India, Dipak Misra, was working under the influence of an "external source", and this had impacted the delivery of justice.

Of course, it is a matter of concern that even our country's judiciary system is not spared from external interference. It is true that the entire nation blindly trusts the apex court but this kind of controversial remarks erodes the trust factor. Every institution, be it the CBI, RBI and now the Supreme Court, is getting tainted by allegations. The authorities must protect their autonomy.

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FIRST COLUMN

Semi-finals before the 2019 face-off

Despite goof-ups, Rahul Gandhi's growing acceptability is the biggest challenge to Modi. A mixed poll result would be a face-saver for both



KALYANI SHANKAR

Will Congress President Rahul Gandhi emerge as a challenger to Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha poll? He could, if fortune smiles on him and the Congress improves its position in the five State Assembly polls currently taking place in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Mizoram and Telangana. Together they constitute 83 Lok Sabha seats. These elections are seen as the semi-finals before the 2019 General Election and also indicate where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stands. The first three States are ruled by the BJP while the Congress rules Mizoram and the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) rules Telangana. The BJP is a minor player in these two States. Stakes are high for both the Congress and its president.

This will be the first mini general election under Rahul Gandhi's leadership after he took over the reins of the party in March. Sonia Gandhi demitted office after the party had seen its worst by getting just 44 seats in 2014. And now if the Congress can improve, it will be a big gain for the Congress president. Early on, Rahul attempted to promote grassroots leaders up the ranks and infuse new blood at the top, but the old guard resisted him successfully. As vice-president, he tried to build his own core group comprising lightweights like Madhusudan Mistry, CP Joshi and Mohan Prakash, but once he became the president, he dropped them and turned to the tried and trusted veterans.

Moreover, for the first time since 2014, the Congress starts as the frontrunner in this round of elections. Much depends on the results of these elections as in 2014 the BJP had in Chhattisgarh won all 11 seats; in Madhya Pradesh, it won 26 out of 29 seats; and in Rajasthan, the party won all 25 Lok Sabha seats. An emphatic win for the BJP will be seen as a continuation of the Modi magic. But the challenge between Modi and Rahul is quite interesting. While the BJP will have to win a majority of these five States, Gandhi has to win just one State to bring his party on track. For the BJP retaining power in the Hindi heartland is important to give a message that its base is intact ahead of 2019. Interestingly, there is no wave in these polls. The chief ministers face serious anti-incumbency. The issues are more or less state-specific but by and large they are power shortage, water, tribal welfare, Naxalism, agrarian crisis, petrol price hike, Rafale, demonetisation and GST.

Though polling is yet to be completed in Rajasthan and Telangana, pollsters and political pundits are predicting various scenarios on the election results. According to the CVoter survey, the Congress might sweep Rajasthan, win Telangana and perhaps Madhya Pradesh by a small margin. Even in Chhattisgarh and Telangana, the Congress is locked in a close contest. The satta market, which runs into crores in every election, expects a Congress win in Rajasthan and a close fight with a 50:50 chance for the BJP in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in the Assembly elections. The best case scenario for the Congress would be winning 5-0 or 4-0. Enthused by the predictions, the optimists in the party have already begun to say that they might achieve an unexpected win in all States. Moreover, such a win would enthuse the Opposition and encourage the BJP-baiting parties to come together under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi. Already some efforts are going on for Opposition unity ahead of the upcoming election.

Despite some goof-ups, Rahul Gandhi has emerged as the main challenger to Modi as some recent surveys show the growing acceptability of Gandhi as one of Modi's biggest challenge. The Congress strategists are busy projecting Gandhi in a new avatar to counter BJP's Hindutva. Adopting a soft Hindutva line, Gandhi has been temple-hopping and self-proclaiming himself a devotee of Lord Shiva. The Congress has declared him a *janseuhari* (wearer of the sacred thread) and a Kashmiri Brahmin. The Congress has everything going for it right now like anti-incumbency in three States, emerging local level leadership and a counter Modi narrative. Its strategy is to corner the BJP through issues like the agrarian crisis, unemployment and non-delivery of his 2014 poll promises. The BJP has begun to take the criticisms of Gandhi seriously. A defeat for the Congress in the Hindi heartland would be a further blow ahead of the polls.

For the BJP, a face-saving scenario is to win at least one of the three big States. A worst-case scenario for the party would be to lose all three, as it will have a cascading effect on the General Election.

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TRS IS NOT TELANGANA RASHTRA SAMITI, IT'S TELANGANA RASHTRIYA SANGH PARIVAR. IT'S A B TEAM OF THE RSS AND BJP.

—CONGRESS PRESIDENT

RAHUL GANDHI

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE PROBLEM WITH RAHUL GANDHI IS THAT HE DOESN'T REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID YESTERDAY, AND THAT, TOO, WHERE AND WHEN.

—PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

CSR: A necessity, not a fad

For any company, profit-making is the most important agent for its survival. At the same time, it should not turn a blind eye towards social obligation



HIMA BINDU KOTA

While corporate social responsibility (CSR) was for a long time considered a voluntary matter to be exercised by companies in the interests of stakeholders, it is increasingly acquiring legal status in different countries, particularly like India, whereby, with the passage of Companies Act 2013, every company of a certain size has to offer a CSR policy. Following this amendment, India is the first country in the world to make CSR mandatory. Businesses can invest their profits in areas such as education, poverty, gender equality and food security. Large companies are required to spend a stipulated amount, ie, at least two per cent of their average net profits made during the three immediately preceding financial years, in pursuance of their CSR policy towards specified activities.

Over the past few years, CSR as a concept has been the focus of many deliberations and research. It has grown in importance both academically as well as in the business sense. It captures a spectrum of values and criteria for measuring a company's contribution to social development. As the term CSR is used continually, many complementary and overlapping concepts, such as corporate citizenship, business ethics, stakeholder management and sustainability have emerged. These extensive ranges of synonymously used terms indicate that multiple definitions have been devised for CSR, mostly from perspectives and by those in facilitating roles like the corporate sector, government agencies, academics and the public sector.

Worldwide, there are enough examples of companies that have incorporated CSR in their operations. The New York-based natural foods company, KIND Snacks, which in its first 10 years has grown from zero to over 450 million units sold and with its famous rainbow-wrapped bars found in over 150,000 retail stores, believes in both "making profit and making a difference" by achieving mass distribution and making healthy products. There are several companies from start-ups to huge conglomerates that are increasingly incorporating social and environmental initiatives in their strategies. Microsoft partners with the non-profit NetHope to create IT apprenticeships in Kenya. The Disney Company is providing \$3 million in conservation grants this year to protect wildlife. Gap Inc. has a programme that teaches health awareness and literacy to women garment workers in Cambodia and India. JPMorgan Chase has The Fellowship Initiative, a programme designed to help American Black young men achieve academic and professional success. Mattel is committed to using sustainably sourced paper and wood fibre in its packaging and products.

Although good to achieve, initiating and sustaining social initiatives takes time, talent and resources. But increasingly, it is what investors, customers, employees and other stakeholders have come to expect and demand, particularly the young generation which makes for the industry's new and future customers and casts a particularly keen eye on companies' commitment to social impact. So how are the companies from emerging countries, who are fighting for survival and success in the global economy, paying attention to CSR? There are some high-profile examples of emerging multinational companies engaged in socially or environmentally impactful activities. Chinese battery maker BYD brought out the first mass-market electric plug-in car in 2008 and

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despite a rocky entry into the US market, it has built more than 1,000 electric buses and sold them in Asia, South America and Europe. Natura Cosmetics, one of Brazil's top cosmetics manufacturers, focusses on sustainability and social responsibility and is serving as a founding member of the Union for Ethical BioTrade, which promotes biodiversity conservation and uses only natural ingredients in its formula. It has forged alliances with indigenous Amazon Basin communities to source herbal raw materials. India's Tata Group, one of India's largest conglomerates with revenues of over \$100 billion, as a company, is long renowned for its commitment to social purpose and carries out various CSR projects, most of which are community improvement and poverty alleviation programmes. Through self-help groups, it is engaged in women empowerment activities, income generation, rural community development, and other social welfare programmes.

In the field of education, the Tata Group provides scholarships and endowments for numerous institutions. The group also engages in healthcare projects such as facilitation of child education, immunisation and creation of awareness on AIDS. In some cases, CSR should be designed to address the concerns of stakeholders and are strategic, not just philanthropic. For example, CSR programmes of big soda companies such as Coke and Pepsi are often focussed on issues such as obesity and water usage in developing nations. These are programmes addressing issues that people are concerned about with those companies. By addressing them, they reduce the likelihood of protest and aggressive regulation, and they also build relations with stakeholders who could otherwise be attacking them.

An ongoing project by Coke, in which the company is investing in numerous small African mango plantations, is helping small farmers in Africa to grow their livelihoods beside also creating a much bigger stock of mangoes for Coke to create a mango-based beverage globally. Through this the company is achieving the ultimate metric of CSR success of driving

shareholder value and accomplishing long-term sustainable performance.

However, when it comes to social impact, there are some differences between developed-world firms and emerging multinationals. In the developed countries, more companies have been dragged into this and they now realise the benefits whereas emerging markets display much more polarised strategies with some companies embracing corporate social responsibility from the beginning while other companies are reluctant or fail to see the value of it.

It is seen that Chinese companies in particular are slow in adopting socially purposeful activities overseas because of their own political system. They are of the opinion that the Government should undertake CSR activities as that is what happens in China and social development in the country is the Communist Party's responsibility. Businesses do not get involved. In other countries where Chinese multinationals operate, they have begun to build up CSR after a lot of protests for not being more responsible and for not doing the kind of things that Western companies do.

This clearly shows that an emerging multinational's attitude toward social purpose may stem from the way it achieved its original business success. It might have had to "survive in a very difficult, fraught environment" and hence might be more inclined towards social responsibility. On the other hand, the companies that have been successful in taking advantage of a gap in the market and, therefore, built monopoly, through corruption or any Government kickbacks, don't think at all about CSR.

Odebrecht, a Brazilian conglomerate with a large construction subsidiary, is an example of a business that survived a difficult situation and nearly went bankrupt when the CEO reached out to suppliers and buyers for financial back-up. The company survived the crisis, and as a result, the CEO has always had this really strong relationship with his stakeholders — with the people in the supply chain and all around his facilities. The company, which does business in Africa, is involved not just in big construction

projects but is also trying to win the hearts of the people. For example, while competing for a large construction contract in Luanda, Angola, Odebrecht took the unusual step of taking on a street-sweeping contract, which gave them some very visible PR — the employees, sporting orange Odebrecht vests, were seen tackling one of downtown Luanda's fundamental problems by cleaning up its streets. Another bonus was that many of these individuals, who would eventually work on Odebrecht's construction sites, were acquiring basic job skills such as following processes and arriving on time. Odebrecht projects itself as a company that knows what it means to come from a poor country with a clear understanding of the basic problems and as a result, an ability to make a connection with the people.

By contrast, Brazil's EBX is a multinational that ignored CSR. Its chairman, Eike Batista, had a net worth of \$30 billion in 2012 but his wealth sank to \$200 million due to debts and his company's plummeting stock prices. His mines had nothing in terms of socially responsible behaviour and his company wasn't based on success in the community, which ultimately led to bankruptcy.

An emerging multinational in the healthcare space and the one very much focussed on social purpose is Narayana Hrudayalaya in India. This not-for-profit company, founded in 2000 and now with 56 facilities in India and one in the Cayman Islands, was started by heart surgeon Devi Shetty to provide low-cost or free cardiac procedures to the poor. It has since expanded to treat other medical conditions as well.

For any company, profit-making is the most important agent for its survival. At the same time, it should not turn a blind eye towards social obligation. Worldwide, businesses have moved from a shareholder model to the more encompassing stakeholder model. And to stay in tune with the times, companies have to recognise their responsibilities towards employees, customers, neighbourhoods and regions in which they operate.

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No relief in sight for fertiliser prices

India is overwhelmingly dependent on imports for meeting its requirements. That makes us vulnerable to the changing global demand-supply scenario. The Government, will, therefore, need to explore innovative ways to increase self-reliance



UTTAM GUPTA

Farm distress refuses to go away. This time around, the steep rise in prices of fertilisers — a key input used in crop production — during the current year has increased farmers' miseries. During Kharif (April-September) 2018, the price of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), a major source of phosphate or 'P' nutrient supply, increased by 30 per cent over Kharif (April-September) 2017. Likewise, the price of complexes and muriate of potash (MoP) — main source of 'P' and 'potash' or 'K' nutrient — increased by 15-60 per cent during Kharif 2018 over Kharif 2017.

The escalating trend continued during Rabi (October 2018-March 2019) season as well. The price of

DAP had increased by a further 12-13 per cent during Rabi (October 18-March 19) over the level prevailing during Kharif 2018. The price of MoP during Rabi (Oct 18-March 19) is higher by 25-30 per cent over the Kharif 2018. This has affected farmers as minimum support price (MSP) for crops do not capture the impact of higher fertiliser price.

According to rating agency ICRA, whatever benefit they got on account of implementing the Dr MS Swaminathan Commission recommendation by the Modi Government (it allows them 50 per cent profit over the production cost), has been nullified by higher fertiliser price.

Under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS), the Centre fixes uniform subsidy on per nutrient basis for all manufacturers/importers of complex fertilisers/MoP. The latter in turn arrives at the MRP of these fertilisers after deducting the subsidy amount from the cost of production/import and distribution. The Government determines

the subsidy keeping in mind its overall budgetary position and notifies the rates well before commencement of the year. Given the overarching need to maintain fiscal deficit within the target, it either keeps the subsidy unchanged or even reduce it. Rarely in the past, it has sanctioned any hike.

For the current fiscal (April 2018-March 2019), the Government kept the subsidy rates unchanged even as there was increase in the cost of raw materials viz phosphoric acid, ammonia and MoP used in the production of complex fertilisers. This left the manufacturers/importers with no other option but to increase the MRP.

Meanwhile, the MRP of urea — a major source of nitrogen or 'N' — has remained unchanged despite significant increase in the price of gas, the fuel used in its production as well as increase in cost of imported urea (this contributes over 20 per cent of its consumption). The Government controls its MRP at a low level and excess of the cost over

it is reimbursed as subsidy to manufacturer/importer.

Given its enormous appeal to vote bank politics, the urea MRP is almost cast in stone. The current price is more or less the same as it was one-and-a-half decades ago. It won't be hiked till March 31, 2019 as per the decision taken by the Narendra Modi dispensation in 2015 to freeze it at the prevailing level. This implies ever increasing subsidy but gives no jolts to the mandarins tasked with reining in fiscal deficit.

While handing out step-motherly treatment to P and K, policymakers often forget that these nutrients are as much important as N to increasing yield and crop quality. Yet, for close to three decades, successive Governments pursued discriminatory policies resulting in excessive use of 'N' vis-à-vis 'P' and 'K'. Diminishing returns to fertiliser use, deteriorating soil health and adverse impact on the environment and human health — seen in most parts of the country — are the inevitable consequence of

the increasing imbalance in fertiliser use.

It is not as if they are unaware of these problems (read the Economic Survey presented on the eve of Union Budget). Yet, any credible action to alter the course is stymied by sheer populism. But this cannot be postponed indefinitely.

There is an urgent need for increasing urea MRP and reducing the price of DAP/complex fertilisers/MoP. One way is to reduce subsidy on the former and increase on the latter even as the Government continues with extant controls and subsidy regime. But this stereotyped approach is not sustainable.

A preferred course would be to decontrol urea (non-urea fertilisers are already decontrolled) and stop routing subsidy through fertiliser manufacturers/importers. The subsidy — computed as per kg nutrient rate multiplied by quantity of nutrient N, P, K used per hectare — should be directly transferred to farmers' account. Sans subsidy, the manufactur-

ers/importers will set prices under a market-driven environment. The competition will force them to keep price low. The farmer will be able to put subsidy to better use by buying more of P&K fertilisers and less urea. There can't be a better way of combating the problem of imbalance in fertiliser use. This will also entail huge saving in subsidy by curbing inefficient use and inflated payments to manufacturers/importers germane to existing cost-based dispensation.

India is overwhelmingly dependent on import for meeting its fertiliser requirements viz 100 per cent in 'K', 90 per cent in 'P' and nearly two-third in 'N'. That makes us vulnerable to changing global demand-supply scenario. The industry will, therefore, need to explore innovative ways to increase self-reliance. A market-driven environment will give a big push to these efforts as well. Is the government listening?

(The writer is a freelance journalist)



FOREIGNEYE



SURVIVAL AMID AIDS CRISIS

The world has come a long way since the AIDS crisis of the 1980s. In those early years, infection with HIV appeared to be a death sentence. Today, however, thanks to remarkable medical advances, HIV can be suppressed to the extent that patients don't get sick and don't go on to infect others. The way the world has developed the means to combat HIV is one of the great medical achievements of our time. (The Independent editorial)

PATNA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION POLLS

BJP accuses Prashant Kishor of interference

PTI ■ PATNA

BJP legislators here on Tuesday accused JD(U) National vice-president Prashant Kishor of meddling in the Patna University Students' Union (PUSU) elections, for which voting is scheduled on Wednesday.

BJP MLAs Nitin Nabin, Sanjiv Chaurasia and Arun Sinha, along with other party leaders, sat on a dharna outside the Pirbahore police station here, protesting the arrest of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) activists for vandalising the vehicle of Kishor on Monday night, after he came out of the university Vice Chancellor's residence.

The ABVP activists had alleged that Kishor's visit to the VC's residence violated the model code of conduct that was in force in view of the PUSU elections, and pelted his vehicle with stones.

Kishor later tweeted, addressing the ABVP, an affiliate of the BJP's parent body the RSS - "You need to do better than let a few hoodlums and anti-social elements become your face in Bihar. The nervousness over the possibility of a defeat in PUSU polls will not go away by hurling stones at my vehicle".

The BJP legislators said that the poll strategist-turned-politician was "flouting" all norms to boost the prospects of Chhatra JD(U) and the administration, and police is "victimising" the ABVP to remain in the good books of the ruling



party.

"We urge Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to take note... We demand all the ABVP activists be released and that Kishor hand himself over to the police by way of 'prayashchit' (repentance)," the legislators added.

Asked about their own meeting with Governor Lajji Tandon late on Monday night on the issue, the MLAs told reporters that they wanted to draw his attention to the alleged breach of regulations.

"The Governor is also the chancellor of all State universities. So, we had visited the Raj Bhavan to draw his attention towards the flouting of norms in Students' Union polls, which seems to have the tacit approval of the Vice Chancellor. The Governor has taken note of our complaint and assured that he will look into the matter," they said.

However, JD(U) spokesman Sanjay Singh said Kishor was at the VC's residence when a meeting on setting up of a disaster management centre at the Patna Science College was underway.

"He was accompanying a relative who was taking part in the meeting. Those jittery over the growing support base of the JD(U) are coming up with baseless allegations," Singh said.

Trouble has been brewing between the alliance partners ever since some Chhatra JD(U) candidates were roughed up near the Patna Women's College last week, leading to a police raid on the ABVP office in the city, which was strongly condemned by BJP legislators staging the dharna in a joint statement issued on Sunday.

The BJP lawmakers had at that time refrained from mentioning Kishor's name, referring to him in an oblique manner.

Meanwhile, the episode has also drawn criticism from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which alleged that members of its students' wing CYSS were rounded up as well on Monday night, for staging a protest outside the VC's residence.

RJD heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav attacked Nitish Kumar in a series of tweets and took potshots at Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi, a senior BJP leader, for keeping mum over the issue, even as MLAs of the party were staging a demonstration.

Rashtriya Lok Samata Party chief and Union Minister Upendra Kushwaha, too, slammed the CM and his party, alleging blatant violation of Lyngdoh Committee recommendations for Students' Union elections.

Tripura's IPFT to press for separate tribal State, NRC

IANIS ■ AGARTALA

Ruling BJP ally, IPFT, will restart its agitation from Wednesday to press for its decade-old demand for a separate State for the tribals in Tripura, a party leader said here on Tuesday.

The Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) as part of its agitations would observe a 12-hour shutdown in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAAD) region on Wednesday.

It will also hold a sit-in demonstration in Delhi on December 11 and submit a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Rajnath Singh detailing the party's demands, the tribal leader said.

"The IPFT and its seven front organisations have called for the strike on Wednesday in the TTAADC areas in support of the party's long pending demands," IPFT's spokesman and Assistant General Secretary Mangal Debbarma told the media.

The other demands include introduction of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Tripura, withdrawal of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, introduction of inner-line permit in the TTAADC areas and inclusion of tribals' Kokborok language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.

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The IPFT has been agitating since 2009 for a separate State to be carved out by upgrading the TTAADC, which has a jurisdiction over two-thirds of the State's 10,491 sqkm area, home to over 12,16,000 people.

In the nine-member Council of Ministers, there are two IPFT Ministers — Revenue Minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma (IPFT President) and Tribal Welfare and Forest Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia (General Secretary).

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The State's oldest tribal-based political party, INPT, as well as the ruling BJP, opposition Congress and Communist Party of India-Marxist-led Left Front have, however, been opposed to IPFT's separate statehood demand.

Union Min alleges conspiracy against Kanyakumari Port

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

An international conspiracy to subvert the proposed Container Trans — Shipment Terminal has come to light following the detention and release of two local journalists of Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu. D Anandakumar and M Sriram were detained and released by Tamil Nadu Police to interrogate them following reports that they had assisted two French citizens, claiming to be accredited journalists of that country.

"The French citizens who were accompanied by the local journalists visited Kanyakumari and surrounding areas and videographed pictures of various locations including the proposed site for the international port. Later they held a secret meeting at the residence of a retired Government servant who is actively campaigning against any kind of development works in Kanyakumari," said Sundar, who is in charge of the Kanyakumari office of Union Minister of State for Finance and Shipping Pon Radhakrishnan.

Sundar said the meeting held at the residence of the retired Government official on November 24, was attended among others by eight to ten Catholic Church priests and the French citizens. "I do not know what happened in the meeting and it is the responsibility of the intelligence wing of the police to find the same. But the whole operation of the French citizens



was enmeshed in mystery," said Sundar.

Pon Radhakrishnan, while speaking to *The Pioneer* told that he suspects of some kind of subversion with regard to the International Trans-shipment Container Terminal in the district. "There are many forces working against this project. I was told by media persons in Kanyakumari about the visit of the French citizens and their activities which has aroused suspicions in their minds," said the Minister who expressed his shock over the participation of activists who were opposed to the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in the Kanyakumari meeting.

He pointed out that the French citizens checked into the hotel at Kanyakumari under the guise of Indian journalists. "What is the need for them to check-in under fake names if it is for honest work? There is something which misses the ordinary eyes," said Pon Radhakrishnan. He said there are some forces in Kanyakumari district which opposed any kind of developmental activities under the pretext of environmental destruction. "We have already announced that the port project

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in no way would affect the ecology and environment in the district. But the activists have some hidden agenda," he said. M Ravinson, president, Kumari Maha Sabha, an organisation of professionals from various fields in the district said that any development of Kanyakumari would be possible only if the Trans Shipment Terminal project was implemented without delay. "People with ulterior motives are causing roadblocks for all kind of developmental works in the district," alleged Ravinson, himself a lawyer.

An organisation by name Alliance For Media Freedom has questioned the logic behind the police detaining the Tamil Nadu journalists M Sriram and D Ananthakumar who had accompanied the French citizens. "The French citizens had come to Kanyakumari to study the impact of beach sand mining and also about the threats to the safety of the journalists," said the proprietor of a daily published from Chennai. But no explanation was forthcoming about the trips made by the French citizens to the port site as well as Indian Rare Earths, which come under the protected areas list.

HC directs Goa Chief Secy to file affidavit detailing Parrikar's status

IANIS ■ PANAJI

The Panaji bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday directed Goa Chief Secretary to file an affidavit specifying the health status of Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar on Wednesday.

The direction by Justice RM Borde follows a petition by local politician Trajano D'Mello, who had sought to know the health status of Parrikar, who is suffering from advanced pancreatic cancer and has not attended any official meeting or function outside his private residence for more than a month now.

D'Mello in his petition filed earlier this month had asked the court to direct State Chief Secretary Dharmendra Sharma to evaluate the former Defence Minister's health by a panel of expert doctors and release a medical report in



public domain.

Parrikar has been in and out of hospitals in Goa, Mumbai, New York and Delhi for nearly nine months.

He returned from New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences on October 14 and has not moved out of his private residence for any official event since then.

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Ever since Parrikar's health started deteriorating, there has been no health bulletin, as demanded by the Opposition, from the Chief Minister's Office, barring several informal intimations to the media from Parrikar's office, which suggested that he was suffering from "indigestion" and "mild pancreatitis".



Navy personnel display skills at the Beating Retreat and Tattoo ceremony of the Navy Day celebrations at the historical Gateway of India in Mumbai on Tuesday

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NIT No. 16/EE(C-M)/DDN/2018-19	M&R Work of Non residential buildings of UJVN Limited at Yamuna Colony, Dehradun.
Estimated cost	Rs. 14,52,812.00 (including all taxes)
Earnest money deposit (EMD)	Rs. 36,400.00
Tender Fee	Rs. 1120.00 (Inclusive GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website	From 17:00 hrs of 4 th December 2018
Last date for submission of tender	Upto 17:00 hrs of 26 th December 2018
Date of opening of tender	At 11:00 hrs of 27 th December 2018

For further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvn.com

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown about 30 years of age** was found dead at near Police Booth, Pilli Kothi, in the area of P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 12A, dated 28.11.2018 has been registered at Police Station Lahori Gate, Delhi.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, Age: 30 years, Height : 5'5" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Black Color T-Shirt & Dark Blue Color Jeans

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

SHO
P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi
Ph. No. - 011-23958234
Mob. No. - 8750870162

DP/9420/N/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age : 30 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Wheatish Wearing: Slety colour jacket, white, black & sky colour lining shirt and cream colour pant** has been found at in front of Old Delhi Railway Station, near Dargal Maidan, Chandni Chowk, near Dargal Maidan, Kotwali, Delhi on 21.11.2018. In this regard a DD No. 17B dated 21.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO :
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
North Distt., Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23953442, 23977100

DP/9428/N/18

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 26 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Gender: Male, Wearing: Unknown**, he was admitted in L.N.J.P. Hospital from Labour Chowk, Chandni Chowk. During the treatment doctors declared him dead. In this regard, **DD No.26-A dated 24.11.2018** has been lodged at PS Kotwali, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Kotwali, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23977100, 8750870121

DP/9427/N/18

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Surendra/Sunder Lal S/o Late Tara Chand R/o H.No. 536, A-Block, Part-2, Pkt-II, Gali No. 12, Sonia Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a **FIR No. 1182/15 dated 30.10.2015 u/s 448/420/468/471 IPC, PS Khajuri Khas, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Surendra/Sunder Lal** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Surendra/Sunder Lal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Surendra/Sunder Lal** of **FIR No. 1182/15 dated 30.10.2015 u/s 448/420/468/471 IPC, PS Khajuri Khas, Delhi** is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on **04.01.2019**.

By order
Smt. Anu Agarwal
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 66, 43 Pusta
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/6742/NE/18

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बिहार सरकार
स्थानिक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
बिहार भवन, नई दिल्ली
संक्षिप्त निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

पंजाक-534/स्था 0 अभि, नई दिल्ली दिनांक- 04/12/2018

बिहार भवन एवं बिहार निवास वाणकपुरी, नई दिल्ली हेतु निम्नलिखित कार्यो के लिए समुचित श्रेणी में बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत टेकेदारों भवन निर्माताओं से बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग एक-2 एफएरनामा में होने वाले कार्यो के लिए मुहबतद निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

- विद्यमान राता का नाम एवं पता- स्थापिक अभियंता, बिहार भवन, वाणकपुरी नई दिल्ली
- परिमाण विपत्र के विको की तिथि एवं समय- 13-12-2018 (कार्यालय अवधि तक)
- निविदा प्राप की तिथि एवं समय- 13-12-2018 (परमाण 3.00 बजे तक)
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय- 14-12-2018 (परमाण 3.00 से 5.00 बजे तक)
- परिमाण विपत्र निर्गत का स्थान- 1. स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास, वाणकपुरी, नई दिल्ली।
2. उपस्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास, वाणकपुरी, नई दिल्ली।
- निविदा प्रापि का स्थान- स्थापिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास, नई दिल्ली।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रगण राशि	बी.ओ.व्यू राशि	कार्य अवधि
1	Painting work of flowerbed from front gate to back gate and painting of bamboo jatri of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19	200000	4000	500	एक माह
2	Repairing of false ceiling work in different place of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19	125000	2500	500	एक माह
3	Painting and polishing work of ground floor stair case, C.A.O. Chamber of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19	150000	3000	500	एक माह
4	Repair and painting work of all parapet of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19	150000	3000	500	एक माह
5	E/R to painting and polishing work of outer portion of old wing of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2018-19	250000	5000	750	एक माह
6	E/R to rain basera of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2018-19	250000	500	750	एक माह
7	E/R to duct of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2018-19	75000	1500	500	एक माह
8	Repairing and painting of mummy roof and water tank, water supply work on roof of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2018-19	75000	1500	500	एक माह
9	Covering drain and fitting iron jail welded with iron sheet cover and covering rain water pipe, supply chamber with plinth protection of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19	350000	7000	750	एक माह
10	Roof treatment with cico plastering work of east side roof of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19	350000	7000	750	एक माह
11	Roof treatment with cico plastering work of west side roof of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19	350000	7000	750	एक माह

शर्तें:-

- निविदा के साथ उदात्त निबंधन आवक प्रमाण पत्र वाणिज्य पत्र प्रमाण पत्र, चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र, बैंक कार्ड लेबर चाईसेन्स आदि की छाया प्रति जो राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी से अतिप्रमाणित हो सखन करना होगा।
- अग्रगण की राशि ढाकर के रुपए/पैसा के रूप में संलग्न की जानी है जो स्थापिक अभियंता वाणकपुरी, बिहार भवन, नई दिल्ली की नाम से निविदा अवधि में प्येज हो।
- संबेदक को बिहार भवन निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत होना अनिवार्य है।
- निविदाकर्ता को मासिक मानक विनिर्देश के अनुसार कार्य हेतु अपेक्षित सामग्री की खुद व्यवस्था करनी होगी।
- बिना कोई कारण बताए निविदा स्थगित एवं रद्द करने का अधिकार अपोहस्ताक्षरी को सुरक्षित होगा।
- प्राक्कलन की राशि पद बंद सकती है।

उदात्त संबंध में किसी प्रकार की जानकारी हेतु अपोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय से कार्यालय अवधि में संपर्क कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

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MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one female **Name: Vimla Devi, W/o: Rajinder Kumar, R/o: 1990, Gali No.8 Sangam Vihar, Asthal Mandir, Near Lakhnau Public School, Delhi**, Age: about 49 years, Height: 5'0" Feet, Face: Oval, Built: Week, Complexion: Shallow and Mentally disturb, Wearing: Pink colour Sari, If anyone has any information about the missing female, then please inform P.S. I. P. Estate, Delhi.

The description of the missing female is as under:
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BULANDSHAHR VIOLENCE

Mamata alerts Bengal police of rioters

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A day after the murder of Bulandshahr police inspector West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday alerted her own police officers against getting lynched by "riot-mongers" and asked them to keep strict vigil along the borders of Jharkhand and Odisha.

"We are running through bad times when riot-mongers are on the prowl," she warned adding "they are out to set one community against the other," so as to polarise the electorate before the next year's elections.

"You have to remain cautious. All the inspectors in-charge and other police officials should watch out for suspicious elements and movements. Keep a strict vigil along the borders of Jharkhand and Odisha. Employ CCTV cameras at vantage points if need be because these people go to any extent," Banerjee said.

"Only yesterday an honest police officer was murdered for discharging his duties without



bias," Banerjee said. "I am told this officer was investigating a lynching case," she added warning her own police brass to take supreme care against mischief mongers.

"We will have to be extra cautious because festival season is round the corner. We have the Ganga Sagar Mela and Christmas coming. It is upon you to see that no untoward incident like the one in UP takes place here," Banerjee said. The Chief Minister was addressing officials during her two-day visit of Midnapore.

Upping the ante on the Uttar Pradesh Government another senior Bengal Minister and new Kolkata Mayor Firhad

UPPING THE ANTE ON THE UTTAR PRADESH GOVERNMENT ANOTHER SENIOR BENGAL MINISTER AND NEW KOLKATA MAYOR FIRHAD HAKIM SAID 'TODAY UP IS IN TOTAL CHAOS AND THE GOVERNMENT THERE HAS MISERABLE FAILED TO TAME THE SITUATION'

Hakim said, "Today UP is in total chaos and the Government there has miserably failed to tame the situation."

Attacking UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for his alleged 'communal ways' Hakim said, "There are two kinds of sadhus. Like the genuine saffron clad monks there also those fake and communal ones. The present UP Government is ruled by these fake sadhus."

Attacking Yogi he said "he is a communal person who has ruined the law and order situation of the State. Today the UP Government is run by uncultured, uncivilised gang of people who have no regard for the Constitution."

Maurya defends VHP, Bajrang Dal

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Defending Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal in the Bulandshahr violence on Monday, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said that it would be premature to name a Hindu outfit for the fracas before the probe was completed. "I am deeply saddened by the incident in Bulandshahr where an inspector and a youth were killed. The State Government has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) which is probing the matter threadbare and will submit its findings in the next two days. Hence, it will be hasty to hold a Hindu outfit responsible for the incident," said Maurya in Lucknow on Tuesday.

"We should wait for the SIT findings and until the probe is completed it will not be proper to draw conclusions," he asserted. "What happened in Bulandshahr was deeply tragic and we are saddened by the incident. The locals should have shown restraint and the police

Azam questions credibility of SIT

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan on Tuesday questioned the circumstances leading to the slaying of inspector Subodh Kumar in Bulandshahr on Monday and asserted that if carcasses found in the vicinity were indeed of cattle, it must be probed as to how the remains were brought there.

Khan also questioned the credibility of Special Investigation Team set up by the State Government to probe the violence in Bulandshahr. "It should also have been careful in dealing with the development. Tragedy has struck the families of inspector Subodh Kumar Singh and 20-year-old Sumit, who died in the incident. I want to assure that those responsible for the incident will be brought to justice," said the Deputy CM.

Will there be an operation Lotus to destabilise HDK lead K'taka Govt?

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

All is not too well in the Karnataka Congress. At the time former Chief Minister and chairman of the coordination committee Siddaramaiah is fighting hard to finalise the list of some of the Congress candidates to be included in the expansion of the four months old fragile coalition, the rebellion hit century old party is on the defensive and shaken.

Siddaramaiah has said the party will take a decision of inclusion of candidates and expansion on Thursday, already waves of dissent has started hitting them, making them more cautious in their entire operation. Kumaraswamy has been invited to attend the meeting.

In a significant political development on Tuesday a powerful Congress leader from the Belagavi and MLA Satish Jarkiholi who turned a rebel to the Congress leadership has

openly said that many MLAs in the party are unhappy and party leadership is trying to convince them. This has sent shock waves and the Congress and JD(S) leaders which include Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, powerful lobbyist and Congress strongman DK Shivakumar and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in consultation with JD(S) supreme HD Deve Gowda have been trying to douse the fire.

"Some of them are not happy. They may not be 25 to 30 in numbers but there are 6 to 7 of them. MLAs are unhap-

py and our leadership is convincing them," Jarkiholi said.

"The opposition party is trying since the beginning to form the government by the support of Congress legislators by horse-trading the MLAs, but as of now, there are only 6-7 MLAs who are unhappy and we will convince them." He added.

Jarkiholi also said that he, however, is not leaving the party and claimed to be more powerful than many ministers.

"I had a word with our president Dinesh Gundu Rao on this issue. The high command is active and our State leadership is working on it," he said. "They are not going anywhere and especially I am not going to any party or anywhere else. I am much more powerful than some ministers but I have asked for one more ministerial post for Belgaum district. Let us wait and see, everything will be cleared soon," he added.

Meanwhile BJP chief BS Yeddyurappa has got into a rejuvenating centre in Kerala for his pain in the hand amidst all these developments. Even if BJP poaches 7 to 8 MLAs can destabilise the present coalition government ahead of 2019 elections.

In May this year, the election result for 222 out of 224 assembly constituencies of Karnataka had resulted in a fractured mandate, with the Bharatiya Janata Party emerging as the single largest party with 104 seats, only nine seats short of the simple majority mark of 113. However, the Congress party with 78 seats and JD(S)

with 37 seats, along with two independent candidates, stitched up a post-poll alliance with a total of 117 MLAs.

In another related political development an alleged conversation between a confidant of a former Ballari BJP MP B Sriramulu and a Dubai-based businessman has triggered allegations of attempts being made by the BJP to topple the Congress-JD(S) coalition Government in Karnataka. However Sriramulu strongly refuted the charges and blamed the Congress hatching a conspiracy to defame the BJP.

In the audio, which has gone viral, the confidant is allegedly saying at least 10 to 11 lawmakers from the Congress and JD(S) were ready to switch sides with specific names being mentioned.

"They have been offered ₹20 crore to ₹25 crore and ministership. By the second week it has to happen," the confidant is allegedly saying in the audio.

Former Karnataka Chief Minister and the convener of the Congress-JD(S) coordination committee Siddaramaiah hit out at the BJP for its alleged attempts to dislodge the Government.

Slamming the BJP, Siddaramaiah said, "Where will they get the money if they are saying that they will pay ₹25 crore (to each MLA)? Whose money it is? It is corrupt money. Aren't they ashamed for trying to topple the Government? This Government will continue despite their attempts."



A police officer inspects the vandalised remains of a car in which Police Inspector Subodh Kumar Singh was fatally attacked in Bulandshahr

My father was against violence over religion: Inspector's son

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The son of the police inspector killed in mob violence over alleged cow slaughter in Bulandshahr said his father wanted him to be a good citizen who doesn't provoke violence over religion.

"My father has lost his life in this Hindu-Muslim dispute. Whose father is next?" Abhishek Singh said.

Inspector Subodh Singh, who had initially probed the 2015 lynching of Dadri resi-

dent Mohammed Akhlaq over rumours about beef consumption, and a 20-year-old man were killed Monday during an attack on policemen.

The Inspector's sister alleged the killing was a "conspiracy" by the police.

"My brother was killed in a conspiracy by the police as he was probing a cow slaughter case (the Akhlaq lynching case)," Sunita Singh told reporters Tuesday.

"He should be given a martyr's status and a memor-

ial should be constructed in his name in our native place," she said.

"The cow is our mother, I accept that. My brother has given his life for her. The CM used to chant 'gau, gau, gau'. Why can't he come for cow protection?" she said in an emotional outburst against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Abhishek Singh said the last time his father called he asked about his studies and if he had eaten.

Seventh phase of J&K panchayat polls end with 75 % turnout

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Amid freezing cold and separatist sponsored shutdown in several poll bound areas, the authorities on Tuesday conducted seventh phase of panchayat polls in Jammu & Kashmir recording overall poll percentage of 75.3 per cent turnout.

According to the Chief Electoral Officer J&K Shaleen Kabra an impressive 84.8 per cent polling was witnessed in Jammu division and 30.3% in Kashmir division.

Giving district-wise details, Kabra said that Bandipora witnessed 25.2% polling, Kupwara 45%, Baramulla 17.8%, Ganderbal 30.9%, Budgam 13.1%, Anantnag 15.5%, Ramban 83%, Reasi 86.7%, Samba 85.5%, Jammu 83.7%, Rajouri 84% and Poonch 86.6%.

The polling was held at 2714 polling stations across the State including 576 in Kashmir division and 2138 in Jammu division.

At the end of 6 Phases of Panchayat Polls, an overall voter turnout of 73.6% was recorded across the State, with a poll percentage of 46.1% in the Kashmir division including Leh & Kargil and 82.8% in the Jammu division for the first 6 phases.

Pertinently in phase 6 of panchayat polls held on December 1, overall poll percentage of 76.9% was witnessed across the State including 84.6% in Jammu division and 17.3% in Kashmir division. In Phase-5 which went to polls on November 29, the State witnessed a polling percentage of 71.1% including 33.7% in Kashmir division and 85.2% in

Jammu division. In Phase-4, the state witnessed a polling percentage of 71.3%, including 82.4% polling was witnessed in Jammu division and 32.3% in Kashmir division.

Modi's Bengal rally rescheduled on December 16

Kolkata: The BJP has once again rescheduled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bengal tour. Now the Prime Minister who was supposed to begin his Bengal tour on December 24 with a rally at Krishnagar, will not start his campaign from Siliguri instead.

Modi's rally at the North Bengal city will take place on December 16, State BJP sources said adding the rescheduling had been done following a request from the Prime Minister's office. Modi had expressed his wishes to start the campaigns from North Bengal. The Prime Minister will

PM will address four mass meetings during the course of Rath Yatras. The proposed rallies would be in addition to the fifth and final one at the historic Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata presumably on January 23

address four mass meetings during the course of Rath Yatras in the State. The proposed rallies would be in addition to the fifth and final one at the historic Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata presumably on January 23.

"The Prime Minister himself has expressed his willingness to address these rallies in the course of the Yatras," Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh earlier said adding the State party was elated and was in touch with the Prime Minister's office for the purpose.

The rallies were likely to be held at Durgapur, Birbhum, Siliguri and most probably Coochbehar in North Bengal. The State BJP will take out three Rath (chariot) Yatras from Ganga Sagar, Birbhum and Coochbehar. The three Yatras will commence on December 5, 7 and 9 and will be inaugurated by BJP president Amit Shah.

PM says Congress stopping him from hailing 'Bharat Mata'



IANS ■ SIKAR (RAJASTHAN)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday alleged that the Congress party was trying to stop him from raising 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' slogan in election rallies.

Addressing a rally here, Modi said that the Congress party's 'naamdar' (an allusion to Congress President Rahul Gandhi) had issued a 'fatwa' against him to stop him from saying 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'.

Modi raised the slogans multiple times before he began his speech.

"Who are they (Congress) to stop the youth of this country from hailing Bharat Mata? This is a slogan jawaans raise while conducting surgical strikes (across LoC)," Modi said.

He claimed that some senior Congress leaders stop people from raising such slogans in their meetings and instead ask people to say 'Sonia Gandhi Ki Jai'.

Gaja Cyclone: Over 1.7L people staying in relief camps

Nagapattinam: More than 1.77 lakh people, including 29,000 children, are staying in 252 relief camps in cyclone-Gaja hit areas of Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu Handlooms Minister OS Manian said Tuesday.

Relief works have been taken up on a war footing in the district, he said.

"A total of 2.32 lakh trees had been uprooted in the cyclonic storm and we have cleared 1.99 lakh trees. Of the 46,000 electric poles that were damaged, 28,600 poles have been re-erected. Over 440 transformers have been replaced," the Minister said.

"About 6,200 personnel of the electricity department are working on power restoration works," he said. More than 12,000 workers from other departments such as PWD, agriculture, horticulture, local administration, animal husbandry and health departments were engaged in relief works in the district, Manian said.

Rural development minister SP Velumani, senior IAS officers J Radhakrishnan and Gagandeep Singh Bedi were among those present at the review meeting.

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It is for general information that M/s Shanti India Pvt. Ltd. acting through its Director Smt. Suman Khosla, wife of Sh. Satish Khosla residing at B 3/48 Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi, Director of M/s Shanti India Pvt. Ltd. does hereby revoke, and rescind the General Power of Attorney executed by the Company in favour of Mr. Devender Sachdev, son of Shri Ram Lal, R/o Upland Farm, Andheria Bagh Mor, Village Chatterpur, New Delhi, in respect of the Company's Plot No. 69 A, area measuring 100 sq. yards, out of Khasra No. 29/1 Min., Shanti Estate, behind Sector-D, Pocket-3, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-30. The Company also revokes all authority, rights and power granted by it thereunder.

Notice is hereby given that effective from today the said Power of Attorney will be null and void and will be of no further force or effect. All persons are hereby required to take notice of the aforesaid and are required and warned not to deal with the said Mr. Devender Sachdev in respect of the Company's affairs under the said Power of Attorney or otherwise. Any person doing so, will do so at their own risk and consequences and such acts/transactions shall not be binding upon the Company. Yashraj Singh Deora (Advocate)

DELHI JAL BOARD OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WEST-III NANGLOI PH-III: NEAR BARAT GHAR: NEW DELHI-41					
N.I.T No. 29 WEST-III(2018-2019)					
S. NO.	Description	Amount Put to Tender	Tender Fee	Earnest Money	Last Date/Time for tender download through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of old and damaged AC 300 mm dia water pipe lines by DI pipe on main Ladpur Jaanti road in Mundka Constituency 08.	Rs. 40,89,470/-	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 82,000/-	01.12.2018 ID No. 2018_DJB_162886.1 17.12.2018 at 03.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at (https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in)
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Sd/-
Adv.No. J.S.V.-560/2018-19 EX. ENGINEER (WEST)III

BSES BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi					
NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date: 05.12.2018					
Delhi intends to invite tenders from all bidders in two envelope system for following job:-					
NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BR/18-19/SVAR/748	IMPLEMENTATION OF CUSTOMER RELATION MANAGEMENT (CRM) SYSTEM IN BRPL.	6 Crs.	6,00,000/- Lacs	26.12.2018 3.45 PM	26.12.2018 4.00 PM

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/-
For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsedelhi.com Head (Contracts & Materials)
Regd. Off.: BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 | Corporate Identification No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527
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DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (SOUTH)III A BLOCK GREATER KAILASH I NEW DELHI-48				
N.I.T. No. 42/S-III(2018-2019)				
Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost/ Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procurement Solution	Last date /time of receipt of tender through e-procurement Solution
01	Replacement of badly silted up sewer line of Block No. 05 Dakshinpur Extn. under South-III (AC-47)	4569720/- 91400/-	2018_DJB_162669_1 02.12.2018	17.12.2018 up to 3.00 PM
2.	Replacement of badly silted up sewer line of some part of B & C Block Tigri Extn. under South-III (AC-47).	3945003/- 78900/-	2018_DJB_162669_2 03.12.2018	17.12.2018 up to 3.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
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Adv.No. J.S.V. 564/2018-19 (RAM KISHORE)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH)III

**GOVT. OF BIHAR
OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER,
BIHAR BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

**NO. 534 / Dated 04/12/18
Short notice inviting quotation**

The reputed firms are requested to submit sealed quotation for following work in Bihar Bhawan and Bihar Niwas Chanakypuri, New Delhi for the year 2018-19. Quotation will be submitted up to 13-12-18 till 3:00 pm and opened on 13-12-18 at 3:30 pm at the office of the Resident Engineer, Bihar Niwas Chanakypuri, New Delhi undersigned office has right to cancel quotation without any further information. Registration, Tin No., Pan No. and authorization of firm paper here enclosed. Details of items list can be obtained from the office of the Resident Engineer Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi. The Earnest Money (NSC/term Deposit) should be deposited 5% of total contract value before issue of work order.

S. No	Particulars
1	Supply fitting fixing DS door with all fittings and censor lock in 17 rooms second floor of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19
2	Renovation and changing tiles, bathroom fittings, electrical work of Room no-205, 206 & 207 of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19
3	Supply curtain clothes with stitching curtain panel in second floor rooms of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19
4	Renovation wooden wardrobe with painting & polishing in rooms of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19
5	Making seat back wooden panel with fabrics and gadda in rooms of Bihar Bhawan & Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19
6	Door veneering work in all rooms of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2018-19
7	Renovation and beautification of Resident Commissioner's Chamber of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2018-19
8	Repair and painting work of iron false ceiling of Bihar Niwas for the year 2018-19

Sd/-
Executive Engineer-cum-Resident Engineer
Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi

OK PLAY INDIA LIMITED
CIN: L28219HR1988PLC030347
Regd. Office: 17-18, Roz-Ka-Meo Industrial Estate, Tehsil Nuh, District Mewat, (Haryana)

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NOTICE is hereby given that the following Share Certificates issued by the Company are stated to have been lost or misplaced or stolen and registered shareholders / the legal heir(s) thereof have been applied to the Company for issuance of Duplicate Share Certificates:

Shareholder Name	Certificate No.	Distinctive No.
SUMAN KANT & NIDHI BHATTANAGAR	0009912	1935701-1935800

The public are hereby warned against purchasing or dealing in any way, with the above mentioned Share Certificates. Any person (s) who has/have any claim in respect of the said Share Certificates should lodge such claim with the Company at its registered office within 15 days of the publication of this notice, after which no claim will be entertained and the Company will proceed to issue duplicate Share Certificates. for OK PLAY INDIA LIMITED
Sd/-
Rajan Handa
Managing Director
Date : 04.12.2018
Place : New Delhi

Civil Engineering Department
NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Palika Kendra, New Delhi-110001

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender ID No. : 2018_NDMC_162989_1

Name of Work : Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Road sweepers.
SH : Providing RMC on Kuchha portion at MRS workshop near Safdarjung flyover.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 13,57,583/-
Date of release of tender : 03.12.2018
Last date/time for receipt of tenders : 14.12.2018 at 04.00 PM

Further details can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
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Simplified GST return forms from April 1: Revenue Secy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The new simplified GST return forms will be rolled out from April 1, 2019, Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said on Tuesday.

He exuded confidence that the Government will achieve the budgeted target for Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection and said the revenue department is getting inputs about entities which are evading taxes.

In the first eight months (April-November) of the current fiscal, the government has mopped up over ₹7.76 lakh crore from GST. The 2018-19 budget had estimated annual GST collection at ₹13.48 lakh crore, which means a monthly target of ₹1.12 lakh crore.

"We are short by ₹4,000 crore this month (November). To arrive at any conclusion we have to have some more months' data. But we are confident that we will be able to achieve our target. Our monthly target is around ₹1 lakh crore. This we want to increase to ₹1.10 lakh crore," Pandey



said. GST collection in November was ₹97,637 crore.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) Foundation Day, the secretary said the refund process is being further streamlined to make it completely online and taxpayer friendly.

When asked about the roll-out of the simplified return forms, Pandey said, "we are targeting from April 1".

In July, the Central Board

of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) had put up in public domain draft GST return forms 'Sahaj' and 'Sugam' and sought public comments. These forms would replace GSTR-3B (summary sales return form) and GSTR-1 (final sales returns form).

Pandey further said the next meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister and comprising state counterparts, will be held this month.

Sensex logs 1st fall in seven days; pharma, financials play spoilsport

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Market benchmark indices broke their six-session rising streak on Tuesday as cautious investors weighed a host of factors like depreciating rupee, rising crude prices and weak global cues.

Besides, a caution ahead of RBI policy meet outcome and uncertainty over the longevity of recently enforced US-China trade truce impacted market sentiments.

The BSE Sensex ended lower by 106.69 points, or 0.29 per cent, to close at 36,134.31. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty edged up by 14.25 points, or 0.13 per cent, to end at 10,869.50.

Pharma major Sun Pharma remained the worst loser in the Sensex pack for the second day in a row after report that regulator Sebi may reopen the insider trading case against the company.

HDFC twins were the other major laggards in the 30-share index.

The Indian rupee Tuesday furthered losses by 19 paise to

70.65 (intra-day) against the US dollar amid strengthening of the US dollar and rising crude prices.

Brent crude, the international benchmark, was trading 2.40 per cent up at \$63.17 per barrel.

Meanwhile, market participants are keenly awaiting the Reserve Bank's bi-monthly policy meet outcome, to be announced Wednesday afternoon, which is expected to set the tone for the markets in the near term.

Analysts said market traded range-bound with some negative bias amid caution ahead of RBI policy meet results and rebound in oil prices.

"Rupee gave up some gains while the fall in India's 10 year bond yield to 7.5 is giving a sign of dovish policy from the RBI," they added.

Investor sentiment was also cautious on weak cues from global markets after the euphoria over US-China trade settled and uncertainty over negotiations between the two countries resurfaced.

Sebi proposes direct listing of Indian companies on foreign bourses

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A high-level panel on Tuesday recommended market regulator Sebi to allow direct listing of Indian companies on overseas bourses and of foreign firms on Indian exchanges.

Currently, Indian companies can list their shares through depository receipts abroad, while foreign companies need to go through the Indian Depository Receipt route for listing of equities.

Moreover, Indian firms can list their debt securities directly on international exchanges through a security instrument known as 'Masala Bonds'.

In its 26-page report, the committee has suggested for direct listing of Indian companies overseas and vice versa. It has recommended that the framework should allow listing only on specified stock exchanges in 'Permissible Jurisdictions'.

Permissible Jurisdiction, includes a jurisdiction which has treaty obligations to share information and cooperate with Indian authorities in the event of any investigation.

Business Corner

BHEL DESPATCHES 40TH NUCLEAR STEAM GENERATOR TO NPCIL

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has achieved a major milestone with the despatch of its 40th Nuclear Steam Generator to the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL). The Steam Generator, to be installed in NPCIL's Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP), was flagged off from BHEL's Trichy plant in the presence of senior officials of BHEL and NPCIL. The first stage of the indigenous nuclear power program of the country has attained maturity with 18 operating PHWRs. Twelve PHWRs accounting for 74% of the Nuclear Power capacity are equipped with BHEL-supplied Steam Turbine Generator sets (10 units of 220 MW each and two units of 540 MW).

RAILWAY CHAIRMAN TAKES STOCK OF TRACKMEN'S CHALLENGES



Being a 24x7 operational organisation, the Railwaymen work round-the-clock to ensure safe train operations during all weather conditions and face enormous challenge during foggy weather conditions in winter months, when tracks are foot-patrolled to detect rail fractures & other defects. Last night, Chairman Railway Board Ashwani Lohani in his characteristic style, undertook a unique initiative by accompanying the night patrolman on duty, to take a first-hand stock of the challenges faced by the track patrolmen and to boost their morale, by accompanying them.

Jaitley asks investigative agencies to remain faceless, maintain professionalism

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Weeks after public bickering between two top CBI officials, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Tuesday laid out cardinal principles for investigative agencies ranging from maintaining the utmost level of professionalism to remaining faceless and resisting the temptation of rushing to media when a probe starts.

He said the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), which is the apex intelligence and investigative agency for matters relating to violation of the Customs Act and smuggling, should maintain highest integrity and professional standards and endeavour to become a "near perfect organisation".

"If I look at the cross section of various investigative agencies, including the police which is the basic investigative agency with largest network in the country, it goes to the credit of DRI that by and large it has remained free from any collateral controversies," he said.

DRI has concentrated in its core area of competence and developing expertise in area where it is primarily supposed to check the economic harm being done to the country and

national security, he added. Speaking at the 61st foundation day of DRI, the minister laid out "few cardinal principles" which every investigative agency should follow to achieve the utmost level of perfection.

These principles include the need for investigative agencies to maintain utmost level of professionalism and be guided by one sole purpose, which is detection of crime.

The investigating officers, Jaitley said, have to make sure that no innocent is harmed or harassed, but at the same time they have to ensure that no guilty gets away.

"They have to resist the temptation of making a lot of song and dance when the initial investigation starts and then rushing to the media. They must, as professionals, concentrate on strengthening the investigative processes and evidence," he said.

"The lesser it is in media controversy or news, the better it is for them. No news is good news as far as investigative agencies are concerned. Therefore, tom-tomming successes (of initial probe) and then the cases not being established do not add to the stature of the investigative agencies," the Minister said.

GJEPC struggling to retain industry credit limit: Official

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) on Tuesday said it was struggling to retain the credit limit for the industry.

The gems and jewellery sector has already seen a credit squeeze after banks imposed extra cautionary measures in the aftermath of the \$2-billion PNB fraud case.

"We will be happy if the current total credit limit for the sector is retained at about ₹60,000 crore for 2019-20 given the circumstances," GJEPC executive director Sabyasachi Ray said.

"GJEPC is urging to offer the credit in dollar terms as at least 80 per cent of our credit is used to import diamond and gold meant for exports," he said.

Ray said the industry was also facing credit crunch with the banking system not disbursing the 'standby credit', despite the sector losing 10-15 per cent of its limit due to depreciation of the rupee.



In the last six months, the Indian currency has depreciated by 15 per cent, he said.

"The sector wants that collateral demand from banks should be restricted at about 30 per cent and not beyond," Ray said, adding, the council has a scheduled meeting with finance ministry officials next week.

The gems and jewellery sector has witnessed a dip in exports, with April-October shipments contracting by 4.35 per cent in dollar terms, he said.

Ray, however, expects that the Christmas season will improve trade, led by the United States.

The US is the largest market for diamonds from India, GJEPC chairman P K Agarwal said. It accounted for 19-20 per cent of total industry exports of around \$33 billion in 2017-18.

Petrol, diesel to soon cost less in Delhi than UP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Petrol and diesel may soon again become cheaper in Delhi as compared to adjoining cities of Uttar Pradesh as ad valorem duty structure has translated into a bigger reduction in daily prices in the national capital.

While petrol and diesel traditionally have been cheaper in Delhi than most States in the country, due to lower local sales tax or VAT, the October 5 cut in the VAT by BJP-ruled States led to fuel being available at cheaper rates in places such as Ghaziabad and Noida - the UP towns that adjoin the national capital.

However, the difference that had peaked to over ₹3 per litre in case of petrol and about ₹2.3 in diesel on October 5, has now come down to just 44-57 paise in petrol and about ₹1 in diesel, an analysis of the daily price revision notification issued by State-owned oil firms showed.

Petrol prices in Delhi on Tuesday stood at ₹71.72 a litre as compared to ₹71.15 in Ghaziabad and ₹71.28 in Noida. A litre of diesel in the national capital is priced at ₹66.39 as opposed to ₹65.31 in Ghaziabad and ₹65.44 in Noida.

Industry sources said the gap will extinguish in the next few days if the falling trend

continues. Fuel in Delhi may by next week turn cheaper in the national capital when compared with adjoining towns, they said.

While the slump in international oil prices has led to an almost equal reduction in base price of petrol and diesel across the country, the actual cut in rates differs from State to State depending on local VAT.

Retail pump price is calculated after adding central excise duty, dealers commission and VAT to the base price. While excise duty is fixed at ₹17.98 per litre in case of petrol and ₹13.83 a litre in diesel and do not change with any variation in base price, the incidence of VAT in most states changes as the levy is ad valorem or a percentage of the total of the base price plus central excise duty.

According to price notifications, Delhi levies a VAT of 27 per cent on petrol. The same on diesel is 16.75 per cent plus ₹250 per kl air ambience charge.

VAT on petrol in Uttar Pradesh is 23.78 per cent or ₹14.41 a litre, whichever is higher. In case of diesel, VAT is 14.05 per cent or ₹8.43 a litre, whichever is higher.

Sources said when rates are falling, VAT in Uttar Pradesh is levied on fixed per litre term because that is higher than ad valorem rate. And so the reduction

in the States have been smaller when compared with Delhi.

The Union Government on October 4, slashed the petrol and diesel price by ₹2.50 by reducing excise duty and asking State-owned oil firms to bear subsidy. This was matched by several States which reduced local sales tax or VAT.

BJP-ruled UP too followed suit. Prior to the cut, it levied 26.80 per cent or ₹16.74 a litre, whichever is higher as VAT on petrol and 17.48 per cent or ₹9.41 a litre on diesel.

Since Haryana too cut VAT, petrol in Gurugram costs ₹70.51 a litre and diesel ₹65.51 Tuesday. Petrol price has been cut by ₹11.11 per litre and diesel by ₹9.3 in Delhi in the past six weeks in step with the reduction in international oil rates.

Rates have been on the decline since October 18. This has wiped off all of the price hike on petrol and diesel in two months beginning August 16.

Petrol price had touched a record high of ₹84 per litre in Delhi and ₹91.34 in Mumbai on October 4. Diesel on that day had peaked to an all-time high of ₹75.45 a litre in Delhi and ₹80.10 in Mumbai.

Prices had started to climb from August 16. Petrol in Delhi was priced at ₹77.14 per litre and in Mumbai, it cost ₹84.58 on August 15.

ICRA maintains negative year end outlook for Indian Telecom industry

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The telecom industry woes according to ICRA is expected to persist amid intense competition and pricing pressures. A recovery, backed by restoration of pricing power with the telcos, is still not in sight.

The recovery, which was anticipated on the back of a consolidated industry structure and data usage with greater price-inelasticity, has been prolonged. To add to these, the recent rupee depreciation and increase in diesel prices would hurt the industry further.

The sector has been going through a phase of turbulence during the last few years, with intense competition and pricing pressures leading to a decline in revenues and profitability.

Consistent downward revision in prices has resulted in one of the steepest falls in the industry average revenue per user (ARPU) levels with the estimated blended ARPU falling from ₹169 in Q1 FY2017 to ₹116 in Q1 FY2019 - with the industry adjusted gross revenue (AGR) falling from ₹4,570 crore to ₹25,580 crore in the same period.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Sharad Kesharwani, Director M/s Shri Media Ventures (P) Ltd. Flat No. 501, Shri Ram Apartment, 23, New Berry Road, Lucknow, U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case C.C. No. 525/1/17, punishable u/s 138 N.I. Act, P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sharad Kesharwani** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sharad Kesharwani** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Sharad Kesharwani** of C.C. No. 525/1/17, punishable u/s 138 N.I. Act, P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **16.01.2019**.

By Order,
Ms. Sadhika Jalan
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 320, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/8504/NW/18

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Laxhan, R/O H. No. U-1/5/17, Prem Nagar-2nd, Delhi** is involved in case **FIR No. 231/14 u/s 392/411/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi** has committed or is suspected to have committed and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Sunil Kumar** cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sunil Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **FIR No. 231/14 u/s 392/411/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.01.2019**.

By Order
Mr. Anurag Thakur
Metropolitan Magistrate, (North-West)-02.
Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/1636/OD/18

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



Sushmita Kumari

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely **Sushmita Kumari D/o Krishan Paswan R/O P-478, Mangol Puri, Delhi Age : 17 years, Complexion : Sallow, Height : 5', Face : Round, wearing white colour suit-salwar and hawai chapple in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 09.08.2018 from the area of P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 713/18 dated 09.08.2018 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** SHO : **P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi**
Website: **http://cbi.nic.in** Ph. : **011-27921168,**
Fax: **24368639** **27922186**
Tel.: **24368638/24368641**

WTO to set up panel in India-US case on steel, aluminium duties

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The dispute settlement body of World Trade Organisation (WTO) has agreed to set up a panel to assess if high customs duties imposed by the US on certain steel and aluminium products infringes global trade norms, an official said.

India had approached Geneva-based WTO for setting up of the dispute panel as both the countries failed to resolve the issue in a bilateral consultation process under the dispute set-

tlement mechanism of the WTO. "The dispute settlement body has agreed to establish a panel to rule whether additional duties imposed by the US on imports of certain steel and aluminium products comply with WTO rules," the official added.

Consultation is the first step of the dispute settlement process at the WTO. If the two countries are not able to reach a mutually agreed solution through consultation, a country can request for a WTO dispute settlement panel to review the matter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform anyone concerned that **Ms Honey Gill** is an independent lady and lives separately with her own income and she doesn't hold any ties with her mother **Manisha Tandon** residing at House no. 4C, Neethi Apartments, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 or neither with her father **Karanjit Singh Gill** residing at House no. 179, Sector-46, Badli, Faridabad, Haryana-121001.

Mauriya Sarkar (Advocate)
54, J.C. Bose Road, Sarkar Villa, Hakimpura, Siliguri-734001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lost Shares of CESC Limited
The undernoted Share Certificates of CESC Limited Registered in the name of **Mr. Madhav Sarda & Mrs. Ranjeeta Sarda** have been reported to be lost/misplaced and requests have been made to the company for issue of duplicate share certificate in lieu of the undernoted originals.

Name: **Madhav Sarda | Ranjeeta Sarda**
No. Of Shares: **100 | 100**
Certificate No. **292330/31 | 292372/73**
Distinctive No. **29769143-242 | 29771243-342**
Necessary steps are being taken for issue of duplicate share certificates by the company. Objections if any to the aforesaid issue may please be lodged with the company within fifteen days of publication of this notice.

HDFC BANK

Legal Cell
2nd Floor, Indian Express Building,
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002

PUBLICATION OF SALE
This is for the information of general public that HDFC Bank Ltd. is selling the hypothecated vehicle bearing no. **TATA 3118 BEARING CHASSIS NO. MAT466602H5F07887 AND ENGINE NO. 71F84393551 AND BEARING REGISTRATION NO. HR38W3538** to recover the outstanding dues of Rs. 22,53,686.88/- along with interest @ 18% per annum from 4 DEC 2018 till date of realization, under the loan account no. 826682000 available by **Mr. AZAD SINGH**.

The sale will be by public/online auction, and the above vehicle will be put up for sale on 12th DEC 2018 by HDFC Bank Ltd. commencing from 10A.M. to 4 P.M. at Ansal Classique Tower, 7th Floor, J-Block, Community Centre, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi - 27. In the event, however, of the debt above specified and of the costs of the sale being tendered or paid before the knocking down, the sale will be stopped.

At the sale, the public generally are invited to bid, either personally or by duly authorized agent. The details with respect to auction of above vehicle are as follows:-

Date of Auction: 12th DEC 2018
Timing: 10AM TO 4PM
Place of auction for submitting the bids:- HDFC Bank Ltd., Ansal Classique Tower, 7th Floor, J-Block, Community Centre, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi - 27
Sharma Farm, Bakkarwala More, Dhansa Road, Najafgarh, New Delhi - 110043
Bank Officer Mr. ARVIND KUMAR (9711820947)
Reserve Price: Rs. 16,50,000/-

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Bhura Singh, S/o Amolak Singh, R/O H.No. B-7/10, Dayalpur, Delhi** has been missing since 14.11.2018 from his house. In this regard a missing report vide **MPR. No. 278/18, dated 18.11.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Khajuri Khas, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Bhura Singh, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 49 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue colour Shirt, Chocolate colour Pant and Dark Brown colour Shoes in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform SHO/Khajuri Khas, Delhi.
E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** SHO
Ph. : **011-24368638, 24368641** **27922186**
Fax : **011-24368639**



Bhura Singh

P.S. Khajuri Khas, Delhi
Ph. No. : **011-22966851, 22992735**

DP/6726/NE/18

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Tejveer Malik S/o Mahender Singh R/o H. No. 11-A, Police Enclave, Chanchal Park, Tilangpur Kotla, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **FIR No. 551/18 u/s 420 IPC** dated 18.09.2018 has been registered at **PS Ranhola, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Tejveer Malik** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Tejveer Malik** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Tejveer Malik** accused of **FIR No. 551/18 u/s 420 IPC** dated 18.09.2018 has been registered at **PS Ranhola, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court answer said complaint on or before **07.01.2019**.

By Order
Sh. Vishal Pahujia,
Metropolitan Magistrate (West-4),
Room No. 271, 2nd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1639/OD/18

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TIME EXTENSION NOTICE

The last date for submission and opening of tender specification no. 22/EE(M)/2018-19 (Supply of runner cone) invited by Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi is hereby extended as under:-

Last Date for downloading of tender document : 12/12/2018
Last date for submitting the tender Documents : 13/12/2018 up to 16:00 Hrs.
Due date for opening of tender Documents : 17/12/2018 at 16:00 Hrs.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

पत्रक संख्या: 708 दिनांक: 04.12.2018
"Save Electricity in the interest of Nation"

AXIS BANK Retail Assets Centre, Noida: Axis Bank Ltd. K-10, 2nd Floor, Sector-18, Noida, Retail Assets Centre, Delhi: Axis Bank Ltd. 4/6B, Asaf Ali Road, Near Delhi Cinema, New Delhi-110002, Retail Assets Centre, Gurgaon: Axis Bank Ltd. SCO 12, Sector-14, Urban Estate, Opp HUDA Office, Gurgaon-122001 Haryana, Retail Assets Centre, Faridabad: Axis Bank Ltd. SCO-8, Huda Shopping Centre, Sector-16, Faridabad, Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, L-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301, Corporate Office: Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhakar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400 025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/judicial orders issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

NAME OF THE BORROWER / ADDRESS/ CO-BORROWER AND GUARANTOR NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS	NPA DATE	LOAN AMOUNT (Rs.)	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE AS ON DATE OF NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMT (Rs.) AS ON DATE OF NOTICE
1. Mr. Gokal Chand, S/o Bishamber Dayal, R/o 1716, First Floor, DII Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122002, Haryana Also At: Mr. Gokal Chand, S/o Bishamber Dayal, Plot No. 274, Sector-28, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002	Freehold Plot No. 274, Measuring 172.80 Sq. Mtrs. (206.66 Sq. Yards) Situated in the Residential Colony Known as Sector-28, Urban Estate Gurgaon, Teshsil & Distt. Gurugram (Haryana)	14-May-18	Rs. 64,75,000/-	17-Nov-18	Rs. 68,24,111/-
2. Mrs. Prem Vati, W/o Gokal Chand, R/o 1716, First Floor, DII Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122002, Haryana Also At: Mrs. Prem Vati, W/o Gokal Chand, Plot No. 274, Sector-28, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002	Freehold Plot No. 274, Measuring 172.80 Sq. Mtrs. (206.66 Sq. Yards) Situated in the Residential Colony Known as Sector-28, Urban Estate Gurgaon, Teshsil & Distt. Gurugram (Haryana)	14-May-18	Rs. 64,75,000/-	17-Nov-18	Rs. 68,24,111/-

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1. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, S/o Mr. Tiwari Lal Verma, R/o F-67, Delta-I, Greater Noida, U.P.-201308 Also At: Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, S/o Mr. Tiwari Lal Verma, Vill- Nagla Chabachha, Post- Mirachi Dist- Etah, Uttar Pradesh - 207120, Also At: Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, S/o Mr. Tiwari Lal Verma, Plot No. 175, Block-B, Gulmohar Estate, Sector-Omicron-03, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) 2. Mrs. Asha Lodhi, W/o Rakesh Kumar Verma, R/o F-67, Delta-I, Greater Noida, U.P.-201308, Also At: Mrs. Asha Lodhi, W/o Rakesh Kumar Verma, Vill-nagla Chabachha, Post- Mirachi Dist-Etah, Uttar Pradesh-207120, Also At: Mrs. Asha Lodhi, W/o Rakesh Kumar Verma, Plot No. 175, Block-B, Gulmohar Estate, Sector-Omicron-03, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)	Leasehold Plot No. 175, Block-B, Gulmohar Estate, Sector-Omicron-03, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) Measuring total Area-162 Sq. Mtrs. and bounded as under:- East: As Per Lease Plan West: As Per Lease Plan North: As Per Lease Plan South: As Per Lease Plan	09-Nov-18	Rs. 40,00,000/-	17-Nov-18	Rs. 32,04,400/-

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1. Mr. Ravindra Kumar, S/o Mr. Gajjan Singh, R/o 5/129 Mohan Meakin Society, Sector-05, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010 Also At: Mr. Ravindra Kumar, S/o Mr. Gajjan Singh, C-78 Sec 02 Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Also At: Mr. Ravindra Kumar, S/o Mr. Gajjan Singh, House No. 152, Village Gangol, Meerut, U.P.-250002 Also At: Mr. Ravindra Kumar, S/o Mr. Gajjan Singh, Plot No. B-714, 6th Floor Superchek Palm Green, Major Dhyanchand Nagar, Meerut, U.P.	Freehold Flat Bearing No. B-714, 6th Floor, Consisting of 2-Bedroom, 1 Drawing/ Dining, 1 Kitchen, 2 Toilets, 3 Balconies having Super Area 1226 Sq. Ft. (i.e. 113.90 Sq. Meter) in "Supertech Palm Green" situated at Residential Colony, Major Dhyanchand Nagar, Meerut, U.P.	09-Nov-18	Rs. 23,00,000/-	17-Nov-18	Rs. 19,83,065/-

NAME OF THE BORROWER / ADDRESS/ CO-BORROWER AND GUARANTOR NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS	NPA DATE	LOAN AMOUNT (Rs.)	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE AS ON DATE OF NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMT (Rs.) AS ON DATE OF NOTICE
1. Mr. Krishan Mohan Rai, S/o Sh. Shiv Murat Rai, R/o House No. 3449, 2nd Floor, Sector-23, Gurgaon-122017, Haryana, Also At: Mr. Krishan Mohan Rai, S/o Sh. Shiv Murat Rai, House No. 1752, Sector-23, Gurgaon-122017, Haryana 2. Mrs. Reena Rai, W/o Mr. Krishan Mohan Rai, R/o House No. 3449, 2nd Floor, Sector-23, Gurgaon-122017, Haryana, Also At: Mrs. Reena Rai, W/o Mr. Krishan Mohan Rai, R/o House No. 1752, Sector-23, Gurgaon-122017, Haryana	Freehold Property Bearing No. Entire Second Floor With Roof Rights Having Its Covered Area 18 Sq. Mtrs. Approx (191 Sq. Ft.) Constructed On Plot Bearing No. 3449 Measuring 172.80 Sq. Mtrs. Situated In The Residential Colony Known As Sector 23-23a, Urban Estate Gurgaon, The & Distt. Gurgaon	09-Nov-18	Rs. 16,45,650/-	17-Nov-18	Rs. 16,45,650/-

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1. Mr. Sandeep Kumar, S/o Jagbeer Singh Nagar, R/o 1/64, 5th Fl. Nestadipal Kurnj Vaishali Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 Also At: Mr. Sandeep Kumar, S/o Jagbeer Singh Nagar, B-1128, Sector-44, Noida-201301, U.P.	Freehold Flat Bearing No. B-714, 6th Floor, Consisting of 2-Bedroom, 1 Drawing/ Dining, 1 Kitchen, 2 Toilets, 3 Balconies having Super Area 1226 Sq. Ft. (i.e. 113.90 Sq. Meter) in "Supertech Palm Green" situated at Residential Colony, Major Dhyanchand Nagar, Meerut, U.P.	09-Nov-18	Rs. 23,00,000/-	17-Nov-18	Rs. 19,83,065/-

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder.

Kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 05-Dec-2018
Place: Delhi
Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)
Axis Bank Ltd.

Rouhani threatens to cut off Gulf oil

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani struck a defiant stance against US sanctions on Tuesday, renewing his threat to cut off international oil sales from the Gulf.

"America should know... it is not capable of preventing the export of Iran's oil," Rouhani said at a televised rally in Semnan province.

"If it ever tries to do so... no oil will be exported from the Persian Gulf," he added.

Since the 1980s, Iran has said repeatedly it would blockade the Gulf in response to international pressure but has never carried out the threat.

Washington has reimposed sanctions, including an oil embargo, since withdrawing from a landmark 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and major powers in May.

It has vowed to reduce Iran's oil sales to zero, but has granted temporary waivers to eight countries.



Rouhani last threatened to close the Gulf in July when he warned the US "should not play with the lion's tail." The president downplayed the economic impact of sanctions, accusing the media of exaggerating the country's problems.

"No hyperinflation, no massive unemployment will threaten us. People should stop saying such things in the papers," he told the crowd.

The latest inflation report

from Iran's central bank says food prices rose 56 percent year-on-year in October.

Rouhani acknowledged there were "some problems", but said these would be addressed in the new budget plan to be presented on December 16.

He said the government would maintain subsidies on essential goods and increase public sector wages and pensions by 20 percent.

France suspends fuel tax, utility hikes amid protests

AP ■ PARIS

The French Government's decision to suspend fuel tax and utility hikes on Tuesday did little to appease protesters, who called it a "first step" and vowed to fight on after large-scale rioting in Paris last weekend.

In a major U-turn for the government, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe announced in a live televised address that the planned increases, which were set to be introduced in January, were now being postponed until the summer.

The backpedaling appeared to be designed to calm the nation, coming three days after the worst unrest on the streets of Paris in decades.

"No tax is worth putting the nation's unity in danger,"

said Philippe, just three weeks after insisting that the government wouldn't change course and remained determined to help wean French consumers off polluting fossil fuels.

Protesters wearing their signature fluorescent yellow vests kept blocking several fuel depots Tuesday and many insisted their fight wasn't over.

"It's a first step, but we will not settle for a crumb," Benjamin Cauchy, a protest leader.

More than 100 people were injured in the French capital and 412 arrested over the weekend in Paris, with dozens of cars torched. Shops were looted and cars torched in plush neighborhoods around the famed Champs-Elysees Avenue.



Lanka crisis: Rajapaksa files appeal in SC against interim court's order

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Embattled Mahinda Rajapaksa on Tuesday filed an appeal in Sri Lanka's Supreme Court against a court order that barred him from acting as Prime Minister.

The Court of Appeal in an interim order Monday temporarily halted Rajapaksa and his Cabinet from functioning in their positions in response to a case filed by 122 legislators against his disputed government.

The court set the hearing of the case for December 12 and 13.

MP Gamini Lokuge said the appeal was filed in the Supreme Court against the

interim order issued by the Court of Appeal, Daily Mirror reported.

Don't be like Hitler: sacked Lankan PM tells Prez Sirisena

Colombo: Likening Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena to Adolf Hitler, the country's toppled Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on Tuesday said he was not afraid of snap polls but was against the use of referendums by "dictators".

On Monday a lower court temporarily barred Sirisena-appointed PM Rajapaksa from performing his duties.

It's time for Pak to get on board with peace process in South Asia: US

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

In a strong message to Pakistan, US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis has said it is time for "every responsible nation" to support the efforts of the UN, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and all those who are trying to maintain peace in South Asia.

Pakistan must take on a substantive role in peace talks with the Taliban if the war in neighbouring Afghanistan is to be ended, he said.

Mattis was responding to a question from reporters about a letter written by President Donald Trump to Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Yemen humanitarian crisis to worsen next year, says UN

AFP ■ GENEVA

The humanitarian crisis in Yemen, already the world's worst, will deteriorate in 2019, the UN said on Tuesday, warning that the number of people needing food aid is set to jump by four million.

The grim forecast for the embattled country came as the United Nations humanitarian office OCHA released its projected needs assessments for next year.

"The country with the biggest problem in 2019 is going to be Yemen," OCHA chief Mark Lowcock told reporters in Geneva.

Earth needs climate 'reality check', space pioneer warns

AFP ■ KATOWICE

The world needs a "reality check" on the threat posed by climate change, NASA astronaut Mae Jemison said Tuesday at a UN summit to chart mankind's path away from runaway global warming.

Jemison, the first African-American woman in space, brought a little galactic perspective to the COP24 talks in Poland, calling on delegates from nearly 200 countries to tackle "the most difficult problem we've ever faced."

May prepares showdown in Parliament

PTI ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday prepared to open a debate in the House of Commons on her Brexit deal, setting the stage for a showdown with MPs across party lines opposed to the proposals on offer.

The marathon debate is set to last five days before a crunch vote on the Withdrawal Agreement struck with the European Union on December 11. An embattled May has been combatting pressure from different sides of the House, including the Northern Irish Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) which props up her Conservative Party government by providing crucial 10 MPs for a majority in the Commons. The deal negotiated by her and the EU has to be backed by a majority of MPs if it is to come into force.

While the prospects of it passing through Parliament remain in doubt, the government faced a rare a contempt-of-Parliament challenge over its decision not to release the full legal advice on the Brexit deal.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE (M&P) DIVISION, HMT, SRINAGAR
Phone :- 0194-2496272, E-Mail:- xenmandp@gmail.com

Corrigendum No 1

Subject: - Tender for supply of 2000 Metric Tons of ISI Marked Stable Bleaching Powder Grade-1 as per IS-1065/89

Ref: - This office N.I.T. No:- PHE/M&P/18/2018-19/E-TENDER/ Dated :- 06-11-2018

The critical dates of the NIT are extended given as here under :-

Document Downloading End Date :- 10-12-2018...04.00 PM

On Line Document Submission End Date :- 11-12-2018...04.00 PM

Date of opening of Cover 1st :- 12-12-2018...11.30 AM

All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

DIP/K-4075-NB/18
Dated: 03-12-2018

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PHE (M&P) Divn. Sgr.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Simranjit Kaur W/o Diljit Singh resident of H-1482, Upper Ground Floor, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi-110019 is applying to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for Naturalization and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written signed statement of the facts to the said secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mohd Maqsood Hani who is purchasing the First, second & Third Floor of the House No. WZ-588 A1 admeasuring 220 Sq.yrds. Situated within Lal dora Abadi of Village Bassal Draparg, Delhi from Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta who is the owner of the said property vide Regd. WILL dated 15.04.2009 and further will be mortgaging against the financial assistance from VASTU HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. To comply the requirements of bank/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 08 days from the date of this notice, at below address.

Lucem Legal LLP
269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ext. II, New Delhi - 49
Contact# 011-40046316

PUBLIC NOTICE

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A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the secured creditor and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated, were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the secured creditor by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Nasimuddin Saik, Sahauddin Sekh, H No-J 9 Bhishan Pura Sec-58 Noida G. B. Nagar Noida Uttar Pradesh, A/c No - NHN0000011250994	Plot No.Gh-01D, Palm Court, Tower C1, Flat No 1902, 19th Floor, Sector-16C Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh,	06-Nov-2018, Rs. 2756463/-	5-Jun-2018

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s 13 (2) failing which, further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s 13 (2) dated mentioned above as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.

Date : 05-Dec-2018
Place: Delhi/ NCR

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified to general public that the B.M. Gupta Hospital Pvt Ltd, H-9-15, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59 will be destroying the patients records of period from 01.01.2013 to 30.09.2015 as per admissible rules.

If anyone has interest or want patient record of the above noted period, contact The Medical Director on Ph: 011-47157777 or at the Hospital before 31.12.2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that M/s Shanti India Pvt. Ltd. acting through its Director Smt. Suman Khosla, w/o Sh. Satish Khosla residing at B 3/48 Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi, Director of M/s Shanti India Pvt. Ltd. does hereby revoke, and rescind the General Power of Attorney executed by the Company in favour of Mr. Kuok Yun Po, son of Mr. Kuok Sung Mao r/o DIC/44-C, Janakpuri, New Delhi, in respect of the Company's Plot No. 40-A, area measuring 200 sq. yards, out of Khasra No. 10/1 Min., Shanti Estate, behind Sector-D, Pocket-3, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-30. The Company also revokes all authority, rights and power granted by it thereunder.

Notice is hereby given that effective from today the said Power of Attorney will be null and void and will be of no further force or effect. All persons are hereby required to take notice of the aforesaid and are required and warned not to deal with the said Mr. Kuok Yun Po in respect of the Company's affairs under the said Power of Attorney or otherwise. Any person doing so, will do so at their own risk and consequences and such acts/transactions shall not be binding upon the Company.

Yashraj Singh Deora (Advocate)

GLOBE TROTTER

DEATH TOLL RISES IN BOKO HARAM BASE
Kano (Nigeria): The number of soldiers killed in a Boko Haram attack on a military base in northeast Nigeria's Yobe state has risen to eight, security sources said on Tuesday. Gunmen from Boko Haram faction the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) attacked the base on Saturday.

3 KILLED IN MALAYSIA SHOPPING MALL BLAST
Kuala Lumpur: Three people were killed and 24 injured on Tuesday when a powerful explosion rocked a shopping mall in the Malaysian state of Sarawak, but a fire official said it was not caused by a bomb. The official Bernama news agency said the blast could have been caused by a leaking gas tank.

BUSH REMEMBERED AS 'GREAT MAN' IN CAPITOL
Washington: The nation's capital embraced George HW Bush in death with solemn ceremony and high tributes to his service and decency, as the remains of the 41st president took their place in the Capitol rotunda for three days of mourning and praise by the political elite and everyday citizens alike. With Bush's casket atop the Lincoln Catafalque, first used for Abraham Lincoln's 1865 funeral, dignitaries came forward to honor the Texan whose efforts for his country extended three quarters of a century from World War II.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Godavari Marathwada Irrigation Development Corporation, Aurangabad
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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 2 FOR 2018-2019

Online E-Tenders in B-1 form for the following works are invited by Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Nashik from the contractors registered in Class 3 with Government of Maharashtra, or Capable contractors. To know about Tender Notice & other details, please visit to <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Nashik reserves all rights of rejecting any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Conditional tender will not be accepted.

Sr No.	Name of work	Estimated cost Rs.
1	Constructing R.C.C. Bridges at Chainage 9720 m, 10725 m, and 11180 m and Constructing Concrete Bandharas at Ch 10360 m and 12060 m of Open Cut beyond Diversion Tunnel of Manjarpada Diversion Scheme, Tal. Surgana, Dist. Nashik.	Rs. 1,72,93,823/-

To download & purchase the tender period Dt. 05.12.2018 to 29.12.2018
To open the E-Tender Dt. 01.01.2019 to 03.01.2019

Note:-
To know about Tender Notice & other details, please visit to <http://mahatenders.gov.in> (If any change of tender notice will be uploading to above website.)

Sd/-
(G.M. Sanghani)
Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation Division,
Nashik
DGIPR/2018/2019/4709

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BIHAR FOUNDATION
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6th Floor, Indira Bhawan, R.C.S. Path, Patna-800001

Notice Inviting Tender for Selection of Agency for Design, Development & Management of an E-Library portal of Bihar Foundation

Bihar Foundation, Patna invites tender for the Selection of Agency for Design, Development & Management of an E-Library portal of Bihar Foundation. Interested bidder(s) may participate in the bidding process by sending their "Technical Bid" and "Financial Bid" in two separate sealed envelopes. These two envelopes should be placed in a bigger envelope superscripted as-"Bid Documents for the Selection of Agency for Design, Development & Management of an E-Library portal of Bihar Foundation". The bid documents should be submitted to the office of the CEO, Bihar Foundation, 6th Floor, Indira Bhawan, RCS Path, Patna-800001, Bihar (India). Only sealed and hand/post delivered bids shall be accepted. Sealed envelope containing the bid documents must bear the name and address of the bidder.

Details of the tender and formats for the technical and financial bids can be downloaded from the Bihar Foundation website: www.biharfoundation.in.

Important Dates of Tender Process: The bid documents shall be accepted and publicly opened at the below mentioned date and time or as soon as practicable thereafter.

- 1) Last date of submission of bid documents: 24/12/2018 (before 5:00 pm)
- 2) Pre-bid Meeting: 17/12/2018
- 3) Opening of Technical Bid: 24/12/2018 (at 5:00 pm)

Conditions for the outright rejection of a bid: A bid shall be outrightly rejected if-

- 1) the bids documents are filled/completed in pencil
- 2) the envelope containing bid documents are not sealed properly
- 3) received after the last date of submission
- 4) the financial bid is not submitted in the prescribed format (Annex-II)
- 5) non submission of EMD Amount (Rs. 25,000/-) in the form of Demand Draft.

For further queries, interested agencies may contact Sri Vikash Sarkar, Manager-PR, Bihar Foundation. Contact No.: +91 8406002423, +91 9386598636.

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AFP ■ PARIS

Luka Modric saw off competition from a host of French World Cup stars as the Real Madrid and Croatia midfielder won the 2018 Ballon d'Or on Monday, ending the 10-year stranglehold on the award by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

Modric, 33, was announced as the winner of the prestigious prize in a glitzy ceremony held in Paris. Ronaldo was second, with France and Atletico Madrid striker Antoine Griezmann completing the podium.

Paris Saint-Germain's teenage forward Kylian Mbappe came fourth, leaving Messi to settle for fifth position. Another Frenchman, Modric's Madrid teammate Raphael Varane, was seventh, just behind Liverpool's Egyptian forward Mohamed Salah.

"As a kid we all have dreams. My dream was to play for a big club and win important trophies," Modric said.

"The Ballon d'Or was more than just a dream for me and it is really an honour and a privilege to hold this trophy," Mbappe, who does not turn 20 until later this month, picked up the consolation prize of the Kopa Trophy for the best young player.

The gala ceremony also saw a women's Ballon d'Or named for the first time, with Lyon's prolific Norwegian striker Ada Hegerberg taking that award. Modric — the oldest winner since Italy's Fabio Cannavaro, also 33, in 2006 — was crowned after an outstanding year in which he starred in the Real side that retained the Champions League before heroically helping drag his country to the final of the World Cup for the first time in their history.

The prize comes after Modric claimed the Golden Ball for the best player at the World Cup before picking up UEFA's prize for player of the season and FIFA's best player award in September.

Ronaldo and Messi were among 30 nominees for the Ballon d'Or, organised by France Football magazine and which takes votes from 180 journalists from around the world.

The Portuguese star played with Modric in the Madrid side that won the Champions League before moving to Juventus in a typically prolific year, while Messi has again been outstanding with Barcelona.

The pair had won the prize five times each in the last decade but both are now in their 30s and neither stamped their authority on the World Cup. Messi



Luka Modric celebrates with the Ballon d'Or award during the Golden Ball award ceremony; (below) Luka Modric center poses with Ada Hegerberg with the Women's Ballon d'Or, left, and Kylian Mbappe with Kopa Trophy AP

Modric sees off French stars, wins Ballon d'Or

TOP 10 PLAYERS			
Rank	Player	Club(s)	Points
1	Luka Modric	Real Madrid	753
2	Cristiano Ronaldo	Real Madrid, Juventus	478
3	Antoine Griezmann	Atletico Madrid	414
4	Kylian Mbappé	Paris Saint-Germain	347
5	Lionel Messi	Barcelona	280
6	Mohamed Salah	Liverpool	188
7	Raphaël Varane	Real Madrid	121
8	Eden Hazard	Chelsea	119
9	Kevin De Bruyne	Manchester City	29
10	Harry Kane	Tottenham Hotspur	25



finishes outside the top three in the voting for the first time since 2006.

The World Cup was always likely to play a key role, and France had hoped to see one of their stars take the award on home soil.

'HUGE STEP'

The last time a Frenchman won the Ballon d'Or came in 1998, when Zinedine Zidane was rewarded for starring as Les Bleus won that year's World Cup. But perhaps the lack of a single standout French candidate cleared the path for Modric — Hugo Lloris, Paul

HOST APOLOGISES AS 'TWERK' REQUEST CAUSES STORM

PARIS: French DJ Martin Solveig apologised and said he was taken aback by the stormy reaction online after he asked the inaugural women's Ballon d'Or winner Ada Hegerberg whether she could "twerk" live on stage.

The awards co-host in Paris provoked a torrent of complaints about sexism with his question about the sexually suggestive dance, which received a blunt "No" from the unamused Norwegian striker. The incident was a major talking point despite Hegerberg's achievement in becoming the first winner of the women's Ballon d'Or, an award which has been handed to male footballers since 1956. Solveig, a musician and radio host, apologised in person to Hegerberg and said he was "astounded" at the reaction.

"Guys I'm a little bit amazed, astonished by what I'm reading on the internet," he said in a video posted on Twitter. "Of course I didn't want to offend anyone... This was a joke, probably a bad one and I want to apologise for the one I may have offended."



Hegerberg, 23, whose goals propelled Lyon to a record fifth Champions League title and their 12th consecutive domestic crown, played down the controversy and said it hadn't marred her evening. "I didn't feel it was like that at all to be honest and I am sad if people thought about the situation like that," Hegerberg said after the show. She added: "He came to see me after and apologised. The Ballon d'Or is the most important thing."

AFP

Icardi wins Serie A footballer of year award



Mario Icardi receives Serie A Footballer of the year award AFP

Inter Milan's Argentina striker Mauro Icardi won the Serie A Footballer of the Year award at the Gran Gala del Calcio ceremony in Milan on Monday night.

The 25-year-old becomes the first player outside Juventus to win the Italian Players' Association award, voted for by his peers, since Zlatan Ibrahimovic with AC Milan in 2011.

Icardi was joint top scorer with Lazio's Ciro Immobile in Serie A last season with 29 goals.

The Argentine also won the best goal award for his spectacular backheel during a four-goal haul against Sampdoria last March.

Icardi disagreed with the choice, insisting his "one goal" at AC Milan was more beautiful.

Juventus were voted top team with Massimiliano Allegri winning coach of the year after the Turin side won a league and Cup double for the fourth consecutive year.

"It's a group of great men, with a great club behind us," said Allegri, who has won the award four times.

"I'm fortunate to have worked with so many marvellous players and tonight I see the maestro Andrea Pirlo too." Allegri's side are on track for an eighth straight Serie A title, with Allegri hailing the impact of five-time Ballon d'Or winner Cristiano Ronaldo who arrived last summer.

"Ronaldo has brought professionalism, competitiveness and is a humble guy," said Allegri.

Fiorentina's Italian international defender Alia Guagni won the Serie A women's Player of the Year award.

Roma legend Francesco Totti and former AC Milan and Juventus great Pirlo both received Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Meanwhile, Gianluca Rocchi won the award for the best referee 24 hours after being whistled off the pitch at the Stadio Olimpico over his decision not to award Roma a penalty in a 2-2 draw against Inter Milan.

SINGLES

BUDAPEST TO HOST ATHLETICS WORLD

MONACO: The Hungarian capital of Budapest will host the 2023 World Athletics Championships, the IAAF announced on Tuesday. The next worlds will take place in Doha in 2019 before going to Eugene, United States, in 2021. It will be the first time Budapest has hosted the worlds, having previously hosted the 1998 European championships. The city was the sole candidate under a new IAAF system that saw away with traditional bidding campaigns in favour of a consultation process. Budapest expressed its interest in hosting the 2023 worlds after its candidacy for the 2024 Summer Olympics collapsed early last year.

MINERVA BEAT EAST BENGAL 1-0

KOLKATA: Defending champions Minerva Punjab FC defeated East Bengal 1-0 to get back to title reckoning with their third win of the I-League season here on Tuesday. William Opoku scored the all-important goal for Minerva in the 77th minute. The win took Minerva to the second place with 11 points from seven matches, behind table-toppers Chennai City FC (17 points from 7 matches). For East Bengal (6 points from 5 matches), it was their third loss in five games and they now move further down to eighth out of 11 teams. Opoku got the goal he wanted when Minerva caught East Bengal on the break and Moinuddin floated in a cross from the left flank which pierced an onrushing Ubaid and a retreating Manoj Mohammad to land perfectly at the feet of Ghanaian whose first time connection went into the empty net.

RIVER PLATE CONFIRM MADRID FLIGHT

BUENOS AIRES: The River Plate team will leave for Spain on Wednesday to play the second leg of the highly controversial Libertadores Cup final, the club announced on Monday. In a statement to the South American football federation CONMEBOL, the Argentinian club said the team would leave for Spain "Wednesday at 1400 local time (1700 GMT) in a charter flight from Ezeiza airport". River Plate had earlier said it was opposed to moving Sunday's match against fierce local rivals Boca Juniors from Buenos Aires to the Santiago Bernabeu in Madrid. Coach Marcelo Gallardo had called it "absurd", adding that his side had lost home advantage. The first leg at Boca Juniors' Bombonera Stadium had finished 2-2. The second leg of the Libertadores Cup takes place in Madrid on December 9.

LITTLE STEPS WIN KBD JR DELHI LEG

NEW DELHI: In a test of strength and passion for kabaddi, the KBD Juniors Season 2 Delhi finale witnessed Little Steps Public School emerge victorious against Rajkiya Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya and the score was 33-11. Little Steps Public School had an unbeaten run to lift the trophy. Little Steps Public School led by female coach Karishma Raut orchestrated a brilliant game with decisive precision against Rajkiya Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya and went on to become the champions of the Delhi leg for KBD Juniors season 2. Prior to the city finals, the two semi-final matches witnessed Chhotu Ram Public School test their mettle against Little Steps Public School and Rajkiya Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya took on Apollo International School.

NEUFC FACE BANGALURU IN ISL CLASH

GUWAHATI: NorthEast United FC will face their toughest test of this Indian Super League season when they take on Bengaluru FC in the top-of-table clash here on Wednesday. Bengaluru FC have been the best side in the league so far. They have remained unbeaten in eight matches, winning seven of them, including six on the trot to occupy the top spot in the points table. But they will still be on their guard as they are challenged by the next best side, NorthEast United FC at the Indira Gandhi Athletics Stadium. NEUFC coach Eelco Schattorie is doubly motivated to end Bengaluru's unbeaten run.

Agencies

Azpilicueta signs new Chelsea contract



AFP ■ LONDON

Spanish international Cesar Azpilicueta, one of the longest-serving players at Chelsea, signed a new four-year contract on Tuesday which if he sees it out will take him to 10 years with the Premier League club.

The 29-year-old defender — who joined the Blues in 2012 from French outfit Marseille and has won the Premier League title twice as well as captained them this season in the

league — says his desire to fight for the club is stronger than ever.

Azpilicueta, who is two appearances short of 300 for the club, has been a pivotal player in the bright start to the Maurizio Sarri reign which sees them lying in third spot.

"Delighted to be a blue until 2022," the 25-times capped Spaniard said on his Twitter account.

"Since I arrived in 2012, my desire has been always to give my best and fight for this club, and now more than ever, I feel the responsibility to bring more success to this family."

Azpilicueta's previous deal was due to expire in 2020 after he signed a three-and-a-half-year contract extension in 2016.

Club director Maria Granovskaia said Azpilicueta's new contract was reward not only for his loyalty but also his consistently high-level displays.

Utd host Gunners at Old Trafford

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Jose Mourinho needs to lift Manchester United's morale quickly as a deflating run of performances threatens to throw their season off track completely but he faces a daunting task against a revitalised Arsenal.

Mourinho's team have not looked themselves at Old Trafford for much of the season, with their past two matches

producing an insipid goalless draw against Crystal Palace and an unconvincing late Champions League victory over Swiss side Young Boys.

On their travels, they had looked as if they were getting back to form as October turned to November, with the side producing fine displays in drawing at Chelsea and beating Juventus.

Yet perhaps those performances were just papering over the cracks. United recovered from a two-goal deficit to draw at Southampton on Saturday and Romelu Lukaku scored his first club goal since September 15 but there was much to be alarmed about.

Mourinho claimed his players, with the exception of Marcus Rashford, were meek, lacking the spirit of what he called "mad dogs".

According to Duncan Castles, a British journalist with close



Marouane Fellaini celebrates with Marcus Rashford after netting against Juventus AP

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links to Mourinho's agent Jorge Mendes, the United manager compared midfielder Paul Pogba to "a virus" after another poor performance at Southampton, saying the France international lacked respect for both his teammates and fans.

The manager's frustration at not being able to sign a top-class centre-back has been raked over repeatedly by his defensive team selection at Southampton baffled even his most loyal supporters.

With Chris Smalling and Eric Bailly unfit, Mourinho elected to play two midfielders — Scott McTominay and Nemanja Matic — in a three-man central defence against a team that had not won at home all season. It did not work.

Failure to win on the south coast further damaged United's chances of finishing in the top four — the ticket to Champions League qualification — and Mourinho



Milik celebrates after scoring goal AP

Milik's strike lifts Napoli

AFP ■ NEPALES

Arkadiusz Milik came off the bench to snatch a late 2-1 win for Napoli over Atalanta on Monday that consolidated second place in Serie A and reduced the gap on leaders Juventus to eight points.

Polish forward Milik scored the winner five minutes from time shortly after coming on after Fabian Ruiz had put the visitors ahead just two minutes into the clash in Bergamo and former Napoli man Duvan Zapata had pulled Atalanta level 11 minutes after the break.

Napoli close the gap on Juventus, who pulled 11 points clear with a 3-0 win at Fiorentina on Saturday.

"It's a very, very important goal for all of us," said Napoli coach Ancelotti.

Milik went through a difficult period because he didn't play consistently, but he remained motivated and focused, so deserves this."

Ancelotti's side came out firing on all cylinders after their title hopes took a serious hit with a goalless draw against bottom club Chievo last weekend.

The coach stuck with the same starting line-up that beat Red Star Belgrade 3-1 in the Champions League midweek.

Captain Marek Hamsik started the move that led to the opener with just a minute on the clock, passing to Lorenzo Insigne who crossed for Spaniard Ruiz to tap in his third goal since joining Napoli from Real Betis.

Insigne was ruled offside early as his volley rattled the bar with a lob shortly after the Italian international forward shot wide as he

slipped. Zapata tested Napoli goalkeeper David Ospina in the first half with defender Raul Albiol also clearing off the Colombian after the break.

But the former Napoli forward broke through on 56 minutes when Hans Hateboer headed the ball down and he blasted in from close range.

Milik came on for Dries Mertens after 81 minutes and four minutes later picked up a Mario Rui cross to fire in the winner for his fifth goal this season.

And the Polish striker said the win gave his side confidence ahead of next week's decisive Champions League clash against Liverpool at Anfield.

"Before the Champions League, we have another tough Serie A game against Frosinone. Of course we want to beat Liverpool, we know it won't be easy, but we believe in ourselves," said Milik.



Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang celebrates after scoring from spot against Tottenham AP

HEAD TO HEAD						
Competition	Played	Arsenal	Draw	Utd	AG	UG
Football / Premier League	198	69	46	83	274	302
FA Cup	15	6	2	7	19	19
League Cup	6	2	0	4	8	15
League Centenary Trophy	1	1	0	0	2	1
FA Community Shield	6	4	2	0	14	7
UEFA Champions League	2	0	0	2	1	4
Total	228	82	50	96	318	348



himself appears to believe that is now a long shot with his team lagging eight points behind fourth-placed Arsenal.

Asked by Brazilian television what his aims were for the remainder of the season, he said: "Try to win as many points as possible and try (to achieve) almost the miracle of finishing fourth."

Arsenal, like United, spent relatively little in the close-season, bringing in Bernd Leno, Sokratis Papastathopoulos, Lucas Torreira and Matteo Guendouzi for relatively modest sums, yet look revitalised under Unai Emery's man-

agement. They have gone 19 games unbeaten in all competitions since losing their first two matches of the season, and are playing a thrilling brand of aggressive, high-pressing football.

According to Uruguay midfielder Torreira, the manager's words are making as much of an impact as his actions — as evidenced by his half-time team talk on Sunday before the Gunners recovered to beat Tottenham 4-2.

"He told us to be calm," Torreira said. "We listened to the manager and we improved many things. That worked for us to get the victory."

Pep confident Sane will sign new deal

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Pep Guardiola is confident that winger Leroy Sane will sign a new long-term deal with Manchester City despite delays in ongoing contract negotiations between the two parties.

The 22-year-old has recovered well from the disappointment of a summer in which he was not selected in Germany's World Cup squad and then returned to England to discover he had lost his starting place under Guardiola.

Sane has still only started seven of City's 14 league games this season but four goals in his past five Premier League games suggests he is rediscovering his impressive form of the past two seasons.

And even though Sane is yet to join a list of senior stars such as Sergio Aguerro, David Silva, Kevin De Bruyne, Raheem Sterling, Ederson, Gabriel Jesus and Nicolas Otamendi in signing new long-term contracts with the club, Guardiola is convinced that will happen.

"I don't have any info about the club, about being in trouble with Leroy," said the City manager, whose side travel to Watford on Tuesday.

"The last info I had was that it's going well but the process is not one day — Raheem Sterling it was not one day. Except Kevin De Bruyne, it was in one or two days done, the other ones sometimes take longer but hopefully he can stay here for many, many years." Sane's task at City this season has been further



Leroy Sane celebrates with City teammates after scoring during Premier League game PL

LEROY SANE AT MAN CITY

	Years	Apps	Goals
In PL	2016-	70	20
Overall	2016-	103	28
Career Total	2013-	160	41

complicated by the summer club-record signing of \$76 million Leicester winger Riyad Mahrez.

The pair have been effectively engaged in a straight fight for the wide left position in Guardiola's attack, with Mahrez having made one less start than Sane but having been involved in one more league game when substitute appearances are factored in.

Pep has not ruled De Bruyne, who has played just 81 minutes of league football this season due to two knee injuries, out of the weekend visit to Chelsea. "He's started training. It's day by day," he said.

"This kind of situation, if the player himself decides it feels good, he will train with the team. We will see."

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN

A degree in sports management will not only make you stand out in the crowd, it offers plenty of opportunities as well, says DR NAYANA NIMKAR

Sports in India is one of the fastest growing sectors thanks to the commercial growth of sports sector in our country. The commercial part of it has opened floodgates for various skilled professionals including the growth of professional sports management companies, event organisers, sports and physical education curriculum providers, and nonprofessional sports teams and leagues in India.

According to reports, India contributes a mere 0.35% of the \$700 billion global sports industry. However, with the increase of professional courses in India, the numbers are seen to improve. India is now investing in million dollar deals and is organising events worth crores.

Considering the fact that most sports enterprises are driving towards the data driven model where they study the game and players on the basis of the data analytics available, shows the huge opportunity that professionals have today.

While many people dream of representing their country at national and international tournaments, playing a sport is not the only part of it. People who have the exquisite knowledge and understanding of the game are much needed in the market. This can be done by gaining the knowledge of the same at the educational level.

A proper course in sports management helps a student analyse the intricacies of every aspect of a sport,

starting from the rules of the game to the rules of the business.

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Gain skills relevant to the business world: Ones love for sports can never go in vain. No matter which area of sports management one works in, they have great opportunities to build their network, improve their communication skills, build a portfolio of their professional work and be of huge demand in the industry.

In order to choose this field, one needs to do a bachelors degree in sports management and/or pursue an MBA degree/ Masters in Sports Management. Post this, there are various job opportunities to choose



ACCORDING TO REPORTS, INDIA CONTRIBUTES A MERE 0.35% OF THE \$700 BILLION GLOBAL SPORTS INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, WITH THE INCREASE OF PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN INDIA, THE NUMBERS ARE ON THE RISE

from. Some of the interesting jobs to choose from are listed below:

MARKETING SPECIALIST

A sports marketing specialist is responsible for handling the marketing/ public relations for a particular event/ game/ brand. They are responsible for deciding on the tactics of the game, coordinating activities for the event, planning the promotions for the event and everything from media partners to sponsorship partners.

SPORTS AGENTS

Sports agents are responsible for negotiating the contracts and product endorsement deals. Successful sports agents are best negotiators and are best at networking to find the best deals for their clients. Apart from being on their toes, they have the perfect knowledge and expertise in marketing, finance and legal sectors. An MBA degree comes a lot handy because it prepares the students for this.

INFORMATION DIRECTOR

A sports information director is responsible for being the channel between the teams and the media. They are responsible for creating the press releases and maintaining relations with the media on behalf of the company. They also organize press conferences for the players and the coaches. They are also responsible for ensuring that the company has a

positive light in the minds of people. The entire content that goes out in the media is handled by the sports information director.

TALENT MANAGER

A degree in Sports Management gives you a podium to become a talent manager. Let's tell you the fun part: You will be able to get your fair share of tickets for sporting events. A lot of the job will involve the person making sure that the players are selected and trained and hence one needs to keep his ears and eyes always open on the ground. Talent manager generally spends a lot of time at sporting events, not only keeping an eye on their current client, but scouting for others.

LECTURER

A person with a degree in Sports Management, can become a lecturer. Apart from imparting the knowledge about every sport and its practices, they can teach about the legal and ethical part of sports management. It is really an interesting profession for a person who is interested in being a lecturer and who is passionate about sports.

Thus, by getting a degree in sports management, an individual can not only turn his passion of sports into a career option, but can also earn a lot of respect and revenue in this domain.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others

— Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

FINTECH

The Strathclyde Business School, Glasgow, is inviting applications for MSc Financial Technology course starting in September 2019. The course is 12 months full-time, with two semesters of classes followed by projects during the summer.

Financial Technology (FinTech) is the future. It combines the theory and knowledge behind capital markets with the technology that makes financial transactions more efficient. The course teaches the big data techniques, computer programming and analytics that banks and insurance companies prize.

The MSc FinTech is jointly provided by the top ranked departments of Accounting, Finance and Management Science.

Students will gain a comprehensive skill set using a blended learning approach that combines theory, intensive practice and engagement with FinTech start-ups.

Eligibility: An honours degree, or equivalent, in accounting, economics, business studies or a subject area with a strong quantitative bias. The programme requires no prior knowledge of finance. IELTS (Academic): 6.5 overall (no individual band less than 5.5)

Fee: The fee for overseas students is £21150 for 2019/20. For more information email at sbs.admissions@strath.ac.uk and log on to <https://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/taught/financialtechnology/>

BTECH

The NIIT University (NU), a not-for-profit, announces early admissions for its BTech programmes in Computer Science Engineering; Electronics and Communication Engineering and Biotechnology along with four-year Integrated MBA and five-year Integrated MTech programmes.



Integrated MBA programme offers specialisation in Marketing & Marketing Analytics, Family Business and Entrepreneurship, Finance, Banking & Fintech, Business Analytics, Communication & Media Studies, and Digital & Social Media Marketing.

Students applying for early admissions will get a provisional admission to the programme of their choice, even before their Class XII exam. They will also get an opportunity to experience campus life at NU before joining the university through Camp Future - a unique two-day programme at NIIT University for Class XII Students to experience the university life.

Selection process: Admissions are processed through a unique Admission Interaction Process (AIP). AIP consists of three parts—questionnaire, a test based on Class XII subjects and Personal Counselling Interaction (PCI). The PCI between the applicants and their parents/ guardians with designated officials from NU is an important prerequisite. AIP can be scheduled as per the student's preferred time, online or at any nearest AIP location.

Scholarship: To encourage and support meritorious candidates, NU has implemented very distinctive merit scholarship programme - NU Scholar Search Programme. Merit scholarships are available on first-come-first-served basis.

Deadline: The last date to apply for round one of early admissions is December 22, 2018. Students can apply online at www.niituniversity.in.

Sports tournament



Dignitaries present at inter-university badminton tournament at VIT Vellore

The annual South Zone Inter University Women's Badminton began at Vellore Institute of Technology have begun. Kondi Mani, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Togo, inaugurated the tournament that will be held over five days. CA Bhavani Devi, winner of the Gold Medal for fencing at the Commonwealth Games, was the guest of honour.

More than 400 players from 82 universities from all over South India are taking part in the tournament.

Speaking on the occasion, Mani said that the two countries had great ties with each other and wished students to perform to the best of their abilities and earn laurels for their excellent performance.

Bhavani Devi, who won the Gold in Fencing at the Commonwealth Games held in Sydney, hoisted the tournament flag and said that women athletes were being laurels to the country, when once upon a time, they were only looked at as being decorative objects. For women to take part in sports and games and to excel, it required the

support of the family and society. She said that it was important for women athletes to possess a burning desire to excel and win in whichever sports they take up. Bhavani Devi said that athletes could win only if they practice very hard every day and added that she was an example. "The Government had made arrangements for funds and has also created the necessary sports infrastructure and young athletes should make proper use of these facilities, practice well and win in tournaments," she said.

S Narayanan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, hoisted the tournament flag and formally declared open the tournament. He also handed over mementoes to the guests who took part in the inaugural function. The first four teams in the South Zone Inter University Tournament will be taking part in the All India Women's Badminton Tournament, to be held at VIT from December 10, 2018.

Sixteen teams from North, East, West and South will be competing in the four-day tournament.

ENTRIES OPEN

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Following the success of Hindi Word of the Year in 2017 which declared Aadhaar the word of the Year, Oxford Dictionaries is now calling on Hindi speakers from across the country to help choose a Hindi Word of the Year for 2018. The 2018 Word of the Year will be announced in January 2019 at the Jaipur Literary Festival.

It will be a word or expression that has attracted a great deal of interest over the last 12 months. The chosen word should reflect the ethos, mood, or preoccupations of the year. It is not necessarily a new word, but should be one that is strongly linked somehow to 2018.

Following the public suggestions, the Word of the Year will be chosen by the Hindi Dictionaries team at Oxford University Press along with an advisory panel of language experts who each bring a unique perspective.

The panel includes Ashok Kumar Sharma, Hindi Language Champion, advisor, Public Relation Society of India; Kritika Agrawal, Hindi Language Champion, lawyer (Oxford), polyglot, and Indian language expert; Namita Gokhale, writer, publisher and festival director; Randhir Thakur, associate commissioning editor, Hindi, Oxford University Press India and many others.

How to apply: People are invited to submit suggestions on the Hindi Living Dictionaries website at <https://hi.oxforddictionaries.com/hindi-word-of-the-year>.

Deadline: The last date to apply is December 9, 2018.

Exchange programme

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has signed an MoU with Lovely Professional University (LPU), Jalandhar, for mutual cooperation — recognition to Company Secretary qualification as equivalent to PG degree for admission to PhD in Management or Commerce or Law on November 28, 2018 at Jalandhar. Under this partnership, the ICSI

will conduct specialised training programmes at the university for the faculty, research scholars and students in areas of mutual interest. The university will nominate ICSI members for academic Board/syllabus review Board of colleges/university. Exchange of faculty members will allow sharing of expertise for training programmes or workshops organised by ICSI.

Joint organise workshops, seminars, continuing education and training programmes like training of

trainers (ToT) for professionals, corporate executives and faculty members, research scholars and students of LPU will be organised as well. The ICSI and university will work jointly for teacher congruence by organising specialised programmes together.

Moreover, regularly an exchange journals published by the parties will also get featured in each other's publications. There will be exchange of course materials, case studies, research publications and other aca-

EuroSchool West Campus launched

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The EuroSchool, a network of K-12 schools, has announced the launch of its new campus in Pune — EuroSchool West Campus in Wakad. This will be the third school in Pune and the 11th across the country.

EuroSchool's unique engagement programmes focus on building lateral and critical thinking, creativity, logical reasoning and essential life skills that help in holistic development and building 21st-century citizens.

The campus will follow the curriculum in accordance with the

ICSE Board, providing the best in class learning for students from Junior KG to Class X. The new campus has been envisioned in a 2.25-acre plot with state-of-the-art educational and co-curricular facilities. The well-equipped campus will consist of a football field, swimming pool, skating rink, squash court, 300-seater auditorium, indoor sports arena and fully functional labs as well as activity rooms for dance, music and art, to provide a holistic learning experience for students.

The campus aims to provide an environment that stimulates, inspires and promotes learning with class-

rooms that feature the latest audio-visual systems for tech enabled curriculum delivery.

The seating arrangements are ergonomically planned to promote good posture and comfort for students. EuroSchool has been recognised as India's first certified safe school network and thus safety and wellness of the students is of top priority.

The campus will also look into the wellness of its students by employing the Student Bag Weight loss programme, which mandates that children carry school bags weighing only 10 per cent of their

democratic and research inputs. With the Joint Meeting of Curriculum Development Committees, both will also extend help and co-operation in developing each other's academic curriculum and education programmes.

The ICSI and the university will also undertake joint research projects and will reciprocate participation in their National and International conferences.

The university will be providing an exemption in university subjects for the students of ICSI in topics such as Corporate Governance. The ICSI may also assist LPU in devising up a Governance Code for the university.

Analysing IIFT 2018

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade 2018 exam was conducted recently. RAMNATH KANAKADANDI breaks down the paper for the aspirants



The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) 2018 exam was on December 2 for admission to the institutes located in Delhi, Kolkata, and Kakinada (AP). The test was conducted across various centres in the country. The two hour exam had no sectional time limit. However, there were six sections this time — Verbal Ability (VA) and Reading Comprehension (RC) as separate sections along with Logical Reasoning (LR) and Data Interpretation (DI). Students needed to manage their time across sections deftly to ensure that they go past the sectional cut-offs.

There were six sections this year as against four last year. Each of the sections had sectional cut-offs applicable. Below is the snapshot of various sections (Set — A).

Section 1: The RC passages, though fairly lengthy, were definitely readable. A person with moderate to good reading skills should not have faced much of a problem in reading the passages. However, most of the questions that followed the passages were difficult in nature owing to the ambiguity of the options. The big change is that there were five passages, with four having three questions each and one having four questions. The passages were from similar areas. While one was on Culture, another one was on Sociology. There was one on economics. The remaining two were on Information (Science)

and Liberal Arts. The cut-off in this section could be around three-four marks. Around seven-nine attempts can be considered very good in this section. The cut-off in this section is expected to be in the range 2.33 to 3.

Section 2: The questions in the VA were predominantly on vocabulary — jumbled words, origin, Fill in the blanks, and word-analogies. English Grammar did have a presence but in the form of two different models of sentence-correction questions — both reasonably simple. The vocabulary part was reasonably challenging, with quite a few unfamiliar words making an appearance.

The questions based on origin were challenging. The two paragraphs could be worked out more by elimination than by actually solving. Overall the section was challenging barring a couple of grammar questions, and only someone who understands words well would have been able to get a good score. 10-12 would be a good number of attempts in this section. The cut-off is expected to be around 3-3.5.

Section 3: The difficulty level of QA this section was higher as compared to that from last year on account of lengthier and tougher questions. There were only about five questions which could be classified as relatively easier ones — two from Logarithms, one from Simple Equations, one from Time

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& Work, one from Time & Distance. The remaining questions were either moderate or difficult to handle during the test. A good candidate would've been able to attempt around seven-nine questions in QA. The cut-off in this section is expected to be three-four marks.

Section 4: Another of the never-ending difficult sections in the test, DI was a definite tough nut to crack. With large quantum of data/graphs to work with, there was no relief to the students.

There were a total of five sets of four questions each. All the sets were based on Tables and or Line Graph/Bar Graph. Almost all the questions were calculation intensive and were very lengthy. However, there was one set (related to LPI indicators) where the calculations were easier.

Section 5: The LR questions on Input-output were time-consuming and would have needed a good amount of concentration. The questions based on 'distribution' — job fair, though a little time consuming were relatively easier to solve. The missing number question might have seemed slightly trickier in the first glance; however, it was actually pretty simple.

The case-let on Venn Diagrams, which had a minor error was on the tougher side (if the mistake is not identified). The selections based question needed a good grasp of basic concepts. Compared to last year, this year's LR

section was relatively much more difficult. The overall difficulty level of this section can be classified as moderate-difficult. A good number of attempts in this section can be considered to be 6- 8 questions while the cut-off is expected to be around 4 to 4.67 marks.

Section 6: (General Awareness): This section, though easier than last year, still was on the tougher side. The questions were from diverse topics like Personalities, sports, corporate logos, corporate entities, International trade organisations and currencies. This implies that the students needed to be extremely well prepared to clear the cut-off in this section.

Unlike last year, the questions were not lengthy in nature. This would have enabled students to attempt the section in five-10 minutes. Some very difficult questions like the one on 'South Indian sea ports' must have baffled the students. Historically, the sectional cutoff for this section has been very low, though this year there may be a tiny movement northward.

The cut-off in this section last year was 0.82 marks and is expected to be little higher this year — to around one-two marks. Six-eight questions could be considered to be a good number of attempts in this section.

The writer is Ramnath Kanakadandi, National CAT course director, TIME

'Better options in India today'

Constant monitoring from higher education governing bodies enforcing higher pedagogy standards has raised the level of Indian education, says PROF SG PATIL

The biggest challenge of education system today is to maintain high quality standards and to develop institutional capacity to meet the demand of current industry. To this end the quality of education and compliances are supervised by the Ministry of Human Resources Development through its regulatory body-UGC. Apart from this All India Council for Technical Education and National Assessment and Accreditation Council has played a major role in enriching the quality of education. Under privatisation of higher education a number of institutes have grown rapidly in last three decades. Some of them have shown excellence in providing quality education and developing relevant skills, however many of them have become centre for selling degrees. Such institutions are more in professional courses like Engineering, Pharmacy, Education and Management. This has reflected in employment statistics, according to McKinsey almost 75% of Indian engineering graduates are not employable and the reason is substandard education which is outdated and irrelevant, not meeting the current demand of the industry. This has led higher education governing bodies to bring in radical reforms.

Students look for better options rather than taking admission in sub-standard institutes. For last two decades many students have preferred western universities. The various reasons are ease of admission, high quality education and immigration. However, for last five years, the west is going through a number of issues. Their economic and political scenarios are in trouble. Their own citizens are unemployed due to lack of job opportunities. Industries in the UK and the US are not creating enough jobs for their locals. This has made their Governments to enforce stringent visa rules for foreigners to work in their own countries. Such initiatives by their Government have put Indian students in trouble as most of them choose to study abroad expecting jobs there after completion of the studies. Non-availability of jobs and difficulty in obtaining work visa compel Indian students with foreign degrees to return home. However,



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although they spend huge amount on their study many of them feel that there are better opportunities in their home country due to economic growth and improved job prospects.

Looking at the pace with which India is moving forward in creating world class infrastructure and urban development to boost the national economy is exceptional. I am of an opinion that the young generation must capture this opportunity to make career in this sector which will become world's third largest construction market by 2025. The Government has realised the requirement of human resources to meet the demand supply gap and skills required.

Huge spending by the Indian Government in construction sector, demand supply and skill gap. Skill India has attracted local and well-known foreign institutes in built environment to collaborate with Indian universities. Such collaborations have brought in good pedagogy practices, thus developing students with required skill sets and standards to serve the construction industry which is at par with well-known foreign institutions. Constant monitoring from higher education governing bodies enforcing higher pedagogy standards has raised the level of Indian education.

We have often talked about discovering our strongest trait to be successful in life. Now today we are going to talk about the direction in which the strongest trait has to be worked upon. It is simple theory but still we forget, if we row our boat in the direction of winds, our sail will be smoother and quicker, isn't it? Whereas if we try to direct our energy in opposite direction of winds, a lot of resistance has to be faced and the sail will be tough with unwanted delays. If you have that wisdom to discover the smartest path, you are already in the right direction.

In Today's highly competitive world, it is the need of the hour to be 'smart workers' and to be 'smart workers'.

you need to put your energy in the right direction. Here are few benchmarks:

Consider your personality in your career-planning: Remember that you are a human being long before you are a professional. Your comfort and happiness matters. Consider your personality type carefully before you commit to a career path. Introspect, do you like to sit for long hours and work or you want to be on move? Do you like to talk to people and socialise or sit at your desk and write something? Your personality type plays a vital role in choosing the right career.

Make careful choices about where to study: The choices that you make even at the stage of deciding what to study, will greatly

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influence your career. It is important to pick an option that will speak to your long term goals and equip you with core skills. Be sure to choose a reputable college or institution of learning that has a solid reputation that will hold up in industry.

Find your strengths and follow your intrinsic interest: Take a little time to introspect, but also ask others for feedback on what you think your strengths and abilities are. Your strengths and the things that you are passionate about will be the power that you bring to the professional

world. **Take criticism positively:** While it is important to interface with family members and peers about your career choices, you must also protect your dreams. Too often there are ill-informed people out there who will feed you doubt and stomp on your dreams. Have the presence of mind to take a step back and separate your intentions from the influence of others. Take criticism positively to be well prepared. Drive your own career path. **Go for internships before deciding:** If

you would like to formalise your work-experience why not take up an internship? Sometimes internships get a bad rap for being nothing more than a way for senior staff members to get the coffee served to them.

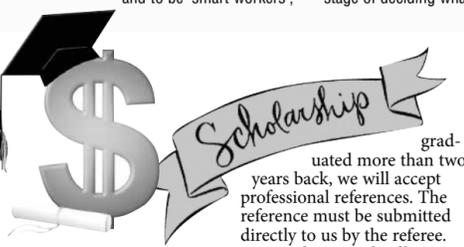
But if you choose the organisation that you are working for carefully, you should come away with very valuable work experience. While you are an intern be sure to get assigned to a mentor so that your entry into the professional world is a guided experience.

Create your own opportunities: Some of the world's most successful entrepreneurs found success because they had no other option but to create their own sunshine.

There is nothing wrong with being entrepreneurially-minded, even earlier on in your career. Use your skills to start-up your own consultancy or small business and network with industry professionals.

Consider remuneration value: Having a dream and something to strive towards is admirable. But you do have to take a balanced approach. With bills to pay and money that is sorely needed to live your life, you may need to reconsider your route to your dream. Examine the core values of your dream job and find something similar which balances your needs and dreams.

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The University of Warwick is offering WMG Excellence Scholarships for UK and international students. Scholarships will be awarded to students commencing full-time MSc programme beginning in September 2019.

Eligibility: Applicants must hold an offer to study on a WMG full-time MSc course starting September 2019. Should have an excellent academic track-record and/or strong professional profile in order to qualify. Scholarships are for self-funded students only. Scholarships are paid towards tuition fees only and can't be paid in cash or towards accommodation or maintenance costs. **English language requirement:** Applicants must have IELTS 6.5 (or IELTS 6.0 + pre-sessional).

How to apply: A completed application form & application fee. A personal statement, which can be included in the online application. A scan of your transcript of marks awarded so far (if you are currently studying) or an original copy of final transcript/degree certificate. English test result (if applicable). One reference. If you completed studies less than two years back, this should be academic references. If you

graduated more than two years back, we will accept professional references. The reference must be submitted directly to us by the referee. **Application deadline:** The last date to apply is April 1, 2019.

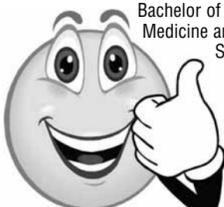
Imperial College Business School is pleased to offer Riley Family Scholarship for the full-time MBA commencing in September 2019. International students are eligible to apply. **Eligibility:** A very strong academic background and an excellent track record of professional achievement. A high and well-balanced GMAT score, which must also be submitted by 25 January 2019. Your performance during the admissions process, where academic and professional merit will be judged. Your professional references. **English language requirement:** IELTS (academic): A score of 7.0 with minimum scores of 6.5 in all elements, TOEFL iBT: A score of 100 overall with minimum scores of 22 in all elements. Degree studied in and awarded by an English-speaking country.

How to apply: As essay on: What life experiences have shaped who you are today and how have you overcome adversity to excel in education? How do you think these experiences will help you in today's rapidly changing world? (700 words max). **Application deadline:** January 25, 2019.

STUDY CENTRES

Ayurveda believes in the adage: Prevention is better than cure. Of late, there has been a lot of talk on the importance of Ayurveda in treating a number of ailments. Patients too are looking for good Ayurveda doctors because it combines the best knowledge and developments taking place globally. As patients from all over the world are coming to India for Ayurveda treatment, the demand for Ayurveda doctors is on the rise. To be a successful Ayurveda practitioner, one must have strong concentration, self-confidence, responsibility, caring nature and good communication skills. A few more colleges to study are:

- **Karavali Ayurvedic Medical College and Research Centre, Mangalore.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Uttaranchal Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Dehra Dun.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Maharashtra Arogya Mandal's Samatibhai Shah Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Pune.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Karnataka Ayurveda Medical College, Mangalore.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Jupiter Ayurved Medical College, Nagpur.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Chaudhary Brahm Prakash Ayurved Charak Sansthan, New Delhi.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT CIPLA HEALTH

Location: Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Indore, Kolkata, Lucknow, Surat, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16451
Application deadline: December 10, 2018

OPERATIONS AT QUALITY COUNCIL OF INDIA

Location - Delhi
Stipend ₹19,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16452
Application deadline: December 9, 2018

DIGITAL MARKETING AT LEARNINGROW

Location: Work from Home
Stipend: ₹1,000 per month
Link - internshala.com/i/16453
Application deadline: December 14, 2018

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT DR APJ ABDUL KALAM CENTRE

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹2,000-₹6,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16454
Application deadline: December 7, 2018

SYSTEM SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AT NVIDIA

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹35,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16455
Application deadline: December 19, 2018

CONTENT WRITING AT MILAAP

Location: Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Thiruvavur, Balangir, Tiruchirappalli
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16456
Application deadline: December 13, 2018

IN BRIEF

JOINT R&D IN BIG DATA ANALYTICS, AI & IOT

The NEC Corporation announced that its subsidiary NEC Technologies India (NECTI) has entered into an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) to explore joint research and development in the field of big data analytics, Internet of Things (IoT) and AI with an aim to solve a range of social challenges in India. Under this MoU, the IIT-B and NECTI will jointly work on

value creation for major Government initiatives across smart cities, as well as for the Logistics and Transportation domain, by leveraging advanced technologies. One of the areas this joint R&D aims to explore is the use of big data analytics to optimise the movement of logistics containers across the country, which can result in shorter times for the delivery of goods and lower logistics cost. More than 30 graduates have joined NEC's Central Research laboratories in Japan since 2012.

AI BASED TALENT EXCHANGE MARKET PLACE

Tech Mahindra Ltd launched the first AI based, talent exchange market place — Talx — to address issues related to upskilling, reskilling and talent management within the organisation. The solution has been

developed by an in-house team of young disruptors. Talx is a unique offering that will democratise the talent management domain and enable the workforce to discover opportunities within the organisation, and

also helps in retaining and nurturing promising talent. This talent exchange marketplace platform will be a true gamechanger in making the entire process effortless by adding the element of gamification.

STUDY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Association of Skill Training Providers (ASTP), formed as a national skill alliance of training service provider companies, conducted a study on Cooperative Vocational Education and Training (VET), on behalf of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), GmbH. The study was conducted in two industrial clusters: The automotive component cluster in Aurangabad, Maharashtra and, the electronics and manufacturing cluster in Bangalore, Karnataka to

analyse the current practices of cooperation between Chambers/Associations/Companies interested in imparting cooperative VET, and state and national government bodies mandated to approve the industrial initiatives. The study conducted focused on the actual situation pertaining to the implementing agencies and the partners at different stakeholder levels of Dual System of Training & National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, their roles and responsibilities.

MOU SIGNED

The CL Educate Limited signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with EvueMe Selection Bot. As per the MoU a new mock interview product — iGuru — will be launched aimed at helping students and professionals prepare for various kinds of interviews for getting jobs or admission to study higher education courses.

The organisations will work in collaboration to use cutting-edge technology to simplify the entire interview preparation process, enabling students and professionals to take mock interviews from the comfort of their premises using their own devices, at their own convenient time, with an interviewer on demand. Speaking about the partnership, Rupak Agarwal, Founder & CEO — EvueMe Selection Bot said: There is a huge industry-academia divide and our cutting-edge Digital Interviewing and Assessment Solutions help reduce this divide significantly."

RANK OF B-SCHOOLS

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM-B) has been ranked among the Top 10 in the list of Financial Times Asia-Pacific Business schools 2018. It takes the 8th position in the overall ranking, alongside schools like Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China); CEIBS (China), National University of Singapore Business School (Singapore), among others. IIMB is one among the only two Indian B-schools to be featured in the Top 10. The top-25 ranking is based on the quality diverse course offerings at business schools.

'DEV BHOOMI' TO UNDERGO A REVAMP

Under the leadership of the Chief Minister JAI RAM THAKUR, Himachal Pradesh has been infused with a new vision and a focused plan of development. In an interview with JETENDER RAWAT, the state leader shares details of his comprehensive approach towards growth

Himachal Pradesh is undergoing a wave of transformation under the new government and has set its course towards development. The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, JAI RAM THAKUR, informs that his government has identified some priority sectors, under which 30 projects have been marked with proper budget provisions, and is working with a focused approach to achieve the goals in a time-bound manner. Excerpts from the interview:

● **How is the government working towards the socio-economic upliftment of the senior citizens of the state?**

After coming to power, in one of our first meetings, we reduced the age limit of social security pension for the old age persons from 80 years to 70 years that too without any income criteria. This decision has benefitted about 1.3 lakh elderly people of the state. We are trying to not only provide social security but also give the senior citizens an opportunity to live a respectable life. The social security pension is being provided to about 4.47 lakh people in the state. A budget provision of ₹443 crore has been made in this current financial year. Various social security pensions are being provided to the eligible people in the state including the Old-Age Pension, the National Old Age Pension, the National Widow Pension, the National Disability Pension, and the Disability Relief Allowance and so on. The old age pension of ₹750 is being provided for those above 60 years old where the annual income does not exceed ₹35,000 and for those who are above 70 years or more will be given a monthly pension of ₹1300 barring any income criteria.

● **Please elaborate on the 'Gramin Jan Manch' programme of the government**

It has been observed that citizens often face difficulties in accessing benefits provided by the government in vital sectors like pensions, health, and education and so on. For registering such grievances with the local authorities they have to spend both time and money. We believe in the 'government at the door step of the people' and thus we announced the concept of 'Jan Manch' which was envisaged as a high level grievance redressal mechanism. Under this programme, all the

ministers of the state government regularly organise 'Jan Manch' in the remote areas of every district to solve the problems of the people at the spot. The officers of each department are to be present to facilitate decision making. The objectives are to identify and resolve the grievances effectively, especially of the underprivileged. It is seen as an equitable, accessible, friendly and approachable programme to debunk the perception that only the work of the influential gets done. Apart from grievance redressal, the 'Jan Manch' also targets delivery of citizen centric services like delivery of various kinds of certificates and completion of documentation under various schemes; saturation of select government schemes such as 100 per cent immunisation, 100 per cent LPGfication, 100 per cent piped drinking water supply to all households; physical inspection of operational schemes and ongoing work amongst others. However, it does not deal with issue like transfers, court cases, demand for government jobs and new schemes. It is organised assembly constituency-wise on the first Sunday of every month and the Ministers-in-charge rotate every month to cover all the constituencies, systematically. Publicity campaign is conducted 15-20 days before the designated date, informing the citizens about the proposed 'Jan Manch' which is to be held at the designated venue. This model has been so successful that many other state governments are now looking at it as a case study to implement in their respective states.

● **Himachal Pradesh launched its own scheme to provide LPG connections to various households of the state. What is the purpose of this?**

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana to provide LPG connections to the women in the households in order to reduce the usage of coal and other non-renewable sources as fuel. Though the scheme has been quite successful, we observed that many households in our state could not get the benefit of the scheme. Thus, on the sidelines of the same, we introduced the Grahini Suvudha Yojana (GSY) under which the state government is giving LPG facility to all the families for two years. Besides, the

government will also provide security amount to get LPG connection and a gas stove to those families who were not covered in Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. A budget of ₹12 crores has been approved for this. Within four months of this scheme, almost 35,000 families have been given gas stoves in their homes, thus fulfilling the larger objective of a sustainable environment.

● **What are the measures being introduced to stem the tide of migration of youngsters from the hills in search of livelihood?**

The youth are the strength of the country and the future. However, there is rampant unemployment among them and it is not possible to provide government jobs to all. Thus, to offer incentives to the youth to become entrepreneurs, we introduced the Mukhyamantri Yuva Swavalamban Yojana (MYSY) for the unemployed youth in the state. All the unemployed youth between the age group of 18 to 35 years are eligible for this scheme. The jobless young citizens are being given a subsidy of 25 per cent on machinery on making an investment of ₹40 lakh in the industry of their livelihood, whereas the women have are being given a subsidy of 30 per cent under the same. On loans up to ₹40 lakhs, the government will provide an interest subsidy of five per cent for three years and has also offered to provide government land to the youth on rent at just one per cent. We have also announced to reduce stamp duty from six per cent to three per cent on the purchase of land. This scheme will ensure that adequate self-employment opportunities are created in the state to reduce the unemployment problem. Moreover, each youth will be self-sufficient and will also hopefully become a job creator. We



have made a provision of ₹80 crore for the successful implementation of this scheme.

● **Tourism has been identified as a crucial project in Himachal. What are the plans in place to develop the state for this sector?**

Himachal Pradesh is known as 'Dev Bhoomi' and is renowned world-over for its natural resources and scenic beauty. The law and order in the state is also quite good, which attracts a lot of tourists, both domestic and foreign. We are working on this sector with a focused approach and plan to develop some virgin, unknown destinations, beyond the popular ones. For this, we have introduced a project named—'Nayi Rahein, Nayi Manjhile'. We have got an approval for a ₹1,900 crore tourism infrastructure development project to be funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). This project will focus on diversification of tourism and spreading it to new areas by developing relevant infrastructure. It will have both hard and soft components and will include beautification of towns, development of unexplored areas, conservation and restoration of heritage buildings, infrastructure development in adventure, eco and rural tourism with emphasis on community participation. It will also help us to generate employment for the local youth and showcase Himachal Pradesh as the best nature tourism destination. This project has been designed based on the detailed baseline data, a study conducted of 324 sites in 12 districts of the state, suggestions obtained from over 90,000 tourists and is designed in line with the sustainable tourism guidelines for the Himalayan states. Some of the new destinations that have been identified are the Chanchal area, Janjehli, Kangra and the Pong Dam. The Chanchal area has brilliant slopes that are apt for skiing and this would be further developed for active, hard adventure activities. Janjehli will be developed from the perspective of eco-tourism. Bir Biling in the Kangra

district will be developed as an international destination for paragliding while the lakes and the Pong dam in the state will be developed for water sports activities as a new tourism product to the tourists to the state.

● **How is the state addressing issues of connectivity?**

Connectivity, to and from various locations in Himachal Pradesh, has been a challenge for us over the years. We are trying to address the same with projects in place to improve road, rail and air connectivity. Under the Udaan-II scheme of the government, various destinations in the state will be connected by air as flights will be made operational from January 2019 onwards. The Chief Minister of the states is provided with a helicopter for quick visits. However, times when the helicopter is sitting idle, we have offered to deploy it between Shimla and Chandigarh three times a week for the purpose of heli-taxis. Soon, we will also begin joy rides to Rohtang.

● **The state is also working on increasing its power capacity. What are the new projects?**

Himachal Pradesh was known as the powerhouse of the country but over the years we have not been able to make much progress in the power sector. Our Power Policy has had some stringent rules which discouraged many investors to come to the state. We have identified these issues and tried to create out the hiccups after meeting with the investors. Also, we have recently allocated the 780-MW Jangi-Thopan - Powari hydro electric project in the Kinnaur district to the public sector, Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis for a period of 70 years. The company is in the process of implementing various projects, which are at different stages of development. Upon completion, they will add 4,018 MW capacity. We plan on conducting an Investor's Meet next year where we will bring together all types of industries including agriculture, horticulture, pharmaceuticals, power, and tourism and so on to bring more funds to the state for the fast-track development of Himachal.

Tata Motors plans large-scale overhaul of sales network

Auto major to bring in new products

PTI ■ JODHPUR

Auto major Tata Motors is planning a large-scale overhaul of its sales network across the country over the next one year as it prepares to bring in new products, including premium SUV Harrier, a top company official on Tuesday said.

The company, which plans to have all its future products on just two platforms -- Omega and Alpha, currently has around 790 dealerships across the country. "We acknowledge that our showrooms and workshops need complete overhauling and accordingly we have hired a global consulting agency to look into upgrading all our showrooms," Tata Motors President Passenger Vehicles Business Unit Mayank Pareek told PTI in an interview.

The work on upgrading the showrooms starts from next month and would go on for at least one year, he added.

It would include bringing in new technologies, enhancing ambience and workforce across the dealerships, he added.

"We have decided to have wi-fi in all the showrooms. There should be lounge where you can come and sit and not just necessarily buy a car," Pareek said. Similarly, the company is upgrading its workshops and is in the process of

hiring over 800 sales executives just for Harrier, which is set for launch in January.

Tata Motors is also looking to more than double the number of its dealerships by the end of financial year 2021-22, with half of the number expected to be based on virtual experience.

"We plan to have 2,000 dealerships by 2021-22 and these will not be all brick and mortar (showrooms). We are going to use digital technology specially with 4G and 5G, which is expected to come," Pareek said. It is possible to utilise augmented reality and virtual reality platforms to create showrooms experience, he added. When asked if the company would phase out older models like Safari, going ahead with the company deciding to have all its products on just two platforms, Pareek said: "Slowly some of them will go. Honestly it is a natural thing to do. How long can you sustain a product?" "And also, it would be very difficult to upgrade some of these products with new norms coming in... We have decided all our new product would be on two new platforms," he added.

Tata Motors has already phased out models like Indica, Indigo, Manza and Vista.

"The Indian market is maturing so we need new products. So we will come with new products," Pareek said adding that the process is a trade-off whether "you invest in existing products" or you do new products.

"We want to have a new showroom with all new-looking cars," he noted.

On electric cars, Pareek said that all future Tata Motors products would be electric ready. Currently, four of its products -- Tiago, Tigor, Bolt and Zest have design capability allowing them to be converted into electric vehicles.

Speaking about having just two platforms going ahead, Pareek said: "Harrier is first product based on Omega and our next product will be on Alpha. We will just have these two platforms... a product based on Alpha platform can come around second quarter of next year (July-September)."

When asked if the company plans go for a price hike, Pareek said the company is in the process of working out the quantum. "We are in a double jeopardy. On one hand, input costs have gone up, and secondly sales have been declining. We want to grow on a sustainable basis. Because of this we will have to take a call on this in the second half of this month," he added.

Panel to redraft I-T Act to focus on removing ambiguities

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The task force set up to redraft Income Tax law will focus on removing the ambiguities, rather than suggesting dramatic policy changes and tweaking of tax rates, the panel's convener Akhilesh Ranjan said Tuesday.

Ranjan said the 6-member task force formed to redraft the over 50-year old I-T law will meet shortly to draft a new law which will be more comprehensive.

"Tax rate is prima-facie not the main focus area of this task force... (task force will focus on) simplification which can remove the ambiguities," Ranjan told reporters here. He said there are clauses, provisos and explanations which have been added to the I-T Act, 1961 over time which need to be streamlined in simple language.

"We have been adding provisions after provisions, explanations after explanations, they have become inconsistent, ambiguous. So let us clarify the real intent of the law. In that process there may be some new policy initiatives while trying to make things clear."

"The focus is not on coming out with a new tax policy but focus is on making the law more comprehensible," said Ranjan, who is member legislation in the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). The task force was set up by the finance ministry in November last. Arbind Modi was made the convener of the panel and he retired on September 30. On November 26, Ranjan was appointed as the new convener, who has been mandated to submit the report by February 28, 2019.

Asked if the panel would submit any

report before the interim budget on February 1, Ranjan said it is unlikely.

The NDA government would be presenting its interim Budget for 2018-19 on February 1. The full 2018-19 Budget would be presented after the general elections due sometime in the mid of 2019.

In September last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had said in an event that the Income-tax Act, 1961 needs to be redrafted.

Other members of the task force include Girish Ahuja (chartered accountant), Rajiv Memani (Chairman and Regional Managing Partner of EY), Mukesh Patel (practicing tax advocate), Mansi Kedia (Consultant, ICRIER) and G.C. Srivastava (retired IRS and advocate). "I am having a meeting (of task force) very shortly. I'm sure that they have done a lot of work and I would like to know what is the work that has been done till now and we will take it forward," Ranjan said.

The panel was tasked to draft direct tax laws in line with the laws prevalent in other countries, incorporating international best practices, and keeping in mind the economic needs of the country. Former Finance Minister P Chidambaram had in 2009 proposed a direct taxes code (DTC) to replace the cumbersome IT law to embody the principle of keeping taxes low and removing exemptions. The NDA government, since coming to power in 2014, has already implemented general anti-avoidance rules GAAR. In 2016, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley also promised to lower corporate tax rate to 25 per cent in 5 years.

BUSINESS CORNER

TIER 2, 3 CITIES CONTRIBUTING OVER 40% TO BUSINESS IN INDIA: FOODPANDA

New Delhi: Online food ordering and delivery platform Foodpanda India Tuesday said smaller cities and towns are now contributing over 40 per cent to the company's business in the country. The company is also looking to double the number of on-board restaurant partners from the present 60,000 by January 2019, Foodpanda said in a statement. "We are thrilled about bringing the first online food experience for millions of customers in many of these tier 2 and 3 cities," Foodpanda India CEO Pranay Jivrajka said. These markets are already contributing to over 40 per cent of the company's national business and we are confident that they will fuel a majority share of business in the near future, he added. "Cities like Jaipur, Lucknow, Bhavnagar, Rajahmundry, Bikaner, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Ujjain are some of our fastest growing markets today and we are thrilled to build superior food experiences for our customers in India's 100 cities and beyond," Jivrajka said.

ONE NEW MODEL EVERY 6 MONTHS: KIA

New Delhi: South Korean auto major Kia Motors will launch one model every six months once it starts selling vehicles in India from mid-2019 but is not considering the high-volume compact cars segment, a top company official said on Tuesday. The company, which has set a target to be among top five players in three years in India, is looking to position itself as a premium brand in the mass segment. "Yes, we are considering six models in three years, which is one model every six months," Kia Motors India CEO and managing director Kookhyun Shim told PTI here. The company, however, is not considering the compact cars segment which accounts for about 70 per cent of the total Indian passenger vehicles (PV) segment that stood at around 3.3 million units in 2017-18.

PULSES AND OILSEEDS AMOUNTING TO ₹44,142 CRORE PROCURED FROM FARMERS DURING 2014-15 TO 2018-19

New Delhi: Farmers' Welfare tops the agenda of the Govt. In context of the objective of Doubling Farmers Income by 2022, the Govt. has striven to ensure a remunerative and stable price environment for farmers to increase the production and productivity. In this regard the Government has undertaken various interventions to boost the pulse and oilseeds production during last four and a half years to achieve the self-sufficiency in the country.

The country has reported production of 25.23 Million Tonnes of pulses during 2017-18 against production of 14.66 Million Tonnes in the year 2009-10, an increase of 72.10%. Similarly, the production of oilseeds has increased from 24.88 Million Tonnes to 31.3 Million Tonnes during the same period, registering an increase of 25.80%.

Residential real estate demand may pick up in medium-term: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Residential real estate demand may pick up in the medium-term following improvement in end-user participation on rising affordability, increasing launch of units with mid-income ticket sizes and implementation of RERA, according to a report.

Resolution of the recent liquidity issues in non-bank finance companies (NBFC), however, would be key, Crisil

As of FY19, affordability in most cities is estimated to be in the range of 6-8 times compared with 11-13 times five years back

Ratings said in a report.

In the short term, demand is likely to remain muted and prices will remain under pressure on account of slowdown in volumes due to on-going liquidity concerns.

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most cities is estimated to be in the range of 6-8 times compared with 11-13 times five years back, it said.

Ticket sizes, it said, have been coming down as developers launch units with reduced average area per house, led by

both market needs and the impetus to affordable housing, it said.

The capital values in the residential segment have been under pressure of late, with a decline of 5-20 per cent across micro-markets in the last 2-3 years, and are likely to remain range-bound because of unsold inventory, it added. Implementation of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, (RERA), is also expected to give a fillip to demand, which has

been lacklustre so far.

With most RERA websites operational and a grievance-handling mechanism in place in key states, end-user participation is expected to improve gradually for under-construction properties as well, the report said.

"Between fiscals 2019 and 2021, residential demand is estimated to log a compound annual growth rate of 4 per cent led by key micro-markets of Bengaluru, Hyderabad and

MMR. Though marginal, the growth will be driven by first time buyers eyeing units in mid-income tickets typically priced between ₹25 lakh to ₹1 crore," Crisil research director Rahul Prithiani said.

Meanwhile, the report said the commercial portfolio is seeing steady lease rentals and healthy demand, with a good number of assets changing hands. With large private equity firms and property managers on the prowl, just 15 of the larg-

er marquee deals over the last five fiscals have totalled around ₹30,000 crore.

This has helped cushion the blow for developers, who have been refinancing and taking on more debt for construction as residential demand remains tepid.

With limited incremental funding to the sector from banks, which grew at just 2 per cent in fiscal 2018, NBFCs and HFCs came to the developers' rescue.

However, given the current pressure on liquidity for NBFCs, a potential cascading effect on select projects and developers, could make access to funding more difficult.

For the top 20 developers alone, support extended to the residential segment from their commercial portfolio has totalled around ₹33,000 crore in the last three years, both through sale of assets and additional top-up debt in operational properties.

GAMBHIR SAYS IT'S OVER

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran Indian opener Gautam Gambhir, who played a pivotal role in India's two World Cup triumphs, on Tuesday announced retirement from cricket, saying the "irritable noise of 'It's over Gauri'" has triumphed over his will to continue.

The 37-year-old, in a video message on his social media pages, said the Ranji Trophy game against Andhra Pradesh starting Thursday will be his last competitive match.

The aggressive opener was India's top-scorer in the finals of the 2007 World T20 in South Africa and the 2011 ODI World Cup, both of which the country won.

"The next Ranji Trophy game against Andhra will be my last day in the sun. It is coming to an end where it all started at the Feroz Shah Kotla ground," Gambhir said in the more than 11-minute long video post.

Gambhir, one of the most successful batsmen for India, has been out of favour with the national team for a while now after a dip in form and last played a Test back in 2016 against England.

"The thought has been with me day and night. It has travelled with me on flights like an irritable excess baggage; it has accompanied me to practice sessions, mocking at me like a menacing bowler. On certain other days, it has made my dinner taste horrible,"



CAREER STATISTICS				
Competition	Test	ODI	T20I	LA
Matches	58	147	37	283
Runs	4,154	5,238	932	9,385
Average	41.95	39.68	27.41	36.51
100s/50s	9/22	11/34	-/7	19/57
Best	206	150*	75	150*
Catches/stumpings	38/-	36/-	11/-	68/-

Gambhir said, elaborating on his thought process leading up to Tuesday's decision.

Gambhir made 58 Test appearances for India, accumulating 4154 runs at an average of 41.95. His 147 ODI games fetched 5238 runs, while in 37 T20 Internationals, he scored 932 runs.

The capricious left-hander, who courted controversy of late for his outspoken views on political issues as well, had a prolific first-class career, which spanned 197 matches and produced 15,041 runs. His List A run count stands at 10,077.

Gambhir, who recently drew criticism for cherry-picking his Delhi Ranji appearances, said he tried hard to make a comeback in this year's IPL but could not make it count.

"After a decent 2017 domestic season, I entered this year's IPL with confidence as my best buddy. I thought all those negative noises were dead. But I was wrong. Six games of IPL for Delhi Daredevils it was back. And this time it was louder than before. Perhaps, my time was up. Yes, my time was up," he said.

"So, here I am, after more than 15 years of cricket for my country I want to retire from playing this beautiful game," he added.

He refused to call his international career, which began in 2003 with an ODI against Bangladesh, completely satisfactory but certainly the kind he would look back at fondly.

"I feel I was good enough for a lot more," he said.

In the video, Gambhir thanked his coaches, teammates and family members for standing by him.



Daredevils is now Delhi Capitals

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Daredevils was renamed as Delhi Capitals on Tuesday with a hope that it would bring a change in fortunes of the franchise after a poor track record over the past 11 IPL seasons.

Co-owners Parth Jindal, representing JSW Sport, and Kiran Kumar Grandhi of GMR, unveiled the new name of the team.

Jindal, whose JSW sport acquired a 50 per cent stake in the Delhi franchise last year, also announced that Shreyas Iyer will continue to lead the team despite the presence of Shikhar Dhawan.

Dhawan returns to Delhi for the 2019 season after being traded by Sunrisers Hyderabad. Australian great Ricky Ponting will continue to coach the team.

Jindal explained why his team zeroed in on the new name of the team.

"Delhi is the power centre of the country, it is the capital, therefore the name Delhi Capitals," he said.

The team has retained the old red and blue colour in the new team logo. "Our logo has been inspired by the

design of Parliament House. Tiger is our national animal and the three tigers idea is derived from the Ashok Chakra," said Jindal.

Delhi have ₹ 25 crore to spend at the IPL auction on December 18 and Jindal said the team has its plans in place.

"We obviously can't share them with you. The core of the team has remained the same for the last couple of years. We need to invest more in the youth and going forward, that is something we will continue to focus on," said Jindal.

"With Dhawan, we have got more solidity at the top. And the young guys who have been with us (Prithvi Shaw and Rishabh Pant) are doing well for India. The captain and coach are the same, there is continuity there," said the JSW Director, when asked about the team's dismal run season after season.

Pravin Amre remains a part of the support staff and joining him next season will be Mohammad Kaif.

The team had finished at the bottom of the standings last year when Gautam Gambhir stepped down as captain midway into the IPL. Iyer was then given the leadership role.



We have plans for all Indian batsmen, not just Kohli: M Marsh

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

The talk is all about Virat Kohli right now but the Australian bowlers' preparation for other Indian batsmen is as detailed and anyone who thinks otherwise is plain "silly", all-rounder Mitchell Marsh said on Tuesday.

Gearing up for the four-match Test series that starts Thursday here, Marsh said his team's bowlers have strategies in place and would be aiming for perfect execution when the action begins.

"We all know Virat is a great player. We'll have our plans for him and hopefully we can execute them. But if people think we're not prepared for the other batsmen in the Indian team, who are all very good players, then they'd be pretty silly," said Marsh.

Marsh said the new faces and inexperience in the Australian batting line-up should be seen as an opportunity, rather than a sign of weakness for the hosts.

"There's obviously been a lot of talk about that and it's been a big build up to this Test match but there's a great feeling around this group...Now it's about going out there and hopefully putting it together as a batting unit. But we all feel really good at the moment," he said.

The Australian vice-captain was also asked about the spin challenge that India poses and the fact that the visiting tweakers have never had a particularly good run in this country.

"We know R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav are all world-class spinners. History shows that Indian spinners haven't had as much impact over here as they have in India. But they're world-class bowlers and we're very prepared for them. It will be a great contest," he replied.

Marsh is expected to return to the Australian middle-order despite a poor outing in the UAE against Pakistan.

He and brother Shaun Marsh will form the backbone of the home team's middle-order and look to replicate their form from the Ashes last summer.

"He's my brother and my best mate. I look up to him in every single way... Hopefully people respect him for the fact he's never given up. He keeps coming back, keeps working hard. Hopefully he can keep proving a few people wrong. I just want him to have a great summer," he said.

The all-rounder said he is also fully fit to bowl and hopes to be a vital fifth cog in the Australian attack, comprising of three pacers and Nathan Lyon.

"I have got some good overs under my belt the last couple of weeks for Western Australia. My goal for this summer is to start chipping in with the ball and get a few more wickets for the team.

"I love coming on in the graveyard shift, 70 to 80 overs when the ball's doing nothing and trying to sneak in a wicket. I really want to take my bowling to the next level in this team," he said.

"I think number six is a great position to bat especially if you've bowled a few overs. I'm doing my best to make the number six position my own in this team, so that's all I can do," he added.



'We need to produce long partnerships'

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

Indian vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane on Tuesday tagged Australia as the favourites ahead of the first Test and said the visitors will have to come up with long partnerships to win their maiden series Down Under.

Rahane cited the example of his 262-run partnership with Virat Kohli at Melbourne in 2014-15 and said that the Australian focus on the India's star batsman helps other batsmen do their job silently at the other end.

"Each and every batsman's role will be to contribute for the team and I think for us it is important to get those long partnerships together (like last time). That will be really helpful in (winning the series) in Australia," said Rahane.

"Last time both of us really enjoyed that partnership at the MCG. Mitchell Johnson was going after Virat Kohli and I was enjoying from the end as well as playing my own game. Virat at the other end was really aggressive and going after the bowlers, verbally as well.

"That really helped me focus on my game and I played my natural attacking game at the other end. But I was still batting completely opposite to Virat. As an individual you have to understand that everyone's role is completely different. This is a team sport and Virat also understands that."

The Indian batting line-up has come under immense criticism for their twin failures in South Africa and England, wherein Kohli was the only



Ajinkya Rahane, right, bats during their tour match against Cricket Australia XI in Sydney

one to defy the opposition. "People will criticise or appreciate, but for us it matters to stay together in difficult times. In England conditions were really challenging and even English batsmen struggled a lot. Apart from Alastair Cook's last Test innings, no one scored (big runs) for them. So it is important not to focus on criticism or even on people who appreciate," said Rahane.

"It is important to start fresh in each and every series. In England and South Africa, we learnt a lot and there are definitely areas to improve. When you tour



Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma and Shami in nets

"In England I got a couple good starts - 80-odd in Nottingham and another half-century in Southampton. For me as a number five batsman, it is important to convert those starts into big hundreds rather than thinking about targets."

There is also intense spotlight on the Australian batting line-up and how they will cope in the absence of Steve Smith and David Warner. Rahane said that playing at home, Australia start as favourites.

"I feel any team that plays at home is really good and Australia are still favourites to win the series. Yes they will miss Smith and Warner but I don't think they are vulnerable. Look at their bowling attack - they have really good bowlers. When you have to win Test matches and Test series you have to have a good bowling attack."

"Definitely Smith and Warner are

quality players, and I will not take anything away from them. But on a given day anyone can score runs. Usman Khawaja and Aaron Finch are equally dangerous in their conditions. They know how the wicket behaves and it is all about intent as batsmen."

After enjoying a day off on Monday, India got down to business in a bid to prepare for the first Test. All top-order batsmen had an intense work out in the nets, with the team management likely to go in with six full-time batsmen.

The new-ball bowlers — Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Ishant Sharma — worked up intense pace in the nets and troubled the likes of KL Rahul and Murali Vijay.

Rahane said that irrespective of whether there is another specialist batsman after him or not, his role in the side is to bat as long as possible and convert his starts/half-centuries into tall scores.

"When you bat at number four or five, it is important to give yourself some time, first 15-20 minutes, and you should visualise the situation from dressing room."

"Then, when you bat with lower-order batsmen, you perhaps know whether to attack or play a defensive game and have a partnership with those guys."

"Kookaburra ball, after 30-35 overs, is relatively easy to bat against. When you bat in England against Duke's ball, you know you are never set in those conditions. You have to go with a positive mindset," he said.

Azhar leads Pak fightback

AFP ■ ABU DHABI

Azhar Ali struck a fighting half century to help Pakistan recover to 139-3 at close on the second day of the third and final Test against New Zealand in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

It marked a good recovery from 17-2 after Kiwi pace bowler Trent Boult ripped out openers Imam-ul-Haq and Mohammed Hafeez.

Azhar was unbeaten on 62 at the close having shared a dogged, unbroken fourth wicket partnership of 54 with Asad Shafiq who will resume on 26.

Pakistan are still 135 runs adrift of New Zealand's first innings total of 274 in which BJ Watling made a gutsy and vital 77 not out.

Azhar remains key for Pakistan if they are to build any kind of first innings lead.

The 33-year-old dropped anchor and found the boundary just four times as he crawled through to his 32nd Test half



Azhar Ali plays a sweep shot during his innings

century. His 62 not out was carved painstakingly from 169 deliveries as the Pakistan scoring rate struggled to rise above two an over.

The equally-experienced Shafiq hit the same number of fours in his 26 which has so far occupied 85 balls.

However, Pakistan's top order was jolted by Boult's double strike either side of lunch.

Hafeez has been struggling for form

for a while, having made just 66 runs in seven innings since scoring a hundred against Australia in Dubai in October, following his recall to the Test side after a two-year absence.

It was no surprise when Boult had him caught low down at second slip by Tim Southee for a fourth-ball duck in his first over, right before the lunch interval.

In the fourth full over after the break, Imam-ul-Haq took his eye off a Trent bouncer and was hit on the back of the helmet. Next ball, he edged to Southee at third slip and was on his way for just nine.

It was Watling, with an unbeaten 77, who carried New Zealand's overnight total from 229-7 and added an invaluable 45 runs over the last three wickets to frustrate Pakistan.

During his five-and-a-half-hour knock in his 56th Test Watling became the 14th New Zealander to pass 3,000 runs.

Hafeez calls time on Test

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan's seasoned batsman Muhammad Hafeez on Tuesday announced his retirement from Test cricket after failing again in the first innings of the third and final match against New Zealand in Abu Dhabi.

Hafeez, who was playing in his 55th Test, fell for a duck on the second day and announced his retirement, insisting that he had been pondering over the decision for the last two weeks. He, however, said that he will continue to play limited-over cricket.

"It is a personal decision and I have not taken it under any pressure. I have no regrets taking this decision," he told reporters after the day's play in Abu Dhabi.

TEST STATISTICS	
MATCHES	52
RUNS	3,605
AVERAGE	39.18
100S/50S	10/12
BEST	224
WICKETS	53
BEST BOWLING	4/16
CATCHES/STUMPINGS	43/-

The 38-year-old Hafeez made his Test debut in 2003 against Bangladesh and since then has appeared in 54 matches, besides playing in 203 ODIs and 89 T20 Internationals.

Before this Test, Hafeez has scored 3644 runs at an average of 38.35, with 10 hundreds to his kitty. He has also taken 53 wickets.



KOOKABURRAS SEAL QUARTERFINALS BERTH

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Two-time champions Australia firmly remained on course for a hat-trick of titles by becoming the first team to qualify for the quarterfinals of the men's hockey World Cup with a comfortable 3-0 win over England in a Pool B match here on Tuesday.

World number 1 Australia scored three goals in the final quarter to register their second consecutive win in Pool B at the Kalinga Stadium.

The win took Australia to the top of Pool B with six points from two games and secured their place in the quarterfinals of the 16-team event.

The Kookaburras became the first to seal a direct quarterfinal berth after China sprang yet another surprise by holding higher-ranked Ireland to a hard-fought 1-1 draw in the other Pool B match.

Jin Guo scored from a penalty corner for China in the 43rd minute before



Flynn O'Givvie vies for the ball during match against England; (right) Irish, Chinese player battle for ball

Ireland's Alan Sothern drew parity in the very next minute.

The Kookaburras had earlier defeated Ireland 2-1 in their tournament opener, while China drew 2-2 with England.

While Australia will finish at the top of the pool, world number 17 China are placed second ahead of Ireland (1

point) and England (1).

Australia play China in their last pool match on December 7, while England will be up against neighbours Ireland.

The battle between world's number one side Australia and number 7 England witnessed a dull first quarter



with both the teams struggling to make inroads into the rival citadel.

It took Australia 21 minutes to create a real scoring chance in the form of back-to-back penalty corners but an alert George Pinner in front of England goal averted danger on both occasions.

England got their first penalty corner a minute away from half-time but wasted the chance as both the teams failed to break the deadlock in the open-

ing two quarters.

The game continued in the same vein after the change of ends as the third quarter witnessed just a penalty corner awarded to Australia, which went abegging.

After the barren three quarters, the Kookaburras looked a completely different side in the final 15 minutes of the game as they pumped in two goals in a span of four minutes to race to a 2-0 lead.

Whetton finally broke the deadlock in the 47th minute when he scored after receiving a pass from Tom Craig. Three minutes later, Govers doubled Australia's lead by slamming from the top of the circle past England goalkeeper George Pinner.

Four minutes from the final hooter, Australia pumped in another goal through Corey Weyer whose reverse hit crashed into the England goal past Pinner.

Injuries enforce Belgium, Canada to make changes

BHUBANESWAR: Olympic Silver medalist Belgium and Canada were on Tuesday forced to make a change each in their squads due to injuries at the ongoing men's hockey World Cup here.

Belgium's Emmanuel Stockbroek has been withdrawn from the squad due to a hamstring injury sustained in his side's 2-2 draw against India on Sunday. He will be replaced by Antoine Kina, a 22-year-old with 29 caps to his name.

Canada too were forced to make a change after Brandon Pereira was withdrawn because of an injury. Forward Floris van Son will replace Pereira in the 18-member squad.

The replacements were made after both Belgium and Canada sought approval from the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Both the players will be involved in their team's final Pool C matches on Saturday. While Belgium will take on South Africa, Canada will play hosts India.



Belgium's Emmanuel Stockbroek (left) and Canada's Brandon Pereira (right) during the match.