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BJP's crushing defeat gives Rahul's party much-needed revival platform

Cong holds fort, but Shivraj shows fighting spirit

NAVIN UPADHYAY ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP's moral-shattering defeat in the saffron bastions of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh has placed the Congress on a much-needed revival path and thrown the next year's Lok Sabha contest wide open. The Congress victory in the three crucial Hindi heartland States will also firmly establish the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and help him shed the numerous pejorative tags so often hurled on him by his critics.

The final tally may not reflect the extent of the Congress gain. In both Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, the BJP had secured over 10 per cent more vote than the Congress in the 2013 Assembly polls. Bridging the gap and going ahead in such scenario is not an easy task unless there is a massive undercurrent against the ruling party. The results show that anti-incumbency — both against the State Governments and against the Centre worked decisively in favour of the Congress and helped it demolish the BJP's strongholds.

The setback will haunt the BJP like a dreadful nightmare in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls for more than one reason. To start with, in all the three States the "minorities" consisted of mere six to seven per cent

vote, far below the percentage of the Muslim vote in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, etc. The outcome shows the success of Rahul's pursuit of "soft Hindutva" as well as the failure of the BJP in reviving the Hindu frenzy by raking up the issue of Ram temple in a big way.

The Congress strategy was two-fold: Consolidate minority vote bank and make sure that the BJP does not succeed in polarising the Hindu vote in its favour. No surprise that while Congress leaders like Kamal Nath were caught in video tapes making downright "communal," overture to the Muslims in Madhya Pradesh, the same party was also promising "gaushala" in every district and "temple run" became the hallmark of Rahul's election campaign.

On its part, the BJP kept telling the voters that it was the only party committed to building grand Ram Temple at Ayodhya while its opponents were trying to scuttle the same. Prime Minister Narendra Modi bowled a googly when he referred as "fatwah" Rahul Gandhi's innocuous remarks that the PM should think of the poor, the helpless, the unemployed youth, the farmers, etc, while invoking Bharat Mata Ki Jai in his rallies.

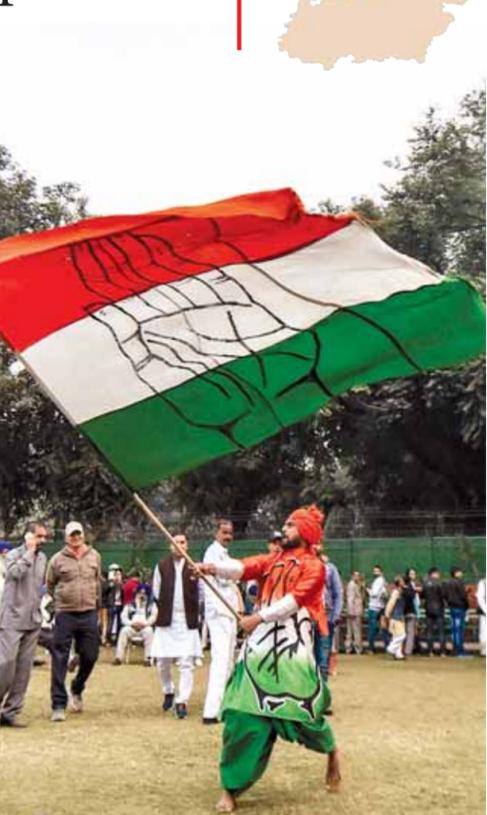
The choice of word "fatwah" in a Rajasthan rally by the

PM was clear sign of desperation to polarise the voters. Alas, it didn't work!

It was obvious that the issues of unemployment, the tragic legacy of demonetisation and GST, the plight of farmers, the anger among the upper caste voters, the disenchantment of the Dalits were such overwhelming "negatives" for the BJP that "Hindutva" chant failed to save the saffron outfit from the wrath of the disillusioned voters.

With just five months to go for the Lok Sabha polls, the setback in these three crucial States will make the BJP's task to return to the power at the Centre much more difficult. Together, the three States elect 65 MPs to the Lok Sabha. The BJP had won 61 of these seats by capturing all the 25 seats from Rajasthan, bagging 26 out of 29 seats from Madhya Pradesh, and 10 out of 11 seats from Chhattisgarh.

Now that the party has been voted out of power in these three states, the BJP will face serious challenge in retaining its number, which could seriously jeopardise its chances of returning to power at the Centre. On the other hand, the Congress will be well-placed to capitalise on the momentum and try to increase its tally in a bid to meet its stated goal of winning nearly 125 seats in the Lok Sabha.



A Congress supporter waves party flag to celebrate party's win in the Assembly elections, at party headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday

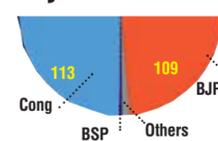
STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

As the Congress almost reached near the half-way mark in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls, the next contest within the party is the choice of Chief Minister. Congress won 113 seats, two seats below the magic figure of 116 in the 230-seat Assembly.

The BJP, under the leadership of Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has given the spirited challenge to the Congress by winning 110 seats, 6 short of the majority mark.

PCC chief Kamal Nath has convened a meeting of the newly-elected Congress candidates at the PCC headquarters at 4 pm on Wednesday.

The Congress camp was jubilant since Tuesday morning



Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia, who is seen as a contender for the chief ministership, was evasive when asked by reporters as to who would be occupying the top post.

"Let the result come first," he said, adding, "We will create an environment of peace, justice, and development if we come to power in Madhya Pradesh," Scindia added.

The Congress, which has been trying to dislodge the three-term BJP Government in the State, expressed confidence that the party would cross the majority mark.

"As I said, the Congress is winning. We are going to get full majority," Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee chief Kamal Nath said.

Loan waiver pledge does trick for Congress in Chhattisgarh

SUJEET KUMAR ■ RAIPUR

The Congress, which was out of power for 15 years in mineral-rich Chhattisgarh, staged a stunning comeback on Tuesday, courtesy a key promise to waive bank loans to millions of farmers who are reeling under steep debts.

The BJP bit the dust in its bastion as it refused to honour its commitment to help out farmers in a State which is categorised as the rice bowl of the country.

Political analysts admitted that the arrogance and



deep-rooted corruption in the rank and file of the BJP Government scripted its crushing defeat.

The Congress bagged a two-third majority in the 90-member State Assembly.

Former Chief Minister Ajit Jogi, who aligned with the BSP and the CPI in a bid to win a few seats to use it as a bargaining chip in the case of a hung Assembly, was left high and dry because of the landslide victory of the Congress.

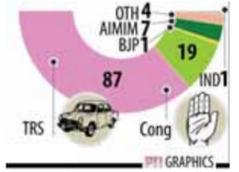
KCR gamble pays dividends

M MADHUSUDAN ■ NEW DELHI

K Chandrasekhar Rao passed the Assembly poll test with flying 'pink' colour on Tuesday as his much-trumpeted 'sops story' thumped the Congress-Telugu Desam Party (TDP) combine's 'sob story' about India's youngest revenue-surplus State having been turned into a major debtor by the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) chief.

The Congress-led grouping named itself the People's Front but the masses went with KCR, as Rao is popularly known, and gave him a second term at the helm. Not just him, the Telangana electorate even ensured victories for KCR's son KT Rama Rao and nephew T Harish Rao, rejecting the "nepotism" and "family rule" charges against him.

The results should serve as a major learning



creation. In fact, TDP, which had 15 MLAs in the dissolved Assembly, could win just 2 seats even as it contested 13 seats in all.

KCR lost no time in announcing his intention of delving into national politics now that he is firmly in the saddle in the State. Also, having not taken Chandrababu Naidu's "meddling" in Telangana politics lightly, he has already cautioned the TDP chief about his plans to extract revenge.

In Telangana, it was KCR's sop distribution-cum-promise spree involving most sections of the society that led the voters to come out in droves to propel him to power.

experience for the Congress. Working overtime to stitch up a mahagathbandhan to take on the BJP's might in the 2019 Lok Sabha poll, it should know the complexities at the regional levels, that too, involving regional satraps.

In the Lok Sabha poll that is just months away, the Congress may have to rethink its strategy of joining hands with its foetured friend TDP, which is seen by the people in the State as a party that had opposed Telangana's

BJP fails to break Raj 20-yr trend

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Despite last minute blitzkrieg by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP lost the Rajasthan Assembly election, failing to break the trend which continues in the State for the past 20 years.

As per results, the Congress is set to form the Government in the State as the party has won over 99 seat of the 199 seat while the BJP managed to retain only 73 seats. The BSP, CPI (Marxist) and others have managed to win 27 seats.

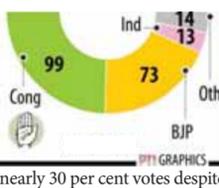
Now the question is who will be Chief Minister - Ashok Gehlot or Sachin Pilot? The Congress central leadership has already directed its elected MLAs to assemble in Jaipur on Wednesday. According to sources in the Congress, party president Rahul Gandhi will



take a call on the CM face by Wednesday. Gehlot is seen a clear front-runner.

The voting share analysis shows the BJP's votes have fallen from 45.2 per cent in 2013 to 38.8 per cent now. It was much higher at nearly 55 per cent in 2014, when the party won all 25 Lok Sabha seats from the State.

On the other hand, the Congress has improved its vote share from 33.1 per cent in 2013 to 39.2 per cent in 2018. It had managed to get

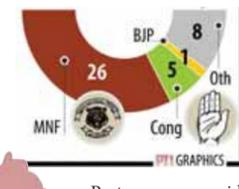


Cong loses last bastion in N-E at MNF hands

PTI ■ AIZAWL

The Mizo National Front (MNF) on Tuesday scripted a spectacular victory in Mizoram, uprooting the Congress in its last bastion in the North-East to return to power after 10 years.

The MNF won 26 seats in the 40-member Assembly, a gain of 21 seats since 2013. The Congress managed to bag only five seats compared to 34 seats it won in the 2013 Assembly elections. MNF president Zoramthanga accompanied by top party leaders met Governor Kumanam Rajasekharan at the Raj Bhavan here in the evening and staked claim to form a Government.



Party sources said the Governor told Zoramthanga that he was yet to receive the official letter from the Election Commission and hoped that he would be able to invite the MNF to form a Government by Wednesday afternoon.

"Arrangements are being made for the swearing-in of the new Government by Saturday," a source said.

Victory and defeat are an integral part of life. Today's results will further our resolve to serve people and work even harder for the development of India... Congratulations to the Congress for their victories
PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

I am proud of the development works done by the BJP Government in five years and believe that the upcoming Government will continue the works and projects
VASUNDHARA RAJE

...Congress-mukt Bharat...BJP-mukt Bharat...That is needed...We will unveil the whole thing in Delhi in 10 days
K CHANDRASEKHAR RAO

The semifinal proves that BJP is nowhere in all the States. This is a real democratic indication of 2019 final match. Ultimately, people are always the 'man of the match' of democracy. My congrats to the winners
MAMATA BANERJEE

People rejected Mandir-Masjid politics, results show political awakening on rise in India
MEHBOOBA MUFTI

The election was solely contested on State agenda and it is not related to Delhi. We will sit with the party workers and analyse the defeat in detail. This will not reflect on the Lok Sabha election
RAMAN SINGH

Rahul's a year at helm rejuvenates party

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI



A year after Rahul Gandhi was anointed as Congress president, he has silenced all those who chanted the slogans of "Congress mukt Bharat" and kept writing the

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RAHUL GANDHI

obituary of the grand old party on daily basis. December 11 marked the completion of "Rahul's first year in office as president.

Last year same day, Rahul took over as president of the Congress and led the party with remarkable vigour in Gujarat Assembly elections and thereafter brought Karnataka to the party's kitty.

Emboldened with these wins, challenge from Rahul to Prime Minister Narendra Modi appears more serious than ever before. The gains for the Congress in the Hindi heartland States assume significance though the party suffered a severe drubbing in Telangana and Mizoram.

Addressing the media, Rahul termed the victory of

Congress as victory of farmers and the youths. "It's now time for change. We are going to provide the three States with a vision for overall development. There is a clear feeling in the country that PM Modi has failed to deliver what he committed. The Opposition is now strongly united and will fight together in 2019 polls to defeat Modi to end the politics of hatred. I have learnt about a lot of things since 2014 and most important being humility," Rahul said.

He said Modi might taunt him what not to do in politics. "He (Modi) taught me not to be arrogant," Rahul quipped.

Hitting at the BJP for its often-stated remark of Congress-mukt (Congress-free) Bharat, Rahul said, "The

BJP has a certain ideology and we will fight against it. We have won elections, we will also win in 2019. However, we do not want to get rid of anyone, 'hum kisi ko mukt nahi karna chahtein'."

Rahul thanked people and party workers for party's good performance in three States of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh while asserting that the poll outcome raised "questions" on the Modi Government's policies.

He said now there is a perception within the people that the PM himself is a corrupt man. He also said it is a clear message to Modi that people are not happy with decisions, including demonetisation and those pertaining to farmers and youth.

Shaktikanta Das named RBI Guv

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former bureaucrat Shaktikanta Das, who spearheaded the post-demonetisation normalisation of the economy, was on Tuesday named the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. Das, 61, replaces Urjit Patel, who shocked the establishment and markets by announcing his exit from the central bank Monday. Das will have a three-year term, an official order said. He will be the first bureaucrat to head the central bank in almost five years.

While it was widely expected that the Government will name an interim RBI head during its search for Patel's replacement, the Appointments



Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose Das within a day.

In a tweet, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the Government has "accepted the resignation of Dr Urjit Patel who resigned on Monday from the said post."

CAPSULE

3 POLICEMEN GUARDING KASHMIRI PANDITS SHOT
Srinagar: Three policemen were killed on Tuesday when Pakistan-based JeM terrorists attacked a guard post outside a Kashmiri Pandit pocket in Shopian.

SURJIT BHALLA QUILTS AS MEMBER PMEAC
New Delhi: Eminent economist Surjit Bhalla, who had raised eyebrows over the involvement of NITI Aayog in the release of re-stated economic growth numbers, has resigned as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.

SC MAY ORDER CBI PROBE IN KALBURGI MURDER
New Delhi: The SC on Tuesday said a CBI probe may be ordered into the murder of MM Kalburgi, Govind Pansare and Gauri Lankesh if there is a "common thread" in these murders.

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[Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the SYNDICATE BANK under the Securitizations and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the dates mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower/surety/owner of the properties to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice alongwith interest and costs within 90 days from the date of the notice.

The borrower / surety / owner of property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower / surety / owner of property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 said rules on the dates mentioned hereunder.

The borrower / surety / owner of property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the SYNDICATE BANK for the amount mentioned herein below with further interest & cost etc.

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Ambala Cantt. Branch. Borrower- Sh. Naresh Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Ram Dhari Sharma S/o Sh. Ram Dhari Sharma Guarantor- Sh. Shyam Lal S/o Satpal	Sh. Naresh Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Ram Dhari Sharma	Plot measuring 53.5 Sq. Yards comprised in Khewat No. 126, Khatauni No. 140.	13.08.2018	Rs. 1,84,760.90 is due alongwith interest from 01.09.2018 and costs etc.	05.12.2018
Ambala Cantt. Branch. Borrower- Sh. Davender Rajpal S/o Sh. Davender Rajpal S/o Sh. Darbari Lal. Guarantor- Smt. Seema Rajpal W/o Sh. Davender Rajpal.	Sh. Davender Rajpal S/o Sh. Darbari Lal	Plot No. 1A measuring 16 Sq. Yards comprised in Khwata No. B/24/2 situated in Anand Vihar Ambala Cantt. within MC Limit of Ambala (Sadar Zone) owned by Devinder Rajpal S/o Sh. Darbari Lal as Bounded:- On the North by: Bhuja 11' and 22' wide Passage; On the South by: Bhuja 11' and 22' wide Passage; On the East by: Bhuja 44' & remaining portion of plot of others; On the West by: Bhuja 44' and Land of others.	13.08.2018	Rs. 5,22,656.94 is due alongwith interest from 01.09.2018 and costs etc.	05.12.2018

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Badal advises Capt not to sabotage Kartarpur corridor

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Days after Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh dubbed opening of Kartarpur corridor as "ISI's game plan", his predecessor and Akali patriarch Parkash Singh Badal on Tuesday advised the Congress leader to refrain from doing or saying anything "that may sabotage this achievement".

"Capt Amarinder should refrain from doing or saying anything that might become a pretext for blocking the Kartarpur Sahib corridor and sabotage the fulfilment of the aspirations and prayers (ardas) of crores of Sikhs all over the world for the past 70 years," he said.

Badal said that the Government of India's initiative and the Pakistan Government's response to it are "a collective achievement of the entire khal-

sa panth (Sikh community), beyond individual or party lines, and this must be welcomed as such and no one should do or say anything that may sabotage this achievement".

"The former chief minister said that Capt Amarinder's recent statements on Kartarpur Sahib corridor were "extremely ill-advised and ill-timed. His utterances run contrary to the Sikh sentiments. I request him not to sabotage this sacred goal of the community".

"The Chief Minister needs to be reminded that the opening of the corridor is not a political but a deeply religious aspiration of the khalasa panth for which every Sikh all across the globe has been praying every day over the past 70 years," he said.

Badal described it as the culmination of their daily ardass and of the long struggle which started with Master Tara Singh

and in which some of the tallest Sikh leaders from Sant Fateh Singh, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, Jathedar Gurcharan Singh Tohra, Jagdev Singh Talwandi, Kuldip Singh Wadala right up to the present leadership of the SAD and the entire Sikh community have contributed in a big way.

He said that everyone who has played a role in the achievement of this goal needs to be complimented, regardless of which party he belongs to.

Referring to the fears expressed by Capt Amarinder about possibility of corridor being misused by the Pakistan army and the ISI for fomenting trouble in India, especially in Punjab, Badal said: "Captain Sahib is forgetting that the Punjabis in general and the Sikhs in particular are a fiercely patriotic people and are fully capable of dealing with any

Chief Minister needs to be reminded that the opening of the corridor is not a political but a deeply religious aspiration of the khalasa panth for which every Sikh all across the globe has been praying every day over the past 70 years

Min temperatures hover above normal in Pb, Hry

Chandigarh: Minimum temperatures in several parts of Punjab and Haryana hovered above normal limits on Tuesday.

In Punjab, Amritsar recorded a low of 8.4 degrees Celsius, while Ludhiana and Patiala recorded minimum temperatures at 8.8 degrees Celsius and 9.6 degrees Celsius, respectively, a MeT Department official said here.

Pathankot (9.6 degrees Celsius), Adampur (7.6 degrees Celsius), Bathinda (8.8 degrees Celsius), Halwara (9 degrees Celsius) and Gurdaspur (7.2 degrees Celsius) registered above normal minimum temperatures. In Haryana, Ambala registered a low of 10 degrees Celsius. Hisar (10.7 degrees Celsius), Karnal (8 degrees Celsius), Narnaul (8.7 degrees Celsius), Rohtak (10.2 degrees Celsius), Bhiwani (12.2 degrees Celsius) and Sirsa (11.5 degrees Celsius) also recorded above normal minimum temperatures. **PNS**

Annexure-A PRESS NOTICE TO BE ISSUED FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS FOR E-TENDERING.

The Executive Engineer IPH Division Thural Invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible Contractors for the following work (s) through e-tendering process:-

Work No.1.- Improvement of distribution system of Lift Irrigation Scheme Thural in Tehsil Palampur District Kangra HP (Sub-Head: Laying, Jointing & testing of HDPE pipe of following dia & P/F HDPE PVC control valve for chak No. 16 from Node 24-25,25-26,26-27,27-28,24-44 Chak No. 17 from Node 28-29,29-30,30-31,31-32,32-33,33-52 & C/O 4 Nos outlets at various RD's) Job No. III Estimated cost Rs 550837/-, Earnest Money Rs 11017/-, Time limits Six months, Cost of Tender form Rs.250/-

Work No.2.- Improvement & Extension LIS Harot in Tehsil Jaisinghpur Distt. Kangra HP (SH- Excavation, Laying, Jointing & Testing of HDPE pipes for D/System & C/O 32 Nos outlets etc) Estimated cost Rs 1206606/-, Earnest Money Rs 24135/-, Time limits Six months, Cost of Tender form Rs.400/-

Work No.3.- Improvement & Extension LIS Harot in Tehsil Jaisinghpur Distt. Kangra HP (SH- C/O delivery tank, collection tank and RCC Dyke etc) Estimated cost Rs 630788/-, Earnest Money Rs 12616/-, Time limits Six months, Cost of Tender form Rs.250/-

Work No.4.- Improvement of distribution system of Lift Irrigation Scheme Thural in Tehsil Palampur District Kangra HP (Sub-Head: Laying, Jointing & testing of HDPE pipe of following dia & P/F HDPE PVC control valve for chak No.7 from Node 32-33,33-34,32-35,35-36 Chak 8 from node 37-38,38-39,38-40,40-41,41-42,41-43 Chak 11 from Node 57-58,58-59,57-60,57-61,57-62 Chak No. 14 from Node 9-17,17-18,18-19,17-38,19-39,39-40 Chak 15 From Node 19-20,20-21,21-22,22-23,23-24,20-41,41-42 & C/O 29 Nos outlets at various RD's) Job No. II. Estimated cost Rs 1338708/-, Earnest Money Rs 26774/-, Time limits Six months, Cost of Tender form Rs.400/-

Work No.5.- C/O Lift Irrigation Scheme Jagroop Nagar in Tehsil Jaisinghpur Distt. Kangra SH- C/O Main Delivery Tank, Road crossing, Foot path Crossing, Nallah crossing, Pump house & C/O Collection Tank etc.) Estimated cost Rs 1312354/-, Earnest Money Rs 26247/-, Time limits Six months, Cost of Tender form Rs.400/-

Work No.6.- Imp. & D/System of LWSS Tikri Ghumaru, LWSS Alampur, LWSS Andrana Bandhan and LWSS Tina Jhamter in Tehsil Jaisinghpur Distt. Kangra SH- Construction of RCC over head storage tank capacity 50000 Litres 10.00 Meter staging height at village Marera) Estimated cost Rs 942500/-, Earnest Money Rs 18850/-, Time limits Four months, Cost of Tender form Rs.250/-

Work No.7.- CAD Work for LIS Kural in Tehsil Palampur Dist. Kangra HP (SH- Excavation, Laying, Jointing & Testing of HDPE pipes, C/O Main outlets for HDPE pipe etc) Estimated cost Rs 3130019/-, Earnest Money Rs 54450/-, Time limits Six months, Cost of Tender form Rs.400/-

1. Last date of filling / uploading the tender through e-tendering:- 20.12.2018 upto 5.00 PM. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website. www.hiphp.org.

Executive Engineer,
IPH Division,
Thural.

RO NO. 3585/18-19 Dt. 11-12-2018

Himachal gets fresh snowfall

Shimla: Popular tourist destinations Dalhousie, in Chamba district, and Kufri, in Shimla district, witnessed freezing temperatures on Tuesday as the higher reaches of the State saw fresh snowfall, the Meteorological department said. The minimum temperatures in Dalhousie and Kufri were recorded at minus 0.2 degrees Celsius and zero degree Celsius, respectively, from Monday 5.30 pm to Tuesday 8.30 am, Met centre (Shimla) Director Manmohan Singh said. The Met has forecast snow and rain for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tribal Lahaul and Spiti, Kinnaur and high reaches of Chamba, Kangra and Kullu districts received fresh snowfall, Singh said, adding that Kalpa, in Kinnaur, got 9 cm of snow and Keylong, in Lahaul and Spiti district, received 2 cm. **PNS**

ICID appreciates Haryana Govt

Chandigarh: The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) has appreciated the Haryana Government for better adoption of micro irrigation system and for the schemes to promote this system.

President of ICID, Felix B. Reinders called on the Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, O.P. Dhankar on Tuesday

Dhankar said that canal system is the big source of water in the state. Today, water conservation is the only option and there is a need to focus on increasing the water resources. He said that the State Government has been promoting micro irrigation in the state. For this, subsidy is also being given to farmers. He said that the government has

been implementing 14 pilot projects with Jain Irrigation Systems and subsidy up to 85 per cent is being given in 31 blocks to promote micro irrigation.

The Minister said that the State Government has constituted Pond Authority for rejuvenation of traditional ponds under which rejuvenation of 15,000 ponds would be carried out.

Reinders said that it became clear in the presentation by Haryana during the first International Conference on Sustainable Water Management at Mohali (Punjab), that how rapidly Haryana has been moving ahead in terms of micro irrigation. He appreciated the steps being taken by the State Government for promoting micro irrigation. **PNS**

Punjab to collaborate TB-tobacco control programme

Chandigarh: Punjab has initiated a crusade to eradicate tobacco use to save children and youth across the State under the 'National Framework for Joint TB-Tobacco Collaborative Activities' developed by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

For the implementation of the same on pilot basis in Punjab, the Union Ministry has chosen three districts - Sangrur, Kapurthala and SAS Nagar. "The State Tobacco Control Cell has organized a workshop on the implementation of TB Tobacco Collaborative Framework under the chairpersonship of the state Health and Family Welfare director Dr Jaspal Kaur," said the

spokesperson. The state Health Department has been passionately pursuing the agenda to bring down tobacco consumption in Punjab.

"Tobacco Cessation centers have been established in all the districts. Free Tobacco cessation counselling and medicines, like Nicotine gums and patches, are being provided in these centers to the patients who want to quit tobacco use," said the spokesperson. Spokesperson said that the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA-2003) has been strictly implemented in the state, with total 14,130 challans being issued between April and November this year against the violators in the state. **PNS**

Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department

e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HP PWD Nalagarh Division HP PWD Nalagarh H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online Bids on item rate in electronic tendering system in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/ Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

SR. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of Tender	Time	Class
1.	Repair and maintenance on Barotiwala Baddi Sai Ramshehar road K.M 0/0 to 45/040 (SH Providing and laying 25 mm thick Bituminous concrete in K.M 9/0 to 10/0) Under BBNDA Deposit	2417356	53600	1500	One month	--
2.	AMP to Barotiwala Baddi Sai Ramshehar road K.M 0/0 to 45/040 (SH P/L 25 mm Bituminous Concrete alongwith road side drain in K.M 20/0 to 21/0)	934517	19627	500	One month	-
3.	Repair & maintenance of Kishanpura Chanaalmajra Abhipur road (SH C/O 600 mm dia Hume pipe culvert at Rd 0/550 to 0/850)	8,64,990	17000	500	One month	D-c

1. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptenders.gov.in>

2. Bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA) "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HP PWD may obtain the same from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in> Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tenders.

3. Keys dates:-

- Date of online publication 19-12-2018 up to 3.00 P.M to 02-01-2019 up to 11.00 A.M
- Bid submission start and end date 19-12-2018 3.00 P.M up to 02-01-2019 at 11.00 A.M
- Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender documents dated 02-01-2019 at 11.00 A.M
- Date of Technical Bid opening, evaluation of Technical Bid followed by opened of financial Bid 02-01-2019 at 11.30 A.M

The Tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover.

Cover shall contain scanned copies of all Technical documents/ Eligibility information. Cover 2 shall contain BOQ/Financial Bid where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. Submission of original Documents: The Bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid documents and (b) original Bid security/ Earnest money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/O the Executive Engineer HP PWD Nalagarh Division H.P as specified in key dates Sr NO 4 on tender opening date failing which the bid will be declared non responsive

6. Bid opening details: The bids shall be opened on 02-01-2019 at 11.30 HRS in the Office of the Executive Engineer HP PWD Division Nalagarh HP by the authorized Officer. In their interest the tendered are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders, if the Office happens to be "closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 Days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Officer inviting tender shall not be hold liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

9. The contractor/firm should have requisite equipments, hot mix plant & machinery for executing this type of work

Terms & condition:- The contractor will have to submit affidavit along with that he has not more than two work in hand.

HIM SUCHNA KUMAR JAN SAMPARK
RO NO. 3559/18-19 Dt. 11-12-2018

Indian Overseas Bank Phone : 0172-2790035, Asset Recovery Management Branch E-mail : job2575@iob.in 2nd Floor, SCO - 26, Sector 7Cadhya Marg, Chandigarh-160019

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No 54 of 2002) whereas, the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank has taken symbolic possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal www.iob.in and www.foreclosureindia.com

Name & Address of the mortgagors/ Guarantors	1. Mr. Parmod Kumar Sukhija S/o Mr. Ram Lal Sukhija, H. No. 15-H.B.R.S Nagar, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. 2. Mrs. Meena Sukhija W/o Parmod Kumar Sukhija, H. No. 15-H.B.R.S Nagar, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. 3. Mr. Sushant Sukhija S/o Parmod Kumar Sukhija, H. No. 15-H.B.R.S Nagar, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. 4. Smt. Chanan Devi W/o Late Ram Lal, H. No. 15-H.B.R.S Nagar, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab-141001.
Date of NPA	31.03.2015
Date of Demand Notice	07.04.2015
Dues claimed in demand notice with further interest & costs	Rs. 10,81,34,016.83 as on 31.03.2015
Date of Possession Notice	05.08.2015
Dues claimed in Possession notice with further interest & costs	Rs. 10,81,34,016.83 as on 31.03.2015 with further interest & costs
Outstanding dues of local self Government (Property tax, water Sewerage, Electricity etc.):	Not known to the bank.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	
Open plot measuring 7 kanals 8-3/4 marlas or 4500sq yds in the name of sh parmok kumar s/o sh ram lal & sh sushant sukhiya s/o sh parmok kumar sale deed no 15898 dt 28-03-2011 & 4 kanals 4-3/4 marlas or 2563.68 sq yds in the name of Smt Meena w/o sh parmok kumar sale deed no 1311 dt 27-10-2010 situated at Rajgarh Estate, VIII-Malakpur and Birmi, Ludhiana, Teh & distt-Ludhiana - 142027. Total Area 11 Kanal -13.5 Marlas or 7063.38 Sq Yards. Boundries:- North: Open land 171'-0", South:- Jairath steel farm house 171'-0", East:-Road 371'-0", West:-Agriculture land 371'-0".	
Reserve Price (including 1% tax)	Rs. 9,48,91,566/-
EMD (including 1% tax)	Rs. 9,49,000/-
Date & time of E-Auction	31.12.2018 between 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM, with auto extension of five minutes each till sale is completed.
Bid increase Amount	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)
Encumbrance if any:	Not known encumbrances
Inspection Date & Time	24.12.2018 between 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
EMD Remittance:	Deposit through EFT/NEFT/RTGS, A/c No : 028402000012884 Name of Beneficiary: IOB EMD AUCTION ACCOUNT, Name of Bank: Indian Overseas Bank, Name of Branch: Main Branch, Chandigarh, IFSC Code: IOBA000284, Branch Address: Indian Overseas Bank, SCO 26, SECTOR 7C, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH - 160019.
Submission of online application for bid with EMD:	12.12.2018 from 09.00 A.M. Onwards
Last date for submission of online application for bid with EMD:	23.12.2018
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This publication is also a 30 days notice to the Borrower/Mortgagors & Guarantors of the above loans under Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI act 2002 about holding of the e-auction sale by inviting tenders from the PUBLIC in General. For sale of secured assets for terms and conditions please visit our web portal www.iob.in and www.iob.foreclosureindia.com	
DATE : 11.12.2018	AUTHORISED OFFICER,
PLACE : Chandigarh	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

New scheme to settle old power bills in Hry

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government has floated a new scheme to settle old pending electricity bills so that the defaulters can clear their dues and come into the mainstream. The scheme will end on December 31, this year

As per the new scheme, the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) is giving relaxation to the consumers for settlement of their pending defaulting amount of bills.

This scheme is meant for facilitating the consumers up to 20 KW Domestic (DS) category and up to 5 KW of Non-Domestic (NDS) category. Pending bills prior to the year 2005 have been waived off

keeping in view the provisions of the waiver scheme of 2005.

A spokesman of the DHBVN said that for settlement of bills from June 2005 to 30 June 2018 calculation in case of Rural Domestic (DS) consumers would be 40 unit per KW per month. In case of Urban Domestic (DS), the calculation would be 50 Unit/KW/month. **PNS**

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For ICICI Home Finance Co. Ltd.
Pratap Sallian
Company Secretary

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For ICICI Home Finance Co. Ltd.
Pratap Sallian
Company Secretary

INBRIEF

PB GUV, CM EXHORTS PEOPLE TO FOLLOW GURU'S LEGACY
Chandigarh: Punjab Governor and UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore and Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday exhorted the people to follow the high ideals of secularism, humanism, compassion, tolerance and the spirit of self-sacrifice as preached and practiced by the Sikhs' ninth master Guru Teg Bahadur. Paying glorious tributes on Guru's martyrdom day, Governor appealed to the people to observe the day with fervour "to rededicate ourselves to serve society, especially the poor and downtrodden, with dedication and missionary zeal rising above the parochial considerations of caste, colour, creed and religion, which would be a real homage to Guru Teg Bahadur". Capt Amarinder urged the people to imbibe the spirit of self-sacrifice preached and practiced by 'Hind Di Chhaadar' Guru Teg Bahadur.

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR MO POST IN HIMACHAL
Shimla: The campus walk-in-interview will be held to fill up the posts of Medical Officers on contract basis in different medical colleges of Himachal Pradesh. The interviews are being conducted for those MBBS interns, whose internship is going to be completed on December 31, 2018, in Dr RPGMC Tanda, IGMC Shimla and MM Medical College and Hospital Kumarhatti (Solani). The state Directorate of Health Services spokesperson said that in Tanda medical college, the interviews will be held on December 14, in IGMC Shimla on December 17, and in Kumarhatti Medical College on December 29 from 11 am to 2 pm in the office of the Medical Superintendent.

IIAHP DONATES CHAIRS TO PGIMER
Chandigarh: IIAHP Trust (International Institute for the Achievement of Human Potentials), a therapy and rehabilitation centre for special need children, on Tuesday donated 15 sets of stainless steel visiting chairs in PGI for the patients and their attendants. Each set has three comfortable seats. IIAHP is a non-profitable, charitable trust which aims to improve intellectual, physical and social abilities of the special children. In addition to this, the trust regularly makes generous donations for the patients admitted in PGI.

1ST FERMENTED PADDY STRAW SILICA MANURE INTRODUCED
Kullu: To address the looming soil crisis and pave way for sustainable agriculture and livelihood, Sampurn Agri Ventures Pvt. Ltd. introduced the first fully fermented Paddy Straw Silica Manure, during a seminar conducted in Kullu on Tuesday. The event saw attendance of approximately 100 progressive farmers and dealers. Sanjeev Nagpal, Chairman, Sampurn Agri Ventures said, "The initiative is to address the ongoing soil crisis in India. We are currently conducting product demonstrations and inviting our farmer friends for product trials so that they see the effectiveness of the product."

PUNJAB CABINET Pb enhances parole from 12 to 16 weeks

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To mark the year-long celebrations of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the Punjab Cabinet on Tuesday took a slew of decisions including enhancing parole from 12 to 16 weeks during the calendar year, besides approving ₹60 lakh compensation to the Sikh community against damage to properties in Shillong clashes.

The Cabinet, during its meeting presided over by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, has given its nod to amend Section 3 Sub-Section 2 of the Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962, to increase the regular parole given to the prisoners with good conduct from existing three to four weeks, and total parole from 12 to 16 weeks during a calendar year.

The Bill will also be introduced in the ensuing session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, starting from December 13.

Spokesperson said that the step was aimed at ensuring the welfare of prisoners with good conduct by giving them continuous parole of 16 weeks, while adding that it would also encourage other prisoners to maintain discipline in jails.

Notably, in view of good behaviour and discipline amongst prisoners in different jails of the state, they are temporarily released on parole as specified in the provisions of Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962. A 15-day parole is granted to prisoners on the death of any of their family members.

There is a provision of

granting 120 days parole to a female prisoner on account of delivery of her child. Apart from this, six-week parole is given to prisoners for marriage of children, agricultural purpose, serious damage to life or property of the member of the family caused by natural calamity and for critical condition of any member of the family on account of accident and on account of delivery of child by his wife, which would now be given maximum up to 16 weeks during a calendar year and shall be availed on quarterly basis.

₹60L COMPENSATION TO SHILLONG VICTIMS

The Cabinet also approved relaxation in instructions of the Relief and Resettlement Department for providing ₹60 lakh as compensation to the Sikh community against damage caused to their properties during violence in Shillong.

Spokesperson said that out of the total ₹60 lakhs, ₹50 lakh would be provided to Khalsa Middle School, Bara Bazar, for reconstruction as its old building has been declared unsafe.

Similarly, monetary assistance to the tune of Rs two lakh would be given to Sangam Singh of Punjabi Colony Bara Bazar, for reconstruction as his shop in violence.

Apart from this, Rs three lakh would be given to Gurmeet Singh, whose scooter showroom was put on fire during clashes, while Rs five lakh is being given to Satpal Singh, the owner of a truck which was set ablaze during the riots at Shillong.

Notably, Capt Amarinder

had deputed a four-member delegation, led by Cooperation and Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, to visit Shillong for taking stock of damage caused to the properties of Sikh community in violence. The delegation had detailed deliberations with the members of the community, where certain requests were made by the Sikhs for monetary assistance.

On their return from the strife-torn areas of Shillong, the delegation submitted a report and apprised the Chief Minister about the situation. Capt Amarinder on September 28, 2018, ordered that requisite amount be provided from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to the Punjabi settlers, whose shops were gutted, besides construction of a community-run school.

SIMPLIFIED GST ORDINANCE TO BE TABLED BEFORE HOUSE

In another decision, the Cabinet also gave its nod to introduce the Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 in the forthcoming Vidhan Sabha session beginning from December 13.

It may be recalled that the Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018, was promulgated on October 23, 2018, in order to simplify the process of filing returns and payment of tax with minimum paperwork.

As per clause 2 of Article of 213 of the Constitution, an Ordinance shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly of State for conversion of the Ordinance into Act.

Punjab CEO requests all political parties to furnish detail of BLAs before Dec 18

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Dr S Karuna Raju on Tuesday appealed to all the political parties to prepare the list of their booth level agents (BLAs) as soon as possible and furnish it to the CEO Office before December 18, 2018.

Dr Raju, who met the representative of various registered and unregistered political parties in Punjab regarding special summary revision of photo electoral rolls, emphasized that during this special summary revision campaign, the main focus is on removal of repeat or multiple entries or demographically similar entries from

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the electoral rolls.

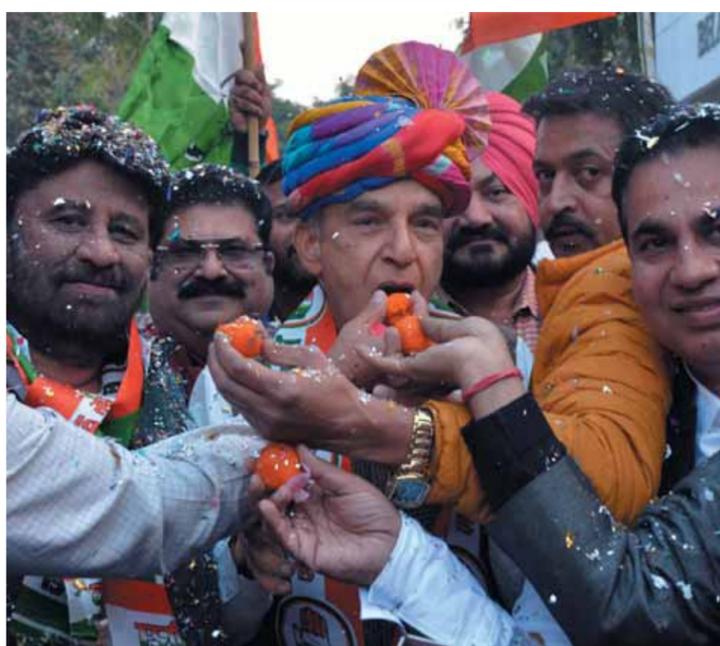
Removal of permanently shifted electors and deceased electors would also be focused, he said. CEO said that his office with the co-ordination of District Electoral Officers will also initiate an awareness campaign for upcoming Parliamentary Elections.

Dr Raju has also appealed to the leaders of the political

parties that they will ask their district units to join the election meetings at district levels, so the whole process run smoothly without any hindrance.

On the request of the office bearer of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), CEO directed to write a letter to DEOs to supervise the work of BLOs, especially in the areas where less privileged voters reside.

On the complaint of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) regarding reading out of the electoral rolls by BLOs of some places in Ferozepur district, CEO immediately issued directions to the Deputy Commissioner and instructed to enquire about it and submit a report by December 12.



Local Congress workers celebrate the victory of the party in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh Assembly elections with former Union Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal in Chandigarh on Tuesday
T Sharma | Pioneer

ASSEMBLY POLL RESULTS

Punjab CM dubs victory as beginning of end of Modi rule

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Hailing the Congress victory in three states as a mandate for the leadership of party president Rahul Gandhi, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday said that it marked the beginning of the end of the BJP-led NDA government in the country.

Capt Amarinder, reacting to the assembly poll results declared on Tuesday, said that the Congress performance showed that the party was on an upswing across the country. "The results have clearly shown that the people of India are now fed up of the destructive and anti-development policies of the Narendra Modi government and wanted a positive change," he said.

Congratulating the party president as well as UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi for the Congress win in three states of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, Capt Amarinder said that the party had clearly revived under Rahul's dynamic leadership.

The results were a sign of the mood of the nation, which saw in Rahul the youthful change it needed to bring India back on the track of development, which had been the hallmark of the previous UPA regime under the former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, he said. The people of India felt cheated by the failure of the Modi government to deliver on any of its promises made five years ago, he said, adding that, at the same time, they were desperate to see an end to the vicious cycle of communal hatred and violence unleashed

by the BJP-led regime. It is a moment of celebration not just for the Congress but also for the people of this country, said the Chief Minister.

BJP ALLY SAD SAYS FARMERS' ISSUES WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED

The BJP-led Centre will have to "review" the issues facing the farmers, the Shiromani Akali Dal, the party's key ally in Punjab, said ON Tuesday as the poll trends and results in the three Hindi heartland states pointed at a poor showing by the saffron party. While the issues facing the farmers had played its part, anti-incumbency factor too had worked against the BJP, senior SAD leader and MP Prem Singh Chandumajra said. "There are two-three issues in these polls. One was, of course, the anti-incumbency factor, besides the local issues. The farmers' issue was also a key one and while the BJP governments, both at the Centre and in the states, have taken it up on priority, it seems more needs to be done to ensure that schemes for farmers' benefit are fully implemented at the ground level," he said. Chandumajra said there was also resentment among farmers over the way the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was being implemented.

"While private insurance companies are raking in crores of rupees as profit, farmers are not getting the compensation for crop damage the way they should have got," he said. "The farmers' issue will have to be reviewed by the government," he added.

HOODA HAILS VICTORY

Former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Tuesday hailed the Congress' performance in three Hindi heartland states and said the poll results had set the alarm bells ringing for the Narendra Modi-led NDA government.

He said the Congress' performance showed that the party was on an upswing in the country. "These polls were being treated as the semi-final to 2019 (general election). The Congress' performance has been quite impressive in the Hindi heartland states. The results have set the alarm bells ringing for the BJP-led government at the Centre," Hooda said, reacting to the assembly poll results in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

He congratulated Congress president Rahul Gandhi and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi for the party's impressive show in the three states where Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was in power.

"Under the able leadership of Rahul Gandhi, the party is definitely on an upswing across the country. The credit goes to him and Congress workers...the countdown for the NDA government has begun," Hooda said.

The senior Congress leader alleged that the BJP ignored farmers' plight, which was a big issue in the polls. "The government did not bother about the plight of farmers. Small traders were badly hit by GST even as Modi government's decision on demonetisation was widely criticised. Besides, unemployment was also another key issue," Hooda said.

Phoolka meets Punjab Speaker, urges him to accept his resignation

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A leader H S Phoolka, who had stepped down as Punjab MLA in October, on Tuesday met the state Assembly Speaker and urged him to accept his resignation.

Phoolka said he submitted a letter to Rana K P Singh, informing him that he would not rethink his resignation, adding that the Speaker assured him that his decision would be considered.

It was earlier believed that the lawmaker from Dakha had not submitted the resignation in a proper format.

The AAP leader had stepped down to press for immediate action against those accused in the sacrilege cases that rocked the state in 2015. Phoolka claimed the Congress government had not taken the desired action against those named in the findings of the Justice Ranjit Singh Commission report on sacri-

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lege incidents. In his letter to the Speaker, Phoolka wrote, "I have sent my resignation from the post of MLA vide letter dated 12.10.2018, but I have not received any communication from you regarding the same." "Today I am appearing in person to communicate that I have resigned as a Member of Legislative Assembly and request you to kindly accept my resignation. After accepting my resignation, kindly inform the House during ensuing Session which is commencing from December 13," he added.

If his resignation is accepted, the AAP's strength in the Vidhan Sabha will drop to 19 MLAs, eight of whom have formed a rebel group led by Sukhpal Singh Khaira.

BJP president to inaugurate exhibition at Gita Mahotsav



Colourful performance by artists at the ongoing International Gita Mahotsav-2018 in Kurukshetra on Tuesday
Pioneer Photo

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To depict Mahabharata scenes through the art of clay, a cave shaped exhibition would be set up at Gita Gyan Sansthanam during the ongoing International Gita Mahotsav, 2018 at Kurukshetra.

The exhibition will be formally inaugurated by BJP President, Amit Shah and President of Mauritius, Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory on December 13.

An official spokesman said that through this exhibition, 650 books of holy scripture, The Bhagvad Gita written in 40 different languages of India and abroad would be exhibited.

He said that the exhibition would be set up at Gita Gyan Sansthanam for the visitors from India and abroad during International Gita Mahotsav, 2018. Special artists have been invited to put up this exhibi-

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tion. These artists have made the cave with clay.

They have also made a clay statue of Arjuna with bow which is installed at the entrance of the exhibition. Besides this, other scenes of Mahabharata have also been prepared with clay including a statue of Lord Krishna giving knowledge to Arjuna. Almost all the preparations have been completed for this cave shaped exhibition.



**Tributes
to
Hind di Chadar
SRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI**

Punjab Government
led by
Chief Minister
Capt. Amarinder Singh
remembers the unparalleled and supreme
sacrifice of the Ninth Guru on his
MARTYRDOM DAY



Mahila Shakti Kendras in all Haryana districts

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To empower women, Mahila Shakti Kendras will be set up under Prime Minister Women Empowerment Schemes across all the districts of Haryana.

The centres would provide interface for women to approach the Government for availing their entitlements and would also empower them through training and capacity building.

This was revealed during a meeting of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, Ashish Srivastava with five states including Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal through video conferencing.

An official spokesman said that such centres would provide interface for women to approach the Government for availing their entitlements and would also empower them through training and capacity building.

These centres would also provide information and help to rural women on various

Women Centric Schemes and services including One Stop Centre, Women Helpline, Mahila Police Volunteers, schemes and services for women victims of domestic violence etc.

He said that besides this, Mahila Shakti Kendras would be established at Block level also which would work in coordination with the district level centres. District level centres would have three members including one women welfare officer and 2 co-ordinators and the block level centres would have 7 members including 4 from colleges and 3 to be nominated by respective Deputy Commissioners. These members would be volunteers from NCC or NSS in which women would be given preference.

These members would be imparted training to work in Mahila Shakti Kendras. The District Level Centre will also review the Block Level Centres on monthly basis. He said that in a country like India where the number of youth is highest, this scheme would give employment opportunities for youth.

Himachal Cabinet takes slew of decisions

PNS ■ DHARAMSHALA
Himachal Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur here on Tuesday gave its approval for procurement, supply and distribution of school uniforms to the school students of Classes 1 to 12 under the Atal School Verdi Yojna through Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation.

It also gave its approval to allocate execution of 100 MW Sorang hydro electric project in Kinnaur to S Greenko East Coast Power Projects Private Ltd for execution by allowing transfer of 100 per cent of equity shares in Himachal Sorang Power Private Limited in favour of Greenko Group Company namely Greenko East Coast Power Projects Private Limited.
To reach out to citizens

pro-actively and facilitate them to provide the helpline facilities through citizen call centre, the Cabinet gave its approval for setting up of CM Helpline in the State. This would ensure a transparent and accountable system where roles and responsibilities would be defined for each stakeholder and it would have Single Window Operation for Information, Demand, Suggestions and Grievances in the State.

Identity of rape victims has to be protected: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that the identity of rape victims has to be protected at all stages of the case including during trial.
A bench of Justices Madan B. Lokur, S. Abdul Nazeer and Deepak Gupta said that the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) reports and other documents related to such cases would be handed over to the trial court in a sealed cover without disclosing the identity of the victims.
Speaking for the bench, Justice Gupta advised the media to avoid sensationalising rape

cases for the purpose of increasing the TRP and ordered that identity of minor rape victims cannot be disclosed even by their families.
The court verdict came on a PIL by advocate Nipun Saxena who had moved the court seeking steps for the safety of women in public places.
The petition was filed in the aftermath of the December 16, 2012, Delhi gangrape case. "The media has not only the right but also duty to report" the cases of sexual assault but "should refrain from interviewing the victim", it said. **IANS**

Indian-origin man jailed for stabbing pregnant wife in Singapore

Singapore: A court here on Tuesday sentenced an Indian origin man to seven years in jail for stabbing his pregnant wife using a knife with a 10-cm long blade.
The incident took place on December 30 last year during which Jayselan N. Chandrasegar, 30, stabbed his 26-year-old wife Mayuri Krishnakumar twice in her abdomen and twice on her lower back, causing her to suffer puncture wounds. She was taken to hospital and was discharged after a few days.
The unborn baby was unhurt in the attack, the Straits Times reported.
According to the report, Chandrasegar flew into a rage after he spotted his pregnant

wife, who used to be a sex worker, talking to a man he accused of being a pimp. He stabbed her and fled the scene.
Besides the jail term, Chandrasegar was also punished with six strokes of the cane.
He pleaded guilty to one count of causing grievous hurt to his wife with a weapon, and one count of failing to provide his urine sample after he was caught for suspected drug-related offences.
The court was told that the accused was overly possessive and distrustful of his wife as her former boyfriend was apparently trying to reconnect with her. He had banned the victim from going out of their

Later, when the woman informed her husband of her pregnancy, he refused to believe that the child was his and accused her of infidelity, the report said.
The accused's wife later ran away from their house due to his verbal abuse and sought refuge with her friends.
Before this incident, Chandrasegar was caught for suspected drug-related offences.
Prior to the verdict, the defence lawyer pleaded for a jail term of between five and five and a half years for Chandrasegar, saying that the accused's wife had forgiven him and the couple were still married to each other. **IANS**

4 arrested for robbery in Connaught Place

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
With the arrest of four men, the police on Tuesday busted a gang of robbers who allegedly stole articles after breaking the glass window of parked vehicles around Connaught Place.
The accused have been identified as Varun (27), Vikas (19), Kishore (25) and Babu (34), they said.

A police team was constituted after two consecutive incidents of bag-lifting by breaking the glass windows of parked vehicles in Connaught Place was reported, police said.
Acting on a tip off, the accused were apprehended from Inderpuri area early in the morning while they were trying to dispose off the stolen articles, a senior police officer said.



The accused Vikas, Babu and Kishore confessed to their

crime and revealed that they had supplied the stolen articles to accused Varun, said Madhur Verma, Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) said.
Investigations revealed that Babu, Vikas and Kishore usually visit National Capital Region to commit such crime, he said.
They target only the posh areas, busy markets, gold markets areas of NCR where high-

level transactions are made and people carry jewellery items, costly electronic gadgets, the officer said.
On their cursory search, Rs 5,00,000 cash, a mobile phone, 10 laptops, one revolver, two live cartridges, one arm license and many documents were recovered from their possession, the officer added. **PTI**

Govt to set up 100 dental clinics in city, says Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
Delhi Government will develop four more Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (MAIDS) and will set up 100 dental clinics in Delhi. Health Minister Satyender Jain, presiding over Delhi Smiles — Dental health Utasav, said that Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)'s priority is to upgrade public health services and extend the better healthcare services to the citizens in capital by giving special focus and requesting the government to allocate and avail major share of budget.
"For achieving better goals and progress, the game of file-playing should be stopped. Only then you can ensure better results and achieve the better goal, adding, "Delhi Government will develop four more such MAIDS



making total number of five and 100 Dental Clinics in Delhi to serve and provide better health care facilities to the people," said Jain.
Jain also released a postal stamp brought out by the Department of Post and Telegraph, Government of India, commemorating 35 years of excellence in Dental healthcare in India, MAIDS.
In appreciation towards this immense contribution and

providing meritorious services in patient care and quality dental education, all Nine dental specialties of the Institute were awarded. The Heads of various departments received this award on behalf of the Faculty, Staff and Students of the Department.
Health minister also gave commendations to the Heads of Departments — Dr.Sunita Gupta- Oral Medicine and Radiology Dr Sujata Mohanty- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr Mahesh Verma/Dr.Sadhana Mathe- Prosthodontic. Dr Sangita Talwar- Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. Dr Tulika Tripathy- Orthodontics. Dr Mridula Goswami. Dr Arundeeep Kaur Lamba- Periodontics. Dr Aaditya Urs- Oral Pathology. Dr Vikrant Mohanty- Public Health Dentistry.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND
It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main secondary examination of year 2016 and Roll No. 2150293 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Tanu Rani D/o Mr. Surinder R/o Vill Bartana, Tehsil Barabassi, PO Nari Majra Distt. Mohali.

I, Ravneet Kaur D/o Late No 921171659 Harvinder Singh Village Ghalia Po Nangal Bihalan Teh Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb.) declare my father's name Harvinder Singh registered in my School record and in my civil documents But Harvinder Singh in his CRPF documents Harvinder Singh and Harvinder Singh is one and same person known by two names.

I, Anita W/o L. Naresh Kumar Chopra R/o # 201/1, Sect. 41A, Chandigarh changed my name Anita Chopra

I, Nupur Gupta W/o Sh. Bhim Sain R/o H.No. 1589/8 Tika Colony, Salarpur Road, Kurukshetra, Teh. Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra Declare that Nupur and Nupur Gupta are both name from one and same person.

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination & Passing Certificates secondary 10th examination of year 2015-2016 roll no 2252950 issued by CBSE Board has been actually lost. Sharanjit Singh Jalandhar 7009239396.

I, Harjit Kaur widow of No 921171659 Harvinder Singh Village Ghalia Po Nangal Bihalan Teh Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur(Pb.) declare my name Harjit Kaur written in my daughter's School record and in my civil documents But Harjet Kaur in my Husband's CRPF records, Harjit Kaur and Harjet Kaur is one and same lady known by two names.

I, Krishan Chand, Ex HAV, No. (15110930W) S/o Late Sh. Dhan Ram R/o VPO Mandi Tehsil Istrana, District Karnal declare that in my service record my son's name and his date of birth is 19.11.2000. But his actual Name is Sonu and his actual date of Birth is 17.06.2000. Kindly correct it for all future purposes.

I, Mankaran Singh S/O Baljinder Singh R/O Village Roranwali P.O. Bhumli Distt. Gurdaspur Punjab India 143529 Have Changed My Name To Mankarandeep Singh.

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main secondary examination of year 2009-2011 and Roll No. 2150466 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Parveen Kaur D/o Mukhtiar Singh R/o # 1496 Kamla Nagar Kalka.

I, Dalip Kaur W/O Gurnam Singh, R/O R/o H.No. 80, Tara Nagar, Sonipat Komal and Dimple both are same and one person. All concerned pls note.

I, 14812941X NK Ujjwal Hati P/o 533 ASC BN C/o 56 APO have changed my wife's name from Manika Hati to Monika Hati & date of birth from 25-09-1981 to 02-11-1977 in my Service Record.

I, Sunny Alias Lovdeep S/O Om Parkash R/O Mohalla Sukhlabad Bharwal Road Hoshiarpur Punjab India 146001 Have Changed My Name To Sunny.

PUBLIC NOTICE
We, Anil Kumar Walia S/o Late Sh. Mohan Lal Walia & Rekha Walia W/o Sh. Anil Kumar Walia both R/O H.No. 731, Sector 25 Panchkula declare that one of our son namely Ketan Walia and his wife Neha Garg are both out of our control. So, We disown them from our all movable & immovable property. If anybody deal with them in future he/she/they/them himself responsible for the same.

I, Komal W/o Sh. Sanjay Kumar R/O H.No. 80, Tara Nagar, Sonipat Komal and Dimple both are same and one person. All concerned pls note.

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I, Suman Rani W/O Kulvinder Singh R/O Village Saroya Tehsil Balachaur Distt. S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name To Soman.

I, Raj Kumar S/o Kishori Lal, H.No.955, Indira Colony, Sector 17, Panchkula, disown my son Mangal Singh and his wife Pooja from moveable/immovable property, as both are beyond my control. Anybody deals them at own risk, I shall not be responsible.

I, No. JC, 341525X Nb/ Sub Nandan Singh BEG & center Roorkee declare that my son name in army record is Rishab Singh Rawat but correct name is Rishav Rawat.

I, No. 1589901A Hav Hazura Singh P/o 114 AER C/O 56 APO have changed my son's name from Jagjeewan Singh to Jagjeevan Singh in my Service Record.

I, Manpreet Kaur Thandil W/O Gurmukh Singh R/O Village Gahoon, Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. S.B.S. Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name To Manpreet Kaur.

I, Meenu Dahiya W/O Rakesh Dahiya R/O H.No.287, VPO Bhalout, Distt Rohtak have changed my name from Meenu Rani to Meenu Dahiya. In future I will be known as Meenu Dahiya.

I, Gurdvinder Kaur W/O Jaswant Singh R/O Vill. Retgarh Po. Hafizpur Distt Yamuna Nagar I Have Changed My Name Gurdvinder Kaur.

I, Manojt Kaur W/o Ekam Singh Dhalwal R/O Vpo. Kalsian, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Manojt Kaur Dhalwal.

I, Rahul S/O Nathaniel R/O Vpo. Dhina Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Rahul Sahotra.

I, Vidhi Bathia W/O Raman Bathia, R/O H. No. 109, Virat Nagar, Model Town, Panipat. I have changed my name from after marriage Vidhi Nagpal to Vidhi Bathia.

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Balwinder Kumar R/O V.P.O. Surka Kalan Patti Gau Ki Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Chandla.

I, Mandeep Kaur W/O Harjinder Singh R/O Village Rehpa Tehsil Banga Distt S.B.S Nagar Have Changed My Name To Mandip Kaur.

I, Kirandeep Singh S/O Milkha Singh R/O Village Dharampura Mallan Wala Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Kirandip Singh.

I, Subhash Chand S/o Jai Pal Singh Village & Post Office Mullana, Tehsil Barara Distt. Ambala Declare that my son Vikas Chauhan is out of my control. So We Disown his from my all Our Movable/Immovable Properties. If any body deals with them, he/she/they fully responsible himself.

I, Satvinder W/O Daler Singh R/O Village Danauli. Tehsil Assandh, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Sukhwinder Kaur to Satvinder Kaur. Please note for future

I, Sarla Khetarpal W/O Ram Lal Khetarpal R/O H.No.590-R, Near Ramsharnam Dispensary, Model town, Panipat(Haryana) Declare that I have changed my name Sarla devi to Sarla Khetarpal for all future purposes.

I, Harjeet Kaur W/O Jasvir Singh Gill R/O Vpo. Saffwala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Harjeet Kaur Gill.

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Jai Singh R/O Rohna, Kharkhoda, Sonipat declare that in my passport no H4012924 my name is mentioned as Sandeep kumar Dahiya S/o Jai Singh Dahiya and mother's name Birmati Devi Dahiya and my wife's name Manju Dahiya which is wrong. But my correct name is Sandeep Kumar S/o Jai Singh and mother's name is Birmati and my wife's name is Manju according to my documents, which correct and true.

I, Service No. 15419340X, Rank Lt/Nk Sunil Kumar S/O Har Chand Of Unit 4002 Field Hospital C/O 56 APO, Resident Of Vpo Jasai, Mundawar, Alwar (RJ) Declare That Please Correct My Daughter Name Diksha Instead Of Dikshya In My Service Record. All Concerned Noted.

I, Rajwinder Kaur W/o Satnam Singh R/O VPO Chogawan (Sadhpur) Village Tarsikka Amritsar have changed my name to Rajinder Kaur.

I, Harpreet Kaur Khosa W/O Jagjit Singh R/O Village Longodeva Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Harpreet Kaur Gill.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Garima W/o Geet Grover, R/O WA-144, Chhathi Gali, Chowk Sudan, Jalandhar have changed my name to Garima Grover after marriage. All concerned note.

I, Prem Vati, spouse of Jc, 184116N Ex Ris (Cik) Name Rajvir Singh Resident of H.No. 29, Adrash Sainik Enclave, Opp TCP No. 2, Hsar Cantt, have changed my name from Prem Vati to Prem Kumari, I may please be known by my new names in future for all purposes. My date of birth is 15.02.1956.

I, Molak Singh S/o Karam Singh R/O Wadala Viram District Amritsar have changed my name to Amolak Singh.

I, Satnam Singh S/O Kartar Singh R/O Village Darapur Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Satnam Singh Brar.

I, Neelmani alias Puneet Dheer S/o Ramandeep Dheer R/o #551/1, Milk Colony, Sector 14 West, Dhanas, Chandigarh 160014 have change my name Neelmani alias Puneet Dheer to Neelmani Dheer for all purpose.

I, Jagjit Singh S/O Sher Singh R/O Cif Unit P & Hcs Sector-1 Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name To Jagjeet Singh.

I, Joginder Kaur W/o Jaspinder Singh R/O H.No.202 S/G Enclave Majitha Road Amritsar have changed my name to Joginder Kaur Shingari.

I, Sunita Rani W/O Sunny Arora R/O Chaplan Wali Gali Moga Have Changed My Name To Sunita Arora.

I, Kanwaljit Kaur W/O Sukhdev Singh Village Dhrowal, PO. Mansoorpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Kanwaljit Kaur to Surname Kaur and Given name Kanwaljit. Concerned note.

I, Mohit Jhavar S/O Ashok Jhavar # 443 Sector-12 Huda, Panipat Declare That Have Changed My Name Mohit To Mohit Jhavar. Please Note Concern.

I, Naraninderjit Singh S/O Dalbir Singh R/O H.No.12, Nagina Avenue, Opp. Reliance Fresh, Majitha Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Naraninderjit Singh To Naraninderjit Singh Pannu.

I, Gurinder Kaur W/O Naraninder Singh Pannu R/O H.No.12, Nagina Avenue, Opp. Reliance Fresh, Majitha Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Gurinder Kaur To Gunnder Kaur Pannu.

I, Tarsem Singh Judge S/O Shankar Singh R/O Vpo. Attawal, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Tarsem Singh Judge To Tarsem Singh. All Concerned Note Please.

I, Anita W/o L. Naresh Kumar Chopra R/o # 201/1, Sect. 41A, Chandigarh changed my minor's daughter's name Arayana to Arayana Chopra

I, Kulbir Kaur W/o Service No. 1583630 P Rank ACP Naik Sumrkh Singh R/o V. Kotli Ballan, Teh. Chamkaur Sahib (Ropar) changed my name Kulvir Kaur.

I, Anita Kumari W/O Sandeep Kumar Anand R/O 1386/111, Gali Kamboan Wali, Near Jallianwala Bagh, Lakkar Mandi Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Anita Anand.

CBI plea allowed to take Michel's handwriting, signature samples
New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday on allowed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) plea seeking permission to take specimens of signature and handwriting samples of Christian Michel, the alleged middleman who has been chargedsheeted in the graft-tainted Agusta Westland VVIP chopper deal. Special CBI Judge Arvind Kumar passed the order after Michel's counsel said he has no objections to the CBI's plea and he wanted to prove his innocence. **PNS**

PUBLIC NOTICE
नगर पालिका चण्डी रोड नं. 205, वार्ड नंबर 3 शीमली कोलाबरा देवी मनी श्री राम अवतार के नाम से 3 बीघा 10 कालाबरा देवी की जमीन दिनांक 11.10.2000 को रो बाबा के अंग उत्तराधिकारी प्रमाण पत्र अवतार श्री नलसी राम पुत्र श्री राम अवतार के नाम नलसी की का तारी है अगर इस बारे किसी को कोई शंका हो तो वह अपना पुरावा 15 दिन के अंदर -2 नगर पालिका वार्ड नं. 64 का अंतर्गत नंबर 17-4-2000, 1-12-18 को काला नगर में गम हो गा है। इस कागजात की गुमशुदगी की रिपोर्ट पुलिस में दर्ज करवा दी गई है। अगर किसी को मिले तो उक्त पत्र पर पहुंचाने का कष्ट करें।
Smt. Rama Garg
legal heir on behalf of Estate Officer.

BEFORE MANOJ KHATRI, HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH
Sub.- Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 50% share in respect of House No. 1075, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh RP-828, in the name of Smt. Gian Kaur, Sh. Surjit Singh Kohli, Sh. Ranjit Singh Kohli and Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh Kohli, on the basis of Inestate Death of Late Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli
It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office the property known as House No. 1075, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50% share, stands in the name of Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli. It has been reported by Smt. Gian Kaur & others that Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli owner of 50% share of the said property expired on 25.03.2013.
Now Smt. Gian Kaur, Sh. Surjit Singh Kohli, Sh. Ranjit Singh Kohli and Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh Kohli have applied for transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 50% share in respect of House No. 1075, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh in their names, on the basis of Inestate Death of Late Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli and informed the names of all the legal heir(s) of deceased as under-
1. Smt. Gian Kaur Wife
2. Sh. Surjit Singh Kohli Son
3. Sh. Ranjit Singh Kohli Son
4. Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh Kohli Son
However, if anybody has any information about any other legal heirs of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer U.T., Chandigarh immediately.
If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of above named applicant they may furnish in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.
Manoj Khatri, HCS,
Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of House No. 809, Sector-21, Urban Estate, Panchkula consequent upon the intestate death of Co-alloctee Prem Chand.
Prem Chand S/O Chaman Lal who was the Co-alloctee of the subject cited property as per record has died on 17-09-2012 and has no registered or un-registered WILL.
Rama Garg W/O Late Sh. Prem Chand R/O House No. 102, Ward No. 15-C, Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab) intends to apply for the transfer of said property in his favour being the legal heir and request for re-allocation letter in the name of Rama Garg.
If any person is having any objection against the transfer of bid Property, he/ she can submit objections in writing to The Estate Officer, HSPV, Panchkula along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise The Estate Officer may accord permission to transfer /re-allocation of the said property as per HSPV policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.
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For ICICI Home Finance Co. Ltd. Pratap Salian Company Secretary

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
e-Tender Notice
The Executive Engineer C.P. Divn No.1, Chandigarh on behalf of President of India invites sealed Percentage rate tender from approved & eligible contractors enlisted with Chandigarh Admn. and those of appropriate class enlisted with CPWD, State PWDs of Haryana and Punjab/ Himachal Pradesh dealing with Civil works which shall be uploaded and received on <https://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep>.

Sr. No.	INT No.	Name of Work and location	Estimated Cost put to tender	Earnest Money	Time of completion	Last date & Time For online submission of tender	Time & date of opening of tender
1	10616	Proposed Lobby, Lift well, Ramp & Planter at Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector 42, Chandigarh. (Under RUSA Grant)	Rs. 35,87,718/-	Rs. 71,754/-	Six Months	14-12-2018 2:00 P.M.	14-12-2018 3:00 P.M.

Conditions
The tender document can only be downloaded/ up-loaded by the contractor/ bidders from the website <http://etenders.chd.nic.in>
Executive Engineer, C.P. Division No.1, Sector 9, Chandigarh Tel. No. 0172-2740620
Memo No. 9333-35 Dt. 11-12-2018

Tiwari visits Timarpur, apprises people about social welfare policies
STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) president Manoj Tiwari visited Timarpur Jhuggi Basti in North Delhi and apprised residents about the various social welfare policies of the Central Government.

A senior BJP leader said that the residents complained about the scarcity of drinking water in the area, increasing power tariff and law and order problem. Tiwari listened to their problem and assured them to solve it as soon as possible, he said.
Tiwari said that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that it is unfortunate that even after three and half years of Kejriwal Government, the residents have not been provided the basic amenities.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of House No. 109, Sector-6, Urban Estate, Panchkula consequent upon the intestate death of Co-alloctee Parveen Nandwani.
Parveen Nandwani who was the Co-alloctee of the subject cited property as per record has died on 26-04-2018 and has no registered or un-registered WILL.
Niveta Nandwani W/O Late Sh. Parveen Nandwani R/O House No. 109, Sector-6, Panchkula intends to apply for the transfer of said property in his favour being the legal heir and request for re-allocation letter in the name of Niveta Nandwani.
If any person is having any objection against the transfer of bid Property, he/ she can submit objections in writing to The Estate Officer, HSPV, Panchkula along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise The Estate Officer may accord permission to transfer /re-allocation of the said property as per HSPV policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.
Smt. Niveta Nandwani
legal heir on behalf of Estate Officer.

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For ICICI Home Finance Co. Ltd. Pratap Salian Company Secretary

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It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office the property known as House No. 1075, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50% share, stands in the name of Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli. Now Smt. Gian Kaur, Sh. Surjit Singh Kohli, Sh. Ranjit Singh Kohli and Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh Kohli have applied for transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 50% share in respect of House No. 1075, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh in their names and the same is being transfer, on the basis of Inestate Death of Late Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli in favour of Smt. Gian Kaur, Sh. Surjit Singh Kohli, Sh. Ranjit Singh Kohli and Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh Kohli and informed the names of all the legal heir(s) of deceased as under-
On scrutiny of the file it has been transferred that as per record of this office Sh. Swinder Singh now deceased and Smt. Gian Kaur W/O Sh. Swinder Singh had applied NOC for sale in favour of Sh. Gurtej Singh Padda S/o Lt. Col. Sarraj Singh Padda in the year 2000 and Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli owner of 50% share now deceased had applied NOC for sale of 50% share in favour of Nirpreet Singh S/o Sh. Jasvir Singh in the year 2003 in respect of House No. 1075, Sector 8C, Chandigarh. And the applicants/legal heirs of Late Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli have informed that they are not aware of the addresses/where about of Sh. Gurtej Singh Padda S/o Lt. Col. Sarraj Singh Padda and Sh. Nirpreet Singh S/o Sh. Jasvir Singh in case anybody has any objection for the transfer of the above said 50% share in favour of Smt Gian Kaur, Sh. Surjit Singh Kohli, Sh. Ranjit Singh Kohli and Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh Kohli NOC applied by the applicants will be treated as null and void.
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For ICICI Home Finance Co. Ltd. Pratap Salian Company Secretary

BEFORE MANOJ KHATRI, HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH
Sub.- Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 50% share in respect of House No. 1075, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh RP-828, in the name of Smt. Gian Kaur, Sh. Surjit Singh Kohli, Sh. Ranjit Singh Kohli and Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh Kohli, on the basis of Inestate Death of Late Sh. Swinder Singh Kohli

WINTER SESSION OF PARLIAMENT BEGINS

Take issues of public interest, urges PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

As the winter session of Parliament commenced on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said all political parties who have to face the electorate in May next year will utilize the session for public interest and not political benefit. Both the houses were adjourned after paying homage to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and some other sitting MPs. Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu became emotional while reading the obituary reference of Union Minister Ananth Kumar and described him as a "dear friend."



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the media on the first day of the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Narendra Singh Tomar (L), MoS Arjun Ram Meghwal, MoS Parliamentary Affairs Vijay Goel and Minister of State at Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh are also seen

At the beginning of the session, Naidu as per tradition read out the obituary references of leaders who had passed away during the intervening period between the Monsoon and current session.

He first read out the obituary of Vajpayee followed by that of former Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee, and a dozen other leaders.

While reading out the obituary of Kumar, who had passed away on November 12, Naidu got emotional and his voice choked. Recalling the contribution of Kumar, the Chairman said he had lost a "dear and personal friend" in the untimely death of the Parliamentary

Affairs Minister. Naidu apologised later apparently for getting emotional in the House.

Meanwhile, Modi, in his brief address to the media outside Parliament House on the first day of the session, said the government has always strived to discuss all issues. "There should be an open discussion. There should be a debate, there should be a sharp debate. But at least there should be one," he said.

Referring to the Lok Sabha elections due next year, the

Prime Minister said he is confident that all political parties "who have to face the electoral test in May (next year), while keeping in mind the people, will utilise the session for public interest and not political interest."

He hoped that the session would be constructive and members would participate in debates on key issues concerning the public. He hoped that members would sit for longer duration to resolve key issues concerning the common man.

The Prime Minister said this session is important and everyone should participate in discussion. The winter session will end on January 8.

Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan paid tributes to Vajpayee, Chatterjee, Ananth Kumar and three sitting members. While reading out the obituary reference for Vajpayee, who passed away on August 16 after a prolonged illness, Mahajan said he was one of the most outstanding members of

Parliament and enjoyed respect across the political spectrum.

Modi and most of the Union Ministers were present in the Lok Sabha during the obituary references.

Before the lower house assembled, the Prime Minister walked up to the Opposition benches and was seen having a brief interaction with Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, SP leader Mulayam Singh Yadav, and others. Congress President Rahul Gandhi was also present in the House during obituary references. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and BJP President Amit Shah were present in the Rajya Sabha. In the Lok Sabha, tributes were also paid to three sitting members including Bhola Singh, MI Shanavas and Mohammad Asrarul Haque.

The Upper House also remembered its former members who passed away recently. They included RK Dorendra Singh, Karma Todpen, Kuldip Nayyar, Nandamuri Harikrishna, Darshan Singh Yadav, Ratnakar Pandey, Satya Prakash Malaviya, Ram Dev Bhandary, Malti Sharma, ND Tiwari, PK Maheshwari and Baishab Parida. The Rajya Sabha also remembered those who lost their lives in the Cyclone Gaja in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Centre may frame norms to eliminate online child porn, rape videos: SC

Internet giants were in agreement that objectionable contents should be removed

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Tuesday said the Centre might frame guidelines or standard operating procedure (SoP) to eliminate online videos and images of child pornography and rape.

A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and UU Lalit said the guidelines or SoP in this regard might be implemented within two weeks.

"The Government of India may frame the necessary guidelines/SoP and implement them within two weeks so as to eliminate child pornography, rape and gang rape imageries, videos and sites in content hosting platforms and other applications," the bench said in its order.

The court has posted the matter for further hearing in February next year.

The top court had on December 6 said that the Centre and internet giants, including Google, Microsoft

and Facebook, were in agreement that videos of rape, child pornography and objectionable material were needed to be "stamped out".

The Centre had last month suggested to the court that the intermediaries should deploy trusted flaggers for identifying and deletion of unlawful content and also set up of 24x7 mechanism for dealing with requisitions of law enforcement agencies.

It had also suggested that there should be prompt disposal of requisitions of law enforcement agencies to remove unlawful contents.

The court was hearing a matter following a letter sent in 2015 to then Chief Justice of India H L Dattu by Hyderabad-based NGO Prajwal, along with two rape videos in a pendrive.

The court had on its own taken cognisance of the letter and asked the CBI to launch a probe to apprehend the culprits.

The NGO's letter had also mooted the idea of maintaining a national sex offenders' register which should contain details of persons convicted for offences like eve-teasing, stalking, molestation and other sexual assaults.

INSHORT

DELHI GOVT TO REIN IN FAT WEDDING

New Delhi: The Delhi Government informed the Supreme Court on Tuesday that it is contemplating a policy to "limit" the number of guests at "extravagant" weddings and institutionalise catering arrangements to check food wastage at such functions. A bench headed by Justice Madan B Lokur was told by Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev that they have discussed the issues flagged by the court in its December 6 order in which the court had expressed concern over wastage of food and mis-utilisation of water in marriage functions.

SC ADJOURNS HEARING TO JANUARY 10

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday deferred to January 10 the hearing on the Maharashtra Government's appeal challenging the refusal of the Bombay High Court to extend the 90-day limit for filing charge-sheet in the Koregaon-Bhima violence case.

SC TO HEAR STUBBLE BURNING CASE IN JAN

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that it will hear in January second week a plea seeking steps to curb pollution in Delhi-NCR caused by stubble burning in neighbouring states of Punjab and Haryana.

EXAMINE PAPERS: SC TO OFFICER, CHIEF SECY

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked two senior officers of Haryana, including its chief secretary, to examine the documents of 33 house owners whose buildings were directed to be demolished by the year-end due to illegal constructions in forest area of Aravalli hills.

SC REFUSES TO SCRAP ₹50K FINE FOR PIL

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to recall its order by which it had imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on a lawyer for filing a PIL against Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, raising allegations relating to capital reserve of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

SINGLE AGENCY CAN PROBE ALL MURDER CASES: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court said on Tuesday that if there is a "common thread" among the murders of social activists Narendra Dabholkar, Govind Pansare, journalist Gauri Lankesh and rationalist MM Kalburgi, then one agency can investigate all the four cases. A bench of Justices U U Lalit and Navin Sinha asked the CBI to inform it by January first week as to why it should not investigate all the four cases if there appears a link among all the murders.



Congress party President Rahul Gandhi addresses a press conference as results are counted in five States that recently went to the polls in New Delhi on Tuesday.

SUPREME COURT ON RAPE CASES

'Media should be cautious in sensationalisation'

Name, identity of rape victims cannot be disclosed even in remote manner: Apex Court Bench

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Name and identity of victims of rape and sexual assault, including those who have died, cannot be disclosed even in a remote manner, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday while terming as unfortunate that instead of empathising with the victims, society treats them as "untouchable".

The court also said that nobody can have any objection to the victim disclosing her name as long as she is a major and has taken a decision regarding this voluntarily. The apex court said that media should be cautious not to 'sensationalise' such cases and

though they have an obligation to report such matters, they are also "duty bound" not to disclose the identity of such victims, including minors.

A bench of justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta directed that FIRs lodged for the offence of rape under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act shall not be put in public domain.

"No person can print or publish in print, electronic, social media, etc the name of the victim or even in a remote manner disclose any facts which can lead to the victim being identified and which should make her identity known to the public at large," the bench said.

The court said that in the society, an "innocent" victim of sexual offence, especially rape,

was unfortunately treated worse than the perpetrator of crime and "for no fault of the victim, society instead of empathising with the victim, starts treating her as an 'untouchable'".

"A victim of rape is treated like a 'pariah' and ostracised from society. Many times, even her family refuses to accept her back into their fold. The harsh reality is that many times cases of rape do not even get reported because of the false notions of so called 'honour' which the family of the victim wants to uphold," the bench said.

It said in cases where the victim is dead or of unsound mind, her name and identity should not be disclosed even under authorisation of next of the kin unless circumstances justifying the disclosure of her identity exist, which shall be decided by competent authori-

ty, that is the sessions judge.

"The police officials should keep all the documents in which the name of the victim is disclosed, as far as possible, in a sealed cover and replace these documents by identical documents in which the name of the victim is removed in all records which may be scrutinised in the public domain," it said.

Regarding media, the court said they should refrain from talking to such victim because every time the victim repeats the tale of misery, she again undergoes the trauma.

"Reportage of such cases should be done sensitively keeping the best interest of the victims, both adult and children, in mind. Sensationalising such cases may garner Television Rating Points (TRPs) but does no credit to the credibility of the media," it said.

India signs ascension pact to the thirty member T-RMN

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has inked the ascension agreement to the Trans Regional Maritime Network (T-RMN) which facilitates information exchange on the movement of commercial traffic on the high seas and will contribute to increased maritime domain awareness.

Commodore KM Ramakrishnan signed the agreement on behalf of the Indian Navy at the Italian Naval Headquarters in Rome on Monday, the Navy said here in a twitter here on Tuesday.

The multilateral construct comprises of 30 countries and is steered by Italy. The information is available primarily through the Automatic Identification System (AIS) which are fitted on merchant ships with more than 300 Gross Registered Tonnage as mandated by the International Maritime Organisation.

The AIS information comprises name, MMSI number, position, course, speed, last port visited, destination and so on. This information can be picked up through various AIS sensors including coastal AIS chains and satellite based receivers.

India has also set up a large network of coastal chain radars which track the movement of sea and ocean traffic. Such multilateral agreements are necessitated due to the large traffic in the Indian Ocean which cannot be entirely monitored by any one nation.

UPSC seeks applications for Central Govt's JS posts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The UPSC has sought fresh applications from over 6,000 private sector specialists who have applied for 10 posts of joint secretaries in the Central Government through 'lateral entry' mode, the DoPT said Tuesday.

In a statement, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said the task of selection of suitable candidates from amongst those who had applied for the posts in select government departments through 'lateral entry' mode was entrusted to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) by the competent authority on October 29.

"All candidates who have already submitted their applications online to the DoPT are now requested to fill up a Detailed Application Form (DAF) which seeks to obtain additional specific information from the candidates regarding qualifications and experience so as to facilitate the selection process," it said.

The term lateral entry refers to the appointment of specialists, mainly those from private sector, in government organisations.

An email is also being issued separately to each of the candidates who have applied, through their registered email ID indicated in their online applications submitted in response to the DoPT advertisement.

The candidates may email the link indicated in the email and submit online all the requisite information asked for in the DAF before 6 pm on January 1. Detailed information about the process is available on the website of UPSC

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(<http://www.Upsc.Gov.In>) and DoPT (<https://lateral.Nic.In>). All candidates are advised to visit the website as well as check their registered emails for detailed information, it said.

The DoPT had invited applications from talented and motivated Indian nationals willing to contribute towards nation building to join the government at the level of joint secretary on contract basis on June 10.

The ten department/ministries of the government are: Department of Revenue, Department of Financial Services, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Economic Affairs and Department of Commerce.

A total of 6,077 applications were received by the DoPT for the 10 joint secretary posts. Usually, the posts of joint secretaries are manned by IAS,

IPS, IFS, IRS officers recruited through civil services examination conducted by the UPSC.

Citing the names of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, who was also a bureaucrat, and the then deputy chairman of planning commission Montek Singh Ahluwalia, who was appointed through lateral recruitment route, the government had said there was no adverse effect on the morale of the civil servants due to such appointments.

In a written reply to Lok Sabha in July, Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh had said the government had decided to undertake lateral recruitment of 10 joint secretaries on contractual basis in order to achieve the twin objectives of bringing in fresh talent as well as augmenting the availability of manpower.

Government think tank Niti Aayog, in its three-year action agenda 2017-18 to 2019-20, highlighted it was essential that specialists be inducted into the system through lateral entry on fixed-term contract, the minister said.

The Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS) submitted a report in February, 2017 in which it has inter alia been observed that there was a shortage of officers at the joint secretary, director, deputy secretary levels, due to reduction in recruitment in the service during 1995-2002.

"Based on the recommendation of SGOs, the government has decided to undertake lateral recruitment of 10 joint secretaries on contract basis in order to achieve the twin objectives of bringing in fresh talent as well as augment the availability of manpower," the minister had said.

SC to Centre: Declare 10km adjacent area of national parks as Eco-Sensitive Zone

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Tuesday directed the Centre to declare "at the earliest" 10 km area around 21 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country as Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) to protect wild birds and animals.

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) notifies areas close to National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries as ESZ, aimed at creating "shock absorbers" for protected animals and birds by regulating and managing activities there.

It can direct that certain industries and operations are not carried out, or subjected to safeguards, in ESZs.

A bench comprising Justices Madan B Lokur, Deepak Gupta and Hemant Gupta was informed that there were 662 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country, and state governments and Union Territories' administrations have not even moved any proposal to the Centre for declaring ESZs in 21 such areas.

"Under the circumstances, we direct that an area of 10 Kms around these 21 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries be declared as Eco-Sensitive Zone by the MoEF at the earliest."

"Liberty is granted to the state governments to move an application for modification of this order along with proposal only two weeks after submission of the proposals to the MoEF," the bench noted in its order.

The 21 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without ESZ are in Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Uttar

Pradesh and West Bengal.

Additional Solicitor General A N S Nadkarni, appearing for the Centre, told the apex court that there are 662 national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in the country.

"The proposals for declaring areas around these National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries as Eco Sensitive Zone have been received from state governments/UT Administrations for 641 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries," he said, adding that "no proposals have been received in respect of 21 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries."

The law officer also said the Centre has accepted and notified ESZs for 289 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries as on November 26 this year, and draft notifications for 206 were ready.

"We expect the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to actively pursue the preparation of the draft Notification and to issue a final Notification at the earliest," the bench ordered.

On the issue of 21 such parks and sanctuaries, the apex court asked the Centre to go ahead and declare ESZs at the earliest.

Some prominent national parks and wildlife sanctuaries without operational ESZs include Pobitora Sanctuary of Assam, Hemis High Altitude National Park and Kishtewar National Park of Jammu and Kashmir, Jogimatti Sanctuary of Karnataka, Deolgaon Rehekar Sanctuary of Maharashtra, Siroi National Park of Manipur, Baghmara Pitcher Plant Sanctuary of Meghalaya, Fakim Sanctuary of Nagaland and Pilibhit Sanctuary of Uttar Pradesh.

INDIAN BUSTARDS' SAFETY

NGOs demand removal of all overhead power lines

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Dismantle all overhead power lines and place them safely underground on priority in and around the habitat of the endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB), a group of NGOs working for conservation of the wildlife has demanded. The group jointly launched a campaign seeking community support to save the winged beauties from getting hit by the transmission lines.

Listed as critically endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the GIB is found only in India. Majority of the surviving birds are found in the fragmented grasslands of Rajasthan and Gujarat, along with a few individuals in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. In 1969, over 1,000 GIB roamed the country's grasslands, but their numbers have plummeted owing to habitat loss as well as power lines. Most mortalities happen in low-light conditions such as twilight, when birds fly between foraging and roosting grounds.

"Though many of the threats to the Great Indian Bustard, such as habitat loss, are being addressed there is one swinging axe that could seal the bird's fate. The overhead power transmission lines that crisscross GIB habitat are killing these low-flying, ground-dwelling birds," said the campaign launched by The Great Indian Bustard Campaign has been launched by the Sanctuary Nature Foundation, The Corbett Foundation and Conservation India.

To corroborate their claims, they have cited a study by the Dehradun-based

Wildlife Institute of India (WII) that says that 10 GIBs have lost their lives in power line collisions in the last decade (2007-2017). The study also noted that while undergrounding of cables eliminates bird mortality, marking power line can reduce mortality by 10 per cent to 78 per cent, depending on area and species, but not eliminate mortality.

The organisations also expressed concern that while the erection of power lines in and around GIB habitat is against the 2013 guidelines for the recovery of the species given by the Union Environment Ministry, unfortunately, vital grasslands are not given the strict environmental scrutiny they deserve before developmental projects are sanctioned.

"India's push towards renewable energy is laudable, but power transmission strategies need to be in line with this green vision and Bustard Recovery Guidelines. While private companies generate clean energy, it is up to India's Power and New and Renewable Ministries to ensure that this energy reaches its destination without causing extinction of any species," said the organisations in their letter written to Marked to Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy Ministry.

"Fortunately, we have a solution. Overhead transmission lines can be placed underground. Yes, this is more expensive, but experts confirm that such an intervention has reduced mortality of another bustard species, the Great Bustard, in West Pannonia. This can work in India too," they asserted.

4 cops guarding Kashmiri Pandit hamlet shot dead

JeM claims responsibility

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Four policemen guarding a minority habitation were killed in an attack by Jaish-e-Muhammad terrorists in Zainapora village of south Kashmir's Shopian district on Tuesday. The terrorists snatched rifles of the slain cops before fleeing from the site of the attack.

Official sources said that an unknown number of militants attacked a police picket in Zainapora village, around 50 kilometres from here. They opened indiscriminate firing on policemen, killing three of them on the spot and leaving another in a pool of blood. The injured policeman was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Jaish-e-Muhammad outfit claimed responsibility for the attack. Hours after the attack, a picture purportedly circulated by the outfit through social media sites went viral showing the four snatching assault rifles.

The cops were guarding a cluster of homes where members of minority community are living.

Zainapora, that is part of Shopian district, is a tehsil headquarter.

The slain cops have been identified as Anees Ahmad, Abdul Majid, Merajuddin and Hamidullah.

"The area was cordoned off and a search operation has been started," a police spokesman said.



Policemen carry the mortal remains of four policemen who were killed by terrorists in an attack at Zainapora in Shopian on Tuesday PTI

"Civil & Police Officers including Additional Director General (Law and Order) Munir Ahmed Khanand Inspector General of Police (Kashmir range) Soyam Prakash Pani laid floral wreaths on the mortal remains and paid rich tributes to the martyrs who made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty," spokesman said adding the wreath laying ceremony was held at Zainapora village.

Zainapora is the native village of former People's Democratic Party (PDP) legislator Ajaz Mir whose Special Police Officer (SPO) Aadil Bashir Sheikh looted 7 rifles from his Jawahirnagar residence on September 29. A week later Sheikh circulated his pictures with local Hizbul Mujahideen commander Zeenatul Islam brandishing these rifles. Islam has reportedly joined Al Badr outfit.

Governor Satya Pal Malik expressed grief over the loss of lives of policemen. In a message Governor has prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls and conveyed his sympathies to the bereaved families.

Former Chief Minister

Omar Abdullah also condemned the attack. "We have lost three of our brave cops while delivering their duties. I pay my heartfelt tributes to the policemen," he said.

Expressing his heartfelt condolence with the bereaved families, the NC vice president said the State has been at the receiving end with deaths, whether of a civilian, a policeman or a militant, becoming order of the day over the past three decades.

Omar while expressing concern said that a minority community which is putting up there should not feel apprehensive of their security.

Meanwhile, a civilian who was abducted by suspected militants in Kulgam district of south Kashmir 46 days ago was killed by his captors. Sheeraz Ahmad Bhat was abducted on October 27, a few days after three militants hiding in his house were killed by security forces in an encounter in Larnoo village. Seven civilians were killed on the same day when they went closer to the damaged house where explosives went off.

Sena happy with BJP losing 3 States

Uddhav Thackeray congratulates voters for showing courage

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The ruling Shiv Sena on Tuesday joined the Opposition in hailing the verdict in the State Assembly polls which saw the Congress deliver a body blow to the BJP and capture power in the States of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

Describing the outcome in the Assembly poll as a major setback to the BJP, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray congratulated the voters for showing courage in bringing out change in Government in four States, three of them ruled by the BJP. He said the courage shown by the voters would give a "new direction" to the country.

"Victories and defeats are common in elections. But, I



would like to congratulate the voters in four States who have brought about change in their respective State. Without bothering to go into 'alternatives' (to the BJP) and not also thinking about what will follow, the voters have shown the courage of showing the door to the existing Government. The courage shown by the voters should give a new direction to the country," Uddhav said.

Uddhav, who reacted to the poll results before the final outcome of the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls, said: "The Congress has succeeded

snatching power from the BJP in the states of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. A stiff battle is on between the Congress and BJP in Madhya Pradesh. K Chandrashekar Rao has succeeded in retaining power in Telangana. In Mizoram, the Congress has lost power to the Mizoram National Front (MNF)."

The Sena president said that best part of the Assembly polls, the voters had exercised their rights without bothering much about the apprehensions about the manipulation of Electronic Voting Machines, use of money-power, muscle power and the oft-repeated 'there is no alternative' factor.

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) president Raj Thackeray described the outcome in the State Assembly polls in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh as a slap on the "jumla" governance provided by the BJP in the three states.

"I would like to congratulate the voters in the five States for the outcome in the Assembly polls. The outcome is big slap handed by the people in the States of Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh to the ruling BJP in the three states and Narendra Modi dispensation at the Centre," Raj said.

The MNS chief also congratulated the people of Gujarat who had nearly defeated the BJP in the Assembly polls held earlier. "The BJP used to call Rahul Gandhi a Pappu earlier. He has now earned respectability. We don't need Ram Mandir in the country. But we need Ram rajya in the country. Having not done anything during the last four and a half years, the Modi Government has nothing to show to the people. That's why Modi tried to fool the people through emotional issues," Raj said.

Heaping praise on Congress president Rahul Gandhi for his effective leadership, Maharashtra Pradesh

Congress Committee (MPCC) president Ashok Chavan said that his party had defeated the "Dhan Shakti" (money power) of the BJP with "Jan Shakti" (people's power).

Addressing the party workers gathered at the party's south Mumbai office "Gandhi Bhavan" to celebrate the party's victory in the Assembly polls in the states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, Chavan said: "Under the leadership Rahul Gandhi, the Congress has defeated the Dhan Shakti (money power) of the BJP with Jan Shakti (people power) in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. Now, we will win the upcoming Lok Sabha elections under Rahul Gandhi's leadership."

"Modi, Machine, Money have not worked in this election. The people have responded to Modi's dictatorial politics with one slogan: Modiji jaane wale hai, Rahulji aane wale hai," Chavan said.

SP hails Cong victory

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A visibly surprised Samajwadi Party welcomed the victory of Congress in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh and is now readying itself to accommodate the resurgent grand old party in the anti-Bharatiya Janata Party truck to contest 80 Lok Sabha seats of UP in the 2019 parliamentary elections.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav had skipped the mega Opposition meet in Delhi on Monday, where top opposition party leaders met to work out a mechanism for stitching a

grand alliance to take on the BJP in the 2019 polls.

After the success of Samajwadi Party and Rashtriya Lok Dal in three Lok Sabha and one Assembly bypolls in UP, the SP and BSP had distanced themselves from the Congress and had expressed reluctance in accommodating the grand old party in the alliance.

During poll campaigns in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, Akhilesh had adopted a strident anti-Congress posture, terming the Congress and the BJP as two sides of the same coin.



Mizo National Front (MNF) workers hold their party flag as they celebrate the party's victory in the States Assembly elections, at party head office in Aizawl on Tuesday PTI

World class rly station near Statue of Unity site in Gujarat soon

Mumbai: Railways Ministry will develop a world class station at Kevadiya near the site of the Statue of Unity in Gujarat's Narmada district, an official said here on Tuesday.

The world's tallest statue dedicated to India's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October this year.

President Ram Nath Kovind will lay the foundation stone for the Kevadiya railway station, which will be located at a distance of five kms from the imposing structure, on December 15, the Western Railway (WR) official told PTI.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and Railway Minister

Piyush Goyal will attend the event. "The plan to come up with the railway station near the statue is being implemented by the Railway Ministry after the PMO asked it to develop a state-of-the-art station with a view to increase the tourist foot fall and boost local trade", the official added. He said the Railway Board has sanctioned the work to convert 18-km Dabhoi-Chandod narrow gauge into broad gauge and extension from Chandod to Kevadia Colony by constructing a new 32-km line.

"We are carrying out works on 50-km railway tracks to facilitate this railway station which would cost around ₹663.29 crore," said the official. PTI

Muzaffarpur shelter home vacated for demolition

Muzaffarpur: The shelter home here which was embroiled in a sex scandal was vacated by the Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation (MMC) on Tuesday ahead of its demolition, an MMC official said.

There is no specific information about the demolition date of the shelter home building which was found to have been constructed in violation of the map design passed by MMC, he said.

The civic body ordered the demolition of the building on November 12.

The scandal at the shelter home called 'Balika Grih', run by Brajesh Thakur's NGO 'Seva Sankalp Evam Vikas Samiti', came to light earlier this year

in a social audit by the Mumbai-based Tata Institute of Social Sciences, which said that over 30 girls living in it were sexually abused.

An MMC official issuing the demolition order said the violation of the map design passed for constructing the shelter home building has been detected.

"We (corporation) got the Muzaffarpur shelter home vacated to demolish its building. A seizure list of articles belonging to the shelter home was prepared under the supervision of the magistrate. The videography of the entire building has also been carried out," MMC city manager Om Prakash told reporters here.

Asked when the building

would be demolished, Om Prakash said, "We don't have any specific information as to when the building will be demolished. We have been assigned to get the building vacated besides preparing the seizure list and getting the videography done."

MMC Commissioner Sanjay Dubey had said that the civic body would start demolishing the building soon after preparing the seizure list and completing the videography of entire building.

After the shelter home scandal came to light, Brajesh Thakur, who is the prime accused, and others were booked on May 30, 2018. The state government later handed over the probe to the CBI. PTI

74% polling in nine phases of J&K Panchayat polls, 38.8% in final phase

Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir recorded an overall polling of 74 per cent in the nine phases of Panchayat elections, with the last phase on Tuesday witnessing 38.8 per cent voting, election officials said.

In the nine phases, Jammu recorded 83.5 per cent voter turnout, Ladakh 67.8 per cent and Kashmir 41.3 per cent, they said.

The polls passed off peacefully amid tight security with no untoward incident despite a boycott call given by separatists and the lurking threat of violence by terrorists, they said.

Voting for the final phase was held Tuesday at 452 polling stations spread across seven districts of Kashmir division and it ended peacefully at 2 pm, the officials said.

North Kashmir's Kupwara district registered the highest polling at 53.6 per cent and the lowest was in South Kashmir's Pulwama district at 1.4 per cent.

Bandipora recorded 46 per cent polling, Baramulla 38.9 per cent, Budgam 38.8 per cent, Anantnag 24.8 per cent and Ganderbal witnessed 20.9 per cent voting, the officials said.

In the ninth phase, 430 candidates were contesting for 55 sarpanch and 138 panch posts. Sixty-eight sarpanchs and 433 panchs had already been elected unopposed in this phase.

An electorate of 68,745 was eligible to vote for sarpanch constituencies and 20,688 for panch constituencies in the ninth phase.

"With the completion of voting, overall 74 per cent

polling was recorded in all the phases of panchayat elections in the state. Jammu witnessed an impressive 83.5 per cent voting, Ladakh 67.8 per cent and Kashmir 41.3 per cent in all the phases," an official said.

The official said the first phase on November 17 recorded 74.1 per cent voting overall, followed by 71.1 per cent in the second phase on November 20, 75.2 per cent in the third phase on November 24 and 71.3 per cent polling in the fourth phase on November 27.

In the fifth phase, 71.1 per cent voting was witnessed on November 29, 76.9 per cent on December 1, 75.3 per cent on December 4 and 79.9 per cent voter turnout was recorded in the eighth phase on December 8. PTI



Congress party workers celebrate the party's good show in the Assembly elections of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh at the party office in Patna on Tuesday PTI

Marriage set to get political colour in TN

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Caste and community differences which marred many marriages have been hit for a six in Tamil Nadu. The new norm for a successful marriage is the political affiliation of the bride, the bridegroom and their families. If what happened at Arni in Thiruvannamalai district is any indication, matchmakers have to be careful in future before finalising any prospective alliance.

Santhi and Shanmugham were to tie the nuptial knot on Saturday night, the culmination of a marriage arranged purely by the consent of both the families. The pre-marriage ceremonies took off smoothly by early evening with the traditional nagaswaram recital while the guests were anxiously waiting for the Geet programme to be presented by the local

music band as part of the reception.

While the nagaswaram concert was on, P Padmanabhan, the bridegroom's father, noted that the road and the wedding hall were decorated with flags and festoons of the DMK to welcome the district secretary of the party. It is mandatory on Tamil Nadu that the hosts should decorate the entire locality with party flags and festoons of the party of the guest list include any leaders from the Dravidian outfits.

Rajagopal, father of Santhi, was a DMK activist and had invited the party's district secretary to bless the couple. It was only after the hosts informed the district secretary that the locality and marriage hall has been decorated with the posters of M Karunanidhi, M K Stalin and himself, the secretary left his residence for the marriage ceremony.

But Padmanabhan too had a guest, a VIP guest indeed. Sevoor S Ramachandran, minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department had assured Padmanabhan that he would attend the marriage and bless the couple. Hence Padmanabhan, a district level leader of the AIADMK asked Rajagopal to remove the DMK flags and festoons which definitely would have embarrassed the AIADMK minister.

Rajagopal stood his ground and bluntly refused to remove the DMK flags and pictures of Kalaingar (as Karunanidhi was known) and Stalin. This annoyed the bridegroom and his father who told the girl's side that the marriage would not take place until the DMK flags were removed. The bride Santhi, who too is a camp follower of the DMK, told her father that the marriage need to

be called off because it would be difficult to get along with people who are hardcore AIADMK activists!

By early Sunday morning, Rajagopal took his daughter to the village temple and got her marriage solemnised with Ezhumalai, a close relation of the family. Padmanabhan and Shanmugham have filed a case with the Arni police station complaining about the ill-treatment meted out to them by the Rajagopals and has asked the police to make Rajagopal compensate for the money they spent on wedding arrangements.

In future, marriages in Tamil Nadu would be fixed after matching not only the horoscopes of the boy and the girl but the political affiliation of the families. The DMK and the AIADMK can never coexist under any circumstances, according to ITV Dinakaran, leader of the AMMK, a break-away faction of the AIADMK.

Neglecting Lord Ram led to defeat of BJP: VHP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) said on Tuesday that the party which neglected Lord Ram and Ram temple issue was forced to bite dust in three Central Indian states where the Bharatiya Janata Party was defeated by the Congress in the just-concluded Assembly elections.

Reacting to the results of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, senior VHP leader Purshottam Narain Singh said that Ram bhakts were angry with the party which spoke about construction of Ram temple only during elections but did little for it while in power.

"These Ram bhakts have vented their anger by defeating the BJP in these three States," Singh said in a statement issued in Lucknow on Tuesday.

The VHP leader said that the people of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh had played a pivotal role during Ram Janmabhoomi agitation.

"Be it 1990 or December 6, 1992, Ram bhakts from these States played a stellar role in the campaign. Their campaign found reflection in government formation as soon after that the BJP formed governments in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh," Singh pointed out.

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Tender ID No. 2018 NDMC 162707 1
Name of Work: M/o Parks and Garden 2018-19.
Sub Head: Procurement of Ground Cover for beautification of Aurobindo Marg from Ring Road to FOB Yusuf Sarai with Green Belt AIMS Flyover.
Estimated cost: ₹6,32,500/-
 Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : **08.12.2018**
 Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : **19.12.2018 at 3:00 PM**
 Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
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3	HSVP DIVISION, PALWAL AT FARIDABAD	REPAIR OF INTERNAL ROADS IN GROUP HOUSING AREA, SEC -2, PALWAL, FILLING POT HOLES, FIXING CAT EYES, SPREAD BREAKERS	31.12.2018	34.80 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO. 107220	xenudaselwal@gmail.com 9129-900563
4	GMDA, GURUGRAM	INTERIOR WORKS OF THE TRCTC BUILDING AT PLOT NO. 2, SECTOR - 14, GURUGRAM	10.12.2018 02.01.2019	6.31 CRORES	www.gmda.gov.in TENDER NO. 107220	sdvspjgmda@gov.in 91852278833
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JOLT TO BJP IN ASSEMBLY POLLS

Excessive centralisation did BJP in

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

BJP, which has been on a winning spree in successive polls and seemed to be in a perennial glee, barring one or two occasions, on Tuesday received a shock treatment in its Assembly poll defeats at the hands of its arch rival and claimant to the power at the Centre.

The excessive centralisation of decision making power in few hands, dependence on robotic social media or even much touted Panna Pramukh model had apparently created a disconnect with the real issues that mattered most to the voting masses.

Though the mandate in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan is anti-BJP, it is certainly not pro-Congress either as is evident in the nail bite finish in the poll outcomes of these two States. Chhattisgarh, though, sprang a surprise giving a sweeping verdict in favour of the Congress and would require a detailed analysis of the poll results at a micro-level.

Despite the 15-year-long incumbency of the BJP rule in Madhya Pradesh, the party had retained its turf in the urban centres even as it freely slipped in the rural areas and gave advantage Congress which otherwise did not seem to be capitalising



on BJP's Governance 'failures'. Not recognising farmers' march to Delhi as a 'real one' was part of one of the problems that BJP created for itself that recoiled on the party.

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The shock defeats and setbacks in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh would dent the imminent position which the BJP was seeking to attain in the Upper House where it had already gained the status of single largest party after its thumping win in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, last year.

Currently BJP has 73 members followed by the Congress with 50, AIADMK, Trinamool Congress and Samajwadi Party 13 each, Biju Janata Dal 9, Telangana Rashtriya Samiti and Telugu Desam Party with six each and Rashtriya Janata Dal 5.

After it assumed power at the Centre on May 26, 2014, gaining absolute majority in the Lok Sabha, the BJP had to struggle in the Upper House where the Opposition, mainly the Congress, blocked several key legislations, including the

recent triple talaq Bill which could not get passage in the upper house after Lok Sabha (where BJP has the majority) passed it in the last session. The BJP is set to introduce triple talaq bill again in the RS in the winter session that commenced on Monday.

any party twice to power, did not give astounding welcome to the Congress which barely made it to the power in the state which was otherwise headed by a not so popular Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje. The infighting within the State BJP and differences between Party President Amit Shah and Raje also did not help Congress cause a steep increase its tally in the state.

This, however, is not consolation for the BJP which has lost its core Hindi-heartland, particularly Madhya Pradesh, where it had the support base of

20 to 25 per cent even in the days of its earlier avatar Bhartiya Jan Sangh since its foundation in 1951. MP was lost despite it being the earliest and the biggest RSS laboratory for the saffron politics.

The setbacks for the BJP augur ill for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. In 2014, BJP had won of 62 of 65 Lok Sabha seats of these three States. And it is calculated that given the Assembly segments won by the Congress (roughly five segments constitute a LS constituency) in three States, BJP could lose a good 31 seats in the LS poll in 2019.

BJP's central leadership would have to collectively mull as why there a trust deficit had suddenly crept and started growing between the voters and Prime Minister Narendra Modi who was a consistent vote catcher for the party in most of the Assembly polls before the charisma started losing its gloss with the Gujarat and Karnataka polls. Elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan were fought with the regional satraps leading from the front despite the incumbency sword. Would the same incumbency rub Modi wrong way?

Setback for BJP in RS after defeats

which would be able to grab many more RS seats on account of its new found power in these three States. The gains for the NDA had come this year, when Rajya Sabha elections happened in 19 different States for 58 seats with the BJP winning nine out of the ten seats from UP itself where it had gained thumping majority in the Assembly elections, last year.

The results of March biennial elections across the country had given an edge to the BJP over the Congress, even though a majority had continued to elude the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). With the winning trend in different States, BJP was hoping that the NDA could inch forward towards a majority in the Upper house by next year when at least eight vacancies are up for grab.

The poll reverses in three states would put a sudden halt on NDA's ambitions to work out its RS strength to its existing heavy presence in LS.

Besides Cong, others also ate into BJP pie

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the BJP suffering losses in three key States, its vote share too has taken a sharp dip in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh since the last Assembly elections in 2013, but all these votes do not seem to have gone to the Congress alone as other players have also reaped the gains.

According to Election Commission, the vote share loss is even bigger for the saffron party since the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, in which it had virtually swept all the three States by winning 62 out of 65 seats.

In Telangana and Mizoram, regional parties have come out with flying colours, a post-2014 trend clearly visible in many States with sizeable presence of non-BJP and non-Congress parties.

Political pundits said this trend indicates that the regional satraps might play key roles

in 2019 general elections for which attempts are already underway by non-BJP parties to put a united front against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bid for a second term.

For Chhattisgarh, the latest data showed the Congress getting 43.2 per cent votes in this elections, up from 40.3 per cent in the 2013 State polls and 38.37 per cent in the 2014 general elections, where the party won only one out of 11 Lok Sabha seats in the State.

In comparison, the BJP's loss has been wider with its vote share dipping from 41 per cent in 2013 to 32.9 per cent now. In 2014 general elections, the party had got nearly 49 per cent vote and 10 out of the 11 Lok Sabha seats.

The voting share analysis shows that some smaller parties and independents have managed to get more votes. While BSP had got 4.3 per cent in 2013, its alliance with former Chief Minister Ajit Jogi's party

has now got about 10.7 per cent votes.

Independents have also improved their performance from 5.3 per cent to 6.3 per cent. Similar trend was visible in Rajasthan where BJP's votes have fallen from 45.2 per cent in 2013 to 38.8 per cent now. It was much higher at nearly 55 per cent in 2014, when the party won all 25 Lok Sabha seats from the state.

On the other hand, the Congress has improved its vote share from 33.1 per cent in 2013 to 39.2 per cent in 2018. It had managed to get nearly 30 per cent votes despite losing on all seats in last parliamentary elections. Independents have improved their assembly tally from 8.2 per cent to 9.5 per cent, while bagging larger number of seats. The vote share situation is the most interesting in Madhya Pradesh, which saw the closest fight between the Congress and the BJP. The Congress' share has improved

from 36.4 per cent in 2013 to 41.4 per cent in 2018 assembly polls, while that of the BJP has come down

from 44.9 per cent to 41.3 per cent, as per the latest update. The BSP's share here has actually fallen to 4.6 per cent, while that of the independents has remained nearly same at over 5 per cent. However, some other smaller parties have made gains.

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 BM-PK Division, Civil Engineering Department
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 E.C. :- Rs. 11,84,659.00 Tender I.D. No. 2018, NDMC_163415_1
 Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution is 07.12.2018
 Date and time for pre-bid meeting is - N.A.
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Cost of each Tender Document : ₹ 1180/- (Including GST)
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DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
E-Tender Press Notice No.18/FO/NZ/2018-19

The Executive Engineer, Northern Division No.4, DDA Office Complex, Munim Ji Ka Bagh, Narela, Delhi-110040 on behalf of Delhi Development Authority invites online percentage rate tenders from the firms/contractors of repute in two envelopes system for the following work. **Joint Ventures will not be accepted.**

NIT No.	Name of work	E-Registration Fees	Estimated Cost put to tender Earnest Money	Time Allowed
30/EE/ND-4/DDA/2018-19	D/o land for Sector A-1 to A-4, Narela Project. SH: Clo peripheral S.W. Drains in Sector A-1 to A-4 at Narela Project, Phase-I.	50,000/- (+) GST at the applicable rates	Rs.42,23,74,767/- Rs.52,23,748/-	11 Months

The tenders shall be uploaded in two envelopes marked 'A' & 'B'. i.e. Envelope 'A' (earnest money, proof of e-registration fee & eligibility criteria) and Envelope 'B' (Financial bid). Envelope 'A' will be submitted on-line as well as hard copy and Envelope 'B' will be submitted on-line only on Schedule of quantities of Price bid format. The Earnest money shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT in to the account of Sr. A.O./CAU (NZ), DDA having A/C No. 02871110000022 with HDFC Bank, B-3-2 Ashok Vihar phase-II, New Delhi-110052 (IFSC Code HDFC0000287) & MICR CODE 110240039. The unique transaction reference of RTGS/NEFT along with proof of e-registration fee paid shall have to be uploaded by the tenderer in the e-tendering system by the prescribed date. The Executive Engineer concerned will get earnest money verified from CAU based on the unique transaction reference number against the each RTGS/NEFT payment before the tenders are opened.

A part of earnest money is acceptable in the form of bank guarantee also. Earnest money up to Rs.20 lacs will have to be deposited through RTGS/NEFT mode. If the amount of EM more than the amount of EM beyond Rs.20 lacs can be deposited in the form of Bank Guarantee which will remain in force up to and including the last date of 180 days after the deadline for submission of tenders. Such bank guarantee shall also be scanned and uploaded on the e-tendering website within the period of tender submission.

The unique transaction reference of RTGS/NEFT against EM and proof of e-registration fees paid, bank guarantee shall be placed in single sealed envelope superscribed as earnest money and proof of e-registration fee paid the eligibility documents shall be placed in other sealed envelope. Both these envelopes shall be placed in single sealed envelope superscribed with the name of work and due date of tender opening of bid mentioned thereon and will submit to tender opening authority along with documents of eligibility criteria.

Envelope "B" contains Financial Bid.
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The pre-bid conference will be held on **27.12.2018 at 11.30 A.M** in the Office of Chief Engineer(NZ), 18th Floor, Vikas Minar, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi:110002 to offer clarification of any doubts of intending tenderer. The tender will be uploaded till **17.01.2019 upto 3.00 PM**. Hard copy of documents related to earnest money, tender cost and eligibility criteria i.e **Envelope 'A'** will also be submitted by the tenderer in the office of Executive Engineer, Northern Division No.4, DDA Office Complex, Munim Ji Ka Bagh, Narela, Delhi-110040 on **17.01.2019 upto 3.00 PM**. Envelope-A will be opened on **17.01.2019 at the same venue at 3.30 PM** in the presence of intending tenderers or their authorised representatives.

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Didi: Countdown for BJP begins

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA



BJP's arrogance and dictatorial sabotage of the central autonomous agencies like the CBI and RBI coupled with its anti-people policies like the demonetisation let the saffron outfit down, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said, announcing "countdown for the end of BJP has begun."

Banerjee who was speaking to a section of the Bengali media in Delhi said the Assembly election results in (Hindi heartland) show that the "beginning of BJP's end has begun. It is just a matter of time. They have lost the semi-finals. Now they will lose the finals in 2019."

The Bengal Chief Minister who has no love lost for the saffron leadership, particularly Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president Amit Shah said "if you ask me why ... I will say arrogance took them down in the elections."

The BJP's anti-people policies too had a huge impact on its poll prospects in the five States, Banerjee said. "It seemed like India was running through a political emergency, economic emergency, institutional emergency (leading to near destruction of autonomous agencies) with the youth losing jobs in hordes, and farmers committing suicide. All the institutions were attacked. Even the Constitution was not spared," Banerjee said adding how "farmers, workers, youth, Scheduled castes, minorities and other sections of the society were unhappy with the BJP."

For the past several years India has been passing through a phase of fear the Chief Minister said adding how "those who dared to speak up against the BJP Government were browbeaten to silence. People, even the journalists who spoke against them had to lose their jobs, such was the atmosphere of fear in the country."

After Tuesday the situation was such that the BJP had no presence in South India, it had a trifle presence in the North East, "in the East it is not there which you will see when people go to polls in Bihar where Laloo ji's party will take the upper hand. In the North they are on their way out, in the West they are finished. In Goa they will go any day and if today there is an election in Maharashtra they will lose by huge margins," Banerjee said.

Speaking once again in favour of a grand alliance of the regional parties Banerjee said "I am still of the view that the regional parties should be given their due respect considering the idea of federalism."



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Rahul's day dawns

The Modi-Shah juggernaut of the BJP has been finally halted in its tracks, signaling the emergence of the Congress as a fighting force again



The *Kaalchakra* (wheel of time), philosophers tell us, never stays stationary. But this time, the electoral *Kaalchakra* stopped short of a complete revolution, although its direction was quite clear. The other significant trend emerging from the results of five State elections is that after a long time voters have given a less than decisive verdict in at least two States, in fact the two big States of the Hindi heartland which went to the polls. The so-called Hindi heartland States — Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan — have traditionally been the BJP's powerhouse, along with Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. These are the States that gave Prime Minister Narendra Modi the thunderous mandate to lead his party to an absolute majority in the Lok Sabha for the first time in 2014. The BJP's crushing triumphs in the States also contributed to party president Amit Shah's ascendancy as the Superman of poll battles and a modern-day Chanakya, whose election-winning strategies were deemed infallible. Whatever the final outcome the aura of the Modi-Shah combine's electoral invincibility has been dented, perhaps, beyond repair.

Although the Congress is in a cheerful mood, it's not yet time for partymen to proclaim "Three cheers for Rahul Gandhi". The Grand Old Party has wrested Rajasthan, but just about. The trends are see-sawing in Madhya Pradesh with the Congress enjoying a slender lead and the feisty Shivraj Singh Chouhan almost negating anti-incumbency. The party can however congratulate itself for its sweep in Chhattisgarh where popular Chief Minister Raman Singh had to finally bite the dust. Since all the three major Hindi-speaking States were under the BJP's control for 15 long years, it was widely expected that Narendra Modi's apparently diminishing charisma and the adverse effects of demonetisation and hasty GST implementation, will open the gates for the Congress's resounding triumph. But notwithstanding its remarkable revival, the Congress victory stopped short of being outstanding.

Nevertheless, these results mark the emergence of Rahul Gandhi as a leader of stature. He has shrugged off the badge of being a sorry failure — an image which has dogged him for many years. He is now poised to lead a rejuvenated Congress into the Kurukshetra of 2019 in the hope of coming to power in New Delhi after a longish gap. This time he led from the front, muddying his hands in the heat and dust of a grueling poll campaign and proved his leadership skills. The Congress will still need allies in most States and much will therefore depend on Rahul's acceptability as leader of a grand alliance of non-BJP parties, something that has not been forthcoming so far. But his task is much easier now that his party has finally risen from the ashes showing capability to emerge as a spirited fighting force.

A review of the results will not be complete without complimenting the resilient leadership of Telangana Chief Minister and TRS chief, K Chandrasekhar Rao, who bucked anti-incumbency to spectacularly win his first election since the formation of separate Telangana for which he had relentlessly struggled. His pro-poor, populist schemes helped him ward off the challenge from the Mahakutami, led by the Congress and Chadrababu Naidu's TDP. In Mizoram too, the Congress had to face rout at the hands of the powerful regional force, the MNF. In other words, it's a real case of "you win some, you lose some". Only that the BJP has not won any.

Turmoil in Central bank

Urjit Patel's tenure will be remembered for his fight with the Government but his squeeze on liquidity will remain a legacy



Urjit Patel's final act as Reserve Bank of India Governor was to write the template of a terse yet seemingly grateful resignation letter. Such a letter should be remembered by all professional employees when drafting their letters. Now that has been done, Patel will retire to a life as a tenured professor in some noteworthy Indian or Western University, get a book deal that should keep him comfortable in old age and likely become a speaker at major summits. Of course, being a man of integrity that he has portrayed himself one expects that he will impose a cool-

down period before he starts narrating the sequence of events that led to the collapse of his relationship with Narendra Modi and Arun Jaitley.

However, what must not be forgotten is the fact that under Urjit Patel the Reserve Bank of India became more insular and reticent. Its actions curbing liquidity which was forced upon it by the precarious state of Indian public sector banks went a tad too far and shut off the tap crushing the small and medium sector enterprises in India and companies were forced to literally beg for working capital requirements. The appointment of S Gurumurthy to the Board of the Reserve Bank was seen by many as the final nail in the coffin for Patel but the fact is that most Central Banks across the world operate under a board process. And even though some of Gurumurthy's ideas and philosophies are questionable, the Board would have been able to keep him in check. What really did Patel in was the push by Modi and Jaitley to release more liquidity into the market, and while any Government would appreciate more liquidity ahead of an election they did have a point that the Reserve Bank was being unduly conservative in holding heavy reserves. In the aftermath of demonetisation and a confused Goods and Services Tax, the liquidity crunch has made life extremely tough, evident in company results over the past few quarters with demand collapsing in some industries.

And while Patel's future is sorted, the future of the Reserve Bank of India remains under a cloud. By removing himself from the equation, Patel has given the Government a chance to appoint a man who will serve deep into the next Government's tenure. By appointing Finance Secretary Shaktikanta Das as Patel's successor, the Government has opted for continuity and experience instead of experimenting with somebody untested. The Reserve Bank of India remains one of the country's key institutions and its future must be protected.

opinion 08 High cost of reservations

States have been more than eager to grant reservations at the expense of flouting apex court's orders. True, they are excellent for political positioning but the actual boons need to be surveyed



PRAFULL GORADIA

The latest rock on the pyramid of reservations is the Marathas whose demands for 16 per cent quota have been approved by the Maharashtra Government along the lines of Tamil Nadu, where the reservation totals up to 69 per cent. But it matters little. Both States have exceeded the Supreme Court's earlier orders stipulating 50 per cent as the ceiling limit for reservations. The balance 50 per cent should be left free for open competition. The apex court had ruled in 1969 that reservations cannot exceed 50 per cent. However, there are State laws that exceed this limit and these are under litigation in the top court. For example, caste-based reservation fraction stands at 69 per cent and is applicable to about 87 per cent of the population in Tamil Nadu.

Reservation has been an enticing political fruit which is not as sweet as it was believed to be. And it has been becoming blander by the years — with the liberalisation of the economy in 1991, Government jobs have been reducing even as new public sector corporations are not being set up. Yet, politically, the colour of the fruit has grown more and more attractive. Years ago, the Gujjars agitated to get a percentage. Much later, the Jats. Then came the Patidars in Gujarat. Thereafter was an intense follow up by the Marathas. All the abovementioned castes have a substantial say in their respective State Governments. Marathas hold an electoral de facto veto in Maharashtra, like the Jats in Haryana, the Gujjars in Rajasthan and the Patels in Gujarat. Moreover, distinguished sociologist MN Srinivas and his theory of caste Sanskritisation among Hindus would not accept anyone demoting his community's status. Every Hindu ideally desires to go up the ladder and likes some other caste below him. No caste or a section of it wishes to go down the ladder. What then is the secret motivation behind these four upper castes demanding to be Other Backward Classes (OBCs)?

Uncannily, reservations were first introduced neither by politicians nor by the Constitution but in his State by the Maharaja of Kolhapur as early as in 1902. Reportedly, the princely States of Baroda and Mysore were already practising reservations; although Kolhapur was the first to issue a written Government order. A British seal was first put on the concept of reservation when, as part of the Morley-Minto reforms, the Government of India Act, 1909, was passed by the Westminster Parliament. BR Ambedkar, who headed the drafting committee for the Constitution, favoured a 10-year reservation for the depressed castes as well as tribals. This proposal found support from generally everyone. As far as the other castes are concerned,



it all began with the appointment of the Mandal Commission in 1979 for finding out which were the OBCs. This term OBC was first used in the Census of 1931 which recorded a total of 1,257 such castes across India.

Could there be a possibility that non-OBC sons and daughters would not always get a job on merit? On the other hand, OBC youngsters walk away with the same jobs because of their caste. The latest attempt to join the OBC club may be their response to the challenge. Could the third possibility be a homeopathic treatment to remove or render redundant something they have grown up to disapprove of? Homeopathic means sympathetic treatment or aggravating the symptoms until they get ejected from the body. The normal approach is an antagonistic treatment or to attack the symptoms of the disease, which is the allopathic, the ayurvedic or the Unani method.

The homeopathic strategy, if at all, could be to provoke yet other castes to also demand reservation until the percentage becomes so large as to become farcical. That would leave so little or no scope for the general or non-reserved category that the system of reservation could expire. It is widely recog-

nised that no Government is likely to have the courage to abolish reservations. This was illustrated by the scheduled caste and scheduled tribe categories which were to enjoy reservation for 10 years only and expire by say 1960. And yet they are still carrying on. A Jat and a Patel leader each has mentioned in this writer's presence that he and his colleagues are embarrassed to ask for a reservation. But what else to do, was their question.

Several other questions can arise as one thinks further. Nehruvian socialism was the picnic period or the halcyon era of reservations. The bureaucracy was expanding at both the Centre and the State levels. At the same time, one PSU after another was being established. In other words, jobs, where the reservation was available, were virtually an expanding torrent. In the same decades, banks were nationalised, as were the general insurance companies and the entire coal industry.

Liberalisation-cum-globalisation introduced in 1991 overturned this apple cart. Parallel to this was realised by the State Governments that most of their public sector corporations were also losing money by the day. Since then

reserved seats or vacancies have been shrinking. Until now, the official spokesmen use the Indian saying whichever country's Government is a trader its people are going to be beggars. Or there is the other slogan: Maximum governance with minimal Government. On top of all this is not only the computer-reducing routine jobs in industry but also the Sword of Damocles of the robot hanging over the machine.

Yet another question would be an upper caste backlash. How that may shape up, if at all, needs to be seen. But a political example was the fall of the Madhavsingh Solanki Ministry in 1986. He had gone flat out on backing the OBCs in his choice of candidates for the Assembly elections of 1985. He won hands down and secured 146 MLAs out of the total of 182. The upper caste reaction was so severe that by 1986, he was thrown out of power and replaced by an Adivasi Amarsinh Chaudhry as the head of Gujarat Government. Finally, in the long run, excessive reservations could lead to a brain drain of the country, as has happened in Tamil Nadu. Many a Brahmin has migrated either overseas or to other parts of the country.

All the disadvantages apart, the question arises: What are the benefits of reservations? True, they are excellent for political positioning. But the actual boons of the scheme need to be surveyed. Do the beneficiaries pass around the gains to their communities? Or do they merely look after their families only? If that be so, is this advantage sufficient to offset the demoralisation they cause amongst the castes which are left out? And often there is a decline in the quality of the service the several candidates give to the society generally or to the concerned individuals particularly. In the bargain, society does not make the progress at the speed it is capable of. A nation-wide debate on the pros and cons of reservation is called for. This discussion should not exclude the Muslims and Christians, on behalf of whom reservations have been asked for by some political parties. These religions have foreign origins and they never had any system of caste. Most of the Hindus, who converted to these religions, did so to escape the oppression of casteism. The question of their sharing the reservations does not, therefore, arise.

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SOUNDBITE

The Government is always receptive to the issues raised by political parties. Our efforts are that discussions are held on all issues.

Prime Minister — Narendra Modi



It bothers me when big films fail because top stars get all the good scripts so one expects them to choose better.

Actor — Arshad Warsi



There is a stark difference in India's relationship with the US since the 1998 nuclear tests. Bilateral ties are now very good.

India's Ambassador to the US — Navtej Singh Sarna



RBI is such a professional institution that business will continue. It's not dependent on any individual but it a Governor.

NITI Aayog chairman — Rajiv Kumar



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Miles to go

Sir — The Indian cricket team's victory in the first Test match at Adelaide can provide stimulus to the team to perform even better in the remaining three Tests. The second Test match beginning at Perth this Friday is going for a fast-paced pitch, but that is something that Indian bowlers won't mind. Indian bowlers are likely to do well in the series. But it is Indian batting that needs to do better than what they have done on overseas tours. Cheteshwar Pujara's batting form was extremely encouraging in the first Test while Virat Kohli could not score big. Indian batsmen need to put their heads together in order to make a significant contribution to the team's total.

Devendra Khurana Bhopal

Unwanted controversy

Sir — This refers to the report, "Urjit quits amid RBI-Govt feud" (December 11). Urjit Patel's resignation as the Reserve Bank of India Governor is quite unfortunate at a time when the

Cheteshwar Pujara is here to stay

Cheteshwar Pujara is a low-profile cricketer. Early in his career, he was branded as a Test player, and Pujara seems to have no qualms about this. The Adelaide Test against Australia has proved his mettle beyond doubt. Ever since debuting in 2010 at Bengaluru, against a different Australian team, the right-handed Saurashtra stylist has had a very good career. Sixteen Test centuries in 63 matches is not the Kohli-type of statistics, but the team and cricket fans had little doubt in mind about the Right-hander's unique ability to handle tough situations and marauding bowlers. The second fastest Indian to score 1,000 runs after Sunil Gavaskar had stints in English county which appears to have worked wonders for his morale.

Not all batsmen possess the immaculate technique to foil the Opposition bowlers' ranks in foreign conditions. Rahul Dravid was one rare cricketer, in the Gavaskar mould, who toiled with the bowling to prove why he was regarded as the best Indian batsman on foreign conditions in recent times not to speak about his domestic record. Pujara, when



selected for the Indian team, was described as the "second Dravid" for his resemblance to Dravid-type of cricket and for the fact that he played at number three — the position Dravid had made his own for a long time. There cannot be another Dravid but Pujara's display at Adelaide reminded cricket connoisseurs of a vintage Dravid. There is a crucial number for a test side — greats like Dilip Vengsarkar and Rahul Dravid have adorned the slot for India.

Ganapathi Bhat Akola

Indian economy just started limping back to normalcy. The Government's interference with the working of the Central bank is unwanted. Autonomous bodies must be allowed to function freely without any political intrusion.

At the same time, the Central bank, too, has a responsibility. It should toe with the Government at the helm while implementing

its policies. It should play a prominent role in arresting inflation and at the same time bring down the non-performing assets of regional banks. Both the Government and the Central bank should work in tandem for the welfare of the nation. Any rift between them does not bode well for democracy.

NR Ramachandran Chennai

Black day

Sir — This refers to the report, "Urjit quits amid RBI-Govt feud" (December 11). The resignation of Reserve Bank of India Governor Urjit Patel speaks volumes about the blatant interference of the ruling BJP Government in the internal matters of constitutional bodies.

By putting in his papers, Patel has made it evident that the ruling dispensation does not deserve the services of learned economists, scholars and professionals. It is now an open secret that RSS protege, S Gurumurthy, was imposed on the board of the RBI only to needle the Governor and his team. Patel's resignation is a black letter day for the RBI.

Tharcius S Fernando Chennai

United or not?

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "No quick fixes" (December 11). Earlier too, the Opposition has met on several occasions to discuss ways to take on the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Hopes raised earlier too but, ultimately, there were no results. Success depends on the selfless and common approach of Opposition leaders. Only time will tell whether the move will succeed or not without a hitch.

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FIRST COLUMN

The rocky road to 2019

In a new narrative between Modi versus the rest, the BJP could form the Government next year despite the loss of a few seats



KALYANI SHANKAR

What does the crystal ball say about 2019? The Lok Sabha poll and electoral fortunes of many political parties, including the ruling BJP and the main Opposition Congress, will dominate the year. Fortunes of some regional satraps, like Biju Janata Dal supremo Naveen Patnaik, Telugu Desam Party president N Chandrababu Naidu and Sikkim Democratic Front founder Pawan Kumar Chaming will also be decided as some States, like Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh will go to polls in the same year. Patnaik will bid for power for the fifth time; Naidu for the second time since the bifurcation of the State; and Chaming for the sixth time. At the national level, while Prime Minister Modi will be seeking a second consecutive term, Congress president Rahul Gandhi will test his fortunes for the first time since he took over the reins of the party. If Modi secures another term, the country will move closer to becoming a majoritarian state. It is clear that 2019 will not be a cake-walk for Modi and the coming months will be most crucial for Opposition unity.

Political parties are getting ready as poll dates are likely to be announced in late February or March. The Election Commission of India is also preparing for the event. About 900 million voters, including 100 million first-time voters, will exercise their franchise. Many opinion polls have suggested that anti-incumbency sentiment is on the rise. This can dash Modi's hopes for a second term. Registering a landslide victory, the BJP and its allies had won 73 of the 80 seats in Uttar Pradesh, all 25 seats in Rajasthan, 27 of 29 seats in Madhya Pradesh, all 26 seats in Gujarat, all seven seats in Delhi, all five seats in Uttarakhand and all four seats in Himachal Pradesh in the 2014 Lok Sabha poll. This peak performance may not be repeated in 2019 as the BJP might just lose at least 100 of all Lok Sabha seats. This, however, must be compensated from the North-East and the southern region.

According to India Today-Karvy Insights opinion poll released in August, the BJP is likely to win 30 per cent votes in the 2019 election, which means it will secure 245 seats, 27 short of the 272 needed for a majority. Pre-election surveys conducted by Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, also suggest that the BJP's popularity is on the decline; although the Prime Minister's personal popularity continues. First, the BJP has lost popularity due to two economic measures — demonetisation and the Goods and Services Tax. Both measures have hurt the small and medium businesses that were its core voters. It is not clear whether the winner will be a BJP-led or a Congress-led or a Third Front coalition. The fight will be between the ruling NDA and the Congress-anchored UPA. The Opposition needs an astute strategy to defeat the NDA. The new narrative is likely to be Modi versus the rest.

Second, while Modi will be the BJP's face for the 2019 poll, the UPA is most unlikely to project anyone. Its prime ministerial candidate will be decided only in a post-poll scenario. Therefore, though the Congress is trying to unite the Opposition, party president Rahul Gandhi will not be projected as the prime ministerial face of the UPA as they have been talking of collective leadership.

Third, both UPA and NDA are in the process of strengthening their coalitions. The NDA has been weakened by the exit of two major allies — Telugu Desam Party and Peoples Democratic Party. The Shiv Sena, too, has threatened to quit. Besides, the party faces a tough challenge in the south. Meanwhile, Congress has already reached an understanding with some regional parties to build State-specific coalitions, including in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Fourth, economy and jobs are some major issues that will play a huge role in the election. There are also other issues, too, like corruption, non-delivery of poll promises, demonetisation, GST, Rafale, cow vigilantism, Ram Mandir issue, rising fuel prices, the agrarian crisis that will remain dominant. All of the above factors give potential threats to the BJP ahead of the 2019 poll. The BJP's strategy is to attack the Congress for its failure to accomplish anything in the past 70 years and consolidation of Hindu votes. It has been vociferous about the achievements of the Modi Government.

Fifth, the economy is reviving. This may bring some relief to the Modi Government. Multilateral organisations, like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, have predicted a sound revival of the economy for 2019. Sixth, both the Congress and the BJP will play the Hindutva card with the Congress adopting a soft Hindutva line. Last, both Modi and Rahul will need a new narrative to win. Whatever it be, the BJP is likely to emerge as the number one party whether it gets a majority or not. It will be invited to form the Government first, as is the convention.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

THERE IS A STRONG SUSPICION THAT EVM MACHINES WERE MANIPULATED. WE DEMAND THAT 100 PERCENT COUNTING OF VVPAT MUST BE TAKEN UP.
 —CONGRESS TELANGANA PARTY PRESIDENT
 N UTTAM KUMAR REDDY



LOSING PARTY ALWAYS SAYS THE EVMS HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH. PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN VICTORY TO TRS, WHAT CONGRESS IS CLAIMING IS FALSE.
 —TELANGANA RASHTRA SAMITHI MP
 K KAVITHA

Accession of J&K: Breaking myths

Though Jammu & Kashmir has been declared an integral part of India, Kashmiri leaders keep raising questions about its accession/merger, ignoring the sentiments of the people of Jammu and Ladakh



ANIL GUPTA

At the time of Independence, while British India was divided on the basis of religion, the Princely States were not. They were to go, each State as a whole, to either India or Pakistan. The decision of where to go was to be made by the erstwhile ruler. In the case of Jammu & Kashmir, the then ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, took the decision to accede to India. But to the contrary, most leaders in Kashmir built a false narrative — to mislead the nation and strengthen their credential as nationalists — that the decision of accession with India was taken by former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Sheikh Abdullah and other Kashmiri leaders. They have also maintained that the accession was conditional.

It is an established fact today that the sole authority to decide on the accession was that of the ruler and in case of princely State of Jammu & Kashmir, it was the Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari Singh. Before taking the ultimate decision, the Maharaja was faced with a dilemma due to non-cooperation by Sheikh Abdullah. In the words of the Maharaja, "Muslims of Kashmir and some from Jammu, who were led by Sheikh Abdullah and leaders of the National Conference (NC), did not want the question of accession to be decided at that stage. They wanted me to part with power in their favour so that they could decide the question independently of me. They made no secret of their views and obstructed me in deciding the question of accession instead of helping me to accede to India; Hindus of Jammu and people of Ladakh were for affiliation with or accession of India."

That NC or its leadership had no role to play in the decision-making process as far as the accession of the State is concerned is also an empirically proven fact. In fact, as stated by the Maharaja, they were acting as a hindrance to India's accession. Thus, the oft-repeated statements by NC leaders that "we decided to accede to India or our accession to India is conditional or that the merger with India has not taken place" are all motivated and misleading with the deliberate intent of sowing the seeds of 'exclusivity' among the Kashmiri population. The same was confirmed by party ideologue Sheikh Nazir Ahmad, who said, "Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah had no role in the accession as he was in prison at the time of accession."

It is a known that Sheikh Abdullah had set his eyes on the throne of Jammu & Kashmir with blessings from his friend and mentor Jawaharlal Nehru. He wanted to be the sole representative of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. He wanted to rule the State as the undisputed leader of a 'single-party State'. He abhorred opposition within and outside



the party and behaved more like an autocrat than a democrat. However, many popular Muslim leaders who were non-Kashmiris posed a challenge to Sheikh Abdullah's ambition. He ensured that they remain marginalised by managing the ceasefire in 1949 immediately after the Valley was liberated. But large parts of Jammu and frontier areas of Gilgit-Baltistan continued to be under the occupation of Pakistan.

This way, Sheikh Abdullah eliminated the threat posed to his supremacy by Pahari, Punjabi and Dogra Muslim leaders of the State. He also isolated the Shia leadership by allowing the frontier areas to remain under Pakistan's occupation. Sheikh Abdullah killed two birds with one stone. He not only ensured his singular dominance in the politics of Kashmir but also ensured that the pro-Pakistan leadership remained isolated. It became evident that the Sheikh harboured political ambitions and wanted to use the issue of accession as a bargaining tool with the Indian Government so that he could rule an autonomous State under the patronage of Nehru-ruled India.

The interim Government was instituted by a proclamation made by the Maharaja on March 5, 1948. A Council of Ministers with Sheikh Abdullah as the Prime Minister was constituted to conduct the administration of the State. The Council was to function on the principle of joint responsibility. The dual Government did not take much time to run into trouble due to divergent views which followed diametrically different directions. The NC soon got engulfed with internal politics, forgetting the interest of the people. At last, the dual Government came to a tragic end.

Sheikh Abdullah, with the active support from New Delhi, succeeded in marginalising the Maharaja who finally relinquished his office on June 9, 1949.

On June 20, 1949, through a proclamation, the Maharaja announced his decision to abdicate the State on grounds of health and invested all his power to his son, Yuvraj Karan Singh. Had Singh refused the regentship and decided to stand with his father, Sheikh Abdullah's move would have failed pre-maturely since Jammu & Kashmir was still ruled under the Jammu-Kashmir Constitution Act 1939 and all constitutional powers were vested with the Maharaja only.

The people of Jammu region were apprehensive of the pro-Kashmiri Muslim and anti-Jammu mindset of Sheikh Abdullah. An agitation against the Sheikh was launched in Jammu under the banner of Praja Parishad, an Opposition party formed in Jammu in November 1947. The main objective of the Praja Parishad was to achieve full integration of Jammu & Kashmir with the Indian Union, like other States and safeguard the legitimate democratic rights of the people of Jammu.

Sheikh Abdullah dubbed the Opposition from Jammu as "communal". He started believing that Kashmir's aspirations could not be met within the Indian Union. On the other hand, Jammu and Ladakh clamoured for a complete merger with India. The emergence of Kashmiri identity led Sheikh Abdullah to start differentiating between 'Muslims and non-Muslims of the State'. It became imminent that his agenda evolved around 'Independent Kashmir'. After initial bonhomie, Sheikh Abdullah started showing his true colours which forced Nehru to order his arrest in 1953.

Similarly, the narrative regarding Article 370 that it is not temporary, but permanent provision of the Constitution of India and acts as a bridge between the State and rest of India, is also a concoction based on twisting of facts. The fact is that Sheikh Abdullah manipulated its inclusion in the Constitution due to

Pandit Nehru's blind love for him. It is a well-established fact that when the rulers of the princely States signed the Instrument of Accession and joined the Dominion of India, they surrendered legislative, judicial and executive control of three subjects — defence, communication, external affairs and ancillaries. The same is true with respect to the Maharaja of Jammu & Kashmir as well. This implied that the Princely States would have the right to decide upon policies, implementation and administration with regard to other issues, through such arrangements as Royal Proclamations or a separate Constitution for their respective kingdoms/states. Instead of doing so they expressed their faith in the under draft Constitution of India through its full applicability to their respective States, except Jammu & Kashmir due to manipulations of Sheikh Abdullah.

Thus, when the rest of the nation was readying to adopt the Constitution of India, there was a Constitutional vacuum in this State. To fill this vacuum, Article 370 was inserted in the Indian Constitution, with hopes that Jammu & Kashmir would, once the situation normalises, integrate like other States of the Union (hence the use of the term 'temporary provisions' in the title of the Article).

Another myth created by a few Kashmiri leaders is about merger against accession. While the Indian Constitution was being drafted to pave way for the nation to become a Republic from a Dominion, all other princely States individually or collectively decided to accept the paramountcy of the new Constitution of India, Sheikh Abdullah harboured different ideas. These States sent their representatives to the Constituent Assembly and were thus actively involved in the drafting of the new Constitution, which implied

that they willingly joined the Republic of India and the Instrument of Accession signed by them (a uniform document signed by all 565 princely States) became redundant. This also sorted the issue of merger and no separate 'Instrument of Merger', as claimed by a few, was signed by them.

The fact is that Karan Singh exercising his powers as the Regent of the State did send a four-member team comprising Sheikh Abdullah, Mirza Afzal Beg, Moti Lal Baigra and Maulana Masoodi to represent the State in Indian Constituent Assembly. This was in tune with other princely States and signalled the will of being the part of the Republic of India surrendering the Instrument of Accession, which also meant the 'merger'. It is a different story that the four taking advantage of the prevailing security and political instability in the State decided to sit out and not join the Constituent Assembly of India. Sheikh Abdullah, thus, cleverly gave shape to his ambition of capturing the throne of Jammu & Kashmir much against the wishes of two-thirds of the State's population comprising the Jammu and Ladakh regions and non-Kashmiri speaking Muslims of Kashmir and the Shias of Kargil. In this, he enjoyed the full support and confidence of Pandit Nehru.

Though Jammu & Kashmir has been declared an integral part of India both by the State and the Indian Constitution, Kashmir-based political leadership continues to question the accession/merger on the pretext of Kashmiri identity, ignoring the sentiments and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Ladakh and encourage 'separatism'.

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Invest in gold: Diversify your portfolio

Buying gold is the oldest kind of investing activity that is important to hedge against volatility and inflation. While it may provide a safe haven during ambiguous circumstances, its pros and cons must be taken into account



HIMA KOTA

Traditionally, gold has been an important investment avenue for almost every Indian household. In fact, we Indians love gold and hold it in high regard. We keep it safe for our future generations. In fact, the custom of gifting gold to brides was to provide her with a financial back up and secure her future. It is estimated that about a large part, around 700-800 tonnes of India's gold imports go into the making of jewellery.

Women and families often think of gold jewellery as an economic substitute to money. Even now, gold has not lost its glitter amongst different investment options, like stocks, bonds, mutual funds and real estate, just to name a few. Historically,

gold offers a perfect hedge and stability whereas the markets do not since it has an inverse relationship to equity investments.

Take for example, if the equity markets start performing poorly, gold normally performs well. Considering gold as an investment option in your investment portfolio will act as a buffer for the overall volatility of one's portfolio. Additionally, gold investment is worthwhile because it is an inflation-beating investment. Over a period of time, the return on gold investment is in line with the rate of inflation.

The world has become more inter-connected now and whether there are tensions in the Middle East, Africa or elsewhere, it is increasingly becoming obvious that political and economic uncertainty is another reality of our modern economic environment. Gold, too, is considered as a safe-haven during ambiguous circumstances.

In fact, history is full of collapsing empires, political coups, and collapse of currencies. During such

times, investors, who have held gold, were able to successfully protect their wealth. In some cases, people even use gold to escape from turmoil. Consequently, whenever there is any news event that hints at some type of global economic uncertainty, investors often buy gold as a safe-haven.

Any rational investor should include gold into his/her portfolio to provide stability and diversify options against sharp movement in equity and bond prices. One can invest in gold in several ways.

Gold exchange traded funds (ETF) are simple investment products that actually combine flexibility of stock as an investment and simplicity of gold as an investment. ETFs trade on the cash market of the stock bourses, like any other company stock, can be bought and sold continuously at market prices. Gold ETFs are excellent passive investment instruments that are based on gold prices. They invest in gold bullion. ETFs, because they are backed by gold, have complete

transparency. Due to their unique structure and creation mechanism, ETFs have much lower expenses as compared to physical gold holding. Gold ETFs are ideal for investors who would like to invest in gold but do not want to suffer the hassles and bear costs of storing and safeguarding physical gold.

Gold equity funds invest in shares of firms that are involved in gold mining. These are pure equity funds and are often international in nature since there are not many listed gold mining firms in India. Like any other stock fund, these funds can deliver much higher returns than pure gold.

But when gold prices are low, mining companies shut mines as the cost of production is higher than realisation costs. Stocks of such gold mining companies were battered for many years.

Investors have to deal with three risks in these funds. First, returns from these funds are dependent on gold price movement. Second, these gold funds invest in

stocks, which mean they carry the risk associated with shares. Third, there also exists the currency exchange risk. This means if the rupee appreciates, returns can get affected. Gold equity funds are best suited for sophisticated investors and are not ideal for a retail investor.

With the advent of the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme, investing in gold has become much easier and convenient now. With the Union Government's SGB scheme, an investor can earn an assured interest rate, thereby eliminating risk and cost of storage.

The Sovereign Gold Bond 2018-19 Series has a subscription price of ₹3,114 per gram and one individual can buy a maximum of four kg. SGBs provide attractive interest rate with an asset appreciation opportunity. The annual interest rate offered is 2.5 per cent and interest is tax free.

The redemption is linked to gold prices. There is 100 per cent

elimination of risk and cost of storage. Also, SGBs are exempt from capital gains tax, if held till maturity. The bonds carry a tenure of eight years with an option to exit from the fifth year. SGBs are the most efficient way of investing in gold from an investment point of view if one can stay invested for five years or more. Importantly, indexation benefit is available if the bond is transferred before maturity. Gold bonds score high on liquidity as they are tradable on the exchanges. Also, they can be collateral against a loan, an aspect that is missing in gold ETFs.

Like every investment, investment in gold also has its pros and cons. However, including gold in the investment portfolio is very important to hedge against volatility and inflation. Depending upon the economic, financial and political situation, the level of diversification should range anywhere between five per cent and 30 per cent.

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FOREIGNEYE



THERESA MAY IS ON THE RUN

Theresa May might claim that she lives to fight another day. But given that the leadership is on the run from the hard Brexiters, she lives on only as a political zombie. Ensnared by her own convictions, she has resorted to dilatory tactics because she has belatedly realised the full weight of their burden. (The Guardian Editorial)

RBI remains net seller of US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) continued to remain net seller of the US dollar in October, as it sold \$7.204 billion of the greenback in the spot market, RBI data showed.

In the reporting month, the central bank purchased \$945 million, while sold \$8.149 billion in the spot market, according to the data.

In September 2018, the RBI sold \$31 million of the US currency in the spot market on a net basis, after it bought \$1.012 billion, while selling \$1.043 billion.

In October 2017, the apex bank was net buyer of US currency, after it had bought \$1.910 billion, while sold \$1.058 billion in the spot market.

RBI maintains that its intervention in the foreign exchange market is to curb volatility in the rupee and not to target a level of the domestic currency.

In FY18, the apex bank had net purchased \$33.689 billion of US dollars from the spot market. It had bought \$52.068 billion, while sold \$18.379 billion.

In FY17, the RBI had bought \$12.351 billion of the US dollar on a net basis.

In the forward dollar market, the outstanding net forward sales at the end of October 2018 was \$2.888 billion, compared with \$1.358 billion in September, according to the RBI data.

RBI slaps ₹1 cr fine on Indian Bank for violating cyber security norms



PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India Tuesday said it has imposed a fine of ₹1 crore on Indian Bank for violating cyber security norms.

The RBI has imposed, by an order dated November 30, 2018, a monetary penalty of ₹10 million on Indian Bank for contravention of Circular on Cyber Security Framework in banks, the central bank said in a release.

The contravention is with regard to RBI's directions on Frauds — Classification and Reporting by Commercial

Banks.

"This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of... The Banking Regulation Act, 1949 taking into account the failure of the bank to adhere to the aforesaid guidelines and directions issued by RBI," it said.

This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers, the release added.

Markets regain footing as investors look beyond Patel exit, poll outcome

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices pared all early losses to end with robust gains on Tuesday as investors shrugged off Urit Patel's shock exit from the RBI amid better-than-expected tally of the BJP in state elections.

The 30-share Sensex climbed 190.29 points, or 0.54 per cent, to end at 35,150.01, after falling over 500 points intra-day. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 60.70 points, or 0.58 per cent, to 10,549.15.

The Sensex had plunged 714 points Monday in its worst session in two months on pre-poll jitters.

The opposition Congress was leading in the BJP-ruled states of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh while the TRS forged ahead in Telangana and the MNF in Mizoram, trends indicated on Tuesday.

The BJP, battling incumbency in the three Hindi heartland states, did not fare as poorly as anticipated, analysts said.

The markets had already priced in the exit poll results, which were on similar lines, they added.

The benchmark indices opened lower Tuesday while the rupee plunged following Urit Patel's unexpected resignation as RBI governor after market hours Monday.

However, buying gathered momentum in afternoon trade as investors accumulated beaten down counters.

India to see \$300 billion investment in energy: Pradhan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Barring oil and gas, all BSE sectoral indices finished in the green.

Yes Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, surging 7.29 per cent ahead of its board meet Thursday to discuss MD and CEO Rana Kapoor's successor.

Other winners included Sun Pharma, Asian Paints, SBI, Axis Bank, ITC, M&M, Kotak Bank, Coal India, TCS and ONGC, rising up to 5.75 per cent.

Top losers were Hero MotoCorp, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, L&T and HUL, falling up to 1.58 per cent.

"With regards the election results, the data is clear. Prices track earnings and fundamentals, and the impact of the political regime is related to the impact policies enforce on fundamentals and earnings," said Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management.

"One of the most critical decisions investors must make over their investing journey is to stay the course in the wake of seemingly negative and worrisome news. Today's reaction by the markets is surprising, but it's a classic 'buy the rumor, sell the news' reaction. The news was already in the market price," he pointed out.

The rupee pared some early losses after Finance Secretary A N Jha said the Government was likely to make an announcement regarding Urit Patel's successor at the central bank.

Business Corner

ASSAM RIFLES ORGANISES NATINAL INTEGREITION TOUR

An 11-day long National Integration Tour to Delhi and Agra, organised by Assam Rifles, for 26 students and 7 teachers from seven North Eastern states of India concluded on Tuesday at Shillong. It was flagged in by Lt Gen Sukhdeep Sangwan, SM, Director General Assam Rifles. The young children from the North Eastern states had the honour of meeting the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan. In addition, they also had an interactive session with Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Lt Gen Devraj Anbu, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, Vice Chief of Army Staff.



RPF BUSTS SILVER KACTEERS IN TELANGANA EXPRESS

During the checking at Ballabgarh Railway Station in train no 12723 A P Express, the team of RPF outpost Ballabgarh apprehended 3 persons in disabled coach namely Pappi alias Gola, Jagdish Prasad and Kishor of Mathura. Uttar Pradesh who were carried with 7 heavy packages in person. During interrogation they disclosed that they are carrying white Raw material metal and white metal ornaments for which they did not present any evidentiary documents. Besides they were travelling ticketless.

Venue: 9th Floor, IFCI Tower, 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110 019



A Vendors Meet was organised recently at POSOCO Corporate Centre which was inaugurated by PK Agarwal, Director (Market Operation), POSOCO. Large numbers of Vendors attended the Meet in which importance of MSMEs registration and GeM portal were explained.

IOC, HP INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR RETAIL DEALERSHIP IN J&K

PTI ■ JAMMU

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) have invited applications for retail outlet dealership in Jammu and Kashmir.

IOCL has invited applications for eight locations pertaining to Poonch district. As per an official handout, interested persons can submit their application before December 24.

The Executive Engineer, Belonia Division, PWD(R&B), Belonia, South Tripura invites e-tender against press NIT No. 11/EE(PWD)/BLN/2018-19 Dated: 28-11-2018.

For Improvement of road from Satmura Chowmuhan to Belonia Railway Station (L=2.40 km) / SH: Widening, Flat & edge soling, Metalling, Carpeting, Construction of CD, Toe wall, Road side pucca drain & other allied works / (Job No.TP/COM/26/2018-19).

- With
- Estimated cost: ₹ 2,83,87,849/-
 - Earnest Money : ₹ 2,83,878/-
 - Time of Completion-18 (eighteen) months.
 - Last Date of bidding for bids-05-01-2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.

For more details kindly visit: <https://tripuratenders.gov.in>

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tripura
Sd/-
(Er. Dilip Das)
Executive Engineer
Belonia Division, PWD(R&B)
Belonia, South Tripura.
ICA/C-1915/18

RBI's institutional capabilities very strong; not dependent on any particular individual: Niti

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Urit Patel resigned as RBI Governor, Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday said the central bank's institutional capabilities are 'very strong' and it will do whatever is required for the markets and economy.

Kumar further said although Patel has done an amazing work in the last two years as the RBI Governor, the functioning of the central bank is not dependent on any particular individual.

"RBI's institutional capabilities are very strong and they will do whatever is required for the markets and economy.

"The fact is that RBI itself is such a professional institution, and such a long-standing institution that you know, the business will continue," Kumar said on the sidelines of 'Inclusive Finance India Summit' here.

Patel, who had a run-in with the government over autonomy of the central bank, resigned from his job on Monday, citing personal reasons.

The Niti Aayog vice chairman also assured that the Government will do whatever is required to continue its business as usual.

"Patel has done an amazing work in the last two years...But RBI is not dependent on any one particular individual," Kumar said.

₹ tumbles 53 paise; RBI Gov's exit, poll results take a toll

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee staged a late rebound after plunging 110 paise in early trade on Tuesday but still ended 53 paise lower at 71.85 against the US dollar following RBI Governor Urit Patel's shock exit coupled with the loss of the ruling BJP in key state elections.

Analysts said the RBI governor's surprise resignation and the ruling BJP's loss in state elections unnerved forex traders initially but a fag-end rebound in domestic equities and dollar selling by some state-owned banks helped in the recovery of the domestic currency.

The domestic unit, which saw a heavy sell-off by plunging 110 paise in opening trade, staged a mild recovery towards the end of the session but still settled in the negative territory.

After opening lower at the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market at 72.42, the rupee clawed back to 71.67 during the day and finally settled at 71.85, down 53 paise over its previous closing price.

Govt likely to make announcement on RBI soon: Finance Secretary



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is likely to make an announcement regarding Urit Patel's successor as Reserve Bank of India's Governor later in the day, Finance Secretary AN Jha said.

RBI has been rendered headless following Patel's unexpected resignation, with immediate effect, Monday.

Patel, who is the first governor since 1990 to step down before his term ends, in a brief statement, cited "personal reasons" for the decision.

The decision to quit comes four days ahead of a crucial meeting of the board of the central bank that could have discussed issues of simmering differences with the Government.

It is expected that the board meeting may be deferred as there is no regular governor. Speaking to reporters, Jha said, some communication from the Government on RBI is expected.

Patel's three-year term was to end in September 2019,

and he was eligible for a second term like most of his successors, barring a few like his outspoken predecessor Raghuram Rajan.

A Kenyan national who acquired an Indian citizenship prior to being appointed Deputy Governor of RBI in January 2013, Oxford-trained Patel was initially seen as toeing Government line after he backed the November 2016 shock decision to overnight junk 86 per cent of the currency in circulation.

FORM G INVITATION FOR RESOLUTION PLANS (Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016) FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROSPECTIVE RESOLUTION APPLICANTS OF VTL (INDIA) LIMITED	
RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1 Name of the corporate debtor	VTL (India) Limited
2 Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	05/02/1985
3 Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, Delhi Ministry of Corporate Affairs under the Companies Act 1956
4 Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U99990DL1985PLC020062
5 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	52/124 Property No.124, Pocket-52, EPDP Colony, Chhtranjan Park Delhi 110019
6 Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	27.05.2018
7 Date of invitation of expression of interest	11.12.2018
8 Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	Details can be sought by emailing on E-Mail:vtlindia.ip@gmail.com
9 Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	As per section 29(A) and other provisions of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016 Available at the website of IBI http://ibi.gov.in/webfront/legal_framework.php
10 Last date for receipt of expression of interest	25.12.2018
11 Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	04.01.2019
12 Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	09.01.2019
13 Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	19.01.2019
14 Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	09.01.2019
15 Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	Information Memorandum shall be shared by the resolution Professional with prospective resolution Applicants(s) after obtaining a duly signed confidentiality undertaking as per provision of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 by via e-mail at Email id: vtlindia.ip@gmail.com
16 Last date for submission of resolution plans	08.02.2019
17 Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	Prospective resolution Applicants(s) may submit their plan to the resolution professional by E-mail at vtlindia.ip@gmail.com followed by the physical copy to the address of the resolution professional at: 407, Indraprastha Building, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001
18 Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	28.01.2019
19 Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Mr. Ashish Singh (IBBI/PA-002/IP-N00416/2017-18/11230)
20 Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Name: Mr. Ashish Singh Addl: Flat No. 515, Baghban Apartment, Sector - 28, Rohini, New Delhi - 110 042 Email id: ashishsinghs@gmail.com
21 Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	407, Indraprastha Building, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 Email id: vtlindia.ip@gmail.com
22 Further details are available at or with	Email id: vtlindia.ip@gmail.com
23 Date of publication of Form G	11.12.2018

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Ashish Saini S/o Subhash Chand, R/o RZH-710B, Gali No. 3, Palam Colony, Raj Nagar-2, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence FIR No. 244/18 u/s 420/120-B IPC dated 06.06.2018 at PS. Mundka, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Ashish Saini cannot be found and whereas it has been to shown to my satisfaction that the said Ashish Saini has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 CrPC is hereby made that the said Ashish Saini accused of FIR No. 244/18 u/s 420/120-B IPC dated 06.06.2018 is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 13.02.2019.

By Order
Ms. Deepika Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate (West-06)
Room No. 355, 3rd Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

6-7, Rishi Bhawan, Community Centre, Phase-1 Mayapuri Delhi-64
Tel.: 011-28115786, 28114971, 28115814, Fax: 28115786
RTGS/IFSC : Sybn009028, SWIFT : SYNBINBB152
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POSSESSION NOTICE

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **SYNDICATE BANK** Under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest, Second Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 11.12.2017 calling upon the borrower Mrs. Monika W/o Ishaan Singh R/o WP-456/1, Wazirpur Village, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi-110052, Mr. Ishaan Singh S/o Mr. Mahesh Kumar R/o WP 456/1, Wazirpur Village, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi-110052 & Surety Mrs. Alka Bali W/o Mr. Vikas Bali R/o WZ MS 86, MS Block Gurudwara, Hari Nagar, South West Delhi, New Delhi-110064, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 44,70,808.70 (Forty Four Lacs Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Eight & Seventy Paise Only)** Within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this 07.12.2018.

The borrower/guarantor particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Syndicate Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 44,70,808.70/-** and interest and charges thereon from 30.09.2018

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OWNED BY

UREM of freehold Residential Property House No. WP-456/1, Wazirpur Village, Delhi-110052 (measuring 59.97 Sq. Yards). Bounded by North: Road, South : Remaining Portion of the Property, East: Remaining Portion of the Property & West: Road Owned by Mrs. Monika W/o Mr. Ishaan Singh.

Date: 07.12.2018
Place: NEW DELHI
Authorised Officer (Syndicate Bank)

Govt. of Bihar

BIHAR STATE POWER TRANSMISSION CO. LTD., PATNA
(Regd. Office - Viduyt Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna)(Contact No- 0612-2504655, M No- 7763817701, Fax No- 0612-2504655, Email ID - ce.trans664@gmail.com)
(GST No. :- 10AAF02393H1Z1, CIN - U40102BR2012SGC018889)
(Department of Project-I of BSPTCL)

1st Tender Extension Notice for (NIT) NO.- 126/PR/BSPTCL/2018, PR No-11446
Due date for submission of bids and opening of Online tenders for NIT No.126/PR/BSPTCL/2018 for Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 06 Nos. of 50 MVA Power Transformer with construction/modification of foundation in Transmission Circle Saran, Kosi & Darbhanga under State Plan (20% Equity: 80% : Loan) on turnkey basis is extended as follows:-
Last date of online sale of Bid Document/Request of bid/bid documents up to 15.00 Hrs. on 19.12.2018
Last date of online submission of tender up to 16:00 Hrs on 19.12.2018
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid (Part-I) at 16.00 Hrs. on 20.12.2018
Date of opening of price part: To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
The tender documents are available at website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in Tender fee (Cost of BOQ) to be paid through e-payment mode only. Tender documents must be accompanied with EMD in form Bank Guarantee/ DD in favour of "Accounts Officer, BSPTCL" failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected.
Chief Engineer (Project I)

- "Bid Processing Fee is mandatory to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet Payment Gateway (Credit/Debit Card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS".
- "Bid along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-payment portal www.eproc.bihar.gov.in before the date & time specified in the NIT. The department doesn't take responsibility for the delay/ Non submission of Tender/ Non Reconciliation of online Payment caused due to Non-availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic/Holidays or any other reason".

E-tendering introduced in BSPTCL for tenders above Rs. 25 lacs.
For registration logon to www.eproc.bihar.gov.in and eProcurement Help Desk First Floor, M/22, Bank Of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001 at 0612-2523006, Mob:9939035696

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Case launches Case 1110 EX in India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Case Construction Equipment, a brand of CNH Industrial, unveiled its latest product Case 1110 EX Soil Compactor on Tuesday at the 5th Indian edition of the International Trade Fair, Bauma Conexpo. This will be available for the Indian market from 2019 onwards

The Case 1110 EX is specially designed with operator comfort in mind. With its closed HVAC cabin and a more powerful engine, the compactor is highly suitable for heavier application usage. It is a product that will cater to activities as diverse as urban construction, road building, infrastructure, and mining

To meeting domestic needs, this facility also exports to markets in the Asia Pacific region, Africa and the Middle East.

Commenting on the launch, Ajay Aneja, Brand Leader, Case construction equipment India said, "Case India is the market leader in the compactor segment and the only company to have rolled out more than 12,000 compactors from the Indian manufacturing plant. With the launch of Case 1110 EX soil compactor, we aim to strengthen our roots in the Compaction range. Case India has always endeavored to innovate and upgrade its machines from time to time and our new machine is another step in this direction as an Industry first product offering."

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over a hard line in dealing with financial institutions." The rupee pared some early losses after Finance Secretary AN Jha said the government was likely to make an announcement regarding Urjit Patel's successor at the central bank. Meanwhile, on a net basis, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) bought shares worth ₹116.22 crore on Monday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net sellers to the tune of ₹145.80 crore, provisional data available with BSE showed. Brent crude oil futures slipped below USD 60 per barrel mark, slipping 0.32% to 59.78 per barrel. Elsewhere in Asia, Korea's Kospi fell 0.04%, Japan's Nikkei dropped 0.34% while Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.07% and Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.37%. In Europe, Frankfurt's DAX jumped 0.86% and Paris' CAC 40 rose 0.84% in early deals. London's FTSE too gained 0.37%.

Wipro takes over Syfte design consulting team

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IT firm Wipro on Tuesday said it had taken over the strategic design consulting team at Syfte, an Australian agency that uses design thinking to solve client challenges. Syfte's team of designers will be absorbed within Designit — one of Wipro's strategic arms — further strengthening its design and innovation capabilities, Wipro said in a statement. The company, however, did not disclose the team size and financial details of the takeover. The move will also help Wipro further expand its reach in Australia and Asia Pacific and enhance the transformation services offered by Wipro Digital, the statement said. "Increasingly, global enterprise clients in Australia recognise that strategic design is a critical part of any digital or business transformation. By adding Syfte's skills and expertise to Designit, Wipro will be better positioned to support its clients' digital agenda," it said. Wipro Digital president Rajan Kohli said design thinking was now a part of every digital conversation that the company has with its clients. The statement said Wipro Digital and Designit serve clients from 18 global digital pods.

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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Dr Reddy's launches heartburn drug in US market

New Delhi (PTI): Dr Reddy's Laboratories on Tuesday said it had launched Omeprazole delayed-release tablets, used to treat frequent heartburn, in the US market. "Dr Reddy's Laboratories has launched Omeprazole delayed-release tablets in the strength of 20 mg, an over-the-counter (OTC) store-brand equivalent of Prilosec tablets, in the US," the company said in a BSE filing. Milan Kalawadia, Dr Reddy's Laboratories vice president and head, US OTC and Specialty Rx businesses, said this launch illustrated the company's continued commitment to the OTC business as well as the depth and breadth of its OTC portfolio.

CADILA ARM GETS USFDA NOD FOR ULCER TREATMENT INJECTION

Drug firm Cadila Healthcare on Tuesday said its subsidiary had received approval from the US health regulator to market Ranitidine injection, used to treat stomach and duodenal ulcers. Liva Pharmaceuticals, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cadila Healthcare, has received approval from the USFDA for its supplemental abbreviated new drug application, Ranitidine Injection USP, 25 mg/mL, 2 mL single dose vials and 6 mL multi-dose vials, Cadila Healthcare said.

JLR drives in updated Discovery Sport in India at ₹44.68 lakh

New Delhi (PTI): Jaguar Land Rover India on Tuesday said it had launched the latest version of its SUV Discovery Sport priced at ₹44.68 lakh (ex-showroom). Each derivative of the 2019 Discovery Sport is now furnished with fresh features that further enhance the vehicle's capability to offer the

true spirit of adventure, the company said in a statement. "With the Model Year 2019 Discovery Sport, we now offer our customers an extensive range of derivatives and enhanced powertrain options that provide efficiency and an improved driving experience," Jaguar Land Rover India president &

managing director Rohit Suri said. The SE and HSE derivatives of the model which are powered by 2.0-litre Ingenium diesel engine now get more powerful 132 kW output, while the Pure variant continues to be powered by the 110 kW output powertrain, the company said.

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SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
YESBANK	164.5	179.85	163.8	179.05	13.4
SUNPHARMA	390.6	424.8	390.6	423.8	24.8
ASIANPAINT	1,268.00	1,364.45	1,252.15	1,322.85	48.65
KOTAKBANK	1,189.00	1,239.00	1,171.00	1,239.00	40.00
BAJAJFINSV	5,643.00	5,870.00	5,623.10	5,870.00	176.05
SBN	268.35	283.25	268.35	281.75	7.55
TITAN	899	936.95	894.15	931.6	24.5
ZEE	463.7	482.5	463.35	478.5	12.35
JSWSTEEL	287.9	303.15	286.3	301.7	7.6
ULTRACEMCO	3,749.00	3,896.00	3,725.05	3,873.70	97.15
AXISBANK	581	616.65	580.5	603.9	13.6
HCLTECH	941	965.15	930.7	960	18
M&M	699.9	729.9	694	722.35	11.8
CIPLA	503	523.95	503	521.05	8.5
ITC	268.4	276.05	268.2	274.9	4.45
BAJFINANCE	2,360.00	2,415.05	2,332.10	2,432.00	36.45
COALINDIA	233.75	244.05	233.75	241.3	3.15
ONGC	136	138.95	134.75	138.9	1.8
DRREDDY	2,668.50	2,749.95	2,666.10	2,725.00	34.55
GRASIM	784	804.95	775	800.15	9.75
TECHM	690	708.9	685	706	8.1
NTPC	134.05	138.05	134.05	137.7	1.5
TCS	1,970.00	2,010.00	1,961.00	1,997.05	21.25
IBULHSGFIN	669.2	711.4	665.05	693.85	7.25
EICHERMOT	22,011.00	22,766.05	21,800.00	22,600.00	195.15
VEDL	191.9	195	190.05	194	14.5
TATAMOTORS	155	159.5	154.65	158.25	11.5
RELIANCE	1,066.00	1,102.10	1,055.00	1,098.00	7.75
WIPRO	325.4	333.8	324.8	328.85	2.25
INFRAEEL	247.7	257.25	246	252	1.65
INFY	669.2	681.9	660.6	673.25	4.05
UPL	740	751	731.2	750	3.45
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,710.00	2,760.00	2,685.00	2,737.75	12.65
POWERGRID	177.8	181.3	177.15	180	0.7
GAIL	330.2	335.45	329.7	332.85	0.8
INDUSINDBK	1,476.75	1,564.75	1,475.00	1,556.75	2.3
HEROMOTOCO	3,010.00	3,062.50	2,982.00	3,049.70	3.2
TATASTEEL	495.6	503.7	486.15	503	0.15
INDIANLVR	1,781.00	1,819.90	1,770.10	1,795.70	-0.1
HDFC	1,878.00	1,912.65	1,855.25	1,904.00	-2.5
IT	1,358.00	1,369.85	1,343.65	1,363.25	-4.5
MARUTI	7,240.50	7,346.00	7,215.55	7,305.00	-45.5
HINDALCO	215	218.45	214	216.4	-1.5
ADANIPORTS	347	363.55	347	353.55	-3.65
ICICIBANK	337.4	345	336	342.6	-3.75
BPCL	326	330	321.6	326	-4.25
HDFCBANK	2,056.00	2,071.30	2,032.00	2,056.15	-32.68HAR
TARTL	288	294.4	282	290.2	-4.75
IOC	134	134	129.55	132	-2.35
HINDPETRO	225.8	226.4	217.2	219.9	-6.8

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SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
SRTRANSFIN	1,070.10	1,164.85	1,067.85	1,142.40	51.15
LICHSGFIN	413	440.7	407.7	437.3	17.45
HAVELLS	600	696.45	600	691.4	25.35
ABCAPITAL	92.7	98.9	92.65	98.5	3.6
MARICO	347	365.35	346.85	359	12.75
ICICI	832.65	899	830.75	890	31.6
ASHOKLEY	98.75	104.3	98.4	104.05	3.6
AMBUJACEM	200.25	215.7	200.25	212.1	7.2
DLF	164	172.9	163	172.58	5.8
BOSCHLTD	18,449.95	19,226.85	18,425.00	19,102.00	618.15
BHEL	62.05	65.5	61.7	64.95	2
IDEA	32.65	35.45	32	34.05	1.05
RIICOON	499.5	634.2	604.4	629	18.4
COLPAL	1,190.00	1,278.00	1,190.00	1,239.00	36.05
MRF	63,666.00	65,500.00	63,666.00	66,290.00	1,925.40
LUPIN	803	842	802.3	836	23.25
DMART	1,499.70	1,550.00	1,491.30	1,550.00	39.8
BANKBARODA	103.3	110	103.3	108.7	2.75
L&T	130.65	138.35	130.65	137	3.15
PEL	2,010.00	2,117.95	2,010.00	2,088.00	45.4
INDIGO	981.05	1,031.85	981.05	1,026.00	21.45
OFFSH	3,421.00	3,545.00	3,421.00	3,544.95	69.95
DABUR	396.25	416.3	396	412.25	6.65
CADILAH	337.1	348	336.15	345.55	5.15
SAIL	49.1	51.15	49	50.8	0.75
HINDZINC	265.6	275	265.6	274	4
REL	76.5	79.8	75	78.75	1.1
ACC	1,385.00	1,439.85	1,385.00	1,431.75	19.95
PNGH	9,499.00	9,742.00	9,411.05	9,602.00	109.75
NACL	192	199.9	192	198.1	2.1
GOODREJCP	730	765	728.25	745.2	7.4
SIEMENS	912	954	910.35	935.25	8.1
GICRE	269.05	275	268.55	275.25	2.15
BRITANNIA	2,970.00	3,009.90	2,940.00	3,000.00	19.35
OIL	171.95	174.7	171	174	0.65
AUROPHARMA	722	743	721	736	2.7
ABB	1,389.75	1,418.75	1,380.00	1,400.00	3.25
MOTHERSUMI	149.45	151.45	147.05	149.9	0.25
SHREECEM	15,900.00	16,124.00	15,805.15	16,038.95	17.25
PIDILITIND	1,119.00	1,136.90	1,105.25	1,123.75	0.7
NHPC	25.9	26.3	25.9	26.15	0
ICICIPRULI	301.2	310.4	301.2	306.55	-0.65
SKFINDIA	556.15	565.95	556.15	560.95	-1.5
NMDC	90.05	91.8	88.6	91.25	-0.3
HDFCLIFE	380	388.95	379.95	384	-
13PETRONET	207	208.65	203.4	207.2	-1.25
CONCOR	649.7	670.1	649	659.75	-4.3
MCDOWELL-N	612.5	624	606.25	614.5	-8.35
BANDHANBNK	462	476	462	465.5	-1.45
SUNTV	566	579.5	552.85	560.5	-15.55

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Script	Traded	Last Price	Abs Change	Change %	COLPAL	1241	39	3.24	HEIDELBERG	152.4	5.05	3.43	JUBILANT	753.85	19.7	2.68	NIACL	196	0.85	0.44
CONCOR	660	-2.85	-0.43	HDFC	152.7	2.45	1.63	KOTAKBANK	132	3.75	2.92	4.96	KOTAKBANK	1218.5	20.35	1.7	ONGC	139.05	1.8	1.31
COROMANDEL	406.05	0.05	0.01	HEROMOTOCO	2994	-48.1	-1.58	JYOTHYLAB	182.15	0.15	0.08	NLCINDIA	68.2	-1.55	-2.22	NILKAMAL	1460	-4.8	-0.33	
SKMILES	155.15	-8.15	-4.99	CORPBANK	27.45	2.45	9.8	HEXAWARE	331.15	13.2	4.15	HEROMOTOCO	91.2	-0.1	-0.11	NMDC	91.2	-0.1	-0.11	
AARTIND	1414	25.2	1.81	CRISIL	1510	15.05	1.01	HEXAWARE	18.7	0.3	1.63	KAJARIACER	443.6	18.55	4.36	NMDC	91.2	-0.1	-0.11	
ABB	1400	3	0.21	CROMPTON	221	5.05	-2.34	HIMATSEIDE	207	-0.85	-0.41	KALPATPOWER	350.05	11.75	3.47	NOCIL	165.8	6.05	3.79	
ABBOTINDIA	7349.15	-47.5	-0.64	CUB	176	4.8	2.8	HINDALCO	216.25	-1.35	-0.62	KANSAINER	458.1	24.8	5.72	NTPC	137.6	1.3	0.95	
ABCAPITAL	98.15	3.05	3.21	CUMMINSIND	781.2	9.05	1.17	HINDCOPPER	46.2	0.7	1.54	KEC	280.5	8.25	3.03	OBEROIRLTY	449.95	-10.25	-2.23	
ABFRL	183.75	3.5	1.94	CYIENT	617	-0.55	-0.09	HINDPETRO	220.35	-6.2	-2.74	KEI	360	-6.3	-1.72	OFFS	3540	62.1	1.79	
ACC	1435	24.5	1.74	DABUR	412.1	7.5	1.85	HINDUNILVR	1795.2	-1.9	-0.11	KIOCL	148.8	10.75	7.79	OIL	174	0.45	0.26	
ADANIPORTS	355.8	-3.55	-0.99	DBCORP	175.9	5	2.93	HINDZINC	273.7	4	1.48	KNRCON	190.2	0.9	0.48	OMAXE	212	0.55	0.26	
ADANIPOWER	50.95	1.95	3.98	DBL	439.3	5.6	1.29	HONAUT	22755	105.1	0.46	KOTAKBANK	1218.5	20.35	1.7	ONGC	139.05	1.8	1.31	
ADANITRANS	209.9	-0.2	-0.1	DCBBANK	152.7	2.45	1.63	HSC	132	3.75	2.92	KPIT	212.05	2.75	1.31	ORIENTBANK	83.75	1.6	1.91	
ADENSYZMES	173.05	6.5	3.9	DCMSHRIRAM	355.2	-3.7	-1.03	HSIL	195	-2.2	-1.12	KPRMILL	561	-8.65	-1.52	ORIENTCEM	76.75	0.75	0.99	
AEVIGSLOG	204.1	-1.7	-0.83	DEEPAKFERT	142	3.9	2.82	HUDDCO	41.1	0.85	2.11	KRBL	292	6.55						

May meets Merkel in bid to save Brexit deal

Berlin: Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday met German Chancellor Angela Merkel here as part of a whistle-stop tour to meet European leaders in an attempt to salvage her Brexit deal, a day after postponing a parliamentary vote on it in the face of overwhelming opposition.

May met fellow conservative politician Merkel in the German capital having travelled from the Hague, where she had a breakfast meeting with her Dutch counterpart Mark Rutte to seek "further assurances" that the Northern Irish backstop would never come into force, though No 10 warned a rapid breakthrough was unlikely.

Head of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and European Council President Donald Tusk have already said the draft Brexit deal would not be subject to renegotiation but said they were open to give further clarifications on it.

May was due to meet the two top officials later in the day

British MPs to vote on Brexit deal 'before January 21'

London: British Prime Minister Theresa May will let MPs vote on her Brexit deal before January 21, her spokesman said on Tuesday, after the initial vote was pulled in Brussels.

"We will not renegotiate the deal, including the backstop," Tusk earlier tweeted, referring to the contested clause in the deal relating to Northern Ireland.

UK Work and Pensions Secretary Amber Rudd said further talks with Brussels would focus on the Brexit "backstop" on the Irish border, which May earlier admitted had caused MPs "widespread and deep concern".

Conservative Party leader May said on Monday that the decision to delay the vote was made after it became clear she would lose it "by a significant margin".

According to the Guardian, Downing Street said the vote could be delayed till January, that reduces the time available to pass the necessary legislation to complete the UK's departure.

A government spokesperson said that May will put her Brexit deal to a vote in the lower house of Parliament before January 21.

Dozens of Conservative MPs had been planning to join forces with the Labour Party, the Scottish National Party, the Liberal Democrats, Plaid Cymru and the Democratic Unionist Party to vote down May's deal, reports said. IANS

Death toll in suicide attack near Kabul jumps to 12

AFP ■ KABUL

The death toll from a suicide bombing targeting a security forces convoy outside Kabul on early Tuesday jumped to 12, officials said, with eight civilians killed in the latest Taliban-claimed attack near the Afghan capital.

The car bomb follows a wave of deadly violence against Afghan forces across a year in which insurgents have inflicted record-high casualties on security personnel in the war-torn country.

"Twelve people including four members of the security forces were killed," ministry of interior deputy spokesman Nasrat Rahimi told AFP.

Kabul police confirmed the casualties, adding that women and children were among the dead.

The blast took place in Paghman district west of Kabul as the convoy was returning from an overnight operation, interior ministry spokesman Najib Danish told AFP.

The ministry of interior and a separate security official requesting anonymity confirmed the assailant had used a car bomb to target the convoy.

Afghan security forces, beset by killings and desertions, have been struggling to beat back insurgents from Islamic State as well as the Taliban since US-led NATO mostly left them on their own three years ago.

In November President Ashraf Ghani said nearly 30,000 Afghan soldiers and police officers have been killed since 2015 — a figure far higher than anything previously acknowledged.

Earlier this month, Lieutenant General Kenneth McKenzie — who has been nominated to lead the US military's Central Command — said the death rate among Afghan forces will no longer be sustainable unless urgent measures are taken to address recruiting and training issues.

US adds Pak, China to its blacklist for religious freedom violations

Washington: The Trump Administration on Tuesday designated Pakistan, China, Saudi Arabia and seven other countries of particular concern for having engaged in or tolerated "systematic, ongoing and egregious violations of religious freedom."

Simultaneously, the Trump Administration also designated al-Nusra Front, al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, al-Qaeda, al-Shabab, Boko Haram, the Houthis, ISIS, ISIS-Khorasan, and the Taliban as Entities of Particular Concern.

"On November 28, 2018, I designated Burma (Myanmar), China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Pakistan, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan, as Countries of Particular Concern under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 for having engaged in or tolerated "systematic, ongoing, (and) egregious violations of religious freedom," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Tuesday.

"I also placed Comoros, Russia, and Uzbekistan on a Special Watch List for Governments that have engaged in or tolerated 'severe violations of religious freedom,'" Pompeo said in a statement.

Observing that in far too many places across the globe, individuals continue to face harassment, arrests, or even death for simply living their lives in accordance with their beliefs, Pompeo asserted that the US will not stand by as spectators in the face of such oppression.

Protecting and promoting international religious freedom is a top foreign policy priority of the Trump Administration, he said. "In July, I hosted the first-ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, which brought together some 85 like-minded governments and more than 400 civil society organizations to harness global attention and motivate forceful action to advance respect for the human right of religious freedom," he added. PTI

GLOBE TROTTER

THAILAND TO HOLD ELECTIONS ON FEB 24
Bangkok: Thailand's ruling military junta on Tuesday approved lifting of the ban on political activities it had imposed after taking power in a coup in 2014, clearing the way for an election to be held on February 24 next year.

SPORTS A UNIFYING TOOL FOR CLIMATE ACTION
Katowice (Poland): As nearly 200 countries entered the second week of their crucial climate negotiations here, the sports sector and the UN Climate Change on Tuesday jointly launched the Sports for Climate Action Framework to drive climate awareness and action.

EX-NISSAN CHAIRMAN'S JAIL TIME EXTENDED
Tokyo: Former Nissan Motor chairman Carlos Ghosn will remain in jail until at least December 20 without the possibility of bail under a Tokyo District Court decision on Tuesday.

INDIA'S ROLE CRUCIAL FOR AFGHAN PEACE: PAK
Islamabad: Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said that India's cooperation would be needed for bringing peace to war-torn Afghanistan.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age : 64 years approx., Height : 5'3", Complexion : Wheatish, Wearing: White colour shirt, black colour underwear & red colour towel** has been found at H.No.88, Shiv Park, Gali No. 5, Nangloi, Delhi on 25.11.2018. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 10-A dated 25.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Nangloi, Delhi.

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

SHO : P.S. Nangloi, Delhi Outer Distt, Delhi DP/1705/OD/18 Ph. 011-25947225, 25949470

China introduces credit-based security check for air passengers

Hong Kong: The airport in Shenzhen city, one of the tech hubs in China, has introduced a new system under which passengers with good safety credit scores will be able to clear security faster, state broadcaster CCTV reported on Tuesday.

The system was a part of the Civil Aviation Administration of China's attempt to improve the service.

The Shenzhen International Airport will now classify passengers according to their social credit scores and divert them to different channels of security checks, Efe news reported citing the Chinese media.

A pilot programme of the system was launched in May at the airport, from where around 30 airlines operate on a daily basis. Close to 100,000 passengers tested the service then. IANS

Iran confirms recent missile test amid Western criticism

Tehran: Iran confirmed on Tuesday that it had carried out a recent missile test after Western powers sharply criticised a December 1 launch of medium-range ballistic missiles.

"We are continuing our missile tests and this recent one was a significant test," the Fars news agency reported, citing Revolutionary Guards aerospace commander Brigadier General Amirali Hajizadeh. "The US reaction showed that it was a big thing for them and that it upset them," Hajizadeh said, adding that Iran carried out between 40 and 50 missile tests a year.

He said the test had put Washington "under pressure", Fars reported. Iran reined in most of its nuclear programme under a landmark 2015 deal with major powers, but has continued to develop its ballistic missile technology.

A UN Security Council resolution adopted after the agreement calls on Iran to refrain from testing missiles capable of carrying a nuclear weapon, but does not specifically bar Tehran from missile launches.

The Security Council convened at the request of Britain and France on December 4 to discuss the latest test, which both governments described as "provocative" and "inconsistent" with Resolution 2231.AFP

Russian fighter jets in Venezuela raise tensions between Kremlin, US

Caracas: Tensions between Kremlin and the US on Tuesday continued to rise as two Russian bombers capable of carrying nuclear weapons landed in Venezuela in a show of support for the government of socialist President Nicolás Maduro.

The long-range strategic bombers landed at Simón Bolívar Airport outside of the Venezuelan capital on Monday along with two other Russian planes. A pair of jets also visited in 2013.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the move amounted to "two corrupt governments squandering public funds and squelching liberty and freedom while their people suffer", while the Russian government, in response on Tuesday, called his words "completely inappropriate", the BBC reported.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said the claims were completely inappropriate and not very diplomatic. IANS

New bug forces Alphabet to expedite Google+ API shutdown

San Francisco: Google's parent company Alphabet has announced to expedite the shutdown of the consumer version of its social networking platform Google+ and its APIs (application programming interfaces) after it discovered a new bug that impacted users' data.

"With the discovery of this new bug, we have decided to expedite the shutdown of all Google+ APIs; this will occur within the next 90 days.

"In addition, we have also decided to accelerate the sunset of consumer Google+ from August 2019 to April 2019. While we recognise there are implications for developers, we want to ensure the protection of our users," David Thacker, Vice President, Product Management, G. Suite, said in a statement late Monday. IANS

NASA probe finds water on asteroid Benu

Washington: NASA's first spacecraft sent to collect sample from an asteroid has found water locked inside asteroid Benu — a remnant from early in the formation of the solar system.

Launched in September 2016, the Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) mission will help scientists investigate how planets formed and how life began, as well as improve our understanding of asteroids that could impact Earth.

Spectral observations made by the spacecraft's two spectrometers, the OSIRIS-REx Visible and Infrared Spectrometer (OVIRS) and the OSIRIS-REx Thermal Emission Spectrometer (OTES) revealed the presence of molecules that contain oxygen and hydrogen atoms bonded together, known as "hydroxyls".

These hydroxyl groups exist globally across the asteroid in water-bearing clay minerals, meaning that at some point Benu's rocky material interacted with water.

While Benu itself is too small to have ever hosted liquid water, the finding does indicate that liquid water was present at some time on Benu's parent body, a much larger asteroid, NASA said in a statement on Monday.

"The presence of hydrated minerals across the asteroid confirms that Benu, a remnant from early in the formation of the solar system, is an excellent specimen for the OSIRIS-REx mission to study the composition of primitive volatiles and organics," said Amy Simon from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. IANS

FORM-G Invitation of Resolution Plans (Under sub-regulation (5) of regulation 36A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)	
RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1. Name of the corporate debtor	M/s. Earth Iconic Infrastructures Private Limited.
2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	13th September, 2011
3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated/registered	Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Registrar of Companies (Roc)- Delhi & Haryana
4. Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	UJ2002DL1011PT225302
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	B-100, Second Floor, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-1 Delhi South West Delhi-110028
6. Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	20 April, 2018 (As per order dated 20.04.2018 of NCLT, New Delhi in Company Petition No. (IB)-16(PB)/2017
7. Date of invitation of expression of interest.	12.12.2018
8. Eligibility for resolution applicants (RA) under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	As mentioned in Request for Resolution plan (RFRP), it will be sent by mail to RA
9. Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	As mentioned in Request for Resolution plan (RFRP), it will be sent by mail to RA
10. Last date for receipt of expression of interest	11.01.2019
11. Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	21.01.2019
12. Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	26.01.2019
13. Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	05.02.2019
14. Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	26.01.2019
15. Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan (RFRP), evaluation matrix (EM), information memorandum (IM) and further information	Prospective resolution applicant shall be provided copy of RFRP/EM/IM Electronically on submission of Non-Disclosure Undertaking Rs.25,000 towards interest free deposit
16. Last date for submission of resolution plans	25.02.2019 before 6 PM
17. Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	Resolution plan to be submitted in sealed envelope to Resolution Professional at below mentioned address.
18. Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	27.03.2019
19. Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Yogesh Kumar Gupta IBBI/PA-03/JP/NO0078/2017-18/10701
20. Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Yogesh Kumar Gupta C-17B, Basement Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 ykgupta64@yahoo.co.in Yogeshguptair@gmail.com
21. Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Same as at S.No 20
22. Further Details are available at or with	Yogesh Kumar Gupta RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL C-17B, Basement Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 ykgupta64@yahoo.co.in.
23. Date of publication of Form G	12.12.2018

YOGESH KUMAR GUPTA
 IBBI/PA-03/JP/NO0078/2017-18/10701
 C-17B, Basement, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019
 For Earth Iconic Infrastructures Pvt Ltd

Date : 12.12.2018
 Place : New Delhi

OFFICE OF THE PROJECT MANAGER CONSTRUCTION UNIT
UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM, COLLECTORATE COMPOUND,
RUDRAPUR, DISTT. -UDHAM SINGH NAGAR

Letter no. 1863 / Nivida/214 Date: 10.12.2018

e-Tender Notice

1. Name of the Work :- REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORKS AT I.T.I. GULARBHOJ (UDHAM SINGH NAGAR).
 Rs. 20.00 Lakh

2. Estimated Cost :- 20.00 Lakh

3. Period of Completion :- 03 Month

4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 11.12.2018 (16.00 hrs)

5. Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal :- 27.12.2018 (17.00 hrs)

6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 29.12.2018 (12.00 hrs)

7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid :- Er. Om Prakash, Collectorate Compound, Rudrapur (Udham Singh Nagar).

8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 15.12.2018 (13.00 hrs) Rudrapur

9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

Project Manager

Notice Inviting Tender

The Executive Engineer (Elect.), North East & Shahdara/M-251, 4th Floor, MSO Building, New Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India, online item rate tender from

A. Approved and eligible registered contractors in appropriate class of CPWD in "Composite" category or OEM/OEA of Repiscan Ltd. OR

B. Those of appropriate list of MES, BSNL and other State Govt. Departments dealing with buildings and roads and other experienced contractors who satisfy the criteria of execution of similar works i.e. 03 No. works each value not less than 40% of estimated cost put to tender or 02 No. works each of value not less than 60% of estimated cost put to tender or 01 No. work of value not less than 80% of the estimated cost put to tender in the last 7 years Similar work means "Comprehensive Maintenance of access control system or X-ray baggage inspection system"

NIT No:- 139/EE (E)/PWD North East & Shahdara/2018-19. Name of work:- RMO various E & M services installed at Karkardooma court Delhi. (SH:- Comprehensive Maintenance of X-ray baggage inspection system)

Estimated Cost:- Rs. 21,58,170/- Earnest Money Deposit:- Rs. 43,163/-. Period of Completion:- 30 Months Last time and date of submission of Bid: 22-12-2018 at 3.00 p.m.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> at I.D. No. 2018_PWD_163401_1

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank
ICICI Bank Limited

Registered office: ICICI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390 007.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400051
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi -110055

Whereas
 A housing loan facility was granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor, which term shall include its successors and assigns) and the borrower & co-borrower, mentioned below ("Borrower(s)", which term shall include his/ its/ their respective [successors, assigns, heirs].
 The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Secured Creditor ("Authorized Officer") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ("Rules") has issued demand notices under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers / co-borrowers mentioned below to repay the amount payable pursuant to the loan agreement and as specifically mentioned in the said respective demand notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.
 The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of possession of the properties are as mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Neelam Gupta/ Priyanshu Gulhare / LBDEL00001527660	496, Pocket H, Sector Alpha II, Greater Noida Except one Room / 05-12-2018	27-Aug-2011 / Rs.1998328/-	Noida
2.	Gulati Retail India Ltd / Manmohan Singh Gulati / Gulati Export House / Prithpal Singh Gulati / Amanjyoti Singh Gulati / Rajpreet Kaur Gulati / LBGUR00001494807	Shop no. DGL – 020, DLF Galleria, Mayur Vihar, Delhi / 08-12-2018	February 28, 2014 / Rs.2,85,38,085/-	Delhi

The Borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is/ are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Secured Property and any dealings with the Secured Property will be subject to the charge of the Secured Creditor for the amounts mentioned in the demand notices and further interest & cost thereon. Please note that no further notice will be issued.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Secured Creditor

Date : 12-12-2018
 Place: Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Priya Tripathi, D/o Sanjay Tripathi, R/o: F-2/13, Mangol Puri, Delhi, Age: 16 years, Height: 4'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, wearing Linedar Orange T-Shirt, Blue Jeans and Sandal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Mangolpuri since 09.11.2018. In this regard a FIR No. 1052/18 U/S 363 IPC, dated 11.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
 Fax: 011-24368639
 Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi DP/1644/OD/18 Ph. 011-27921168, 27922186

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



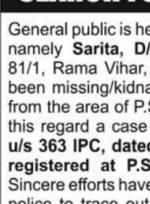
General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely : Roshni D/o Mohar Singh R/o B-51, Bhutoo wali Gali, Shiv Park, Nangloi, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 18.11.2018 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 457/18 u/s 363 IPC dated 20.11.2018 has been registered at Police Station Nangloi, Delhi. Her physical description is as under :-**

Age : 16 Years. Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 4'10", Face : Round, Wearing : Green colour Suit-Salwar and chappale in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this Missing/Kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Nangloi, Delhi at E-mail ld-cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO P.S. Nangloi, Delhi Outer Distt., Delhi DP/1651/OD/18 Ph. 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph. No. 011-25947225, 25949470

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Sarita, D/o Bindeshwar, R/o E-81/1, Rama Vihar, Aman Vihar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 17.11.2018 from the area of P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 1160/18 u/s 363 IPC, dated 18.11.2018 has been registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under:**

Name: Sarita, Gender: Female, Age: 16 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Wearing: Sky Blue colour Suit, Yellow colour Salwar and Purple & White colour Sweater.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped girl, kindly inform SHO/Aman Vihar, Delhi.

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 Fax : 011-24368639

SHO P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi DP/1649/OD/18 Ph. No. : 011-27581559, 27581223

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Komal Bano, D/o: MD. Islam, R/o: H.No. A-59, Hari Singh Park, Multan Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 18.11.2018 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi. In this regard FIR No.665/18, u/s 363 IPC dated 18.11.2018 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out this missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:**

Name: Komal Bano, Age: 17 Years 3 month, Height: 4'9", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Grey Suit-Salwar and Hawal Chappal.

If anyone has any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi.

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SHO Police Station, Paschim Vihar, Delhi DP/1663/OD/18 Ph.011-25263471, 25267286



ENTREPRENEURS OF IMPACT

Business & social entrepreneurship can channel the energy of the Indian youth to solve complex challenges, says NIKHIL JOHN

China and India are two of the fastest growing large economies in the world. The fact that in the next couple of decades, India will have a large portion of its population joining the working age group, the 'demographic dividend', is often touted as a huge fillip to economic growth particularly relative to China, which has the fastest aging population.

One million Indians enter the workforce every month, but with insufficient jobs to channel their talent toward productive activity, the predicted economic growth will fail to materialise. Although India's infrastructure has struggled to keep up with the heightened pace of economic activity post-market liberalisation, which has exacerbated India's socio-economic and environmental problems, social entrepreneurship can channel the energy of India's youth to solve her complex challenges.

Over the last decade, the Government of India has had several new initiatives to support entrepreneurship. The Start-up India initiative (January 2016) provides mentoring, access to funds, knowledge support, and has set up research centres and incubation centres across India. There have been large efforts to build an ecosystem to support entrepreneurs like providing legal support, fast-tracking IP

applications, thousands of crores in funding earmarked for start-ups, credit guarantees, tax exemptions, hundreds of incubators and start-up competitions.

Before the Start-up India initiative, there were only four states with start-up policies, while now with Manipur and Meghalaya in August, and most recently Goa in September, there are over 18 states with start-up policies and initiatives. Maharashtra launched one of the largest initiatives in May with the aim to open 15 incubators, attract ₹5,000 crore in investments, and create 500,000 jobs via 10,000 start-ups over five years.

In terms of the Global Entrepreneurship Development Index (GEDI), although India's score has increased from 23 in 2010, to 24.9, 25.8 and 28.4 in 2016 to 2018, we rank right in the middle at 68 out of 137 countries. There are also large gains to be had in technology absorption because for the past two years, technology absorption has been our lowest component of the index. Therefore, deep science and technology-based entrepreneurship remains a critically unused tool to address India's complex problems.

Innovation is critical for a solution to be scalable and achieve impact. You may be able to mobilise thousands to clean the trash in one particular locality over a weekend. But trash will build

LACK OF BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE SOCIAL & DEVELOPMENT SECTOR CREATES A GAP BETWEEN THE LAB & THE MARKET AS THE INNOVATIONS REMAIN TRAPPED IN THE LABS DESPITE THEIR TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL

up again without building a solution which makes it easier to segregate waste at source, incentivises compliance, penalises non-compliance through a business model built around a solution that can implemented at scale.

The type of scale required to make a dent in any of the complex challenges facing India will necessarily require a technological intervention. Across our much vaunted science and technology-focused academic institutions like the IISc, IITs, NITs, and AIIMS, and our lauded research institutes under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), and others, innovative technologies are constantly developed that could potentially help solve India's complex problems.

However, many of these innovations remain in the lab as prototypes and don't even reach pilot stage, much less commercialisation. This is because, apart from the few outliers/unique cases, the innovators behind the R&D may not have the inclination or risk appetite to turn into an entrepreneur and take these technologies to market.

Lack of risk capital and other enablers makes it difficult for anyone to take the business and career risk.

In the commercial world, corporations do have an interest in licensing promising technologies and patents and use their own internal R&D and product management competence to ensure a lab to market transition.

However, lack of business entrepreneurship in the social/development sector creates a huge gap between the lab and market as the deep science and technology innovations remain trapped in the labs, despite their tremendous potential.

Programmes like Entrepreneurs for Impact (E4I) helps to unlock this potential and support early-stage start-ups to solve India's complex socio-economic and environmental challenges through the power of entrepreneurship and innovation. The E4I programme, which is a 12-month immersive fellowship funded by Tata Trusts, equips passionate entrepreneurs-in-the-making to leverage India's deep science, innovation and entrepreneurship environment to build social enterprises. Entrepreneurs and innovators are encouraged to create co-founding teams and are provided appropriate resources to build start-ups that solve some of India's most critical social, economic and environmental challenges.

The writer is lead, Entrepreneurs For Impact Programme, Social Alpha

QUOTE OF THE DAY

There was a time when bright people had few prospects for higher education and good jobs here. But that is changing. India is no longer seen as an undesirable place to work or pursue research

— Shashi Tharoor

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The Delhi Paramedical and management Institute (DPMI) announces the commencement of admissions for its one-year full-time Diploma in Front Office Operations (DFO); Food and Beverage (DFB), and House Keeping (DHK).

Admissions OPEN

Hotel management catering technology & tourism is the fastest growing industry in the world, with a potential that is limitless. Larger hotels often have management teams, instead of individual managers, where each member of the group specialises in a certain area. Hotel industry is an ideal field for students having a liking for interacting with people.

Eligibility: Those, who have recently passed 10+2 from any recognised board and want to work in hotel management industry, can enroll for these courses.

How to Apply: The application forms & brochure may be obtained from admission office of Delhi Paramedical & Management Institute, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

Deadline: December 25, 2018. For more details, log on to www.dpmiindia.com.

Mechatronic & Robotic

The University of Sheffield, UK, is inviting applications for Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering with a year in industry BEng course starting in September 2019. This course will give students a firm understanding of the principles of mechatronics and robotics.

Students will learn how to design, analyse and test transforming robots, autonomous vehicles and other complex electro-mechanical systems and boost their career prospects by spending a year in industry. Students pay reduced fees to the university for that year and they can earn a salary.

Students will also be shown how to control robotic systems using modern microprocessor technology. They can also explore advanced concepts including manufacturing systems, noise and vibration control, spacecraft systems and robot technology.

The work placement will put their learning into context. At the end of the second year, students may choose to transfer to the four-year MEng course.

Eligibility: Eighty per cent marks in Class XII. International students need overall IELTS grade of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component, or an equivalent English language qualification.

Fee: £22600 per year.

Scholarships: The university offers 50 International Undergraduate Merit Scholarships in 2019. The scholarships are competitive awards worth 50 per cent of the tuition fee for an undergraduate degree programme starting in September 2019 for new international (non-EU) students who meet the eligibility criteria.

Deadline: The UCAS deadline for the course is 30th of June 2019. For more information, email at adacase@sheffield.ac.uk and log on to <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/acse/undergraduates>

Conference on alternate education

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The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) is organising 10th School Choice National Conference (SCNC), a day-long conference dedicated to Alternative Education(s): Philosophy, Practice & Policy. Scheduled to be held on December 14, 2018 from 10 am to 6 pm at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, the conference will conclude with the screening and award ceremony of EduDoc—International Short Film Competition.

Dr Sugata Mitra, professor at Newcastle University, UK & Ted Prize winner will deliver the keynote speech at the conference followed by three sessions focusing on a specific aspect of the larger theme. The conference will be attended by 200 participants and include thematic sessions on the philosophy and practice of alternate education in India, as well as the policy framework for such models of learning.

Other prominent speakers include Anil Swarup, former secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India; Padma Shri Geeta Dharmarajan, founder, Katha; Gitanjali JB co-founder, Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh; Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, professor, Education & International Development at the Institute of Education, London University; Vidhi Jain, co-founder, Shikshantar; Anju Musafir, founder, Mahatma Gandhi International School; Supriya Joshi, founder member, Swashikshan: Indian Association of Homeschoolers; Ajay Kumar Singh, associate professor, Centre for Education, Innovation & Action Research, TISS and Neeraja Raghavan, founder-director, Thinking Teacher.

Meet on power safety

A national conference on Quality Guidelines and Power Safety was held recently at Vellore Institute of Technology campus. This two-week conference was a part of Electrical Safety Weeks inaugurated by AP Dwivedi, chairman, south zone Quality Estimation Centre, Chennai.

While addressing the conference, Dwivedi, who is also a renowned scientist in the areas of quality estimation and safety, pointed out that consumption of water and food was increasing among the people and it is important to know their quality and safety levels. The guidelines were given to laboratories to ascertain the quality of products made in industries. It would be possible to learn about the new technologies likely to be known through the proceedings of the conference towards ensuring quality norms are adhered to.

Organised by the School of Advanced Sciences and School of Electrical Engineering of VIT, Professor S Sivabalan, dean, School of Electrical Engineering welcomed the gathering. Professor Anand A Samuel, VC of VIT, presided over the function.

SR Venkatapathy of ISI, Bengaluru and Srikanth Chandrasekaran, senior director, quality and technology at Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Bengaluru, were guests of honour on the occasion. Dr A Mary Saral, dean, School of Advanced Sciences, and professors Vivekanandan, S Venkatesh, Sai Saraswathi and others took part.



Dignitaries present on the dais at the National Conference at VIT

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The annual All India Women's Badminton Tournament is all set to take place on December 13 at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT). The south zone Inter-University Women's Badminton tournament witnessed players from 82 universities from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telengana, Kerala, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu, representing the South zone.

The top four teams — Jain University, Kozhikode; Kozhikode University; Andhra University and SRM University — were selected to take part in the All India Women's Badminton Tournament. Similarly, the other teams also competed from East, West and North zones.

Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur; Ranchi University; Guwahati University



and Dibrugarh University, Assam participated from East zone whereas Mumbai University, Savitri Bhai Phule University, Pune; Devi Ahalyabai University, Indore and Maharashtra University Nashik represented the West zone. The North zone universities participating in the all India tournament include Delhi University, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjabi University, Patiala and MD University, Rohtak, Haryana.

Environment exposition

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The Mad About Series brings to you Mad About Environment Exposition (MAE) which is scheduled to be held on December 14 from 9.30 am to 4 pm at the Shri Ram School, Vasant Vihar. The Mad About Series is an annual event that showcases learnings through the year on a particular theme.

This event is the joint efforts of the Shri community — the PTA and the school. Scheduled over the course of a day, the Mad About Environment event aims to create awareness, provide alternatives and pave way for sustainable living which is the need of the hour.

The event promises a take away for anyone attending it, through speakers pavilion featuring eminent speakers, innovations platform and fun filled hands-on workshops for all. A captivating photo exhibit space, dazzling performances by students, stalls by NGOs and organisations working in the fields of conscientious environmentalism, an organic farmer's market and food stalls serving lip-smacking organic food items promise a lively and enriching day for one and all.

Annual Sports Day



Primary school students of Father Agnel School (FAS), Noida, presenting Guard of Honour to FAS Director from JA Carvalho during the march past conducted before the Junior Annual School Sports Day on Tuesday. The young children put up a spectacular show which included feather drill by Class IV students. Boys showcased their strength and discipline through the Karate drill

Ed-tech start-up receives seed funding

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PlanetSpark, a Gurugram-based ed-tech start-up on a mission to make traditional tuitions obsolete through powerful and gamified learn-tech products and certified teachers in K8 segment, has been infused with funds worth ₹1.6 crore by FIIT-JEE. The start-up will use the funds to rapidly grow its existing 200-plus home based tuition centers by close to 350 per cent to 750-plus home-based tuition centers across Delhi-NCR and beyond. The funds will also be used to develop powerful, heuristic, gamified learn-tech products for an integrated instructional learning experience.



L: Kunal Malik; Maneesh Dooper, PlanetSpark team with teachers

With a blended learning approach to teaching school subjects to preteens, the startup combines face to face classroom learning and tech-based learning. The company devel-

ops gamified learning content such as mobile based learning games, educational cartoons, learning activity boxes, workbooks and board games and partners with qualified home-makers and helps them start their home based tech enabled tuition centres using the start-ups gamified teaching content, technology and training.

The team is also gearing-up for the release of its learning tablet which has been developed as a series of story-based learning adventures designed by Russian game design experts. The company plans to scale-up to five more cities in the next academic year.

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As a part of the reunion celebration of IIMA's batch of 1989, Padma Bhushan P Gopichand was invited to speak at IIM-Ahmedabad on sports, nutrition, health and the requirement of a comprehensive emphasis on developing coaching facilities for various sports in India. As a famed badminton player and subsequently a coach for several players like Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu and Parupalli Kashyap, Gopichand has a host of awards to his name, including the Padma Bhushan which was awarded to him in 2014.

He began his talk by reminiscing about the manner in which he took up badminton, and the dif-



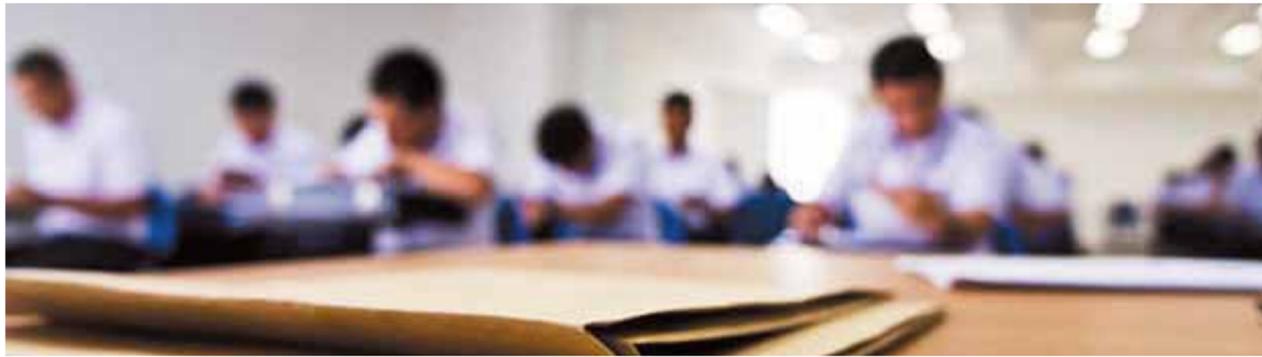
ference in the sociocultural atmosphere from then to now. Inspired by the exploits of Kapil's Devils in 1983, Gopichand, like a millions of other inspired children of that generation, wanted to play cricket too. Luck and a small logistical issue

Gopi regales IIM-A students

ensured that he picked up badminton instead. He also reminisced about the days in which he was coached as a player, and the paucity of proper sporting resources and facilities during the time of his career, which improved his game in its own way.

He described the advent of his coaching career and the obstacles that he faced while building the Pullera Gopichand Badminton Academy. "Make a good coach and he'll serve you for 40 years in a sport. Develop a player, and you will have five-10 years," he said.

The seasoned coach reflected on the philosophy of sport itself, and emphasised that medals, though are significant achievements in each sport, aren't inherently equitable measures. Olympics, though a combination of their origins and history, have always incorporated multiple variants of sports that Europeans originally excelled at. While pitting ourselves against them is a reflection of sportsmanship, the number of medals that we win is not a reflection of the country's greatness. However, he emphasized that while the hunger to win is desirable, every person who took the decision to stay fit by is a winner in oneself.



Be an NTSE scholar

FIIT-JEE director RL TRIKHA tells students how they can evaluate their hidden talent and prepare themselves for further studies

Are you in Class X and looking for a platform to identify your hidden talent and evaluate your preparedness for further studies? The answer lies in National Talent Search Examination (NTSE). The aim of this exam is to identify and recognise students with high intellect and academic talent at the high-school level. It is a national-level scholarship programme one of the oldest and most prestigious examinations in India conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) at the secondary school level. It is a two-tier exam — Stage I (State level) is conducted by the States/Union Territories and Stage-II (national level) is conducted by NCERT. The objective of the two-tier exam is to identify the talented students who have a special aptitude for Sciences, Mathematics, Social Sciences and questions based on Analytical Reasoning.

The exam acts as a unique platform for the students to check their capabilities and potential. It also points out the weaknesses and shortcomings in the domains covered by the exam. Every year, lakhs of students appear for this scholarship exam, out of which 1,000 scholarships are awarded. The scholarship is open only to the students of Indian nationality, whether they are studying in India or abroad in Class X or equivalent.

First Level-Stage I: The first level test takes place every year in

the month of November. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) comprises of 100 MCQs, where one alternative is correct. There are 40 questions from Science, 40 from Social Science and 20 from Mathematics. The idea is to assess the subject knowledge, reasoning ability and logical thinking of the candidates.

The Mental Ability Test (MAT) also comprises of 100 MCQs with only one out of four options correct. Each question carries 1 mark. There is no negative marking. It has a variety of questions about analogies, classification, series, pattern perception, hidden figures, coding-decoding, block assembly, problem-solving, etc. Here, the goal is to gauge the power of reasoning, ability to judge, evaluate, visualise in space and spatial orientation of the candidates.

Second Level-Stage II: The second level test takes place every year in the month of May. Pattern of papers of MAT and SAT are same as in Stage I. As per the new pattern of Stage II announced by NCERT, each correctly answered question earns the candidate one mark with no negative marks. This level of exam tests the students' potential concerning their mental ability and scholastic aptitude.

Students who clear the stage II are eligible for the NTSE scholarship. There are no restrictions like parental income, Government school and domicile. However, no scholarships shall be available for

studies abroad for any course.

HOW TO CRACK IT
Know your strengths and weaknesses: For example, if you are strong in Mathematics and Science but average in MAT and weak in social sciences, then you can work on your weaknesses and turn them

THE NTSE EXAM ACTS AS A UNIQUE PLATFORM FOR THE STUDENTS TO CHECK THEIR CAPABILITY & POTENTIAL. IT ALSO POINTS OUT THE WEAKNESSES IN THE DOMAINS COVERED BY THE EXAM

into strengths for an overall very good or excellent score. Once you know your weak points, draft a plan. Study and revise the subject matter if needed. Allocate time for different sections of the exam.

Follow NCERT books: Follow books of Classes IX and X. For some concepts in Biology, refer

NCERT Class XI Biology textbook (only portions that are relevant to Class IX and X curriculum). It is imperative to study the Social Studies NCERT book for NTSE thoroughly.

Strengthen your MAT section: The MAT and SAT carry equal weight. Therefore, it is critical to give due time to both the papers while preparing. Some of us tend to overdo preparation of three subjects but in the process tend to ignore MAT. However, it is important to realise that MAT carries more weight than any of the subjects. This section tests mental ability. You must give enough time for the preparation of this part.

Work on your SAT section: Follow NCERT. You must also read a good general knowledge book for miscellaneous questions.

Solve sample papers: If you are aspiring excellence, it is important that you solve a lot of sample papers and mock tests at least thrice a week. There are a lot of NTSE mock papers available on the internet. You should aim to solve these papers within the stipulated time so that you can improve your speed and know the sections that consume more time.

Analyse performance: Make sure you minutely assess what you could do and what you had a hard time with. Was it the subject understanding you lacked? Or did you miss out on the scores because of silly mistakes? Whatever it is, just analyse your performance critical-

ly. **Proper guidance:** Find a good mentor. There are times when in quest of achieving something, you tend to go off the track. To ensure you are on the right track, it is important to have a mentor to guide you and show you the right path in your success journey. Always interact with the mentor and seniors for do's and don'ts.

Early preparation: Start preparing at the earliest will lay the right foundation for further studies. Success is a result of practice and preparation with determination.

Value the time: Utilise your every minute properly. Devote your quality time to those areas where you are lacking. Once you have mended your loopholes, divide your time equally with all the subjects and areas.

Self-study: For clearing any exam, self-study is important. It is one of the most basic and important of all the tips to become an NTSE scholar. One should devote at least three-four hours to self-learning to crack this competitive exam.

Keep practicing: Regular practice is what will get you through. Solve as many questions of mental ability as possible so that you are not shocked on the exam day. Take the help of your school seniors and teachers. With practice, you'll also get more confident about your speed, accuracy and subject knowledge.

'Don't let ego get in the way'

Job search for CXOs is different from those who don't have this haloed C-level tag. SHANTI THAKUR shares dos and don'ts that such candidates should follow during an interview

A CXO's (corporate executives) search for a new role is usually unlike the job search of a manager or even a VP. C-level candidates have significant expertise and many are well known professionally. There are a number of reasons why a CXO's search for a job is unlike that of those who don't carry the haloed C-level tag.

A senior candidate searching for a job is judged on his or her achievements rather than potential. Yet despite having significant professional experience, such candidates tend to make some mistakes when searching for a job. A few things that they should keep in mind.

Become Better Listeners: When a company is hiring for the C-suite, it does not necessarily pamper a CXO's ego. What matters is what you bring to the table and how useful you can be to the company based on your experience. While certainly, most people at C-level positions have accomplished much in their career, yet recruiters need to ascertain whether a candidate is a good match for their company. It's a good idea to leave one's ego during interviews and to listen rather than to inform.

Bring Your Own Thoughts: It's common for such candidates to ask the interviewer about the company where they are interviewing for a CXO position rather than allowing the company to judge whether the candidate would be a good fit for the company. This means that in the early stages of an interview process a C-suite candidate should try to sell themselves instead of turning their initial interviews into fact-finding missions. A simple goal a CXO candidate should have during his or her initial interviews is being called back for further interviews and this can be made possible by bringing their own thoughts to the interview and by not asking questions excessively.

Talk About the Success of Their Team: They should be open to coaching and be accepting when shown that their experience does not make them as unique as they believe they are. While many such candidates have skills that make them stand apart, a significant number do not and such candidates must



Shanti Thakur
Associate Partner, Sapphire Human Solutions

acknowledge this when needed if they want to grow professionally. They should be willing to work on the skills they lack and make themselves more marketable if needed. An ideal CXO candidate is one who talks about the success of their team and not only of personal success.

Connect With Leadership Consultants: One of the biggest mistakes a CXO candidate can make is not cultivating relationships with recruiters. Many C-level candidates don't respond to emails or calls made by recruiters because for the moment they don't need the recruiter's services. C-suite candidates should realize that everyone will need another job at some point in their life and developing relationships with recruiters is a way to ensure they get the right information and support when they search for a new job. Hence CXO candidates should remain in regular touch with leadership consultants.

Every candidate must realise that they must allow a company to judge whether they would be a good fit for a company. Also, knowing that everyone, including themselves will need to search for a job should make CXO candidates want to cultivate relationships and be more accepting of coaching.

India has been moving on the road to development at a rapid speed, maintaining its growth rate on every front — economy, trade and international relations. The makeover has not only nurtured but also empowered many socio-economic groups, including women, and improved their lot, to a degree. Women emancipation is intrinsic to nation building.

The push for women emancipation may not be at the expected pace but it has certainly stepped beyond the shadow of the subtle. Women have started to play a pivotal role in India's growth story at a time when other countries are looking at India for its contribution to world economic development.

Seen in this light, little

doubt remains that women empowerment requires further impetus.

The World Bank, in its *India Development Report* released last year, said the country had one of the lowest women participations in the workforce. This report had ranked India 120 out of 131 countries. Even a minuscule increase in women's participation in the overall workforce means a jump in India's GDP of billions of dollars.

Today, we can say convincingly that Governments, corporates and ordinary people are working for the upliftment of women. The Government is also doing what is needed to empower women. On the sidelines of a United Nations conference, the Indian delegation revealed that there were 24

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Government programmes presently running for the welfare of women.

Women empowerment can't be done in a piecemeal manner, though. A recent report said that a total of only nine per cent of women candidates got admission in our IITs this year. I am sure that the ratio of boy to girl students will be almost the same in the other engineering institutes as well. In the context of gender diversity, this does not paint a good picture.

Higher education is one area where all of us owe it to the nation to make the existing

ecosystems more women-positive by way of increasing their numbers in the technical institutes and other related education fields.

Corporate India, as part of the overall Indian milieu, is lending a shoulder to this effort. It's making a conscious and sustained attempt to induct more women into the workforce and boardrooms, though the rate is still low compared to the global numbers.

More women employees are found in services or IT. Understandably, the number starts to dwindle when it comes to the more traditional world of manufacturing.

Conventional companies have started to change this. Initiatives include reaching out with job offers to graduating women on campus. But in the journey of scaling up women's economic empowerment, let us not forget the urban-rural divide that thwarts the implementation of many a scheme, and stops its benefits from reaching rural women. In this respect, I would call for an added focus on the rural woman because she faces even more hurdles than her urban counterpart.

For example, their denial to even basic education means rural Indian women have no idea of their rights. In addition to education, what is also required is access to basic healthcare for her family and her, and ownership of a productive resource so that

rural women are truly empowered. When that really happens, India will find itself on a path of true transformation.

In this, the private sector can play a crucial role in catalysing change. Corporates, with pan-India operations having manufacturing and other business infrastructure across the country, touch the lives of millions in semi-urban and rural areas. Building on this interface, we can collectively help to enhance the rural women's lot, increase its knowledge capital, provide required training skills and promote the fund management through designed cooperative and federations.

The writer is Ajay Kapur, MD & CEO, Ambuja Cement



The US Holocaust Memorial Museum is delighted to offer its summer graduate student research fellowship. The fellowship is exclusively open for both US and international applicants, those accepted to or currently enrolled in a master's degree programme or in their first year of a PhD programme.

Eligibility: In addition to English, applicants are encouraged, but not required, to have fluency in one or more of the following languages: German, Russian, Polish, Romanian, Hebrew, Yiddish, French, Dutch, Hungarian, Slovakian, Italian, and/or Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. **English language requirements:** Applicants must have excellent written and verbal English skills.

How to apply: Must include: An online application form, A resume, A personal statement of no more than two single-spaced pages in length. The statement should explain the applicant's interest in the Holocaust and World War II and how the junior fellowship might further encourage his or her studies in this area. A project proposal of no more than three single-spaced pages in length. Each proposal should address a research topic devel-

oped with a faculty member at the student's home institution.

One letter of recommendation that speaks to the applicant's qualifications. Letters of recommendation should be sent from the recommender, not the applicant, as attachments to *SGRA-at-ushmm.org*.

Application deadline: January 1, 2019.

The Graduate School is pleased to announce scholarships for 2019-2020 academic year. Scholarships are open to international students who plan to undertake a PG research degree (MPhil/PhD) at King's College London.

Eligibility: Be classified as overseas fee status; Have submitted all the required application materials by the funding deadline (as instructed in the 'Application Process' section below).

Students who will pay tuition fees at the Home/EU rate are not eligible. Existing research degree students are not eligible to apply. The scholarship can't be held on a part-time basis. **English language requirements:** Required to demonstrate depending on the programme applied for.

How to apply: Apply to (<https://apply.kcl.ac.uk/>); Ensure you tick the box and enter the code 1920-PGR-INT.

Application deadline: The last date to apply is January 11, 2019.

STUDY CENTRES

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. 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:

- **Amrita School of Ayurveda, Kollam.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Mahatma Gandhi Ayurved College, Hospital and Research Centre, Wardha.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Ayurved, Pune.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **MSM Institute of Ayurveda, Sonipat.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences: Schools and Research Centers, Kochi.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Government Ayurvedic College, Guwahati.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
- **Banaras Hindu University: Institute of Medical Sciences, Varanasi.** Course: Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery



MARKETING AT YATRA ONLINE

Location: Delhi, Gurgaon
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link - internshala.com/i/16621
Application deadline: December 22, 2018

CONTENT WRITING AT PEARSON

Location: Noida
Stipend: ₹25,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16622
Application deadline: December 20, 2018

UAV PILOT AT STERILITE POWER

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹15,500 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16623
Application deadline: December 18, 2018

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT WYNK LIMITED

Location: Gurugram
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16624
Application deadline: December 17, 2018

SOFTWARE TESTING AT CERTES NETWORKS

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16625
Application deadline: December 20, 2018

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT FOODROBIN

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16626
Application deadline: December 22, 2018

FINANCE AT STUDIO SOCIAL

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹9,500 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/16627
Application deadline: December 20, 2018

IN BRIEF

VIJENDER: PHYSICAL FITNESS IMPORTANT

Olympic medalist and WBO Oriental Super Middle Weight title holder, boxer Vijender Singh graced the Annual Sports Day of Rabindranath World School at Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex.

Vijender who was the guest of honour said: "I have never participated in any activity in my school days and it's amazing to see so many students actively taking part in the event."

He handed out medals and trophies to the

students of the school for their outstanding sporting achievements. He also addressed the parents with the importance of physical activities and diets for young children. "It is very important to let children do what they like to do than forcing them to pursue a career in a particular field. I would have never been a boxer if my parents hadn't supported me. It is also important to take care of our children's diets these days as it will shape the way he will grow up in the future," he said.

NON-INVASIVE CARDIOLOGY PROGRAMME

The Texila American University (TAU) and Yashoda Hospital have tied up to offer non-invasive cardiology programme.

Speaking about the strategic tie-up, founder-president of TAU, Saju Bhaskar

said: "We are happy to associate with the hospital to introduce this programme. There is a need to create specialists in non-invasive cardiology. People have become conscious and watchful about their health, especially their

heart which is vulnerable diseases owing to sedentary life-style and hectic work hours. Non-invasive cardiology is in demand across the globe as heart related ailments have increased many-folds.

ICAI SIGNS MOU WITH IIM-A

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has recently signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

The objective is to establish mutual co-operation between both Institutes for offering and co-hosting open-enrollment and customized training programs exclusively for Chartered Accountants. The MoU will benefit the Chartered Accountants in acquiring number of skills required

in today's digitized and fast changing business environment. Participants will be exposed to emerging concepts, technology and business practices in achieving operational excellence.

CA. Naveen ND Gupta, President, ICAI said: "The collaboration will bring a new dimension to the area of accounting and management education. Courses conducted under the MoU will provide opportunity for CAs to enhance management skill sets required for key positions."

SKILL TRAINING CENTRE

Centum WorkSkills India Limited has announced the inauguration of a skill training centre under Delhi Police's 'YUVA' programme. The training-cum-skill development centre aims to benefit the juvenile delinquents by imparting them with relevant skills and help get jobs under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna.

The initiative provides job-linked skill training to the youth who are school dropouts, juveniles involved in crime, or those from families in a dire state due to the incarceration of the bread earner of the family. The centres provide job-linked training through its sector skill councils which are connected to industry and thereby provide job opportunities. Sanjay Bahl, CEO and MD, Centum Learning said: "We are delighted to partner with Delhi Police and implement their initiative unique community uplifting initiative — Yuva."

EXPANSION PLANS

Shine.com, the online job search platform has revealed its intent to expand its technology team by 40-50% in the coming months. The decision to expand the team further to achieve new heights and strengthen its technology backbone is an offshoot of the newly-appointed CTO's larger vision for the company.

Speaking on the development, Zairus Master, CEO, Shine.com said: "This year, we are focusing all our energies on enhancing user experience through better technology deployment. Our goal is to significantly improve search results and candidate matching functions to achieve a higher conversion rates."

'DRS isn't perfect system'

Australian skipper questions DRS saying it's frustrating to deal with imperfect technology

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

Australia Test skipper Tim Paine has questioned the decision review system, saying it has been "frustrating" to deal with the technology that is "not a perfect system".

Australia endured some frustrating moments during their 31-run loss to India in first Test when a few decisions went against the hosts after reviewing the umpires calls.

Umpire Nigel Long had given Ajinkya Rahane out caught at bat-pad for 17 early on Sunday but the decision was overturned on review when replays indicated that the ball had hit the batsman's front pad outside the line of off stump and missed his bat and gloves.

Similarly, Cheteshwar Pujara, who had scored a gritty 123 in the first innings, was adjudged out on eight and 17 on Saturday but the dismissals were overturned.

Replays found no contact with bat or gloves in his first dismissal and the second one was overruled as ball tracking suggested that the ball would have gone over the bats.

"Look, it's (DRS) not a perfect system and I haven't got the answers. It's just frustrating; I'd imagine it's frustrating for everyone. But it is what it is," Paine was quoted as saying in the 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

The Australian skipper initially said the calls had been "interesting," then when later asked why DRS was interesting, he said: "I think everything. I don't want to talk about DRS. It's just — it is what it is."

"A lot of balls seem to be going over the top of the stumps, I know that, that live don't look like they are. So yeah, it is what it is."

In Australia's second innings, Aaron Finch was caught in close to off-spinner R Ashwin but he didn't use the



DRS after consulting partner Marcus Harris.

Reviews suggested that the ball had not touched the gloves and later third umpire Chris Gaffaney informed Nathan Lyon there was not enough evidence to overturn the decision.

Paine said: "It's one of those things. You can't do much about it. We've been told Aaron's for instance would still not have been overturned. Yeah, the DRS is interesting."

"It's a bit different when the batters are out there, it's up to those two, isn't it? Aaron felt something on his glove, it ended up being his pad, that can happen."

"From a bowling and in-the-field perspective, we've got a process we go through with myself and the bowler. Nathan Lyon's at point a lot, he gives us the indication of height. You have to take everyone's piece of information and make good decisions. We got a couple wrong but that can happen."

Former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni was against the usage of DRS in Tests and India avoided the tech-



nology for eight years after its introduction in Test cricket in 2008. But after Virat Kohli became the

captain, India agreed to the use of DRS in 2016.

Paine also backed pacer Mitchell Starc to rediscover his best in the bouncy tracks of Perth in the second Test after the opening Test where he didn't look menacing despite taking five wickets.

"When Starc's on song, there is no better bowler in the world, particularly with the new ball," Paine told told cricket.Com.Au.

"In Perth, the conditions will suit him down to the ground ... From what I am hearing, the wicket is going to be really fast so he'll be a handful."

Paine admitted Starc was not at his best at Adelaide but acknowledged his role in the team.

"He didn't set the world on fire but I think, for a long time, there's been a really big gap between Starc's best and his worst," Paine said.

"And from what I'm seeing, that is getting closer and closer every day. Was he at his best? Probably not. But I still thought he played his role."

Perth will suit Aus more than India: Ponting

PTI ■ PERTH

Australia might have been outwitted in the opening Test but former skipper Ricky Ponting believes the hosts will hold an edge over India in the second Test at the Perth beginning on Friday.

India defeated Australia by 31 runs in the first match to take a 1-0 lead in the four-Test series for the first time in 70 years.

Ponting believes the nature of the new-look Perth pitch will suit the Australians.

"I think Perth will definitely suit our guys a lot more than the Indian players, but the Aussies need to bounce back pretty quickly," Ponting told told cricket.Com.Au.

Ponting said Australia need to find out their shortcomings quickly and learn from them after putting a poor show in the first Test.

"They played pretty poorly this week and got within 30 runs. And that's not saying India played at their absolute best either, but they're absolutely capable," he said.

"There's some positives to take from it but they've also got to take a good hard look at what they've done through this game and make sure they do it a lot better."

Ponting said Australia should avoid any knee-jerk reaction and retain the batting order and field the same playing XI in the second Test, despite Aaron Finch's failure as an opener.

The selectors, coach Justin Langer and skipper Tim Paine had backed Finch to open the Australian innings in Adelaide and Ponting feels they shouldn't change their opinion after just one Test.

"Why wouldn't they do that for this game if that's their best lineup?" Ponting asked if Finch should bat down the order.

"I just think that would be really reactionary. The selectors have made a decision, or whoever is setting the batting order, that they think Aaron Finch is the right guy to be opening the batting for Australia."

"When you start moving guys around, it just creates more uncertainty. Finch would potentially train differently next week than he had this week because he's not opening (and) Usman has to train differently because he is opening."

"Little things like that would come into their minds. If I was them, I'd be tempted to keep it the same way."

Finch got out for nought and 11 in the two innings of the first Test.



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Chief Medical Officer/Diesel Loco Modernization Works/Patiala for & on behalf of the President of India invites sealed tender on the prescribed form for the following work up to 15.00 hrs. and received offers will be opened in 15.30 hrs. on below mentioned date. This tender document contains two packets marked as "PACKET-A" and "PACKET-B" Packet-A is the Technical bid and Packet-B is the price Bid.

Tender no. & Name of work	Approx. value (Rs.)	Completion period	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of opening
DMW/Med/MA/75 date 05.12.2018	99,25,740/-	03 Years	1,98,600/- in the form of Demand draft in favour of FA&CAO/DMW/PTA	27.12.2018

Efficient running of one no. Advance life support ambulance in DMW Rly hospital/PTA on contract basis for three years, 24 hrs availability with ambulance, driver, attendant, fuel & ambulance maintenance.

1. The Bidder should be mentioned on the Both packet name of work, tender number, date of opening and full address of firm. Both the envelopes can be placed in one single envelope for the sake of convenience but both packet should be boldly mentioned (1) PACKET A Technical Bid along with EMD in the shape of Demand draft & (2) PACKET B" containing Financial Bids only.

2. Detail information is available at DMW website www.ireps.gov.in

3. The tenderer are requested to see the site for any corrigendum at least one day before submission of tender documents. 3100/2018

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of movable & immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal www.iob.in and http://iob.foreclosureindia.com

Name & Address of the Borrower: M/s Modern Bricks Company, # 4090, Phase-2, Urban Estate Patiala, Distt. Patiala, Punjab-147002

Name & Address of the Proprietor: Mr. Nirpal Singh S/o Late Mr. Mehar Singh, R/o # 4090, Phase-2, Urban Estate Patiala, Distt. Patiala, Punjab-147002

Name & Address of the Guarantors: (1) Mr. Nirpal Singh S/o Late Mr. Mehar Singh, R/o # 4090, Phase-2, Urban Estate Patiala, Distt. Patiala, Punjab-147002 (2) Mr. Narinder Singh S/o Late Mr. Mehar Singh, R/o # 4089, Phase-2, Urban Estate Patiala, Distt. Patiala, Punjab-147002

Date of NPA: 30.6.2014 Date of Demand Notice: 9.7.2014 Date of Possession Notice: 5.10.2016

Dues claimed in Demand & Possession Notice: Rs. 1,03,60,308/- as on 31.12.2014 with further interest & costs.

Outstanding dues of local self Government (Property tax, water, Sewerage, Electricity etc): Not Known to the Bank

DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES	Property Detail	Reserve Price (in Rs.) incl. 1% TDS	EMD (in Rs.)
Residential house bearing no 4089 Phase-2		Rs. 1,40,11,000/-	Rs. 14,02,000/-
Urban Estate Patiala in the name of Mr. Nirpal Singh & Mr. Narinder Singh sons of Late Mr. Mehar Singh vide conveyance deed no. 6671 dated 10.10.1993 and sale deed no. 7845 dated 3.10.2001			

Bid Multiplier Rs. 1,00,000/-

Encumbrance if any Not known encumbrances

Inspection of Property 17.12.2018 between 02.00 PM to 4.00 PM

Date & Time of E-auction 01.01.2019 between 11:00 AM to 1.00 PM with auto extension of five minutes each till sale is completed.

EMD Remittance: EMD deposit through EFT/NEFT/RTGS A/c No: 028402000012884

Name of Beneficiary: IOB E-AUCTION EMD Name of Bank: Indian Overseas Bank

Name of Branch: Main Branch, Chandigarh IFSC Code: IOBA0000284

Branch Address: Indian Overseas Bank, SCO 26, Sector 7-C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh-160019

Submission of online application for bid with Last date of submission of online application for EMD: From 12.12.2018, 09:00 A.M. onwards BID with EMD: 31.12.2018 ends @ 6:00 PM

For terms and condition, please visit www.publishertenders.gov.in, www.iob.in & https://www.iob.in/e-auctions.aspx or call the undersigned at Phone: 0172-2790035, 9815016138, 7874821957, and service provider Mr. Vikas Kumar Mob: 8142000809 Mail: vikas@bankauctions.in or info@bankauctions.in

This publication is also a 15 days notice to the Borrower/Mortgagor & Guarantors of the above loans under Rule 8(i) of SARFAESI act 2002 about holding of the e-auction sale by inviting tenders from the PUBLIC in General. For sale of secured assets for terms and conditions please visit our web portal www.iob.in and www.iob.foreclosureindia.com

DATE: 11.12.2018 PLACE: CHANDIGARH AUTHORISED OFFICER

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Date of NPA: 30.6.2014 Date of Demand Notice: 9.7.2014 Date of Possession Notice: 5.10.2016

Dues claimed in Demand & Possession Notice: Rs. 2,56,52,884/- as on 10.2.2016 with further interest & costs.

Outstanding dues of local self Government (Property tax, water, Sewerage, Electricity etc): Not Known to the Bank

DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES	Property Detail	Reserve Price (in Rs.) incl. 1% TDS	EMD (in Rs.)
Residential house (on land) measuring 400 Sq. Yards) at 4090, Phase-2, Urban Estate Patiala in the name of Mr. Nirpal Singh & Mr. Narinder Singh sons of Mr. Mehar Singh vide conveyance deed no. 9862 dated 24.8.2006 and sale deed no. 12074 dated 18.10.2006		Rs. 1,47,78,000/-	Rs. 14,78,000/-
Property No. (2) Commercial booth no. 89		Rs. 53,41,200/-	Rs. 5,35,000/-

Bid Multiplier Property No. (1) Rs. 1,00,000/- & Property No. (2) Rs. 10,000/-

Encumbrance if any Not known encumbrances

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DATE: 11.12.2018 PLACE: CHANDIGARH AUTHORISED OFFICER

Pujara, Bumrah rise in rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli has maintained his top spot, Cheteshwar Pujara returned to top five while Jasprit Bumrah achieved a career-high ranking of 33 in the latest ICC Test rankings for batsmen and bowlers.

Pujara's knocks of 123 and 71 were the cornerstone of India's victory in the opening Test against Australia at the Adelaide Oval. Pujara has now moved ahead of Joe Root and David Warner in fourth position. He trails third-ranked Smith by 55 points, and leads Root by 39 points.

India fast bowler Bumrah has achieved a career-high ranking of 33rd, after his three for 47 and three for 68 at Adelaide helped him to rise five places.

Kane Williamson has become the first New Zealand batsman and 32nd overall to break the 900-point barrier in the ICC Player Rankings for Test Batsmen following a stellar performance in the third Test against Pakistan, which helped his side to win their first away series in 49 years.

Williamson scored 89 and 139 in Abu Dhabi last week, which set up New Zealand's convincing 123-run victory over



Pakistan. This performance not only helped Williamson to win the Player of the Match award, but also earn 37 points in the latest player rankings, which, in turn, has allowed him to leapfrog Australia's Steve Smith into second position on a career-high 913 points.

As a result, Kohli has conceded 15 points to slip to 920 points, just seven points ahead of Williamson.

With Williamson breathing down Kohli's neck, the India captain will be under pressure to perform strongly with the bat in the second Test starting in Perth from Friday otherwise he will potentially lose his number-one ranking he has been holding since the Edgbaston Test against England in August.

While Williamson shone with the bat in Abu Dhabi and

was richly rewarded, number-one ranked Kohli managed only three and 34 in his side's impressive 31-run victory over Australia at the Adelaide Oval.

The other two notable movers from the Adelaide Test are Ajinkya Rahane in 17th (up by two places) and Mitchell Starc in 16th (up by two places).

Amongst the newcomers, Australia's Marcus Harris has entered in 116th batting position, while amongst the bowlers, off-spinner William Somerville of New Zealand has emerged in 63rd spot and Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Afridi has popped up in 111th place.

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Sl No.	Date of Loan	Account No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	ADDRESS	SECURED ASSET	Date of Demand Notice	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding
1.	24.07.2013 & 28.02.2016	XOHEKHE0001020008 & XOHEKHE00010161512	1. Sagar Singh S/o. Lakhvinder Singh 2. Rajwatar Kaur 3. Gurpreet Kaur W/o. Sagar Singh 4. Lakhvinder Singh, S/o. Naranjan 5. Amarjeet Singh	House No. 1, Silver City Thane Sarkuruk Sheta, Karnal - 132136.	Property 1: House No.1 Silver City Thanesar Kurukshetra. Property 2: Plot Nos.50-51-53-54-83 Comprised in Kharsa No.18/22(8-0), 23(8-0) Kitta 2 Rakha 16 Kanal its 3/320 share 39/640 share i.e. 19.5 Marle situated in Darakhurd Ratandera Road, New Colony Thanesar Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra Measuring 19.5 Marle 587 Sq.yds in the name of Mr. Sagar Dhillon.	16.12.2018	Rs. 90,00,000/- & Rs.16,00,000/-	Rs. 79,46,729.91 As on 16.11.18 with further interest thereon

The Under signed is the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited hereinafter called the secured creditor, under Rule 2(a) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

In pursuant to loan agreement on the dates mentioned in column [A] the above named borrowers in column [C] residing at the address in column [D] were sanctioned loans indicated in column [G] in loan account number indicated in column [B]. Towards the due repayment of loan, equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the assets in column [E] was created by the borrowers. On persistent default in repayment of the loan amount the loan accounts of the borrowers have been classified by the secured creditor as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directions and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Consequently notice under Sec. 13(2) of the Act was also issued to each of the borrowers on the dates mentioned in column [F].

I state that under section 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act, you can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

In view of the above, the above named borrowers are called upon to discharge in full their liabilities towards the Secured Creditor by making the payment of the entire outstanding indicated in Column [H] above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of notice, failing which, the secured creditor shall be entitled to take possession of the Secured Asset and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Secured Creditor in law. In the absence of full discharge of dues even after the transfer of secured assets the secured creditor reserves its right to proceed against the borrowers before a Sole Arbitrator, in terms of the Loan Agreement.

In addition the above named borrowers shall not alienate by way of transfer, sale, lease or otherwise or create third party interest or dealing with the Secured Asset in column [E] mentioned against the name of the each borrowers in any manner except with specific prior written permission of the Secured creditor.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Date : 12.12.2018, Place: Karnal Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

PUNJAB & SIND BANK Zonal Office Karnal : Model Town, Gurudwara Building, Karnal (Haryana)

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized office of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice(s) mentioned against respective account under section 13 (2), calling upon the Borrower (s)/Guarantor(s) to repay the amount(s) mentioned in the respective notice being outstanding as on the date(s) mentioned along-with future interest and other charges, within 60 days of the date of receipt of said Notice. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount(s), notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property(ies), described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property(ies) and any dealing with the property(ies) will be subject to the charge of Punjab & Sind Bank for an amount(s) mentioned against each as on date(s) mentioned, along-with future interest and other charges. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Branch & Name of NPA/a/c	Description of the property Name of person holding title of property	Notice u/s 13 (12) Date	Date of possession notice	Amount as per demand notice
1. BO.- AMBALA	Property No. 1711/35 Abadi Sunder	02.06.2018	06.12.2018	Rs. 938771.08/- as on 01/06/2017 along with further interest and costs etc.

M/S Vijay Knitting Industry and M. Nagar Renamed H.No. 37 Sector-7, Urban Estate Ambala Varun Aggarwal (Borrower) 65, City Having Area 200 Sq. Yards Vide registry 3964/1 Dated 28-01-1970. Belonging to Mr. Devi Dayal Kansal S/o Sh. 134003, 2. Mr. Devi Dayal Kansal Kishori Saran. Bound as under :- South : Passage 20' S/o Sh. Kishori Saran (Guarantor) [Wide, East: Plot No. 48, West: Plot No. 36 R/o House No. 37, Sector-7, Ambala City.

Date: 11.12.2018 Place : Ambala Authorised Officer, Punjab & Sind Bank

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1. BO.- NARWARNA	Equitable Mortgage Ward No. 17	02.02.2018	06.12.2018	Rs. 1122618.80/- as on 31/12/2017 plus interest and Incident expenses incurred by bank w.e.f. 01.01.2018

M/s Shri Ram Education Society At: Prem Nagar Narwana, Distt. Jind Deed No. 2920 Dated 10.03.2004. Owned by Suresh Panchal S/o Ram Kumar, Borrower cum President cum Bounded as :- On the North by : 25' Ft Abuts Street, On the South by : 23' Ft Abuts Property of Sh. Hava Singh, On the East by :- 60' Ft Abuts H/o Sh. Mukhtar Singh, On the West by : 60' Ft Abuts H/o Sh. Mani Ram

Nagar Behind ITI Narwana Distt. Jind and Guarantor cum Secretary Mr. Rajbir S/o Sh. Joga Ram At :- VPO Samain Teh. Tohana Distt. Fatehabad and Guarantor cum Joint Secretary Mr. Rajesh Panchal S/o Sh. Palaram At :- VPO Kharal Teh. Narwana Jind and Guarantor cum Vice President Sh. Rampal Singh At :- H.No. 230 Mahu Patti VPO Dablain Narwana Jind and Guarantor cum Member Mr. Ishwar Singh S/o Sh. Jai Singh At :- H.No. 442, W.N.17, Patiala Road, Narwana Jind and Guarantor and Cashier Mr. Sandeep S/o Ram Chander At:- VPO FRAIN KANAL Teh. Narwana Jind and Guarantor cum Member Mr. Ramphal Singh S/o Itwari At:- VPO Samain Teh. Tohana Distt. Fatehabad.

Date: 11.12.2018 Place : Narwana Authorised Officer, Punjab & Sind Bank

ANDHRA BANK (A Govt. of India Undertaking) First Floor - Hotel Shivalik View, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh - 160017, Ph.: 0172-2722028, 2033, 2040, 2041, E-mail: zocnd@andhrabank.co.in MEGA E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

MEGA E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE SALE NOTICE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER RULES 6(2), 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Last Date of Receipt of EMD 27.12.2018 upto 5:00 P.M. Date of e-Auction: 28.12.2018 at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold through E-Auction on the following terms and conditions. E-auction arranged by service provider M/s Antares Systems Ltd. through the website www.tenderwizard.com/ANB. For detailed terms & conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Andhra Bank's website (www.andhrabank.in).

Table with columns: Sl. No., Name / Address / Contact No. of the Branch, Name of the Account, Outstanding, Details of Properties, Reserve Price / EMD / A/c No. / IFSC Code. It lists various properties for auction, categorized into Open Land, Residential Properties, and Commercial Properties.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following conditions. a. E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER IS THERE" basis. b. As per banks record, the outstanding dues of the Local Self Government against the property are not known to bank, as no notice received for the same. The Purchaser is liable to incur the dues, if any, at auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.tenderwizard.com/ANB, www.andhrabank.in, www.tenders.gov.in.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Andhra Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

This is also 15 Days Sale Notice to Borrowers/Guarantors under Rule- 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 duly informing to pay the liability before the date of sale failing which the property/properties will be sold.

The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 12.12.2018 Place: Chandigarh

AUTHORISED OFFICER, Andhra Bank