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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



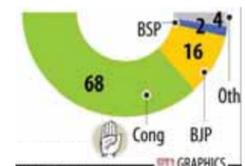
Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia, who is seen as a contender for the chief ministership, was evasive when asked by reporters as to who would be occupying the top post. "Let the result come first," he said, adding, "We will create an environment of peace, justice, and development if we come to power 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

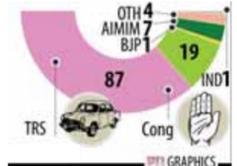
deep-rooted corruption in the rank and file of the BJP Government scripted its crushing defeat. The Congress bagged a two-third majority in the 90-member State Assembly. Former Chief Minister Ajit Jogi, who aligned with the BSP and the CPI in a bid to win a few seats to use it as a bargaining chip in the case of a hung Assembly, was left high and dry because of the landslide victory of the Congress. Analysts say the Congress' promise to write off bank loans of farmers within 10 days of coming to power and give a massive hike in minimum support price (MSP) and slash power tariff up to 50 per cent were the prime reasons for the Congress win and the downfall of BJP's longest serving Chief Minister Raman Singh, who began his political career in 1983 as a councillor.



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



experience for the Congress. Working overtime to stitch up a mahagathabandhan 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 fabled-turned-friend TDP, which is seen by the people in the State as a party that had opposed Telangana's

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-promises spree involving most sections of the society that led the voters to come out in droves to propel him to power.

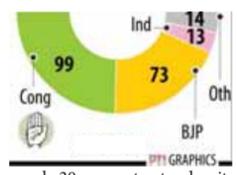
BJP fails to break Raj 20-yr trend

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 seats 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



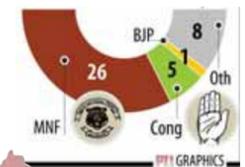
take a call on the CM face by Wednesday. Gehlot is seen a clear front-runner. The voting share analysis shows the BJP's votes have fallen from 45.2 per cent in 2013 to 38.8 per cent now. It was much higher at nearly 55 per cent in 2014, when the party won all 25 Lok Sabha seats from the State. On the 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 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 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 taught 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.

Winter Session from Dec 24

PNS ■ RANCHI

After inordinate delay and criticism coming from the Opposition parties, the Government finally called Winter Session of the Assembly starting December 24. Though, actual number of sittings of the House would not be more than three days. Informing about the decisions taken in the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, Cabinet Secretary SKG Rahate said that third supplementary budget would be placed during the session. "First day is reserved for oath, placing the Ordinances promulgated when the House was not in session and condolences. December 25 is holiday and then the scheduled businesses would take place on December 26 and December 27 including tabling of the sup-

plementary budget," he said. Besides, the Cabinet fixed ₹450 crore as ceiling of working capital for the Jharkhand Biji Vitaran Nigam Limited against which the agency can obtain bank guarantee to meet its expenses and liabilities. The bank guarantee would help the JBVNL in getting low interest loans with the help of the letter of credit. Rahate also informed that ₹25.43 crore has been sanctioned for operation and maintenance of Data Center. "The amount has been approved for

four years. Against the sanctioned amount ₹5.88 crore has also been released for the year 2018-19," he added. Besides, the Cabinet approved ₹67.53 crore for strengthening and repair of ASjanwa Dam reservoir located at Mayurhan of Chatra and its canals. Post-facto approval to obtain loans from NABARD was also given for rural roads and rural water supply projects. "₹64 crore along with ₹160 crore have been taken for 162 rural roads while about ₹372 crore for 12 rural drinking water projects. The scheme is run on 75:25 share between the bank and the State Government. Since works on these projects were started already with the State's share now the approval from NABARD has been taken post-facto," Rahate said.

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RAHUL GANDHI

SER announces two winter special trains via Tatanagar

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The South Eastern Railway has announced the introduction of two weekly winter special trains between Shalimar-Jaipur and Santragachi-Hapa (in Gujarat) Superfast via Tatanagar railway station. The trains will run during the period from December 14 and January 2.

The Shalimar-Jaipur Winter Special will leave Shalimar at 8.20 pm every Monday (commencing December 17).

The train will reach Jaipur at 6.35 am on Wednesday. The train will arrive Tatanagar at around 12.20 am on Tuesday. After five minutes halt it will leave on its onward journey. In the opposite direction, the train will leave Jaipur at 12.50 pm every Wednesday and will arrive Shalimar at 11.20 pm, the next day. In the return direction the train will come to Tatanagar at 7.15 pm on Thursday. The special train consisting four AC two-tier, five AC three-Tier and four sleeper class coaches will have stoppages at Santragachi, Kharagpur, Tatanagar, Chakradharpur, Rourkela, Jharsuguda, Raigarh, Champa, Bilaspur, Pendra Road, Anuppur, Shadahal, Damoh, Sagour, Bina Malkhedhi, Guna, Kota, Sawai Madhopur and Durgapura stations



between Shalimar and Jaipur.

The Santragachi-Hapa Superfast AC Winter Special will leave Santragachi at 9.05 pm every Friday (commencing December 21) and will reach Hapa at 4.35 pm on Sunday.

The train will reach Tatanagar railway station at around 1 pm on Friday. In the opposite direction, Hapa-Santragachi Special will leave Hapa at 10.40 am every Monday will arrive Santragachi at 05.45 am on Wednesday. The return train will reach Tatanagar railway station at around 2 am on Wednesday. According to officials at the computerised ticket reservation counters at Tatanagar, trains for destinations like Mumbai and New Delhi and those in the

south are witnessing a huge rush. The waiting list in all the major trains, including Puri-New Delhi Purushottam Superfast Express, Tata-Alleppy Express, Mumbai Mail, Howrah-Mumbai Geetanjali Superfast Express and Howrah-Kurla Express, has crossed the 150 mark. In some of the other trains the waiting list numbers are hovering between 100 and 125.

Officials at the reservation counter also informed that confirmed tickets in all the major trains heading for big Metros will be available only after the first week of January. "The rush is because of winter vacation in educational institutions. Keeping this in view, passengers have already booked their tickets well in advance for different tourist destinations," said an official.

Meanwhile, in an attempt to clear an extra rush of passengers, the Chakradharpur division of South Eastern Railway is planning the introduction of additional sleeper class coaches in some of the long distance trains, including the Purushottam Express and the Tata-Alleppy Express.

Moreover, efforts are also being made to run two Howrah-Mumbai and Tata-Yashwanpur winter weekly special trains.

Niti Ayog to give new look to Govt schools in Palamu

M FAIYAZ AHMAD ■ DALTONGANJ

Niti Ayog's 'Fund For Innovation in shorter term Innovative Fund' is to change the look and fate of 10 Government high schools in Palamu. Niti Ayog is all out to make students 'smart' in texts and studies.

Niti Ayog has set in six parameters in which infrastructure and innovation and skill development are as significant as other parameters of Niti Ayog like health & nutrition, education, agriculture & water resources, financial inclusion etc.

Shantanu Kumar Agrahari DC Palamu said, "We have shortlisted 10 government high schools including plus two one also here where with Niti Ayog's funding we will set up VRSC (virtual responsive smart class room) for students to further make them fine tuned in and toned up in subjects like physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and

English etc."

Agrahari said there would be a central studio for this in Daltonganj. The whole aim is to bring students studying in rural based government high schools to come at par with the urban students who have facilities of studying in prestigious public schools.

The DC said, "We are already on the lookout of roping in teachers who have zeal and passion to educate and advance the students here in their academic pursuits mostly in science subjects."

Palamu district planning officer Arvind Kumar said, "There are in all 31 high schools (plus 2) in Palamu district. Out of this 10 have been shortlisted to have VRSC. These 10 will be academically advanced with Niti Ayog's innovative fund."

Arvind Kumar said the 10 shortlisted schools are in Lesliganj, Patan, Satbarwa, Namudag, Lalgah, Kishumpur, Pipra bardag, Untari Road, Lohda and at Medininagar

where too besides its one school Rajkiyerit + 2 Giriwar High School there will be studio lab for teaching at district head quarter.

Sources said the Rajkrit High school Lalgah is such a school where go girl students of Kajree, Rajhara by trains and come home by train every class day.

Kumar further said another fleet of 10 government high schools will be equipped with similar smart classrooms facility with untied fund.

Kumar said Palamu district is one of the 115 aspirational districts in the country where is launched special Central Assistance.

He said, "Out of 31 government high schools here 20 will be so equipped, 10 by Niti Ayog's Innovative Fund, 10 by untied fund."

Now the remaining 11 be also not left out and with fund from Special Central Assistance these left out 11 government schools be provided with the same facility."

DC directs to clear CM Jansamvad cases

PNS ■ LOHARDAGA

Deputy Commissioner Aakanksha Ranjan today asked officials to clear the cases that have been directed through CM Jansamvad to the district. While holding a meeting here on Tuesday, the DC said, "There are 292 cases of CM Jansamvad are pending in the district. The matter included 64 of Food supply department, 23 cases of Drinking water and sanitation department, 9 cases of Electricity department and the rest form other departments."

Ranjan also directed the officials of the concerned departments to clarify the cases as soon as possible. The district Lohardaga is in 5th position in solving out the cases. In the meeting Civil Surgeon, executive engineer of PHED department Chandan Kumar, district food supply officer Rajeev Neeraj, Jansamvad Nodal officer Pankaj Kumar Jha, Shamim Kaushar, Vikas Kumar and the concerned officers were present.

CCL Director inaugurates Football Tournament 2018

PNS ■ RANCHI

Director (Pers), CCL R S Mahapatro on Tuesday inaugurated first CCL Kayakalp Invitational Girls Football Tournament 2018 (11-15th Dec, 2018) at Mahatma Gandhi Kridangan, CCL Gandhinagar Colony(Kanke Road), GM/TS to Dir (Pers), P. Bhattacharjee, Victor Kujur, S. Jamal, Sports (Manager) Adil Hussain and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.



Director (Personnel) CCL RS Mahapatro kicks football to mark the inauguration of first Kayakalp girls football tournament at Gandhinagar, Kanke in Ranchi on Tuesday Pioneer photo

Altogether 16 teams are participating in the five-day tournament. These teams are:- Sai, Ranchi, Mc Cluskieganj Sports Academy, Usha Football Club, Ormanjhi, Sports Zone, Kujju, Jaspuria Club, Sikidari, Mahendra Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, OSGB Foundation(Jirabhar), KGBV, Namkum, Mccluskieganj Inter College, Oscar Foundation(Chari) Ramgarh Eleven, Little Angel Hatma, Rockstar Oscar Foundation and Namkum Junior.

took part in march past in presence of Chief Guest, R S Mahatro and other dignitaries. A cultural programme too was organized. Chief Guest and others met each player of 16 teams and congratulated them before start of inaugural match between Jaspuria Club and Sports Zone in which former won by 2-0.

The second match was played between Mc Cluskieganj Sports Academy and Usha Football Club, Ormanjhi in which former won by 4-0. Third match was played between Oscar Foundation,

Jirabhar and Mccluskieganj Inter College in which former won by 6-0. The fourth match was played between Ramgarh Eleven and Little Angel, Hatma in which none of the team able to score in opponent's net. However, in the penalty shootout Little Angel, Hatma won by 1 goal.

Addressing a gathering, Mahapatro said that the main objective for conducting the tournament for girls is to provide equal opportunity to them so that the talented players of Jharkhand can get exposure in the field of sports.

Proposed grand ISKCON temple shifted to Pindrajora



A representative picture of proposed ISKCON Temple at Pindrajora Pioneer photo

PNS ■ BOKARO

Owing to some land related issues, the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) has shifted its proposed grand temple of Lord Krishna from Chandankiyari to Pindrajora in Bokaro. ISKCON was struggling hard to get land for its proposed temple at Chandankiyari since past couple of years.

The alienated attitude of government forced us to shift the temple construction site at Pindrajora, said Jagannath Das in-charge of ISKCON Bokaro. "Here we have acquired land on donations from the local landlords for the temple; construction of boundary wall has been started here," he added. "Earlier, we have demanded 100 acres of land at Chandankiyari for the purposes but the government has given nod for only 11 acres of land in the first phase, on which a temple and a shed for

300 cows," he said. Despite getting a nod to allot land to us form the Land and Revenue Department in April 2017, we ran from pillar to post to get the land but all went in vain. So, lastly we have decided to shift the construction site, said Das

Das informed, with an estimated cost of Rs 35 crore a grand temple of Lord Krishna is very soon to come up at Pindrajora; "It will be a gateway for pilgrims across the world," he added.

This temple will be commissioned by ISKCON and would be the 27 ISKCON temples; the society will also establish a hospital, school, community hall, marriage hall, small-scale industries and training centres here, he said. "This will give a strong boost to tourism in the state too," Das added.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY Notice

Notification No. C. 717/O/H/18 Applications are invited by Railway administration in sealed envelope for appointment on Commission Halt Contractor for selling of Fly tickets at Digwar Halt Station for five (05) years over Dhanbad Division. The details of halts for which to apply are as under:-

1. Time & Date for submission of application in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Comml.) East Central Railway/ Dhanbad : On all working days by hand or by Registered post from 14.12.2018 to 03.01.2019 till 17.00. Application will not be accepted after 17.00 hrs of 03.01.2019. The Railway Administration will not consider the application received after the fixed time. The Railway administration will also not responsible for non-receiving or late receiving of the application sent through post. Application will be opened on same day i.e. 03.01.19 at 17.30hrs.
2. Website particulars & notice board locations where complete details of applications can be seen etc. www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in, & notice board of Sr. Divl. Comml. Manager's office E.C.Railways, Dhanbad & notice board of concerned Station, Halt Station as well as serving Station. Details information & terms and condition of the above mentioned applications may be obtained from office of Sr. Divl. Comml. Manager/ E.C. Railway, Dhanbad & SMC/S of serving Station of concerned Halt Station on all working days. NOTE: The Railway Administration reserves the right to disqualify/reject applications/ Notification received in response to the notice without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Divl. Railway Manager (Comml.) PRR1317/DH/COMMLIN/18-19/48 E.C.Rly, Dhanbad

Experts bat for Mathematics to bring efficacy in sports

XLRI inaugurates 1st ever 'MathSport Asia 2018' Conclave

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Xavier School of Management kicked off the 1st ever 'MathSport Asia 2018' Conclave from December 10 to 12, 2018. The three-day long conference at XLRI Campus showcases research related to mathematical modelling in sports is first of its kind to be held in India.

Fr. E. Abraham S.J., Director, XLRI delivered the welcome address at the inaugural session. In his address, Fr. Abraham said, "Sports in India is both big business and democracy in action. Cricket, football, hockey and recently kabaddi have become a craze generating large revenues. Mathematics on the other hand impacts our daily life and fosters the development of new techniques to solve problems for individuals, businesses, and governments. Mathematics also plays a large role in the efficacy of sports. Coaches across sports are constantly trying to find ways to get the most out of their athletes, and the most ingenious coaches turn to mathematics for help.

One of the earliest and most successful applications of algorithmic thinking has been in professional sports. Our professors of XLRI have kickstarted this very unique MathSport Asia 2018, the first of its kind in Asia. It was heartening for us to see an overwhelming



Fr. E. Abraham S.J., Director, XLRI, inaugurates the conclave at XLRI campus in Jamshedpu Pioneer photo

response to MathSport Asia from around the globe." Applauding the initiative, he wished the event a great success. The first keynote speaker of the day was Prof. Tim Swartz of Simon Fraser University, Canada who discussed about his contribution in sports analytics over the last 20+ years. A question answer session was held with Jamshedpur Football Club player Tim Chahal. While answering the questions of the researchers, he explained about the role of analytics in football.

The speaker for the next session was Prof. Steven Stern of Bond University, Australia. Prof. Stern is the current custodian of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method used in cricket. He gave a presentation on rescheduling targets in run truncated matches.

'MathSport Asia 2018' is the inaugural conference of a series of biennial conferences that will be held across Asia, under the aegis of MathSport

Asia - a group of academicians and practitioners interested in the promotion and development of the application of mathematics, statistics and computing in sports in Asia. Elaborating about the novel conference, Prof. Uday Damodaran, Professor of Finance at XLRI and Conference Chair, MathSport Asia 2018 said, "Asia, the largest and most populous continent on Earth, has a long tradition of sports. Traditional Asian Sports like wrestling and archery survive even today in forms unchanged over centuries.

The globalization of sport has brought new sports, coaching techniques and methods to the continent. MathSport Asia seeks to play the role of a catalyst in encouraging the use of Mathematical and Statistical Analysis in Sports in Asia by organizing Conferences and Workshops, by encouraging research in the area and facilitating its dissemination.

Commissioner inspects block office in Garhwa

PNS ■ GARHWA

Palamu commissioner Manoj Kumar Jha instructed Meral BDO for improving work in documentary modification work. During inspection of Meral block on Tuesday, Commissioner found errors in some documentary modifications work.

Later he held a review meeting with officials including DC Harsh Mangla, CO Rakesh Sahay, BDO Manoj

Kumar Tiwari, took stock of the ongoing development work of the block and expressed satisfactory.

The Commissioner reviewed the progress of MNREGA, PM Housing Scheme, BRGF and schemes under taken of 14th Finance Commission Welfare Department in the block. Meanwhile, the information regarding the status of self-help group in the block was taken by Animal Husbandry Officer Pramod Kumar. He said that

poultry women groups can increase their income by supplying eggs in local schools. For this, Commissioner instructed for motivating them.

The Commissioner also inspected newly constructing buildings of the Child Development Project Bhawan, godown, Thana Barrack etc. He directed to the concerning department speed up the work and handover the building within the stipulated time frame.

NTPC setting up conveyor belt for coal transport

PNS ■ HAZARIBAGH

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) officials are monitoring strictly a project, which will smooth coal transportation from Barkagaon to Banadag yard. NTPC is having three coal projects in Barkagaon and Keredari blocks namely Pankri Barwadih, Chatti Bariatu and Keredari. For fast coal transportation, NTPC is constructing a 14 km-long and 12-feet wide conveyor belt since 2015. This ambitious project of NTPC has missed the actual deadline of 2017.

NTPC General Manager Partha Majumdar said they are trying to complete the one part of this conveyor belt by March so as to start coal transportation. Banadag yard is situated close to Hazaribagh Railway Station.

Sources said in present, hundreds of



heavy vehicles laden with coal are seen running on Hazaribagh-Barkagaon road everyday transporting coal to Banadag. NTPC sources said initially plan is to transport coal of Pankri-Barwadih project through this conveyor belt. They said once conveyor belt will start functioning, it will ease the traffic on Barkagaon road. This

is the first time NTPC is constructing such an advance and long conveyor belt anywhere in India for smooth transportation of coal.

Majumdar said this conveyor belt has two parts. One will transport coal regularly and other will be in standby which will be used at the time of emergency. He admitted that project has missed the actual target of 2017 but said the delay was actually due to land related problems here. But now everything over and one part of the belt is almost ready, he added.

He said they were waiting for few machines to be installed finally to start the conveyor belt. He said once started, this world class fully computerised belt will transport coal 24X7 to Banadag yard from where it will sent to different parts of the country through goods train from Hazaribagh railway station.

Upbeat Cong dubs poll victories semifinal for 2019

BJP accepts results with humility

PNS ■ RANCHI

Implication of the Assembly poll outcomes in five States including Central India's Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh was quite evident in Jharkhand as well, when parties in the Opposition camp did not hide their emotions and expressed their happiness openly.

Soon after the results came and it became pretty sure it is going to be 0-3 for the BJP, Congress workers carrying drums, banners and colours started celebrating first at party office and later gathered at Albert Ekka Chock. They also distributed sweets and congratulated each other for the party's performance.

Most emphatic reaction came from arch rival of the BJP

at national level Congress. "The outcomes are the vindication of Rahul Gandhi's leadership coming from the masses."

These polls were semifinal before 2019 Lok Sabha elections and with this now it is sure that only Congress is going to form a full majority Government after the next general elections," said Pradesh Congress Committee president Ajoy Kumar on Tuesday.

Terming the wins of the Hindi heartland as a victory of the electorate the Congress used the occasion also to rap the BJP alleging it for continuing with anti-poor, anti-dalit and anti-people policies.

"The people of these States have given befitting reply to the anti-people decisions happened during the BJP regimes. Now



Congress workers celebrate party's good show in Assembly elections of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh at JPC headquarters in Ranchi on Tuesday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

the BJP has been exposed and people have understood its bluffs. There is lots of anger against the policies of the BJP among the people and to the cheating done to the promises

made to them. This is going be vented out in the days to come," added the PCC chief. Congress women wing president Gunjan Singh also echoed the sentiments of the party workers

terming it a time to go for the BJP.

Similar reaction came from the leading Opposition party JMM. "This is the indication that people have understood falsehood of the BJP and are not ready to give them more time to continue with their propaganda any longer. Days of the BJP are numbered both at Delhi and here in Ranchi," said JMM general secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya.

On the other hand the BJP reacted calmly to the results and stressed over its confidence to the democratic principles and institutions. "People's mandate is the most importance thing in a democracy. BJP believes fully in democratic values. We are not the party who puts question mark after losing polls. People have faith in our programmes and policies and

above all over the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The BJP will win all the 14 Lok Sabha seats in Jharkhand in 2019," said State BJP president Laxman Gilua.

State BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo said that party will analyse the results very soon and see where it had to suffer due to a slight mistake.

He said that in this election the entire Northeast and Telangana have become Congress free. Shahdeo said that raising questions on EVMs by Congress President of Telangana shows the culmination of opportunistic politics. He said that CM Raghubar Das has clearly said that the BJP workers are not excited by victory and are not enthused by the defeat.

Shahdeo said that the elections of Assembly and Lok Sabha are different elections and the Congress should not be too excited because of this.

Will keep raising people's issues: Tamar MLA

AJSU Party suspends Vikas Singh Munda for one year

PNS ■ RANCHI



Tamar MLA Vikas Singh Munda addresses media persons in Ranchi on Tuesday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

If raising voice in favour of people of Jharkhand is committing crime in the eyes of AJSU Party's top brass then I will commit the crime again and again, said Vikas Singh Munda, MLA Tamar, here on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference on the back-drop of his suspension from the AJSU Party, Munda said, "The party forum has not informed me officially about my suspension. Even then I have not received any notice or show cause notice. Suddenly I heard the news of my suspension via media. My only fault was raising voice in favour of people of Jharkhand and it seems they have not liked it."

Speaking on the issue Munda said, "On one side the party is supporting BJP led government and another side it is opposing its policies. It reflects the party's dual mentality. The BJP led government is playing on the emotion of people either the party is silent or the party is opposing but the government is not hearing the voice. If the party has to support the government then it should publicise that all the policies of the government are right."

Informing about reason of suspension he said, "I have raised the issues clearly at the party's working committee meeting. Now time has come we take decision unanimously that we should go with public on the issue of the government's anti-Jharkhand poli-

cies. Party's big brass got unpalatable taste when I raised my voice on several issues like CNT Act, reservation of local and tribal in the State government's jobs, Para teachers etc. I have raised my voice in support of Para teachers because they have been selected by village committees how the government can cancel their selection."

"At present I am not going to join any party. I am going to discuss the whole matter with my close aides and then we will decide that what will be the next step towards future policy," he said.

Meanwhile, clarifying the party's stand on termination of the MLA, AJSU Party Spokesperson Devasharan Bhagat said, "Rather than keeping his point in the party fold, MLA Vikas Munda has broken the party's dignity. He has neglected the internal system and he was constantly neglecting party workers in the Tamar Assembly constituency. Munda also did not participate in the party's Central Working Committee meeting on December 9."

JAN SAMVAD

Provide compensation in special cases: Barnwal

PNS ■ RANCHI

In case of death of a person in natural calamities, in case of absence of post mortem report, if the FIR is not lodged or the body of the dead person is not recovered, the grant or compensation payable by the State Government will be paid to their dependents. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sunil Kumar Barnwal has asked the Deputy Commissioners and Nodal Officers of all the districts to ensure compliance with this order of the Government.

During the weekly review of the cases filed in the CM Jan Samvad center here on Tuesday Barnwal gave this directive in the light of a complaint received from Dhanbad. It was stated in the complaint that the death of 65-year-old Mahadev Rajwar was due to the thunderstorm on July 28, 2016, but the compensation could not be paid due to the post mortem report of the deceased could not be obtained till now.

Barnwal said that according to the Cabinet decision, in such special circumstances of disaster in which there is no reason for postmortem, there is



Principle Secretary to the Chief Minister Sunil Kumar Barnwal during Jan Samvad in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

a provision to pay compensation on the basis of the inquiry report of the responsible officer. He instructed the department to make a compensation payment to the dependent by making a copy of the resolution of this decision of the Cabinet.

Farmers' crops were wasted in 2013-14, but they have not received any compensation till now due to the arrival of paddy seed after the rape of the paddy seed made available at Rajgunj block of Dhanbad district. The Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner has said that the FIR will be lodged on the

company which has insured the crops. Barnwal instructed the nodal officer of the district to make allocation to the agriculture, animal husbandry and cooperative department within 15 days after the recovery of the guarantee amount of the insurance company so that the claim amount can be ensured for the farmers.

On the complaint of the kidnapping of 15-year-old daughter of Godda, a complaint was lodged by Sirsa village resident, Mehraj Ul Ansari, under Littipara police station in Pakur district, informing the

nodal officer of the district that the boy's mother was traced and the boy was traced - The location of the persons is constantly being traced. The nodal officer assured to recovered the two soon.

While reviewing the complaint of non-operation of the Anganwadi center located in Barkoma village under the Chandankriari section of Bokaro, Barnwal directed the Nodal Officer of the District to check that if Anganwadi is closed, then dismiss the sevika.

Rohit Kumar of Simdega worked as an operator from June 2016 to April 2017 in District Welfare Office, Simdega, in lieu of which the outstanding honorarium has not been paid. In this case Barnwal ordered the department officials to ensure payment of pending honorarium pending till Tuesday.

In connection with the payment of pending honorarium of 8 women in Kasturba Gandhi residential schools operated under Satganwa, Markachho, Jaynagar, Koderma section of Koderma district, the nodal officer of the district assured the payment within one week.

Date extended for CM fellowship scheme

PNS ■ RANCHI

In good news for the students of Jharkhand, the date of application, under the Chief Minister Fellowship scheme, has been extended from December 10 to December 15. The students willing to apply for the course still have time to apply.

Under the scheme, those students, resident of Jharkhand, are studying professional courses including B. Tech, BE, Dental, MBBS, Integrated MBA, Integrated LLB etc at reputed higher educational institutions can apply through the website of the scheme.

Only those students are entitled to get scholarship from the scheme, whose guardians do not fall under income tax payee category and the student should not get scholarship from any other sources. There are two options in front of the students. Under the first option students of country's hundred leading technical and commercial institutions can apply. Under this category the students will get Rs. One lakh.

Under the second option

Under the scheme, those students, resident of Jharkhand, are studying professional courses including B. Tech, BE, Dental, MBBS, Integrated MBA, Integrated LLB etc at reputed higher educational institutions can apply through the website of the scheme

only those students can apply who have passed Ph. D examinations from Universities of Jharkhand. Under this category the registered students will get per year Rs 15,000 for three years. The portal will be opened for throughout the year for the students of Research Fellowship.

Deputy Director cum Nodal Officer Chief Minister Fellowship Scheme, Sanjiv Chaturvedi informed that this programme is very effective for meritorious students. He appealed to the students they should apply for the program in large numbers.

INBRIEF

KMS DISTRIBUTES WARM CLOTHES

The Kasturi Mahila Sabha (KMS) of CMPDI distributed warm clothes on the premises of CMPDI to workers of Birsa Primary School, Birsa High school, Gondwana Club boys and contractual workers of CMPDI.



Sweaters and Mufflers were distributed to men and sweaters and leggings to women workers. This occasion was graced by CMD, CMPDI Shekhar Saran, President of KMS, Meeta Saran, Director, T/CRD, BN Shulka, and his wife Manjula Shukla, Director/ES, AK Chakraborty and his wife Alakananda Chakraborty and Director T/P&D KK Mishra, apart from other officials. Speaking on this occasion, Saran said that initiative of KMS is commendable and need to be carried on in future also.

TRAINS CANCELLED DUE TO FOG

According to the press release information issued by the South Eastern Railway (SER) due to the fog during winter Hatia-Anand Vihar-Hatia Express will be cancelled till the following time. Hatia-Anand Vihar Jharkhand Swarn Jayanti Express will be canceled from December 13, 2018 to February 17, 2019 and on February 18, 2019 it will start from its departure station again. Anand Vihar Hatia Jharkhand Swarnjayanti Express will be canceled from December 14 to February 18, 2019 and on February 19, 2019 it will start from its departure station again.

DRM INAUGURATES COACHING DEPOT

Divisional Railway Manager, Vijay Kumar Gupta inaugurated SS-1



maintenance work of LHB coaches in Coaching Depot, at Hatia on Tuesday. In maintenance of LHB coaches, SS-1 is one of the very essential maintenance which is done after 18 months of POH date. Now the LHB coaches have started with tools and equipments in SS-1 Maintenance Coaching Depot. Earlier this work was done by Calcutta Maintenance Coaching Depot in which a lot of money was spent and it took 15 days. Now, this work is being done by the coach at Hatia's coaching depot.

DIST ADMIN TRAINING FOR PLVS

On the initiative of Ranchi DC RM Ray the Ranchi district administration is providing Para legal Volunteers under DLSA training at the collectorate building. The PLVs are being trained to make people aware about the social welfare schemes and the process through which they will get benefitted. The DC had sought a list of PLVs and the DLSA had given list of 250 PLVs in five batches. Deputy Director of Social Security Priyanka Shrivastav said that PLVs are being trained on the subjects of how benefits of different social security schemes are given to the people



Chief Minister Raghubar Das blesses Hazaribagh MLA Manish Jaiswal's son and daughter-in-law at their marriage ceremony in Hazaribagh on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

6 PLFI members arrested in Ranchi

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Acting on a tip-off, Ranchi APolice have arrested six persons having links with banned extremist organization, People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI), while they were planning to commit a murder in the State capital.

The arrested persons are Vikas Mishra, Deepak Pati, Arun Bhagat, Dilip Singh, Sabir Khan and Mumtaz Khan. Two country-made pistols, several cartridges, PLFI letter pad and other articles were recovered from them.

Addressing media persons on Tuesday Rural SP Ashutosh Shekhar informed that Ranchi SSP Anish Gupta received information that PLFI members were seen moving in the Nagri, Itki and the Ratu police station areas with the intention to commit crime. Acting upon his direction a team led by two DSPs started a search operation



Rural SP Ashutosh Shekhar alongwith senior officials showing arrested 6 PLFI cadres during a press conference at his office in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

for the miscreants at various places. During the drive, police team intercepted the PLFI members at Kanthitand, while they were proceeding on a vehicle to meet a middle man of the murder conspiracy. The arms and ammunition were recovered from vehicle during

searches.

The accused admitted before police that they were planning to murder a person in Khelgaon area over a land dispute. They said that a middleman living in the Ratu area had promised to pay Rs 1.5 lakhs to them for the crime.

Smart surveillance system trial goes haywire in City

PRAGYA PALLAVI ■ RANCHI

The trial of smart surveillance systems to nab the violators violating traffic rules, streamlining the traffic management system here seems to have gone haywire. The trial was started a few days back by Ranchi Traffic Police. The traffic police had initiated the trial process at the 16 major city squares however the unplanned digging of roads has exaggerated the problem. Besides, the defunct traffic signal, undefined Zebra Crossing, lack of trained staff in monitoring the process is posing hurdle in the Reche.

Notably, in a bid to identify the traffic rules violators, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system including high resolution CCTV cameras is soon to make the debut here. Considering its launch, the traffic police have initiated the dry-run process. Before the launch, full-proof trial was expected to get



A view of massive traffic jam near Albert Ekka Chowk in Ranchi on Tuesday. Vinay Murmu

complete without any glitches. Approximately, 16 traffic checkpoints have been identified where ANPR, CCTV cameras will be put up with an aim to streamline the traffic management system to an extent here.

"The traffic police personnel associated with the project have been instructed to address the problems. After receiving the preliminary report, all loopholes are being checked and will be resolved soon. From December 15, the trial

will be done in an organised way following a proper system. If things fall into place, the smart surveillance traffic management systems will be started from January 1, 2019. The trial will continue till December 31," said SP, Traffic, Ajit Peter Dundung.

Further, he stated that the recent trouble faced by the commuters was due to the ongoing civil construction work going alongside the road. "Traffic congestion at different routes is being managed by

the constables and the senior officials too are keeping the tab on the vehicular movement at the busiest routes."

Moreover, in an attempt to curb the increasing incidents of crime in the Capital City, soon the Ranchi Police will introduce another new hi-tech surveillance system to keep a tab on miscreants' activities. Soon, Face Recognition Cameras (FRC) will be installed at major routes to collect first-hand inputs about any trouble-maker entering the city or creating ruckus within the jurisdiction of Ranchi Police.

According to the senior police officials, for any preliminary investigation, FRC can prove immensely beneficial. Criminals or any such troublemaker would be recognised easily through this hi-resolution technique being mounted up here at different locations. As many as 20 spots have been identified for setting up FRC considering vulnerability, population and other factors.

Thirteen para-teachers get bail

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The court of Principal Judicial Commissioner (PJC), Ranchi on Tuesday allowed bail to 13 para teachers who were arrested in connection with violence that took place at Morabadi ground during Statehood Day celebration.

Granting them bail PJC Navneet Kumar directed that each para-teacher would have to furnish bail bond of Rs 10,001 each. He added that the para teachers would also have to serve in child welfare institution for 15 days under the guidance of District Welfare Officer. Among the released para teachers are Vikas Kumar Yadav, Pradyuman Kumar Singh, Pramod Kumar Mahto, Sanjay Kumar Dubey and Rishshikesh Pathak.

Pradeep Chandra the counsel for a group of para teachers released today said he argued before the court that no specific allegations were levelled against the accused persons in the FIR registered with the Lalpur police station. It may be stated here that so far all 282 para teachers who were arrested in connection with the alleged violence and stone pelting incident at Morhabadi ground on November 15 have got bail. Earlier the PJC had granted bail to 234 para-teachers on the condition to serve child welfare institution as well.

झारखण्ड सरकार, श्रम, नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग

दत्तपंत टेंगडी रोजगार मेला-दिसम्बर 2018 "सूचना"

राज्य के बेरोजगार युवाओं/युवतियों को निजी क्षेत्र में नियोजित करने के उद्देश्य से निदेशालय नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण के तत्वावधान में दिनांक 13 एवं 14 दिसम्बर 2018 को अवर प्रादेशिक नियोजनालय-सह-मॉडल कैम्पस सेंटर, रांची द्वारा पूर्वोक्त 04 बजे से अपराह्न 04 बजे तक औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान कैम्पस, हेडल, रांची में दत्तपंत टेंगडी रोजगार मेला 2018 का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। रोजगार मेला में निम्नांकित प्रमुख नियोजकों ने उपस्थित रहने की सहमति प्रदान की है।

SL. NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EMPLOYER	NAME OF THE VACANCIES	NO OF VACANCIES	QUALIFICATION	AGE	Salary	Experience & Remarks
01.	GAS SECURE SOLUTION (INDIA) PVT.LTD JAMSHEDPUR.	Security Guard	450	9 th Pass/Matric/ Height 5.6"	18-35 Yrs	9900-12972	-
02.	CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ,R.K PALACE,KISHOREGANJ CHOWK,LAKE ROAD(OPP.PALKOT HOUSE) RANCHI.	Mason	30	Non Matric	18-35 Yrs	7k to 18k Other Allowance	Candidate will be placed after success full completion of training under CIDC centre.
		Bar Bender	30	Non Matric	18-35	7k to 18k Other Allowance	
		Shuttering Carpenter	30	Non Matric	18-35	7k to 18k Other Allowance	
		Plumber	50	Matric	18-35	7k to 18k Other Allowance	
		Electrician	50	Intermediate	18-35	7k to 18k Other Allowance	
		Land Surveyor	10	Graduate	18-35	7k to 18k Other Allowance	
		Lab. Technician	10	B.SC	18-35	7k to 18k Other Allowance	
03.	CMC MITCON MEGA SKILL PVT. LTD. RANCHI	Asst. Electrician	90	Matric	18-35	7.5K-12K	Fresher, will be placed after training for 3 months.
		Fitter	60	Matric	18-35	7.5K-12K	
		Welder	60	Matric	18-35	7.5K-12K	
		Solar Technician	60	Matric	18-35	7.5K-12K	
		Shuttering Carpenter	60	Non Matric	18-35	7.5K-12K	
		Painting & Decoration	60	Non Matric	18-35	7.5K-12K	
		Security Guard	220	10 th	18-45	7000-15000	
04.	SEVA SAHYOG SECURITIES & FACILITY MANAGEMENT PVT. LTD. JAMSHEDPUR	Security Supervisor	20	12 th	18-45	8000-17000	lyrs
		Gunman	05	10 th	25-45	12000+	License all Indian
05.	EUREKA FORBES LTD, 3 RD FLOOR B.S HEIGHT H B ROAD CHUNNA BHATTA, KOKAR, RANCHI-01	Cook	10	10 th	20-45	5000-8000	NO
		Field Officer	10	Graduation	20-45	9000-18000	Computer+ 2yrs Exp.
06.	NATCHI APPAREL PVT.LTD. TAMILNADU	Office Staff	10	Graduation	20-45	6000-12000	Computer+
		Sewing Machine Operator (Tailor)	100	5 th Pass	18-40	6370 to 8710/-	Only for Female
07.	PREMIER SPG & WVG MILLS PVT.LTD. TAMILNADU.	Operator (Women Worker)	100	5 th Pass	18-23	8840/-	Only for Female
08.	ISON BPO INDIA PVT. LTD RANCHI.	Customer Care Executive (CCE)	50	Intermediate, Graduate	18-35	8520 (TCTC)	Fresher
09.	BLACK COBRA SECURITY RANCHI	Block Branch Manager	30	Intermediate/Graduate	19-40	4000-7000	Uniform/Passbook/Agreement will be Chargeable.
		Interview Officer	03	Intermediate/Graduate	19-40	6000-12000	
		Security Guard	20	8 th Intermediate	18-40	4000-13000	
		Fitter	10	Matric/ITI Pass	18-40	7000-14500	
		Welder	10	Matric/ITI Pass	18-40	7000-14500	
		Booking Officer	05	Intermediate/Graduate	18-40	7000-13000	
		Retail sales Manager	30	5 th pass-Inter	18-45	4000-7000	
		Sewing Trainer	20	5 th pass-Inter	18-40	3000-5000	
		Call Centre Trainer	05	Matric-Inter	18-35	4000-7000	
		Store Keeper	03	Matric-Graduate	19-45	7000-13000	
		Mela Officer	03	Inter-Graduate	18-45	6000-13000	
		Waiter	20	8 th Pass-Matric	18-45	6000-13000	
		Survey Officer	05	Matric-Inter	18-45	5000-12000	
		10.	SUDHA MOTORS RANCHI.	Washing Boy	02	Unskilled	
Technician Helper	02			ITI	18-30	As per Company Norms	-
Technician	01			ITI Automobile	18-30	As per Company Norms	-
Front Office Manager	01			Graduate	18-30	As per Company Norms	-
Sales Executive	15			Graduate with 2 wheeler and Driving license	18-30	As per Company Norms	-
11.	YOUTH 4 JOBS RANCHI	Tele Caller	03	Graduate	18-30	As per Company Norms	-
		CSA	20	12 th	18-30	7200/-Only for PH	-
		CSR	20	12 th	18-30	7200/-Only for PH	-
		Cashier	10	12 th	18-30	8500/-Only for PH	-
12.	RED STRIPES SOLUTIONS PVT. LTD.	Guard	20	10 th	18-30	6500/-Only for PH	-
		Sales and Marketing Executive	03	Graduation (DCA)	18-28	8000-12000/-	-
		Data Executive	02	Inter/graduation (DCA)	18-28	5000-8000/-	-
13.	ARVIND SMART TEXTILES LTD. RANCHI.	Office Boy	01	Matric	18-30	5000-6000/-	-
		SMO	10	10 th	18-24 years	7000/-	-
14.	TOPS SERVICES PVT. LTD. MUMBAL	Unarmed Security Guard	1000	8 th pass	18-35	Min 8000/- CTC+PF+ESIC and fooding and lodging 8500/-	Min height 5.5"
15.	PMF ENGINEERING LTD. TELANGANA.	ITI	100	Fitter, Diesel Machanic,Welder,Turner ,Electrical Pass	19-25	Conveyance+food and Accommodation 8500/-	-
		Councillor	14	Graduation	20-30	7500-15000	Fresher
		Office Executive	47	Matric	18-35	7500-10000	Fresher
		SR.HR.Executive	06	Graduate	22-35	10000-20000	1 yrs
		Computer Operator	48	Inter+DCA	18-35	7500-15000	Fresher
		Office Boy	10	Matric	18-35	7500-10000	Fresher
		Public Relationship Officer	75	Graduate	18-35	10000-15000	Fresher
		Buissness Development Executive	81	Graduate	20-35	10000-15000	Fresher
		Lead Generator Executive	177	Inter	20-35	8000-12000	Fresher
		Asst. Buissness Development Manager	25	MBA(MKT.)	22-35	12000-20000	2Yrs
16.	XZENT AQUA PVT.LTD. LUCKNOW.	Buissness Development Manager	05	MBA(MKT.)	24-35	15000-25000	5 Yrs
		Accountant	14	B.com/l.com	20-35	7500-10000	Fresher
		SR. Accountant	06	B.com	20-35	10000-15000	2 Yrs
		R.O. Service Executive	75	Inter/ITI	18-35	7500-15000	Fresher
		R.O. Assembling Executive	35	Inter/ITI	18-35	7500-15000	Fresher
		Accountant	20	B.Com	20-30	8k to 15k	-
		Supervisor/Team Leader	10	Graduate	20-30	8k to 15k	-
		Marketing Executive	20	Graduate/MBA (Marketing)	20-30	8k to 15k	Intensive+ Travelling and Mobile Allowance
		House Keeping Staff (Hotel Staff)	20	Degree/Diploma in Hotel Management	20-30	7k to 15k	Intensive+ Accommodation EPF+ESI
		Technician	40	ITI (All trade) Ex. Fitter ,Gas-cuter, Welder, Electrical etc.	20-35	8k to 12k	-
		Computer Operator	10	Graduate	20-30	7k to 10 k	-
		Tele Caller Cum Back Office (Female)	10	Graduate/(CBSE Background preferable)	20-30	7k to 10k	Intensive
		Sales Boy	20	10 th	18-30	7k to 10k	Good Communication Skill
		Delivery Boy	50	10 th	20-30	9k to 10k	Bonus+ Intensive
Driver	20	10 th	20-45	7k to 10k	-		
17.	NIRMAN SERVICES PVT.LTD.	Security Guard	20	10 th	20-40	8k to 12k	Accommodation Facility Available
		Cook & Helper	10	10 th	20-40	7k to 10k	-
		Mali/gardener	10	10 th	20-50	7k to 10k	-
		Office Boy/Peon	10	10 th	20-30	6k to 8k	-
		100	Min 10 th	18-30	8500/-	1500 Att. Award	
		60	Min 10 th	18-30	8600/-	34/- per hrs OT	
		50	ITI	18-26	10000/-	96/- per hrs OT	
		40	ITI	18-26	10245/-	96/- Per hrs OT	
		70	Min 10 th	18-32	8500/-	1800/- Att. Award	
		90	ITI	18-30	10000/-	400/-Att. Award	
18.	S.S EDUCATIONS PVT.LTD.	Electricals	200	ITI Electrical	18-45	13000/-	All INDIA
		Field Officer	20	Graduation Any stream	21-30	9251-11251	Must have 2 wheeler, valid driving license ready to relocate within state
19.	WAFIYA SECURITY & INTELLIGENCE PVT.LTD. PATNA.	Administration Assistant	05	10 th pass	22-42	8400/-	Ready to relocate within state
		Customer Service Associate	02	Inter	19-30	-	6465/-
20.	SAMBANDH FINSEVE PVT.LTD.	Customer Service Executive	150	12th	18-30	8483-10000 CTC	Freshers & Experience
		MIS Executive	2	Graduation	18-30	8483-10000 CTC	Freshers & Experience
21.	RELIANCE RETAIL LTD. RANCHI.	Data Support Executive	2	Graduation	18-30	8483-10000 CTC	Freshers & Experience
		Dietician	3	Graduate/ Post Graduate in CND	18-30	8483-10000 CTC	Freshers & Experience
		Customer Retention Executive	5	12th/ Graduate in Any stream	18-30	8483-10000 CTC	Freshers & Experience
		Traine	100	10 th	18-35	7.5K to 8K	-
22.	NIMBUS BPO RANCHI.	Traine	100	10 th	18-35	7.5K to 8K	-
		Traine	100	10 th	18-35	7.5K to 8K	-
23.	Distil Education & Technology Pvt. Ltd.	Traine	100	10 th	18-35	7.5K to 8K	-
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One Maoist surrenders, another arrested in Palamu

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

CPI Maoist cadre Krishna Singh (40) surrendered before SP Palamu Indrajeet Mahatha here on Tuesday. Sleuths of Special Branch, one executive magistrate on behalf of DC, Palamu and one official of CRPF along with ASP (Ops) became a witness to this surrender of Krishna Singh today.

Sources said it is rare when the surrender of a Maoist and the arrest of Maoist go together on the same day as it happened in Daltonganj today.

SP, Palamu, taking a departure from his previous naxal surrender briefing here spent more time on telling media person that a full-fledged screening committee set up for surrender of naxals had examined this case of Krishna Singh and the screening committee found this case fit enough for surrender on more than three counts.

The SP went on to say, "First Krishna Singh has a reward of one lakh on his head. It was declared by State Home department. Again he has 5 cases against him in 3 police stations. And third despite leaving extremism in 2016 he remained in touch with Maoists and worked for them in different way like reaching logistics for them or keeping them informed of police."

SP's stress on screening committee and presence of sleuths of Special Branch right in the press briefing where Singh so surrendered without any arms was to drive a point home that Singh's surrender goes well down with State surrender cum rehabilitation programme and his surrender fits the bill of surrender conditions as well.

Krishna Singh, who hails from Koureeya village under Bishrampur police station, had joined extremism in 2005 and in 2016 he left it. His wife Phula Devi and



SP, Palamu, Indrajeet Mahatha during surrender of CPI (maoist) cadre Krishna Singh in Daltonganj on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

one son (name with held) who is a class 10 student of a government school were present when he surrendered. The three had peace on their faces. Phula Devi looked most relaxed. SP too was most attentive towards her as he asked her to sit in chair and then SP said, "We are grateful to this woman who was very helpful and instrumental in motivating and convincing her husband to surrender."

The SP further added "It was this Saturday that she wrote to us informing us that her husband is ready to surrender. Our team just swung into action. We were following this case over the last one year. This woman did her best."

The SP did promise all rehabilitation package to this family, which was given one lakh of rupees in cash today but SP was equally sharp to remind Krishna Singh that he would have to face the prosecution after all. SP had a word of appreciation for 134 battalion of CRPF too as he reiterated police and CRPF jointly work out on surrender

of naxals. Krishna Singh told media persons "The life which I lived so far was all hellish as when I was on the run my wife too did not sit idle. She also remained on her feet. Now my family will have not to undergo such a pathetic life." The surrendered Maoist had a very brief stint in jail here when in 2011 September he went to jail only to come out on bail in March 2012.

It was a day for one other Maoist Lakhraj Bhuiyan to go to jail today after his post mid night arrest by police at his village Jogeeya Sohree under Lesliganj police station in Palamu. He too carried a reward of one lakh of rupees on his head said SP. Bhuiyan has just 2 cases against him in 2 police stations Lesliganj and Satbarwa. Both the cases are of serious nature like ambushing police party and kidnapping for ransom committed in 2005 and 2006 respectively. The surrendered Maoist and the arrested Maoist both went to central jail Daltonganj today said the SP.

Villagers residing in the shadow of Tusker fear

PNS ■ BOKARO

Amidst naxal fear, rampaging tuskers have become a stern threat to the rural masses residing in the Lugu and Jhumra hillocks in Gomia block of Bokaro district.

On Sunday midnight, a herd of 14 elephants ransacked a hotel running in a cottage at Tillaya village. The rowdy tuskers destroyed roof and later demolished the walls of the hotel, said Raj Kapoor Thakur the owner of the hotel.

According to the villagers, the herd of elephant created mayhem since past few months in several villages situated in the in the base areas area of Lugu and Jhumra hills; on time of intervals their attacks continued since from July this year, said Santosh Mahato a local resident.

"Fearing with the rowdy elephants, rural people mostly in the hilly and forestry areas are compelled to spend sleepless night whenever we heard about the herd of elephants crossing from our areas including farmland," he added.

In the month of July this year the herd ransacked com-

munity centre at Luguburu. The rowdy tuskers also attacked a nearby temple later they demolished the boundary wall of the guest house belongs to Tenughat Thermal Power Station (TTPS), informed Suresh Mahato another villager. "In August, again that herd attacked in Chorgawa and ransacked three houses belong to Parvati Devi, Malti Devi and Ganesh Prasad; destroyed paddy and maize crops," added Lobin Murmu a villager.

The rampaging elephants first ransacked the houses and later they engulfed about 10 quintals of Rice, Mustered, Maize and Kurthi stored in those houses, said another villager.

"We are on move to curb the menace of elephants across the region," said S Bhagat Forest Officer. These are hillocks regions and herd of elephants usually enters into these areas, though we are trying our best," he added. Notably, about 70 to 100 people are trampled to death every year in Jharkhand by elephants.

Every year a herd of rowdy tuskers entered into Jharkhand from Purulia district of West Bengal. "The herd of wild elephants moves in search of country liquor (like Mari or Handia) after getting the scent of it, besides damaging standing crops, vegetables and even huts of poor villagers living near the jungle area," said a forest official.

Though the regions of Kasmar, Jaridih, Peterwar, Gola and Ramghar which also known as the 'elephant corridor'—the migration root of the elephants in Bokaro district. Regularly elephants enter into these regions of Jharkhand from the Roriya forest the border area of Purulia district of WB and Jharkhand; while in Dhanbad district the elephant herds frequently moved to Dhanbad via Jamtara from the Purulia district of WB too and claimed several lives in the past and destroyed crops, he said.

"A shrinking habitat has forced elephants to raid farmlands and villagers have been encroaching upon forest land to build homes, increasing the man-animal conflict in the State, which has also been hit by Maoist militancy," a forest official said.

20 tonnes of Illegal coal seized, 1 held

PNS ■ RANCHI

More than 20 tonnes of illegal coal, which was stored at Jarandih Nala Railway Siding have been seized by police here on Tuesday. Police also arrested one coal theft namely Dinesh Gorai of Purulia district WB.

Coal smugglers were totally taken in by surprise, when police launched a sudden raid on Jarandih railway siding. Some feel that the coal smugglers had already got wing of the impending raid. Seeing the police party the smugglers

beat a hasty retreat, nearly 20 tonnes of steam coal was recovered from the intensive operation and handed over to CCL.Police said that coal is carted on bicycle and others communication means and dumped in the Jarandih residential colony from where it is transported to other destinations. Bokaro Superintendent of Police Kartik S said he conveyed to all the officer-in-charge of all police stations of the Bokaro that he will not allow illegal mining and his movement against illegal mining of coal in Bokaro will continue unabated.

Waste Treatment Plant at Kalapathar hits hurdles

PNS ■ BOKARO

The proposed Waste Treatment Plant at Kalapathar in Chas stuck in political battles as politicians, ex

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 apologized 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

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.

"Although 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

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.

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 Kalaignar (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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 Dy. Director (H-V)

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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 03.01.2019	34.80 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	xenudaselwale@gmail.com 9129-9090563
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	sdvspjgmda@gov.in 91852278933
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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 Rashriya 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.

ing 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

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The BJP is set to introduce triple talaq bill again in the RS in the winter session that commenced on Monday. With clear defeats in Rajasthan (Assembly strength 200) and Chhattisgarh (90 seats) and losing numbers in Madhya Pradesh (230 seats) to the Congress, BJP may accede RS strength to the Congress

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.

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 Chattisgarh, 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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 SH:- Providing Safai Karamcharies for Housekeeping Work at Shivaji Stadium, Chander Lok Building, Mayur Bhawan, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Pragati Bhawan, and Zonal Centre at Fire Brigade Lane.
 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.
 Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution is : 17.12.2018 upto 16:00 Hours.
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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.

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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.

(The writer is a well-known columnist and an author)

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



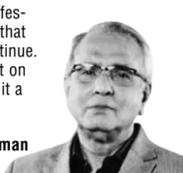
There is a stark difference in India's relationship with the US since the 1998 nuclear tests. Bilateral ties are now very good.

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 is 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.

Tharcus 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.

Sanjay
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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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LOSING PARTY ALWAYS SAYS THE EVMS HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH. PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN VICTORY TO TRS, WHAT CONGRESS IS CLAIMING IS FALSE.
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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 fact 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'.

(The author is a Jammu-based political commentator and strategic analyst. The views expressed are entirely personal)

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.

(The writer is Assistant Professor, Amity University)



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.

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.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will see an investment of about \$300 billion over the next decade in setting up of refineries, oil and gas pipelines and expansion of city gas distribution network as it builds infrastructure to cope with the massive demand surge, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Tuesday.

Speaking at KPMG's ENRich 2018 energy conference here, he said India is the third largest energy consumer in the world after the US and China and its energy demand will grow three-fold by 2040.

According to BP Energy Outlook, India will be the key driver of global energy demand in the next 25 years.

To meet the massive demand, it is building world's largest oil refinery in Maharashtra at a cost of \$40 billion, he said adding about \$3 billion is being spent on laying gas pipelines to connect the eastern part of the country to the gas grid.

City gas distribution network to supply CNG to automobiles and piped natural gas to households is being expanded to cover 70 per cent of the population in the next 2-3 years. "Up to 2014, only 66 districts in the country were covered under city gas distribution. Work on 174 districts has begun which will further expand to cover over 400 districts in the next 2-3 years covering 70 per cent of the population and 52 per cent of geography," he said.

Business Corner

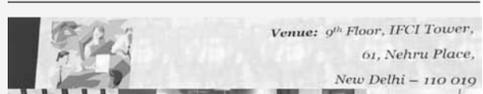
ASSAM RIFLES ORGANISES NATINAL INTEGREITION TOUR

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.



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 Satmra 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

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: ic:ashishsinghs@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, Indraprakash 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: ic:ashishsinghs@gmail.com
21 Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	407, Indraprakash Building, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 Email: ic:vtlindia.ip@gmail.com
22 Further details are available at or with	Email: ic:vtlindia.ip@gmail.com
23 Date of publication of Form G	11.12.2018

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Date: 11.12.2018
Place: New Delhi

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.

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
E-mail : Br:9028@syndicatebank.co.in

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)

₹ 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.

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."

Govt. of Bihar

BIHAR STATE POWER TRANSMISSION CO. LTD., PATNA
(Regd. Office - Vidut 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
"विवादों के निषादन के लिए लोक अदालत का लाभ उठाएँ, परस्पर सहमति से न्यायिक निर्णय प्राप्त करें, समय एवं खर्च की बचत करें"
PR. No. 13042 (Ni Ni) 2018-19
बिटिया मेरी अमी पढ़ेगी, शादी की सूली नहीं चढ़ेगी।

DAV TO HOST NATIONAL SPORTS MEET AT RANCHI

Ranchi: National Level Sports Meet (Boys Under 19) is being organized from December 12 to 14 at Birsu Munda Athletic Stadium, Mega Sports Complex, Khelgaon. During a press conference, Dr Shoor, (Director PS- 1), DAV CMC, New Delhi, said that more than 300 students from Jharkhand and about 4000 participants from across the country are taking part in this mega event. On this auspicious occasion, Dr. Punam Suri, Aryaratna, Padma Shree Awardee, President DAV College Managing Committee and Arya Pradeshik Pratinidhi Sabha, New Delhi, Chancellor, DAV University, Jalandhar will inaugurate the mega sports meet on December 12. Regional Officer of DAV Public Schools, Jharkhand Zone - F. Dr. K C

Srivastava, Assistant Regional Officer of DAV Public Schools, Jharkhand Zone "B" M K Sinha, Assistant Regional Officer of Jamshedpur Zone O P Mishra, Principal of DAV Kapildev Public school, Kadru, Ranchi, Principal, DAV Pundag, T Panigrahi and Principal, DAV Public School, Silli, A K Mishra were present on the occasion. PMS

CANCELLATION OF TRAIN FOR FOG

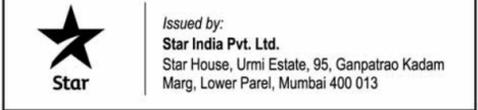
Due to upcoming foggy season 2018-19, the following trains will remain cancelled : ● 12873 Hatia - Anand Vihar Jharkhand Swarnajayanti Express (via Barkakana) from 13.12.2018 to 17.02.2019. ● 12874 Anand Vihar - Hatia Jharkhand Swarnajayanti Express (via Barkakana) from 14.12.2018 to 18.02.2019. Inconvenience caused is regretted. Chief Passenger Transportation Manager South Eastern Railway

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the consumers in the DAS Notified areas of Bhagatdin, Bastacola, Industry Colliery, Bank More And Kennad In Dhanbad Town, Gopindpur, Phulwaratona, Bhimkurna, Panchalnali, Karmat, Amtal, Chand Kniyar, Belgaria, Knasmtone and Dhanbad District, Ramgarh, Bachra, Ray, Tandwa, Keradari, Dakra, Chatra, Ikhori In Chatra District And Chanparan In Hazaribag District ("DAS Area(s)") that signals of the Star India Pvt. Ltd. Channels: [Comprising of- Star Plus, Star Bharat (erstwhile Life OK), Star Gold, Movies OK, Star Sports 3 (erstwhile Channel V), Star Utsav, Star Utsav Movies, Star Sports 1, Star Sports 2, Star Sports 1 Hindi (erstwhile Star Sports 3), Star Sports 1 Tamil (erstwhile Star Sports 4), Star Sports Select 1, Star Sports Select 2 (erstwhile FX), Star World, Star Movies, National Geographic, Nat Geo Wild, Net Geo People, Fox life, Nat Geo Music, Baby TV, Star Pravah, Suvarna, Suvarna Plus, Star Jalsha, Jalsha Movies, Asianet, Asianet Plus, Asianet Movies, Vijay, Vijay Super, MAA TV, Maa Movies, Maa Music, Maa Gold, Star Gold Select (erstwhile Star Movies Action) and Star Sports First] (collectively referred as "Channels") as opted by the following Cable Operator(s) are likely to be disconnected after three weeks from today by 'Star India Pvt. Ltd.' on account of- Non Payment of Subscription Fees :

Name of the Cable Operator(s)	Address
Digital India Cable Network & Broadband	Near Savitri Bhavan, Bastacolla Goushala More, Main Road Jharia, Industry Colliery, Post Dhansar, Dhanbad - 828106, Jharkhand
Santosh Cable Network	Vaishno Devi Mandir, Ramgarh Cantt, Ramgarh, Ramgarh - 829122, Jharkhand
Madhuri Cable Network	Sangam Vihar, Officer's Club, Bachara, Chatra - 829201, Jharkhand
Madhuri Cable Network	Suri Mohalla, Opposite Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Hazaribagh, Chatra - 825401, Jharkhand

All the area(s) serviced by the Cable Operator(s) and its franchisees in the DAS Area(s) will be affected.



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Notice

Short Tender invited for Selection of Firm/ Agencies/Consultant for OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF SHELTERS FOR URBAN HOMELESS FOR DIFFERENT ULBs OF JHARKHAND under Scheme of Shelters for Urban Homeless component of DAY-NULM.

For detail kindly visit website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

महिलाओं का अधिकार ₹ 1 में रजिस्ट्री। Sd/- Director Directorate of Municipal Administration PR 197475 (Urban Development and Housing) 18-19 (D)

JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LIMITED (CIN No. - U40108JH2013SGC001704) Office of the Deputy General Manager (Operation & Projects), Transmission Circle, Dhanbad Campus - Bijli Colony, Hirapur, Dist:- Dhanbad, Pin:- 826001 Email id: - dg.m2018@jshnbanjgsm@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM

Due to some unavoidable reasons NIT no - 208/PR/JUSNL/2018-19 is being extended as follows :- 1. Last date and time for sale of BoQ - 28.12.2018 upto 05:00 PM. 2. Last date and time for submission of tender - 29.12.2018 upto 03:00 PM. 3. Date and time of opening of tender - 29.12.2018 upto 03:30 PM 4. Contact/Mobile no. should be read as 9955369159 in place of 9431181539. All other terms & conditions in the NIT published remains same

व्यक्ति एवं संपत्ति में कर्जा बचत। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को टोल फ्री नं 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज कराएं। Sd/- Deputy General Manager, (Operation & Projects), Transmission Circle, Dhanbad PR 197529 (Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd) 18-19 #D

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी, (पंचायत)-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, कोडरमा (पंचायत शाखा)

आम सूचना जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी एवं निर्वाची पदाधिकारी की हस्तपुस्तिका की कंडिका 12. 37 में दिये गये निदेश के आलोक में त्रिस्तरीय पंचायत उप निर्वाचन 2018 के निमित्त स्वतंत्र, निष्पक्ष एवं शांतिपूर्ण निर्वाचन हेतु विधि-व्यवस्था बनाये रखने के लिए जयनगर प्रखण्ड के ग्राम पंचायत समिति जयनगर (पूर्वी) एवं ग्राम पंचायत, खरीयोडीह, जयनगर अवस्थित सभी कार्यालयों/विद्यालयों आदि में मतदान के दिन 19-12-2018 (बुधवार) को सार्वजनिक अवकाश घोषित किया जाता है।

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी, (पंचायत) -सह-उपायुक्त, कोडरमा

PR 197455 Election (18-19)_D

झारखण्ड औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकार बोकारो प्रक्षेत्र, बियाडा भवन, बालीडीह, बोकारो स्टील सिटी-8270 14 Phone No.: 06542253731, E-mail: mdbiadabokaro@gmail.com

आम-सूचना झारखण्ड औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकार विनियमन 2016 की कण्डिका 6ii (a) के तहत बोकारो प्रक्षेत्र के क्षेत्राधीन बाधमारा अंचल, रंगुनी मौजा अन्तर्गत औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में अवस्थित खाली भू-खण्ड को 30 वर्ष के लिए लीज पर आवंटन हेतु इच्छुक उद्यमियों के लिए आम सूचना निर्गत की जा रही है। इस भू-खण्ड का आवंटन उद्यमियों को Online के माध्यम से किया जाएगा। Online आवेदन www.advantage.jharkhand.gov.in पर किया जा सकता है। इच्छुक उद्यमी दिनांक 23.12.2018 के अपराह्न 05.00 बजे तक Online आवेदन दे सकते हैं। प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों पर दिनांक 28.12.2018 को होने वाले प्राधिकार की प्रोजेक्ट क्लीयरेंस समिती की बैठक में विचार किया जाएगा। भूमि का अप्रतिदेय (Non Refundable) प्रोसेसिंग/स्कूटी शुल्क निम्नांकित भूमि हेतु 50000 रु निर्धारित है। झारखण्ड औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकार विनियमन 2016 के आलोक में दिनांक 01.04.2019 से संशोधित निर्धारित दर आवंटि को देय होगा। आवंटन योग्य खाली भू-खण्ड की विवरणी निम्नवत् है:-

क्रमांक	भूखण्ड की विवरणी	रकबा (एकड़ में)	भूखण्ड का दर (प्रति एकड़)	अनुयुक्ति
1	बाधमारा औद्योगिक क्षेत्र मौजा - रंगुनी खाता सं० - 209 सर्वे प्लॉट सं०- 570, 620 एवं 568	11.92	रु 1,41,69,534.00 के दर से कुल राशि रु 16,89,00,845.00	Hospital/ I.T./ I.T.E.S./ Tourism हेतु आरक्षित।

P.R.197452 Industries(18-19)-D समस्या का समाधान तुरंत डायल करें - 181 क्षेत्रीय निदेशक जियाडा, बोकारो प्रक्षेत्र

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी, (पंचायत)-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, कोडरमा (पंचायत शाखा) आम सूचना

राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक 1683 दिनांक 07-12-2018 से प्राप्त निदेश के आलोक में झारखण्ड पंचायत राज अधिनियम 2001 की धारा 68क सहपठित लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम 1951 की धारा 135 ग तथा झारखण्ड नगरपालिका अधिनियम 2011 की धारा 576 के तहत स्वतंत्र, निष्पक्ष एवं शांतिपूर्ण निर्वाचन कराने तथा चुनाव की शुद्धता बनाये रखने के उद्देश्य से जयनगर प्रखण्ड के ग्राम पंचायत समिति जयनगर (पूर्वी) एवं ग्राम पंचायत, खरीयोडीह, जयनगर क्षेत्र में मतदान के दिन नियम समय की समाप्ति के 48 घंटे पूर्व से लेकर मतदान समाप्ति के अगले दिन प्रातः 7:00 बजे तक की अवधि को ड्राई-डे (Dry-Day) घोषित किया जाता है।

उक्त अवधि के दौरान किसी होटल/रेस्तरों/क्लब या अन्य ऐसे प्रतिष्ठान में शराब की न तो बिक्री की जा सकेगी और न ही उपलब्ध कराया जा सकेगा।

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी, (पंचायत) -सह-उपायुक्त, कोडरमा। PR197453 Election(18-19)D

Jharkhand State Khadi & Village Industries Board UdyogBhawan, 2nd Floor, Ratu Road, Ranchi-834001 Notice

Jharkhand State Khadi & Village Industries Board, Ranchi is organizing its annual KHADI & SARAS Mela from December 20th 2018 to January 6th, 2019. We invite you to participate in the following events.

EVENT	THEME	REGISTRATION OPENS	REGISTRATION CLOSES	SUBMISSION OF FORM
"Musical Band" Competition	Fusion Of OLD & NEW Era Rock Band(Participant have to carry their own instruments)	15 th December 2018	25 th December 2018	Head office -Jharkhand State Khadi & Village Industries Board, Ratu Road ,Ranchi (No registration fee is required)
"Mr. Khadi & Ms. Khadi" Competition	Swadeshi	11 th December 2018	18 th December 2018	Head office -Jharkhand State Khadi & Village Industries Board, Ratu Road, Ranchi (No registration fee is required)

NOTE:- "Musical Band" Competition held on 25th December 2018, KHADI & SARAS Mela, Morabadi, Ranchi at 12:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M. Registration forms are available in our official website www.jharkhandkhadi.net

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer Jharkhand State Khadi & Village Industries Board PR.197492 Jharkhand State Khadi & Village Industries Board(18-19):D समस्या का समाधान तुरंत डायल करें-181

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एतद् द्वारा सभी मतदाताओं को सूचित किया जाता है कि त्रिस्तरीय पंचायत उप निर्वाचन-2018 के निमित्त जयनगर प्रखण्ड के ग्राम पंचायत समिति जयनगर (पूर्वी) एवं ग्राम पंचायत खरीयोडीह, जयनगर के सदस्य के पद के लिए निर्वाचन दिनांक 19-12-2018 को निर्धारित है। सभी मतदाताओं से अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वे निर्भिक होकर अपने मत का प्रयोग अवश्य करेंगे।

राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, राँची के पत्रांक 1679 दिनांक 06-12-2018 एवं पत्रांक 2100 दिनांक 19-8-2015 से प्राप्त निदेश के आलोक में मतदाताओं की पहचान हेतु निम्नलिखित वैकल्पिक दस्तावेज निर्धारित किये जाते हैं :-

- भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा जारी किया गया मतदाता पहचान पत्र। (EPIC)
- निर्वाचन तंत्र द्वारा जारी प्रमाणित फोटोयुक्त मतदाता पची।
- पासपोर्ट।
- ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस।
- राज्य/केन्द्र सरकार, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों के उपक्रम, स्थानीय निकाय या पब्लिक लिमिटेड कंपनी द्वारा उनके कर्मचारियों को जारी किये जाने वाले फोटोयुक्त सेवा पहचान पत्र।
- बैंक/डाकघर फोटोयुक्त पास बुक।
- आयकर पहचान पत्र (पैन कार्ड)।
- आधार कार्ड।
- राष्ट्रीय जनसंख्या रजिस्टर (NPR)।
- मनरेगा जॉब कार्ड।
- श्रम मंत्रालय की योजनाओं द्वारा जारी स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना स्मार्ट कार्ड
- फोटोयुक्त पेंशन दस्तावेज

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी, (पंचायत) -सह-उपायुक्त, कोडरमा PR.197454 Election(18-19):D समस्या का समाधान तुरंत डायल करें-181

जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, राँची

(स्थान :- मध्यस्थता केन्द्र, व्यवहार न्यायालय, राँची) विशेष मध्यस्थता अधियाण दिनांक - 17.12.2018 से 19.12.2018

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि माननीय झारखण्ड उच्च न्यायालय, राँची के निर्देश पर तथा झारखण्ड राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार राँची के संरक्षण में जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, राँची द्वारा दिनांक-17.12.2018 से 19.12.2018 तक समय 10:30 बजे सुबह से विशेष मध्यस्थता अधियाण का आयोजन किया जा रहा है जिसमें परिवार न्यायालय से संबंधित मामलों एवं उसी से संबंधित अन्य मामले जैसे-दहेज उत्पीड़न, 498ए भा०द०वि०, घरेलू हिंसा, भरण-पोषण इत्यादि के मामले जो व्यवहार न्यायालय, राँची के विभिन्न न्यायालयों में लंबित हैं का निस्तारण आपसी सुलह-समझौते के आधार पर किया जायेगा जिसके संदर्भ में विशेषज्ञ मध्यस्थ दूसरे जिलों से भी राँची मध्यस्थता केन्द्र आ रहे हैं। प्रस्तुत किये जाने वाले मामले

तलाक संबंधी मामले	दहेज प्रतिषेध अधिनियम के मामले
वैवाहिक पुनस्थापना के मामले	भा० द० वि० की धारा-498ए के मामले
दत्तक ग्रहण के मामले	घरेलू हिंसा के मामले
भरण-पोषण के मामले	घरेलू हिंसा अधिनियम के अन्य मामले
बच्चों के संरक्षकता एवं अभिरक्षा के मामले	
परिवार न्यायालय में लंबित अन्य मामले	

इस संबंध में सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त विशेष मध्यस्थता अधियाण के तहत लाभुक अपने मामलों को संबंधित न्यायालयों से मध्यस्थता केन्द्र में भेजवाकर विशेष अधियाण के तहत उनका निस्तारण कराकर लाभ प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

इस संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार की विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु आप किसी भी कार्य दिवस को व्यवहार न्यायालय, राँची के कार्यालय में जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, राँची के कार्यालय में आ कर सचिव, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, राँची अथवा उनके दूरभाष सं०-0651-2223351 पर सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।

राय महिमावत रे उपायुक्त-सह-अध्यक्ष जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, राँची राय महिमावत रे उपायुक्त-सह-अध्यक्ष जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, राँची PR. 197538 Law(18-19):D समस्या का समाधान तुरंत डायल करें-181

झारखण्ड सरकार पर्यटन निदेशालय एम०डी०आई० भवन, द्वितीय तल, धुर्वा, राँची-4 फोन/फैक्स-0651-2331828 ई-मेल : dirjharkhandtourism@gmail.com/jtdeldtd@gmail.com

Ref. No. : 1088/2018 Ranchi/Dated : 07.12.2018 इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति का आमंत्रण

झारखण्ड टूरिज्म डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लि० हटिया डैम पार्क, राँची में हस्तशिल्प/हस्तकरघा को बढ़ावा देने हेतु हस्तशिल्प गाँव (Handicraft Village) विकसित करना चाहती है। उक्त निमित्त हटिया डैम पार्क, राँची स्थित कुल 08 कियोस्क को "जहाँ है जैसा है" के आधार पर संचालन हेतु 11 माह के लिए देने हेतु निर्णय लिया गया है। उक्त 08 कियोस्क में से 02 कियोस्क को फुड कियोस्क के रूप में तथा शेष 06 कियोस्क को हस्तशिल्प/हस्तकरघा Outlet के रूप में संचालन हेतु स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) से प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित करती है। नियम एवं शर्तें :-

- स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) द्वारा अग्रघन/सुरक्षित जमा के रूप में राशि रु० 1,00,00,00 (रु० एक हजार) मात्र का बैंक ड्राफ्ट (किसी भी अधिसूचित बैंक से निर्गत) जो झारखण्ड टूरिज्म डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लि० के नाम देय होगा एवं राँची में भुगतान होगा के साथ निविदा दिनांक 28.12.2018 को अपराह्न 02:00 बजे तक झारखण्ड टूरिज्म डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लि०, 5, महात्मा गाँधी मार्ग, राँची में जमा किया जा सकता है, जिसे उसी दिन अपराह्न 04:30 बजे निविदादाताओं अथवा उनके प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोली जाएगी एवं आवश्यकतानुसार लॉटरी के आधार पर स्टॉल आवंटित किया जाएगा।
- निविदा सादे कागज पर पूर्ण विवरण के साथ जमा करेंगे। फैंक्स/ईमेल के द्वारा जमा की गई निविदा स्वीकार नहीं की जाएगी।
- स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) द्वारा प्रमाण पत्रों की छायाप्रति (स्वयं अभिप्रमाणित) संलग्न करना होगा :-
a) कम से कम दो राजकीय अथवा राष्ट्रीय स्तर के हस्तशिल्प/हस्तकरघा मेला में भागीदारी करने संबंधी, संबंधित विभाग/सोसाईटी द्वारा निर्गत पत्र प्रमाण के रूप में प्रस्तुत करना होगा।
b) स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) के नाम का बैंक अकाउन्ट स्टेटमेंट की अद्यतन प्रति।
- सफल स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) द्वारा कियोस्क को प्रतिवर्ष मेन्टेनेन्स किया जाएगा तथा अग्रहण बाहर झारखण्ड टूरिज्म डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लि० के स्तर से अनुमोदित Paint/Snowsem आदि से प्रतिवर्ष पेंटिंग कार्य स्वयं के खर्च पर करना होगा।
- स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) द्वारा कियोस्क एवं इसके आस-पास की साफ-सफाई, सजोवट इत्यादि का कार्य स्वयं के खर्च पर किया जाएगा।
- किसी भी निविदा/प्रस्ताव को अथवा पूरी निविदा प्रक्रिया को बिना कारण बताए स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार पर्यटन निगम के पास पूर्णतः सुरक्षित रहेगा।
- फुड कियोस्क का उपयोग फुड स्टॉल के रूप में ही किया जा सकेगा तथा हस्तशिल्प/हस्तकरघा कियोस्क का उपयोग हस्तशिल्प/हस्तकरघा Outlet के रूप में ही किया जा सकेगा। उक्त कियोस्क में अन्य व्यवसाय की अनुमति नहीं होगी। ऐसा पाये जाने पर आवंटि द्वारा जमा की गई अग्रघन/सुरक्षित जमा राशि जप्त करते हुए आवंटन रद्द कर दिया जाएगा।
- एक स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) द्वारा एक ही कियोस्क के लिए प्रस्ताव समाप्त किया जा सकता है।
- सफल स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) द्वारा कियोस्क का 11 माह सफलता पूर्वक संचालन उपरान्त अगले 11 माह के अवधि विस्तार पर विचार किया जा सकता है।
- निविदा के संबंध में इच्छुक स्वयं सहायता समूह/महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह (SHG/WSHG) के साथ दिनांक 14.12.2018 को अपराह्न 04:00 बजे झारखण्ड टूरिज्म डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लि० के पंजिकृत कार्यालय, पर्यटन भवन, 5, महात्मा गाँधी मार्ग, राँची में बैठक आयोजित की जाएगी।

PR 197447 (Tourism, Art Culture Sports And Youth Affairs) 18-19 (D) जैती बघाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ। ह०/- -निदेशक

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आम सूचना मतदान के दिन मतदाताओं की पहचान स्थापित करने संबंधी आदेश

त्रिस्तरीय पंचायत उप निर्वाचन 2018 के निमित्त गढ़वा जिला अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड मेराल के मेराल पूर्वी पंचायत के मुखिया पद के निर्वाचन हेतु मतदान की तिथि दिनांक 19.12.2018 को निर्धारित है। राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक 1679 दिनांक 06.12.2018 एवं पत्रांक 2100 दिनांक 19.08.2015 के द्वारा प्राप्त आदेशानुसार सभी मतदाता, जिन्हें निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र जारी किये गये हैं, मतदान स्थल पर मत डालने से पहले पहचान सुनिश्चित करने हेतु अपना फोटो पहचान पत्र दिखायेंगे। ऐसे निर्वाचक, जो अपना निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र प्रस्तुत नहीं कर पाते हैं, उन्हें अपनी पहचान स्थापित करने के लिए निम्नलिखित वैकल्पिक फोटो पहचान दस्तावेजों (मूल रूप में) में से कोई एक प्रस्तुत करना होगा:-

- निर्वाचन तंत्र द्वारा जारी प्रमाणित फोटो मतदाता पची
- पासपोर्ट
- ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस
- राज्य/केन्द्र सरकार, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों के उपक्रमों/पब्लिक लिमिटेड कंपनियों के द्वारा अपने कर्मचारियों को जारी किये गये फोटोयुक्त सेवा पहचान-पत्र
- बैंकों/डाकघरों द्वारा जारी किये गये फोटोयुक्त पासबुक
- आयकर पहचान-पत्र (PAN CARD)
- आधार कार्ड
- राष्ट्रीय जनसंख्या रजिस्टर (NPR)
- मनरेगा जॉब कार्ड
- श्रम मंत्रालय की योजनाओं द्वारा जारी स्वास्थ्य बीमा स्मार्ट कार्ड
- फोटोयुक्त पेंशन दस्तावेज

ह०/- जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी (पंचायत) -सह- उपायुक्त, गढ़वा। PR197533 Panchayati Raj(18-19)D

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प्रेस विज्ञापित

झारखण्ड कर्मचारी चयन आयोग, राँची द्वारा अर्थ एवं सांख्यिकी निदेशालय झारखण्ड राँची के अन्तर्गत कनीय क्षेत्रीय अन्वेषक के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु अनुशंसित अभ्यर्थियों के प्रमाण पत्रों/अभिलेखों का सत्यापन हेतु अर्थ एवं सांख्यिकी निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, राँची (योजना भवन द्वितीय तल, नेपाल हाऊस परिसर, डोरण्डा, राँची) में दिनांक 26.11.2018 एवं दिनांक 07.12.2018 को तिथि निर्धारित की गयी थी, जिसमें निम्नांकित अनुशंसित अभ्यर्थी अनुपस्थित रहे।

क्र०सं०	मेरिट ऑर्डर न०	रॉल न०	अभ्यर्थी का नाम	पिता का नाम	जन्म तिथि	आरक्षण कोटि
1	989	1120030463	नितेशकुमार दास	भोला रविदास	10.12.1989	SC
2	3277	2166100206	कृष्ण कमलेश कुमार	मंगल उँरवा	09.01.2988	ST
3	3604	1816100053	अंजली टोप्यो	रघु कौलाश उँरवा	22.02.1993	ST
4	3983	1721130229	अनिलकुमार हॉसदा	शंकरप्रसाद हॉसदा	10.08.1989	ST

अतः उक्त सभी अनुशंसित अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि अपने साथ सभी मूल प्रमाण पत्रों/अभिलेखों (जाति प्रमाण पत्र एवं आवासीय प्रमाण सहित) तथा अद्यतन दो फोटोग्राफ के साथ सत्यापन हेतु अर्थ एवं सांख्यिकी निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, राँची (योजना भवन, द्वितीय तल, नेपाल हाऊस परिसर, डोरण्डा, राँची) में दिनांक 17.12.2018 को पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। इसे अंतिम सूचना समझा जाय।

निदेशक अर्थ एवं सांख्यिकी निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, राँची

PR 197481 Finance(18-19)D

Office of District Legal Services Authority, Koderma.

Notice regarding vacancy of Member in Permanent Lok Adalat, Koderma. Application in the prescribed format is invited from persons having adequate experience in public utility services (transport services for the carriage of passengers or goods by air, road or water; or postal telegraph or telephone service; or supply of power, light or water to the public by any establishment; or system of public conservancy or sanitation; or service in hospital or dispensary; or insurance service; or banking services' or education or educational institution; or housing and real estate services) for filling up the post of Member, PLA of Koderma District of Jharkhand.

Number of posts-2 Entitlement : Sitting fee of Rs. 1500/- per sitting and Rs. 5000/- conveyance allowance per month Period of appointment: the member shall hold office for a team of 5 years or till the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier. Applicant must attach two recent passport photos and two self addressed stamped envelope (Rs. 27 /- each) with the application. Last date of application: Application addressed to Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Civil Court, Koderma must reach by speed post/Courier/Registered post latest by 07.01.2019 by 05:00 P.M.

Format	Photograph
Name of the applicant	
Father's Name	
DOB and Age	
Permanent Address and Contact No.	
Educational Qualification	
Experience, work profile certificate, if any.	

I, _____ hereby declare that all the contents mentioned above are true and nothing has been concealed by me. If any statement is found incorrect or misleading, my candidature may be cancelled. Date and Place _____ Signature of applicant and Mobile No. _____ Principal District Judge-Cum-Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Koderma PR.197503 Law(18-19)-D जैती बघाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।

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

due to lack of support.

"The Government will ensure that the matter is brought back to the Commons before January 21," May's spokesman said.

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. **IAN S**

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

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

Washington: The Trump Administration on Tuesday designated Pakistan, China, Saudi Arabia and seven others as 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.

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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.

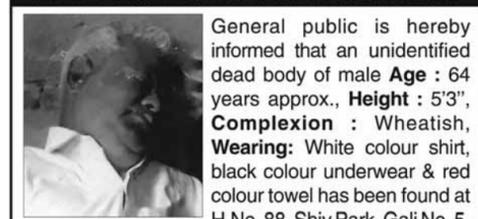
EX-NISSAN CHAIRMAN'S JAIL TIME EXTENDED

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. **IAN S**

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**

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. **IAN S**

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, DL - 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-033/IP- N00C/78/2017-18/10701
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-033/IP-N00C/78/2017-18/10701
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 :- Rs. 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.

Date : 12-12-2018
Place: Delhi

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Secured Creditor

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.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
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.

Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Fax: 011-24368639
Tel.: 011-24368638/24368641

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).

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.

SUMMER PROGRAMME

The Knowledge@Wharton High School (KWHS), a part of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, invites application for its upcoming summer programme—KWHS Global Young Leaders Academy (GYLA) for high school students to experience introductory business and finance education.

This programme will conduct five sessions in 2019. GYLA provides a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship, business and personal finance and equips students with the skills to excel in the global marketplace. It will include a session on US college admissions to help students understand the experience of applying to American colleges and universities. The participants also get a chance to be a part of a community-service project and receive a certificate that recognises their volunteer hours; visit cultural centers; participate in social activities; and much more.

Eligibility: High school students aged 15-18 years are eligible to apply through BrainGain Magazine, a leading study-abroad online portal that is collaborating with KWHS on this programme.

Students will be receiving a certificate from Knowledge@Wharton High School upon successful completion of the programme.



Fee: The two-week program costs \$5115 per student, including tuition, ground transportation, medical-insurance coverage during the program, lodging and boarding. The programme fee does not include international travel costs, international travel insurance and visa costs.

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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; 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

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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



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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 realise 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 make-over 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, Sonapat.** 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 ailment 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."

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Belgium, Dutch secure K/O spot

Red Lions, The Netherlands reach World Cup quarters after securing five-goal victory in cross-over

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Pakistan's miserable campaign at the men's hockey World Cup finally came to an end after Olympic Silver medallists Belgium thrashed the four-time champions 5-0 in the third cross-over match at the Kalinga Stadium here on Tuesday.

Staring the match as favourites, the Red Lions toyed with the Pakistani defence which somehow managed to hold on in the opening 10 minutes.

But once Alexander Hendricks (10th minute) converted a penalty corner, the Pakistani defence broke apart and gates opened up for Belgium. Besides, Hendricks, skipper Thomsa Briels (13th), Cedric Charlier (27th), Sebastian Dockier (35th) and Tom Boon (53rd) were the other goal getters for Belgium.

While Pakistan will pack their bags and return home, Belgium will take Germany in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

The Red Lions, ranked third in the world, came into the match as outright favourites against the world No 13 Pakistan and they played like champions, dominating the proceedings for major part of the 60 minutes.

Belgium's first scoring chance came from the very first move in the form of a penalty corner but the Pakistani defence did enough to thwart the danger.

Belgium kept up the pressure on the fragile Pakistani defence and secured back-to-back penalty corners in the 10th minute, the second of which was converted by Hendricks with a powerful low flick to the left corner of the goal.

Three minutes later, Belgium doubled their lead through skipper Briels, who deflected in after being set up by Nicols de Kerpels fine work pass from the right flank.

Pakistan improved their game in the second quarter and made some impressive moves but they lacked ideas once inside the opposition circle.

The final pass was lacking from the Pakistanis as a result of which their build-ups hardly troubled the Belgian defence.

Pakistan earned their first penalty corner in the 16th minute but wasted the opportunity while opting for a



variation.

Minutes later Ali Shan's reverse hit from inside the box sailed over the Belgium goal.

The missed chances hurt Pakistan as Belgium extended their lead three minutes from half time through Charlier whose reverse hit from a tight angle found the back of the net after a getting a slight deflection of Pakistani skipper Ammad Butt's sticks.

Five minutes after the change of ends, Belgium made the scoreline 4-0 through Dockier, who pushed in after a fine one-two touch play from Charlier and Simon Gougnard.

While Belgium wasted two more penalty corners in the third quarter, Pakistan too got a short corner but Ali Mubashar's attempt went wide.

Down by four goals, Pakistan knew it was the end of the road for them. It was a one way thereafter as Belgium made all the forays and earned two more penalty corners in the process. The last penalty corner resulted in a penalty stroke as the ball hit the body of a Pakistani defender and Boon made no mistake in converting the chance.

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fortable win at the Kalinga Stadium. Netherlands will now play India in the last-eight round on Thursday.

In the match between world No 4 Netherlands and world No 11 Canada, the Dutch were early aggressors as they made continuous forays.

The Canadians, on the other hand, preferred to sit back and defend while looking for counters to surprise their opponents.

Canadian goalkeeper Andrew

Charter too made a number of brilliant saves to keep his side in the hunt.

The Netherlands' first chance came in the ninth minute but Charter came out of his line to pull off brilliant save and deny Bob de Voogd.

Seven seconds from the first quarter Netherlands earned their first penalty corner but Mink van der Weerden's attempt sailed over the goal.

After 15 minutes of resistance, Canada's resolute defence finally broke down seconds into the second quarter when an unmarked Lars Balk sliding try from Glenn Schuurman's pass found the back of the net past Charter.

Seconds later Netherlands got a golden chance to double their lead when they were awarded a penalty stroke but Charter once again came to his side's rescue to keep away Jeroen Hertzberger's try.

The Netherlands, however, doubled their lead in the 20th minute through Robert Kemperman, who slap shot from top of the circle found the Canadian net for the second time in the game.

Canada's James Wallace feeble try from close range was then easily parried away by Dutch goalkeeper Pirmin Blaak.

Chances came thick and fast for the Netherlands as Thierry Brinkman was the next to be denied by Charter before the Canadian goalie pulled off another fine save to keep away Hertzberger's reverse hit.

The Dutch resumed the second half at the same pace and continued to mount attacks on the opposition goal and in the process secured back-to-back penalty corners in the 38th minute but the chances went wasted.

The Netherlands tripled their lead in the 40th minute Van Dam scored from a rebound after Seve van Ass's initial shot was saved by Canada keeper Charter.

A minute later, the Dutchmen extended their lead when Brinkman pushed in an open goal after being set up by Kemperman, who beat three Canadian defenders with his brilliant stick work.

After wasting another penalty corner, Netherlands made the scoreline 5-0 in their favour two minutes from full time through Van Dam's second goal of the day.

Attacking is our strength & we will not deviate: Manpreet

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Expecting the Netherlands to be their quarterfinal opponents in the World Cup, India captain Manpreet Singh on Tuesday said they will continue to play attacking hockey in a game where there will be no margin for error.

India's quarterfinal opponents was decided after Netherlands beat Canada 5-0 in the fourth cross-over match.

Like everyone else, Manpreet too expected the Dutch to sail into the last-eight round earlier only.

"We are expecting Holland to come through because they are a much better team. But whoever goes through our aim would be to give our best. It is a knockout, do-or-die match and there is no second chance. We can't afford to miss chances. At the same time, we need to be cautious and give less chances," the midfielder said.

"We need to play attacking hockey, our strength. When we try to play defensive, we tend to be too much defensive which provides more chances to opponents. We need to put pressure on them (from the start)," Manpreet explained.

The skipper said utilising chances would be crucial to success in the quarter-final.

"But it will be a very tough match and whichever team utilises its chances will win," he said.

"If you progress to the semi-finals you always have an option of finishing in the podium. You are just one match away from a medal. But if you lose in the quarterfinals, you don't get a second option.

"In the end it all boils down to how we play. If we get good chances and miss them and obviously the opposition team will take advantage of it," he added.

Manpreet listed out a series of do's and don'ts if they are pitted against three-time champions Netherlands.

"In the past we had good matches against Holland. In the Champions Trophy we drew with Holland. We have also defeated them in the past.

"Our aim would be to strengthen our defence. Holland has very good and experienced midfield. They also have good strikers. So, our aim would be to break their moves early. We can't give them easy chances and also need to convert our chances," he said.

Manpreet said the Hockey India League played a big part in the progress of the Indian team.

"Before HIL we didn't know these players of Holland, Australia etc. But since HIL started we all know each other having played against them and shared the dressing room with them. The team has improved a lot after HIL," he said.

Manpreet didn't play the entire match against Canada in their last pool match because of fever but he has since recovered and will be a key figure in India's midfield on Thursday.

"I am fine now. In the last match I had fever so I couldn't play the full match. But I am feeling better now," he said.



BAYERN HEAD TO AJAX FOR SHOWDOWN

AFP ■ BERLIN

Resurgent Bayern Munich head to Ajax for Wednesday's Champions League group showdown with clear winners and losers among the star-studded squad after Niko Kovac's decision to end rotation.

"We want to keep going," said Leon Goretzka, now a firm fixture in central midfield alongside Joshua Kimmich with Bayern having won their last three games after Saturday's 3-0 league home win over Nuremberg.

"Now we travel to Amsterdam and want to finish first in the group — that's important for us."

Bayern need just a point at Ajax's Johan Cruyff Arena to win Group E with the Bavarian giants currently top of the table, two points ahead of their Dutch rivals, and both teams already into the last 16.

A 5-1 thrashing of Benfica at the Allianz Arena a fortnight ago, with Robert Lewandowski and Arjen Robben both scoring twice, signified an end to the poor results of October and November which also saw Bayern slide down the Bundesliga table.

Bayern have now clawed their way back up to third in the league and coach Kovac has taken a gamble by ditching



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rotation, risking ruffled egos with the bench.

"The rhythm is there, the boys are in the flow — that's why we don't want to change anything," explained Kovac.

His decision has significant winners and losers.

World Cup winners — Germany defender Mats Hummels, and Spain midfielder Javi Martinez — languished on the bench against Nuremberg alongside Euro 2016 winner Renato Sanches.

Martinez and Sanches find

their path blocked by Kimmich and Goretzka, both 23, who each hit the woodwork against Nuremberg.

"Both have a very good understanding of football and read the game well," said Kovac, at the helm at Bayern since July.

"They get on well off the pitch and are in the national team together.

"It's an axis that's really fun right now — not only for those two, but the whole team in the last three games."

However, Hummels looked like he was having anything but 'fun', storming through the mixed zone after Saturday's win without a word as Jerome Boateng and Niklas Sule are now established as Kovac's centre-backs.

Disgruntled stars watching from Bayern's bench has caused problems for Kovac's predecessors and Robben's imminent return from a thigh injury threatens Serge Gnabry's place on the right wing.

Thiago Alcantara, a second-half replacement on Saturday who is returning to fitness after a knee injury, threatens to break up Kimmich and Goretzka's partnership in central midfield.

However, Kovac's decision has reaped dividends in attack with striker Robert Lewandowski scoring four goals in his last three games, supported by Thomas Mueller who is revelling in the attacking midfield role.

MUMBA HUMILIATE DABANG DELHI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

U Mumba underlined their title credentials yet again as they trounced Dabang Delhi 44-19 in a lopsided encounter of Vivo Pro Kabaddi Season 6 in Vizag.

It was an all-round team effort from U Mumba as its raiders and defenders put in a convincing display. Siddharth Desai (12 points) and Rohit Baliani (8 points) were excellent in raid department whereas Fazel Atrachali got a high five and Surrender Singh with 4 points marshaled the defence superbly.

Dabang Delhi struggled to get going against a robust opposition and one of its players had a standout match. Meraj Sheykh had a match to forget for Dabang Delhi as he failed to get off the mark.

Despite the defeat Dabang Delhi



remain in the hunt for a place in the playoffs.

Rohit Baliani got U Mumba to a quick start with two raids in two minutes as they led 4-1. The first half saw

Chandran Ranjit pick up a couple of raid points and no other raider from Dabang Delhi could get going. It was Dabang Delhi's defence that kept them in the match's first half.

For U Mumba Rohit Baliani was in fine form and Surrender made crucial tackles at the back. U Mumba inflicted the first all out of the match in the 16th minute to lead 16-8. It was an impressive first half display from U Mumba as they went into the break leading 19-11.

Dabang Delhi were on equal footing at the start of the second half as they matched U Mumba point for point but still trailed 15-23 after 27 minutes. Siddharth Desai's successful raid in the 30th minute led to another all out as U Mumba led 30-15.

After the second all out of the match U Mumba completely asserted the dominance. Dabang Delhi surrendered haplessly as in the last 10 minutes they could score just four points. U Mumba inflicted another all out in the last five minutes and registered a comfortable win in the end.

TOUGH ROAD AHEAD FOR SINDHU

PTI ■ GUANGZHOU

P V Sindhu's bid to end the season with a Gold will be a tough one while debutant Sameer Verma too will need to produce his absolute best to make the knockout stage when the BWF World Tour Finals begins here on Wednesday.

Sindhu has been the most impressive among the Indian shuttlers as she claimed Silver medals at all the major events — Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and World Championship — besides finishing runners-up at the India Open and Thailand Open.

On Wednesday, the 23-year-old from Hyderabad, who had finished runners-up in the last edition at Dubai, will begin her quest to put a golden touch to her Silver-filled cabinet.

But the road to the women's singles title will be a stiff one, considering she has been clubbed in what can be called a 'group of death', which includes world No 1 and her nemesis Tai Tzu Ying, Japan's world No 2 and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi



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and her India Open conqueror Beiwen Zhang of USA.

Sindhu, who will be making her third successive appearance at the tournament, have a 9-4 head-to-head record against Yamaguchi but she has lost four times to the Japanese in five meetings this season.

The 23-year-old from



Hyderabad also have found tough going against Asian Games Champion Tai Tzu Ying, who has beaten her in all their last six encounters. The last time Sindhu defeated Tzu Ying was at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Against Zhang, Sindhu has a 3-3 head-to-head record

but the Indian has lost twice in the last three meetings, which included a final defeat at the India Open World Tour Super 500 tournament in New Delhi.

Sindhu has exuded confidence ahead of the tournament, saying she would be in top form after getting enough time to put in the hard yards.

Asked if she would be in better form this time, Sindhu had said: "Ya, I have enough time to prepare this time. I hope I do well in this

tournament. I am confident of giving my best. It is one of the biggest tournaments with all the top players and it will be tough but I really want to win it," added the Indian, who had skipped the Syed Modi International to prepare for the \$ 1,500,000 event.

In men's singles, Sameer, who defended his title at the Syed Modi International last month to qualify for the year-ending event at the last moment, has been put alongside Japanese world number 1 Kento Momota, Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto and Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen.

Sameer, who is the second Indian men's player after K Srikanth to qualify for the tournament, has a 1-1 head-to-head record against both Sugiarto and Wangcharoen but the Indian still will have to put his best to avoid any hiccups.

The 24-year-old's main worry will be Momota, whom he has defeated en route to his Swiss Open title but the Japanese has emerged as an indomitable force ever since.

'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 Llong 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 to Lyon 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



Indian players celebrate the dismissal of Australia's Aaron Finch, second left, on day four during the first Test between Australia and India in Adelaide

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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 technology 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 *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 *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.



'Aussies will fight back, but India has upper hand'

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former Test pacer Karsan Ghavri expects beat-En Australia to fight back in the remainder of the four-match rubber starting with the second Test at Perth, but backed the Virat Kohli-led India to hold fort.

He also hailed Cheteshwar Pujara, who pulled the chestnuts out of the fire with a battling century in the Indian first innings of the opening skirmish at Adelaide and followed it up with another half century to help the visitors consolidate, as the "Indian Wall".

"We are up 1-0 in Australia right now and there are three more Tests to go. But I will not be surprised (if) there will be a big fight on the field from the Australian team. They (Australia) will fight back. But I can tell you we (India) have an upper hand. We have an advantage of being a great team," the former left-arm pacer said on Tuesday.

India gave wings to their quest for a maiden series win in Australia with a 31-run victory in the opening Test in Adelaide, their first in the country since 2008 on Monday.

On the contribution of Pujara, declared the man of the match at Adelaide, Ghavri said, "Cheteshwar Pujara is the wall (of Indian cricket) after Rahul Dravid. He is the Indian wall like the China Wall (referring to the Great Wall of China). For Indian cricket, in Tests, Cheteshwar Pujara is the wall of India."

"His (Pujara's) wicket is a very prized wicket one in Test cricket. Like when Rahul Dravid used to play, his wicket was a prized wicket (for



the opposition). Today Indian cricket can depend on him (Pujara) and as long as he delivers the goods, it's great for Indian cricket," said the 67-year-old Ghavri who also hails from Saurashtra like Pujara.

Ghavri, who switched over to Mumbai from Saurashtra early in his career, had also helped Pujara during the latter's fledgling days.

"Personally I feel we have won this Test in Australia in Adelaide because of Pujara, his great performance. He gave Indian bowlers (something) to bowl at as you require runs on the board. His contribution was sizable," said Ghavri, who was the senior in his new ball partnership with the legendary Kapil Dev.

Ghavri also felt the Australian team was missing the banned duo of Steve Smith and David Warner. "I am sure they are missing them, as they were the main run-getters for Australia in the last couple of years," the former speedster remarked.

Pujara moves to 4th spot, Bumrah reaches career-best

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.



Jasprit Bumrah celebrates after dismissing Australian batsman

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.

Pant pays rich tribute to Dhoni

PTI ■ PERTH

India's new record-holder wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant has described Mahendra Singh Dhoni as "the hero of the country" and said the former skipper taught him to be patient and handle pressure situations.

Pant, on Monday, equalled the world record of most catches in a Test by a wicketkeeper, snaring 11 in India's 31-run win in the first Test against Australia.

"He's (Dhoni) the hero of the country," Pant, who took six catches in Australia's first innings to equal Dhoni on that mark, told *cricket.Com.Au*.

"I've learnt a lot from him as a person and as a cricketer as well. Whenever he's around, I feel more confident as a person. If I've got any problems I can share it with him and get a solution right away."

"As a wicketkeeper and a player (he's taught me) to be patient in pressure situations like this (in Adelaide). You have to keep calm and keep composed and try to give 100 per cent."

Talking about the record, Pant said: "I never thought of the record but it's good to take some catches and put it inside my kitty. It's good to have milestones, but I'm not thinking about that too much."



Edulji bats for Powar's selection

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Diana Edulji on Tuesday said if Virat Kohli can have a say in appointment of the men's team coach, COA chief Vinod Rai should also respect the views of the women's T20 captain Harmanpreet Kaur, who wants Romesh Powar to continue as their coach.

The women's team is without a coach at the moment following the controversial exit of Powar.

In a letter written to Rai, COA member Edulji accused the chairman and BCCI CEO Rahul Johri of breaking rules while appointing Ravi Shastri as the men's team coach in July last year.

"I see nothing wrong in women cricketers writing e-mails regarding the coach. They were truthful in expressing their views unlike Virat who frequently sent sms to the CEO (Johri) on which you acted and there was a change in the coach," wrote Edulji.

"There also I had objected and my dissent is recorded when the timelines were extended for someone to apply as he (Ravi Shastri) didn't apply in time. Mr (Anil) Kumble a legend in his own right was subjected to loss of face and made to look like a villain. He was gracious enough to move on for which I respect him. There also, rules were broken and



I had raised objections back then."

Edulji said Harmanpreet and Vice Captain Smriti Mandhana's views on the coach must be considered.

"The captain and vice captain have requested their choice so why can't we respect their choice for New Zealand tour till we get clarity on the committee. We can go ahead and continue with the same coach. The views of the two senior players must not be ignored."

"Virat did not accede to Kumble continuing in spite of Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) saying, so then why not these two players get what they feel is best for the team."

The BCCI on Tuesday formed an ad-

hoc panel to find Powar's replacement but Edulji said the decision was made by Rai without consulting her.

According to Edulji the CAC comprising Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman and Sourav Ganguly should have been allowed more time to decide on the way forward in finding the next women's coach.

The BCCI instead named a three-member ad-hoc committee comprising Kapil Dev, Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy to pick Powar's successor.

"The CAC has to select the Head Coach but before their availability was checked, Saba Karim (BCCI GM) had already spoken to Kapil, Anshuman and Shubhangi Kukarni. I enquired for clarity on their conflict (of interest) roles as how an ad-hoc committee was being formed without proper authority."

"But legal (department of BCCI) as usual gave a contrary opinion - 2 different versions on 2 issues. On one hand COA has no powers to look into the COI (Conflict of Interest) issue and on other hand COA has powers to appoint an Ad hoc committee."

"I still maintain that the CAC should have been given time like requested and their roles should be defined. There is enough time till the next tour."

Kapil, Anshuman to pick Eves coach

IANAS ■ NEW DELHI

The BCCI on Tuesday confirmed the formation of an ad-hoc committee, comprising India's first World Cup-winning captain Kapil Dev, former opener Anshuman Gaekwad and ex-Indian women cricketer Shantha Rangaswamy, to pick the head coach of the Indian women's team.

The interviews will be conducted on December 20 at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday announced the ad-hoc committee to conduct the interviews of the eligible candidates for the selection of head coach for Team India (Senior Women)," the board announced in a statement.

The Indian women's team was recently embroiled in a controversy after the World T20 semi-final exit.

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side failed to enter the final after going down meekly to England in the semis, post which veteran batswoman Mithali Raj lashed out at the current coach Ramesh Powar's behaviour towards her, describing it as "unfair and discriminatory".

The deadline for applying for the women's team head coach expires December 14 and till now the names of former India all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar and ex-South African batsman Herschelle Gibbs have been doing the rounds.

Powar re-applies for Eves job

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Ramesh Powar, whose controversial tenure as women's coach ended on November 30, on Tuesday reapplied for the job after receiving strong support from T20 captain Harmanpreet Kaur and her deputy Smriti Mandhana.

The 40-year-old former India spinner confirmed that he has applied. "Yes, I have applied this evening because Smriti (Mandhana), Harmanpreet (Kaur) have supported me and I can't let them (the girls) down by not applying," said Powar.

Powar's stint after the Indian women's team lost to England in the semifinals of the World T20 last month. The team management including Powar and Harmanpreet dropped senior player Mithali Raj for the knock-out game, triggering a massive controversy.

After returning home from the West Indies, Mithali went on to accuse Powar and COA member Diana Edulji of trying to destroy her and being biased against her.

Powar, on his part, accused Mithali of threatening to retire midway into the World T20 after being denied the opening slot and creating chaos in the team.

Following the controversy, the BCCI decided to invite fresh applications for the post and set the application deadline for December 14.



Harmanpreet and Smriti have already said that they want Powar to continue while Mithali is against his return.

The women's team is a divided lot at the moment and so is COA running the BCCI. The COA comprising Vinod Rai and Edulji at loggerheads over the women's coach appointment.

The BCCI invited fresh applications for the vacancy after Rai's approval while Edulji said that the decision was taken without consulting her and the board could have continued with Powar till the New Zealand tour which starts next month.