



**MAKE IN**  
**ODISHA Conclave**  
BHUBANESWAR, 11-15 NOVEMBER, 2018

**“Thank you for  
joining the Juggernaut!”**

**- Naveen Patnaik,  
Chief Minister, Odisha**

**4,19,574 crore**  
of investment  
intent announced, with

**Employment  
potential of  
5,91,000**

**5,074**

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# 5 MoUs signed for skill development in State

## FICCI, Schneider Electric, Yes Consultants, Tech Mahindra, Employability Bridge involved

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A part from an MoU signed between the Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA), the ITE Educational Services (ITEES), Singapore on Monday, five more MoUs were signed with different skill development institutions in the Make in Odisha Conclave here on Tuesday.

As per the MoUs signed on Tuesday, the FICCI and the OSDA would create and strengthen employer engagement programmes to promote a robust ecosystem of training and recruitment.

Under the 'Engage' programme, the FICCI would facilitate and develop a framework for creating awareness about apprenticeship training,

especially National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), and develop a pool of skilled master trainers in Odisha. It will facilitate and integrate 'career counselling' in existing institutions/training centres.

The L. Schneider Electric India Foundation, Bangalore will set up modern electrical labs at the Government ITI, Cuttack, which would benefit 441 electrician trade trainees of the institute. The Government ITI S at Brahmapur and strengthen employer engagement programmes to promote a robust ecosystem of training and recruitment.

The Yes Consultants, Delhi, the Tech Mahindra Limited, Pune and Employability Bridge, Chennai will separately col-

laborate with the Central Placement Cell of the DTET, Odisha for placement of the students pursuing Diploma Education & ITI training in reputed organisations.

A session on 'Skilled in Odisha: Skilled for future' was organised at the Make in Odisha conclave where field experts participated.

As per the MoU, the OSDA would set up a World Skill Centre (WSC) at the 18-storied IDCO tower at Mancheswar, Puri, Cuttack, Rourkela and Jharsuguda. The ITEES will provide technical support. The centre will function as a hub and all Government ITIs (71 at present) as its spokes. 1,51,000 trainees and trainers of this Skill Development initiative are set to create skilled workforce comparable to the best in the world.

# OYO Hotels to double footprint in State

## TO HAVE 400 HOTELS BY NEXT YR-END

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OYO Hotels, South Asia's largest chain of hotels, homes and quality living spaces, on Tuesday announced its expansion plans in Odisha. The hotel chain aims to double its footprint in the State by taking the total count of hotels to 400 from the current 190+ in the next one year while generating over 6,000 direct and indirect jobs in the next five years. Currently, OYO hotels enjoy a strong presence in Odisha with a presence in cities including Bhubaneswar, Puri, Cuttack, Rourkela and Jharsuguda.

It recently signed a MoU with the Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC) ahead of the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar.

The hotel chain is looking at adding new cities like Sambalpur, Berhampur, Angul, Gopabandhu, Satpada to cater to a larger audience coming to Odisha for leisure and business purposes.

# Hotel groups intend to invest in Odisha tourism

## Mayfair, IntelliStay, Taj, Welcome, Kamat involved

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The Odisha tourism sector received investment intents worth hundreds of crores of rupees from different hotel groups on the third day of the Make in Odisha Conclave here on Tuesday.

The Mayfair Hotels would set up a five-star deluxe resort with a golf course at Satapada and a complex with a world class convention centre and 250 rooms in Bhubaneswar.

The group also expressed its intent to invest in luxury eco-tourism properties with cottages and to upgrade, maintain and operate Panthaniyas properties to be leased out by the State Government.

The IntelliStay Hotels, which operates the mango brand chain, reaffirmed its plan to set up two-star category hotels catering to MICE tourism with 250 keys and 55 keys at Bhubaneswar and Konark, respectively, besides eco-resorts at select locations in the State. It would invest ₹100 crore.

In a boost to the capital city's luxury hotel infrastructure, The Welcome Hotels brand chain of the ITC group, Vivanta by Taj and Ramada chain of Wyndham Hotels, will start welcoming guests later next year.

The Taj Hotels intend to invest in



a property at Kalinganagar, Jaipur under its ginger brand.

The Lemon Tree Group announced to invest in a luxury hotel in Bhubaneswar.

The Kamat Hotels, which operates properties in Bhubaneswar, Puri and Konark, intends to expand its presence in Odisha by building three new properties, besides exploring opportunities to manage ecotourism properties run by the Forest and Environment Department.

The Kabani Tours expressed its intent to promote community tourism products such as homestays, camps sites, etc. and special projects in heritage walks in the State. It would also invest in training programmes.

The Lodging Real Estate firm SAMHI Hotels expressed its intent to invest in developing brownfield projects in Bhubaneswar.

The Hotelier India was the knowledge partner for the tourism sectoral session.

# Low carbon mobility plan for city discussed

## FOCUS ON WALKING, CYCLING, PEOPLE-FRIENDLY URBAN DESIGNING

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Speaking at a special session on sustainable urban mobility options and first Mobility Plan Coordination Committee meeting here, international mobility expert Dr Dario Hidalgo from Bogota, Colombia said better public transport options would make cities healthier and happier.

The expert, who is Director, Integrated Transport, WRI Ross Centre for Sustainable Cities, also called for more use of walking, cycling and people-friendly urban designing so that the city dwellers would be less dependent on cars, so that the environmental sustainability would be an easier thing to manage in the long run. This would also make people healthy.

BDA Vice-Chairman Dr Krishan Kumar in his welcome address mentioned that low carbon mobility plan for Bhubaneswar shall look at multiple modes of transport to provide better, cleaner mobility options and not making of the State Capital a car-dependant

city.

He also said that the technology-empowered, public transport as 'Mo Bus' service in the city would provide comfortable, safer and smoother public transport alternatives like car rental service providers making it a public service provider friendly and affordable in near future. By using mobile app commuters can have all the information on the bus service very soon. Integration of public-bicycle sharing system with the bus service would also serve towards the LCMP target, he told.

Project Manager, SMART-SUT project, GIZ, Sarah Habersack in her inaugural address invited all stakeholders in the city to be proactive in creating an asset in form of urban transport.

The LCMP meeting was organised by the Housing and Urban Development Department, Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) and Deutsche Gesellschaft for Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) of the German Government.

# Mahaprasad rate chart after Kartik month

PNS ■ PURI

The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) on Tuesday decided to display the rate chart of Mahaprasad (Abadha) available at the Anand Bazar in the premises of the temple after the month of Kartik.

SJTA Chief Administrator Pradipta Mohapatra informed this after a review meeting on the Shreemandir reforms held on the day. Mohapatra said that before putting up the rate chart, an inspection would be held on the amounts spent for preparation of the Mahaprasad items. After that, the formal procedure for the purpose would begin. He further informed that it has also been decided to replace old and corroded idols

inside the temple. Accordingly, idols of Lakshmi, Narayana, Madan Mohan and Yamana would be replaced. An idol of goddess Lakshmi, constructed long back in 1972, is already in place for placement.

"The Pushpalaka and Singhari servitors had proposed to replace the old and degraded idols. A meeting in this regard will again be held on November 20", Mohapatra added.

# Jumbo deaths: NGT team begins probe

## Earlier, the NGT had slapped a fine of ₹1 crore on Central Electricity Supply Unit (CESU) for negligence

PNS ■ DHENKANAL

A team of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) visited Kamalanga village in the district on Tuesday to probe the incident of the death of seven elephants due to electrocution.

The team led by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel comprised representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Director of Project Elephant and State Chief Wildlife Warden.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Dhenkanal DFO and officials of the Energy Department were also present during the review session.

Earlier, the NGT had slapped a fine of ₹1 crore on Central Electricity Supply Unit (CESU) for negligence.

Notably, on October 26, seven jumbos died on the spot after coming in contact with 11KV live electric wires laid for railway track construction at Kamalanga village under Sadar Forest Range in the district.

# IN BRIEF

**PURI-BOUND DHAULI EXPRESS DERAILS**  
Bhubaneswar: A bogie of the Howrah-Puri Dhauli Express derailed between Bhogpur and Panskura in West Bengal on Tuesday morning. All passengers of the derailed bogie are safe. The train will resume its journey after detachment of the particular bogie, said South Eastern Railway GPO Sanjay Ghosh. A four-member inquiry committee has been formed to probe the incident, he added. Almost all concerned passengers were adjusted in the Falaknuma Express coming from Howrah going towards Secunderabad.

**DCBL TO INVEST ₹2,500 CR IN ODISHA**  
Bhubaneswar: The Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd (DCBL) has announced Make in Odisha Conclave an investment in the State to the tune of ₹2,500 crore in setting up new cement manufacturing plants in Raigangpur and Cuttack. Dalmia Bharat Group MD Puneet Dalmia and DCBL MD Mahendra Singh entered the conclave. The DCBL had earlier proposed to set up a new unit of 2.25 MTPA cement manufacturing and 3-MTPA clinker manufacturing capacity at Raigangpur. The new Dalmia DSP Unit would entail an investment of ₹2,000 crore and is expected to be commissioned by late 2019.

**INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN OBSERVES BIMA LOKPAL DAY**  
Bhubaneswar: The Insurance Ombudsman, Bhubaneswar observed the Bima Lokpal Day here on Monday with an aim to create awareness among the general public and the policy holders about the institution of Insurance Ombudsman and its role. Secretary (In-Charge) Dipesh Prasad Swain presided over the meeting and discussed about the role of the institution in redressing public grievances. He appreciated the support extended by the life and non-life insurance companies of the State. Among others, Assistant Secretaries Kanhu Charan Behera and Kishit Chandra Mohanty were present.

**IT BBS HOLDS TRIBAL CONCLAVE 'SAMVAAD'**  
Bhubaneswar: The School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar in collaboration with the Tata Steel CSR organised a academic conference on 'Samvaad: A Tribal Conclave' at its Argul campus recently. Inaugurating the meeting, IIT BBS Director Prof. RV Rajakumar highlighted the various aspects of tribal welfare including the need for an aggressive and proactive program for inclusivity and a serious necessity for providing access to quality education. He also stressed upon the need for carrying out further research on tribal medicine, culture and linguistics.

# 'Make in Odisha' success to depend on what already 'Made'

## There is a lot of difference between hype and truth



JAYANT DAS

There have been a high pitched publicity campaign and a grand inauguration of the 'Make in Odisha' Conclave. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik calls it a 'juggernaut' of sorts. Technology and related business have made publicity budget heavy.

However, taking an optimistic and positive view of such conclaves, one has to see and evaluate the situation at the ground level in terms of the

translation of the proposals into actions. In this arena, as past experience indicates, there is a lot of difference between the hype and the truth.

An evaluation of eighteen years brings one to the inevitable conclusion that the metal industries which came and have survived to exist had their origin in the period of the metal boom. Implementation of government policies have been completely controlled by the bureaucratic machinery. There are allegations of a wide hiatus between the professed propaganda and the actual reality.

The quantum of litigation an investor has to suffer is solely on account of cussed decisions in the hierarchy of the government machinery. Most matters that land up in courts need not travel that far. Negative decision-making and inadequately-informed decision-making makes departments sometimes go autocratic.

Industrial policy resolutions are announced amidst fanfare, but the implementation thereof becomes the painful process for the investors.

There have been instances of writ applications occasioned by the requirement for a direc-

tion for transmission of certain set of papers from one department to another department of the Government to enable an investor to establish in a particular matter.

Such illustrations indicate the extreme weakness of the system as it stands now. Such instances are plenty and paucity of space restrains me from narrating many more of them. Just to cite another example. By a particular order, an industrial unit was entitled not to pay the sales tax "payable" for a certain number of years (and pay the same in a stipulated manner). The Government had a scheme of deferment of sales tax "collected" in order in favour of the particular unit was under a law supervening all other laws in India, viz., BIFR provisions.

The so-called industrial policy was exercised through executive powers whereas the order meant for the unit was under a supervening statute. It required a Division Bench of the High Court presided over by the then Chief Justice to say and direct that the meaning of the expression "payable" is clear.

The amount "payable" would relate to the amount

# THIS CONCERNS US

assessed and the same shall acquire a finality only when the redressal of grievances as permissible under law are over. These instances may sound mundane but involve crores of rupees, which are very vital to a nascent or for a sick industry.

The significant and vital role played by the MSME sector has not been adequately appreciated and covered by the Make in Odisha Conclave.

This sector, though vital to local employment, has not received adequate attention.

Announcement by the Prime Minister that a 59-minute loan of ₹one crore could be sanctioned to this sector is only conditioned by window-dressing.

The available information in the system is again offered to you within an hour of being approached as held out by the highest. Processing a loan and getting it sanctioned is as difficult as it was.

Another aspect that should be dovetailed into the industrial proposals is their proper location so as to ensure optimum utilisation of our resources. This "juggernaut" has to follow

the Rule of Law and cannot run amok. But to maintain the Rule of Law and cause the necessary structural challenges pose the challenge.

For converting "Make in Odisha" to "Made in Odisha", a reorientation of the mindset and a less feudal attitude are expected out of the government machinery. The manner in which the government machinery handled land acquisitions in case of very large industries has had its own sad stories to tell.

Decision-making in the public domain must be informed, reasoned and rational. It must subserve public interest as envisaged by the scheme or programme under which the steps are being taken.

The "ease of doing business" has to be restructured and made more responsive. It is still painful to see instances of a government officer saying it with pride that he made an important industrialist wait for hours without any legitimate public cause being subserved. I was told by the officer concerned that he made Murthy wait for three hours to see him.

There are so many Murthys in Odisha that it did not dawn on me for some time that the Murthy referred to was Narayan Murthy of the Infosys fame.

The expression of the officer was an indicator of the personal value patterns of the officer and his attitude towards the society. The colonial mindset does not replace itself by a proactive and positive orientation. There is a certain mismatch between the political executive and the bureaucratic executive in our State. A political executive is by and large happy to be ignored. It is a government run by officials; and in the initial years, they gave a reasonable account of themselves.

As things settled down and there is consolidation of power, they are structured into coteries which at times work at cross purposes.

The responsibilities of the leader of the ruling party are the highest at this moment when he seeks for a vote for the third decade of unquestioned power.

The efficacy of the party structure is beginning to be engaged in the last few months. That is true in almost

all the political parties. But the ruling party is showing signs of being structured for an election year. In these attempts at structural stratification, one has to look for the input and initiative of several competent retired government servants joining the BJP. But a smooth, harmonious and progressive government calls for a lot of rethinking, readjustments and reorientation of the feudal mindset.

It has been alleged that the Supreme Court directed deposit of the royalty penalty, etc., imposed under MMDR Act, 1957 be made by a certain date and it became a condition precedent to allowing any further mining operation within the parameters of law.

It has been alleged that a significant party, which owes a few hundred of crores to the government, has been allowed to submit an "undertaking" to pay the same and its mining operations have remained uninterrupted contrary to law and contrary to the directives issued under law. One only hopes this is untrue.

A monolithic party has many undemocratic tendencies which are inherent in its actions and decisions. But in an election year, one has to accept that the plate is full in so far as the ruling party is concerned. But let not be the enthusiasm of the election year be expressed through violent and criminal manifestations.

That becomes a concern for all of us. It is the future of the growing generation that demands high expectations and aspirations.

Any element of insensitivity causes ruptures and expresses itself through behavioural aberrations.

The manner in which the present movement is being handled at the level of the government is not indicative of an early solution satisfying the mass of agitating farmers.

The 'Make in Odisha' will depend for its success on what is already 'Made in Odisha'. Arbitrary exercise of power and indifferent exercise of power can be costly in an election year.

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## Dassault rejects Rahul's claim

ANI ■ NEW DELHI

Dassault Aviation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Eric Trappier rubbished allegations made by Congress president Rahul Gandhi that he lied about details of the Dassault-Reliance Joint Venture (JV) for offset contracts in the Rafale jet deal.

"I don't lie. The truth I declared before and the statements I made are true. I don't have a reputation of lying. In my position as CEO, you don't lie," said Trappier when asked to respond to Rahul's charge that Dassault was covering up for possible cronyism in awarding the offset deal to Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group.

Rahul, in a Press conference on November 2, alleged that Dassault invested ₹284 crore in a loss-making company promoted by Anil Ambani which was used to procure land in Nagpur. "It is clear the Dassault CEO is lying. If an inquiry starts on this Modi is not going to survive it. Guaranteed," added Rahul.

Speaking to ANI in the Dassault hangar housed in Istres-Le Tube Air base located North of the French city of Marseille, Trappier said they had prior experience dealing with the Congress and the comments made by the Congress president made him sad.

"We have a long experience with the Congress party. Our first deal was with India in 1953 with Nehru and other Prime Ministers. We have been working with India. We are not working for any party. We are supplying strategic products like fighters to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Government. That is what is most important," said Trappier.

When pressed further for the reason behind Dassault's choice of Reliance as an offset partner which had no experience in manufacturing fighter jets, Trappier clarified that the money being invested was not going to Reliance directly but in a Joint Venture (JV) that included Dassault.

"We are not putting the money in Reliance. The money is going into the JV. I put my know-how, free of charge, on how to produce people. I have engineers and workers from Dassault who are taking the lead as far as the industrial part of this deal is concerned. At the same time, I have an Indian company like Reliance who is putting money into this JV as they want to develop their country. So the company is going to know how to produce aircraft," added Trappier.

Trappier clarified further by Dassault, adding that Reliance would match the amount of shareholding pattern is 49 per cent Dassault and 51 per cent Reliance as per prescribed Government norms.

"We are supposed to put in this company together about ₹800 crore as S650. For the time being, to start work in the hangar and to pay workers and employees, we have already put ₹40 crore. But it will be increased to ₹600 crore, which implies ₹400 crore by Dassault in the coming five years," said Trappier.

He added Dassault has seven years to perform offset. During first three years, we are not obliged to say with who we are working. We have already settled work and agreement with 30 companies, which represents 40 per cent of total offset obligation as per contract.



Dassault Aviation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Eric Trappier

It is clear the Dassault CEO is lying. If an inquiry starts on this Modi is not going to survive it. Guaranteed, Rahul had said

I don't lie, we chose Anil's firm by ourselves: CEO on Rafale defence deal

## Ex-bureaucrats question CAG delay on DeMo, Rafale reports

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 60 retired bureaucrats and diplomats have questioned the "unconscionable and unwarranted delay" on the part of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in bringing out the audit reports on demonetisation and Rafale deal.

Expressing concern, former bureaucrats said the audit reports on demonetisation and Rafale deal were being "deliberately" delayed to not "embarrass" the NDA Government till next year's general elections.

In an open letter, which was also sent to President Ram Nath Kovind, former civil servants pointed out that

the CAG's audit reports on the 2G scam, coal scam, Adarsh scam and Commonwealth Games, which influenced public perception of the then Government's action, had invited appreciation from various quarters.

In the letter, they said there was concern over the "unconscionable" and "unwarranted" delay in bringing out the audit reports on demonetisation and the Rafale fighter jet deal, and the reports should be tabled before Parliament in the Winter Session.

The CAG's failure to present the audit reports on note ban and the Rafale deal in time "may be seen as a partisan action" and could create a "crisis of credibility" for the institution, the letter said.

## Odia singer Chitta Jena dies at 76

PNS ■ CUTTACK

Noted Odia singer Chitta Jena passed away while undergoing treatment at a private hospital here in the early hours on Tuesday. He was 76 and is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. His other daughter, who married cine actor Mihir Das, had passed away a few years ago.

The mortal remains of the singer were consigned to flames at his native village Popardha near here where his elder son lit the funeral pyre in the presence of hundreds of his fans, friends and relatives.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister



Dharmendra Pradhan and several other political leaders expressed their condolences to the bereaved family. Earlier when the news of his demise spread, several members of the Odia film industry, including veteran singers Prafulla Kar and Pranab Patnaik, rushed to his Ranihat

residence here to pay their last respects to him.

An accredited All India Radio artist, Chitta Jena had served as a State Government employee in the Agriculture Department. Born in 1942, he first lent his voice for Odia film "Mana Akash" in 1974 and then went on to entertain with his melodious voice for over four decades.

Some of his popular numbers are "Rupa Heithiba Labanyabati", "Mo Priya Tharu Kie Adhika Sundar" and "Na Ja Gori Baliajatera Dekhi". For his notable contributions to the Odia music, Chitta Jena was awarded with the Prafulla Kar Samman.

## Ganjam lawyer assaulted in police station

PNS ■ BRAHMAMPUR

While the lawyers-police faceoff arising out of a Cuttack incident is yet to be resolved, a lawyer, Haraprasad Das, was allegedly roughed up by police personnel inside the Buguda police station in Ganjam district on Tuesday.

The lawyer was assaulted after a discussion turned into a heated argument between him and some cops in the police station over a disputed road.

"Inspector-in-charge of Buguda police station has been blocking the road to the land owned by my client Parma Chandra Sahu. When I asked him also to file a complaint regarding the incident.



staffs physically assaulted me," alleged Das. Following the incident, Das received injuries and was admitted to Buguda Community Health Centre in the district. While palpable tension prevailed near the police station, the police are yet to make any statement about the incident.

Meanwhile, the Bhanjanganar and Buguda lawyers' associations have lodged a case in connection with the incident and said that they have informed the district and State lawyers' bodies about the matter.

The Buguda town BJP president has also filed a complaint regarding the incident.

## Cases relating to cops-lawyers row CB fails again to comply with High Court order

PNS ■ CUTTACK

The Orissa High Court on Tuesday adjourned its hearings of the PILs pertaining to police-lawyers faceoff to Thursday when the State Crime Branch police again failed to submit final reports of the four criminal cases arising out of the August 28 police attack on an advocate here.

A Division Bench headed by Chief Justice KS Jhaveri had last week asked Crime Branch IG Arun Bothra to submit the final reports. Appearing before the court on Tuesday, the IG sought some more time to comply with the HC order. The court, however, allowed him only two more days.

Meanwhile lawyers of the city, who are on strike since August 29 demanding arrest of the erring policemen, have decided to meet again on Wednesday to chalk out their further course of action.

## MiO CONCLAVE State releases Healthcare Vision-2025

- Puts forth ₹2,760-cr investment projects
- Pvt players assure to actualise the mission

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Tuesday released a Vision-2025 Healthcare for all; each life matters in the Make in Odisha Conclave being held here in the presence of healthcare industry leaders.

Releasing the vision, Health Minister Pratap Jena said, "The State Government is committed to the growth of healthcare infrastructure and assures investors unmatched facilitation support to partner in realizing the developmental goals of Odisha."

Health and Family Welfare Secretary Dr Pramod Mehera said Odisha has around 36,000 hospital beds for 42 million people, which leaves a large

health infrastructure gap of 1,20,000 hospital beds.

He said private healthcare facilities comprise of only 27.59 per cent of the State's healthcare facilities and thus, there is a large headroom for growth of the private sector.

Mehera said that six more medical colleges are planned by 2025 at Puri, Jajpur, Kalahandi, Sundargarh, Talcher and Keonjhar.

He said the State has so far

achieved IMR at 40, MMR at 222, 85 per cent institutional birth and 79 per cent immunization.

NHM Director Shalini Pandit spoke on the key features of the "Bijit Swasthya Kalyan Yojana", which provides cashless services to insured patients.

Various partnership projects including, setting up digital dispensaries at ₹90 crore, diagnostic and dialysis services

at ₹700 crore, affordable healthcare project at 25 locations with at ₹1,300 crore, cardiac care at Jharsuguda at ₹70 crore, cancer care projects at ₹600 crore and opportunities to set up manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, equipment, instruments were discussed. All of these projects entail an approximate investment of ₹2,750 crore, which would be rolled out within the next 2-3 years.

BR Life chairman Dr BR Shetty, Medica Group of Hospitals chairman Dr Alok Roy, Tata Trusts CEO Dr Harish Krishnaswamy, Ziqitra Healthcare Ltd director Naresh Jain, Global Healthcare Ltd CEO Dr Azim Sabhat and LV Prasad Eye Institute and Vice Chair Dr Taraprasad Das shared their experiences doing business in Odisha. They appreciated the affordable healthcare projects and expressed eagerness to upscale their role in actualizing the State's Vision-2025.



## MiO fetches ₹4.20L-cr investment offers

- Halladay Petrochemicals' largest with ₹70K cr
- Jobs to be created for 5.91 lakh persons

SUDARSHAN CHHOTORAY ■ BHUBANESWAR

A total of ₹4,19,574 crore worth of investment proposals have so far been received through the ongoing Make in Odisha (MiO) Conclave.

The proposals, when executed, would generate an additional employment for 5,91,000 persons, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the valedictory session of conclave on Tuesday evening. The investment intends were received in 15 diversified sectors, said the CM. Patnaik thanked all participating del-

egates, including industry captains and Japan Ambassador. Japan is the partner country of the conclave.

"The grounding of these projects will be rolled up until the 3rd Make in Odisha to be held from November 30 to December 4, 2020," said the Chief Minister.

He said his Government will continue to take efforts to make Odisha an iconic brand for a manufacturing hub of the east. Briefing mediapersons, Industries Secretary Sanjeev Chopra said a total of 183 proposals received out of which 53 proposals with intent of investment of ₹2,36,435 crore.

The Halladay Petrochemicals' intent of investment is the largest at ₹70,000 crore with employment generation of 31,000. The intents includes four FDI proposals from Japan, Taiwan, Dutch and Thailand. The Halliday Petrochemicals, Jindal Steel and Power, MCL, a Taiwanese Company and SAIL were registered as top investment intendents.

The conclave was attended by 21 States and 19 foreign countries. In total, 5,075 delegates participated in 19 sessions. A total of 692 B2B and G2B discussions were held. A total of 31,806 footfalls were received.

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□To close all State, Central Govt offices from Nov 19

NIMAI CHARAN SAHU ■ SAMBALPUR

The Central Action Committee (CAC) of the lawyers in an important meeting at Burla decided to further intensify the movement for the High Court Bench in west-

ern Odisha. However, in a remarkable decision, the CAC for the first time clarified the place as Sambalpur where it seeks the Bench to be established. "Earlier the CAC demanded the movement for the High Court Bench anywhere in western Odisha.

But looking at the attitude of the Balangir Bar Association and its activity in maintaining a safe distance formula from other bodies, the CAC wants Sambalpur to be the place for the HC Bench," informed convenor Ashok Das. Further, all the bar associations of western Odisha were present in this important meeting and supported the decision of the CAC.

Those few who couldn't come have expressed their willingness for Sambalpur as the location, Das added. The demand for the HC Bench in Odisha is years' old,

but the Governments at the Centre and the State have taken a very casual approach to it. Hence, to put pressure on both, the CAC decided to close all the State and Central Government offices from November 19 to 30.

At present, only judicial and revenue courts are closed due to the protest. But during this period not a single office of the State and Central Government will be allowed to function, said Sambalpur District Bar Association president Bijitendra Pradhan. Further, the CAC will

organise a 48-hour Mahabandh on November 29 and 30 across western Odisha to put pressure on the Government.

However, if the Government takes any positive decision within this period, then the CAC will soften the stand, the members said.

The CAC further said that the State Government in its letter to the year 2007 signed by the Chief Minister had made it clear that it had no objection if two Benches are established in Sambalpur and Brahmapur. But any daily-dillying now is not acceptable, the members added.

Clearance to UltraTech: NGT notice to State Govt

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The proposed cement grinding unit of the Ultra Tech Cement Ltd in Athagarh tehsil in Cuttack district has hit a hurdle as on Monday the National Green Tribunal (NGT), Kolkata issued a notice and sought reply from all parties within three weeks.

Villagers of Kolathppangi and Khamar Nugaon namely Duryodhan Rout and four others have approached the NGT challenging the environmental clearance granted to the project in July 2018.

The cement company proposed to set up a grinding unit with production capacity of three MTPA and DG Set (2 x 6 MW) at Khamar Nugaon and Kolthangi in Athagarh tehsil in 2011. Due to tough resistance from the villagers, the project could not move ahead; and on November 3, 2018, the groundbreaking ceremony was done by the Chief Minister through videoconference.

On October 12, 2017, a public hearing for the project was scheduled but could not be held because of strong protest and a clash between

two groups.

The villagers through their lawyer Sankar Prasad Pani have alleged in their petition that the grant of environment clearance is bad in law and non-application of mind because the clearance was granted without holding public hearing, non-consideration of objections from local public, inadequacies in EIA report about flora and fauna, cumulative impact of the project has not been assessed, presence of elephant and its pathway has not been considered, proximity to the village and school and human settlement, impact on ground water availability and other environmental parameters have not been considered while granting environmental clearance to the project.

On Monday, a NGT Bench comprising Justices SP Wadga and Dr Nagin Nanda issued notices to the Odisha Forest and Environment Department Secretary, Cuttack Collector, District DFO, State Pollution Control Board Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority and Ultra Tech Cement to file their replies within three weeks and fixed the next hearing to December 10.

Paradip BJD attacks Dama Raut



PNS ■ PARADIP

A rally of the Paradip BJD was held in front of the Jayadev Sadan here on Tuesday. Paradip Town BJD president Sumanta Kumar Rout presided over the programme. Health Minister Pratap Chandra Jena was chief guest and Cuttack-Barabati MLA Debasis Samantary, Mahakalpada MLA Atanu Sabayasachi Nayak, Erasama-Balikuda MLA Prasanta Kumar Muduli, Jagatsinghpur MP Dr Kulamani Samal and Paradip

Municipality Chairman Basanta Kumar Biswal and former Chairman Gobinda Chandra Tarai were present. They all spoke about the development works of the BJD Government and slammed the BJP and the Congress for their attitude towards the Naveen Patnaik regime. They also criticised Paradip MLA and expelled BJD leader Damarod Rout. MP Dr Samal narrated how he was tortured by Rout for last four years. Hundreds of BJD workers attended the meeting.

BDA Draftsman held taking bribe

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

Vigilance sleuths on Tuesday caught Brahmapur Development Authority (BDA) Senior Draftsman Ch Vanishree red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe of ₹12,000 from complainant Anish Baig of Niladri Bihar to process the building plan approval file of his father. The Draftsman was caught in a trap laid by Vigilance offices on the complaint of Baig. Her residential house at Ganduli Nagar, Berhampur was under search. She would be forwarded to court soon, informed an official release.

Notorious criminal held after encounter in Ganjam

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

Continuing its crackdown against notorious criminals, the Ganjam police on Tuesday arrested dreaded criminal Benu Barik after an encounter near Kamapada forest under the Buguda police station of Ganjam district.

Sources said police received information that Benu and his associate were moving on a bike towards Ramapada forest in the early morning.

A police team followed them and intercepted the criminals near Ramapada forest. Spotting the cops, Benu opened fire and tried to flee from the spot. However, the police retaliated in self-defence.

Benu sustained injuries on his left leg and was rushed to a hospital in Bhanjanagar. However, his associate managed to escape the police drag-

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Police seized a country made gun and a bike from Benu's possession. Benu who is a resident of Jatana village under the Odagaon police station of Nayagarh district was lodged in Khordha jail after being convicted in as many as 10 cases of extortion, loot and robbery.

But he managed to get released from jail on parole and was carrying out various criminal activities in Ganjam district.

He was one of the prime accused in the high profile Manitra Rukshikya Gramya Bank robbery in the district.

Guv interacts with N'rangpur people, officials

Koraput tour on Wednesday

PNS ■ NABARANGPUR

Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal visited Nabarangpur district here on Tuesday. He first visited Nabarangpur and Khatang, paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives during joint India movement.

Later, he interacted with senior citizens, visited SC/ST development Department's girls' high school at Dolaiguda and talked with the inmates who are on skill development training.

During the interaction with PNI members at Block office of Papadahandi suggested them to look into proper



utilisation of different Government sponsored schemes. At the district headquarters, the Governor interacted with the district level officials and addressed a programme of Brama Kumaris before leaving for Anuli. Among others, Principal Secretary Madhu Sadan Pathy, Collector Aji Kumar Mishra, local MLA Monohar Randhari,

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
 Bid Identification No 07 Dt 30.10.2018 of 2018-19  
 No. 2897 /Dt. 30.10.2018

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Bargarh on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites tenders from the valid licensed holder contractors of class 'B' or 'A' registered with any department of State Government or equivalent class of Central Govt. to be eventually drawn up in G2 Contract form as per terms and condition noted below.

- Name of the work :- Execution of different RPWS schemes under Bargarh District - 19 Nos
- Approx. Estimated cost :- Varies from Rs 48.80 lakh to 85.99 lakh
- Date and time of availability of document :- D1 17.11.18 to D1 10.12.2018 up to 5.00 P.M. in the portal
- Last date for receipt of bids in the portal :- D1 10.12.2018 up to 5.00 P.M.
- Date & time of Opening of Tender :- D1 11.12.2018 at 11.00 A.M.
- Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid :- Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Bargarh, District - Bargarh

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersorissa.gov.in". The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-  
 Executive Engineer,  
 RWS&S Division, Bargarh  
 2517/11/0022/2119

**GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA**  
 'e' Procurement Notice No.M.I-E-10/18-19 dated: 09.11.2018(On line)

- Name of the work :- Renovation to River & Canal Embankment road of Gohirakhal MIP (Res) in Balasore District
- No. of Works :- 1 No.
- Estimated Cost :- Rs 72.82 Lakhs (approximately)
- Class of Contractor :- 'A' & 'B' Class
- Period of Completion :- 03(Three) Calendar months (90 days)
- Other details are as follows

Bid Inviting authority	Bid Identification No.	No. of Works	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Last date of receipt of original Affidavit towards authenticity of the documents.	Date & time of opening of tender	Date & Time of Transparent Lottery if necessary.
			From	To			
Executive Engineer, M.I. Division, Balasore	M.I-E-10/ 2018-19	01 No	20.11.2018 at 11.00 A.M.	29.11.2018 up to 5.00 P.M.	03.12.2018 up to 5.00 P.M. in the box located at M.I. Division Office, Balasore.	04.12.2018 at 11.00 A.M.	11.12.2018 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)

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 Executive Engineer  
 Minor Irrigation Division, Balasore.  
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**2nd Corrigendum to Tender Call Notice No.Online- 04 of 2018-19.**

Due to some technical necessity, the following changes are made in the TCN No. Online-04 Date- 27.10.2018. The details of changes are given as below:

- The class of contractors in item of work Sl.No.1,3,4 & 7 is 'D' & 'C' in place of 'C' & 'B'.
- Period of availability of tenders on-line/Date & time of bidding on-line/last date of seeking clarification/Date of opening of tender papers.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Last date & time of seeking tender clarification	Submission of original documents for verification	Date, time & venue of opening of tender
		From	To			
Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Put.	Online-04	17.11.2018 at 11.00 A.M.	30.11.2018 up to 3.00 P.M.	28.11.2018 up to 1.00 P.M.	During office hours of working days from 01.12.2018 to 05.12.2018 up to 12.30 P.M. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, R.W.Division, Puri & Office of the Superintending Engineer, Central Office, Bhubaneswar & R.W.Sub-Division, Pipli / Kanas.	07.12.2018 at 12.30 P.M. Office of the E.E., R.W. Division, Put.

All other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

Sd/-  
 Executive Engineer,  
 R.W. Division, Puri.  
 25065/11/0012/1819

Woman Maoist surrenders in Nuapada



She was carrying a cash reward of ₹1 lakh on her head

PNS ■ NUAPADA

A woman Maoist cadre, identified as Dalmati Paharia alias Madhuri (15) of Nuapada district, surrendered before the Superintendent of Police on Tuesday.

Paharia left the organisation due to step-motherly attitude of Maoist leaders towards Odisha-cadre Maoists, she said, adding that she had been forcibly inducted into the cadre. She was carrying a cash reward of ₹one lakh on her head and working as a cadet under the Memur-Nuapada divisional committee of CPI(Maoist) since June this year. She would be rehabilitated as per the relevant scheme of the State Government, the SP said.

MASM stages demo at B'pur Vig office

Seeks probe into Pharmacy College, MKCG irregularities



PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

Manav Adhikar Surakshya Manch (MASM) members led by coordinator Abani Gaba took out an rally and staged a demonstration in front of the local Vigilance office here, demanding a comprehensive vigilance enquiry into alleged irregularities in the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mohuda, on Monday.

The MASM members alleged that the Government has not conducted any audit into college accounts for the last 39 years since its inception. Even an initial grant of Rs 4 lakh, which was given to the college the BMC, during the period when Brundaban Nayak was the Chairman, was misap-



propriated by the management, no audit was conducted to bring the culprits to the fore, alleged MASM members.

MASM also demanded that, the lakhs of rupees spent during the visit of former President APJ Abdul Kalam was yet to be audited. Members also demanded for appointment of an experienced full-time Principal for the college as a junior level teacher is managing affairs now.

Alleging that the 'Niramaya Yojana' is not working in the MKCG Medical College Hospital and the City Hospital at the best of some doctors, the MASM demanded that an impartial probe be conducted by the vigilance department in public interest.

Now, Puri seer fumes over Raghunath Besha Bhubaneswar event did not show real attire, says SJTA chief

SAROJ KUMAR MISHRA ■ PURI

Joining the bandwagon presenting the displays of Raghunath Besha of Lord Jagannath and His siblings at a function at Bhubaneswar, Puri Sankaracharya Nibhalananda Sarawati said the attire can only be organised on Ratna Singhansan (bejewelled throne) of the Jagannath Temple.

The Puri seer too clarified that the exhibition of the Besha is only limited to the sanctum sanctorum and a prescribed time is there for the observance. However, the Chief Administrator (CA) of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) who had participated the event on Saturday in Bhubaneswar

washed his hands off saying it was not the real Besha, instead a replica one.

To a question by reporters, CA Pradipta Mohapatra agreed that he had attended the event for a debate on the attire only in the temple.

The Besha was sponsored by Nalco, told Mohapatra who too clarified that there is no restriction to organise as nobody is restricted to set-up Jagannath Temple anywhere.

The Law Department under whose jurisdiction Jagannath temple falls would decide on the matter, he told. Principal Secretary Law Sashikant Mishra said that he has already watched a video of presence of the officer on special duty (OSD) Bhaskar

Mishra of his department in the event. Since the OSD has already been deputed to Jagannath Temple, hence the shrine administration would decide steps on him, Mishra told this paper.

However, there is twitter war over the Besha against a financial gain of the organisers. On twitter account of the Chief Minister, many people from Puri have posted complaints against the organisers for outsourcing of Besha from Shreemandra.

It is also heard that not only the Nalco, but the SOA University and a number of big business houses had also donated lakhs of rupees to one Puri-based trust to organise the three-day event in Bhubaneswar.

INBRIEF

**JSPUR DCC EXECUTIVE BODY MEETING HELD**  
 Jagatsingpur: The District Congress Committee (DCC) held its executive body meeting here on Tuesday. Party leaders expressed their views for the party's growth at the booth level. DCC president Natabar Barik, who chaired the meeting, presented the party's strategy prepared by the PCC for coming elections. Among others, MLA Chiranjibi Biswal, Raja Sabha member Ranjib Biswal, PCC observer Ganesh Behera, Bapi Sarkhel, Pramod Jena, Rajkishor Behera, Ravindra Nath Mohanty, Bipal Choudhury, ex-MLA Lalatendu Mohapatra, Sarada Jena and Deba Mallick spoke.

**BIJU MAHILA HEAD VISITS SARALA TEMPLE**  
 Jagatsingpur: Newly-appointed Biju Mahila Janata Dal (BJMD) chief Minati Behera visited the Sarala Temple on Monday along with some other women wing leaders and performed puja. She was greeted by hundreds of BJD supporters from local villages as she is a daughter of the soil, who had started her political career as a Zilla Parishad Member in 1997. Locals have congratulated BJD supreme Naveen Patnaik for selecting Minati as the BJMD head. BJMD leaders Sulochana Das, secretary Elina Das, Cuttack BJMD president Subhadra Das, Cuttack ZP president Jyotirekha Nayak accompanied Minati.

**UNDER-CONSTRUCTION HOUSE COLLAPSES; OWNER DIES**  
 Rayagada: An under-construction house collapsed at Siriguda on the outskirts of Rayagada town on Tuesday morning killing its owner Enkati Senapati of Chintalaguda village. The roof of the house was cemented five days ago. It collapsed while Senapati was inside the house for some work.

**BIJU BRUNDABAN PANEL TO HOLD HEALTH CAMPS**  
 Brahmapur: The Biju Brundaban Smruti Committee would hold different events like free health camps, plantation drives and awareness programmes from November 23, 2018 to January 31, 2019 here in memory of Biju Patnaik and Brundaban Nayak. This was informed by committee president and former Himjili MLA Udayanath Nayak. He urged the people of Ganjam to actively participate and support the events.

**BIJU SKILL DEV CENTRE OPENED IN KHORDHA**  
 Khordha: A Biju Skill Development Centre and Library was inaugurated near the Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya in Mahukuma on Monday.



Inaugurating the centre, chief guest Skill Development and Technical Education Minister Usha Devi said the centre would help women and girls of different villages to be skilled and later they would be given opportunities in various employment schemes of the State Government. Among others, State Planning Board Member Subash Singh, Khordha Sub-Collector Saroj Sahu, local MLA Prashant Jagtap, block Chairman Janaki Swain and Vice-Chairperson Tanuja Patnaik and BDO Rabi Narayan Majhi were present.

**Nayagarh EE held talking bribe**  
 PNS ■ CUTTACK  
 The Vigilance police on Monday caught Nayagarh Rural Works Division-II Executive Engineer (EE) Prana Krushna Prasad red-handed for demanding and accepting bribe of ₹40,000. Prasad was caught in front of his residence located at VIP Colony, Nayapalli in Bhubaneswar from complainant Pradipta Kumar Mahakud of Debatora Colony in Nayagarh for passing the bill in connection with construction of cement concrete roads under the PMGSY Scheme at Nayagarh executed by Mohakud, who is a Class-A contractor.



**NO SC STAY OF SABARIMALA VERDICT**

**Vijayan calls all-party meeting tomorrow**

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has convened an all-party meeting for Thursday to discuss the situation arising out of Tuesday's Supreme Court decision to hear the review petitions filed by the devotees challenging the September 28 verdict of the Constitution Bench allowing women of child-bearing age to enter the holy shrine Sabarimala.

This is being seen as an attempt by the Chief Minister to evolve a consensus on the tricky issue of implementing the apex court order allowing women devotees in the temple while the State is witnessing unprecedented agitations and demonstrations against the verdict.

The Constitution Bench which heard the petitions on Tuesday decided to hear the case in an open court on January 22. However, the sanctum of the temple opens on Friday evening for the 41-day long Mandala Pooja and many questions remain unanswered.

The Kerala Government has launched a series of measures to facilitate the entry of women in the 10-50 age group into the temple even as the police is continuing with the crackdown on devotees who staged protest marches and demonstrations all over the State.

The move by the Kerala police to distribute identity cards

for the devotees has shocked legal experts. Those who want to undertake the pilgrimage should have to get identity cards from the police station of their locality. "This is an ill-conceived act which is doomed to fail. How is it possible for the inspector of the police station to identify potential trouble-makers as thousands of devotees would be applying for the card," said a former State police chief who is widely respected in the State for his efficiency and integrity.

Since the apex court has not stayed the operation of the September 28 verdict, there is no technical hitch against the entry of women in the temple. But religious scholars and legal experts are of the view that it would be kept in the Kerala Government in abeyance the September 28 verdict. "If you allow women to enter the temple from Friday, what would happen if the Supreme Court rules that the September 28 verdict is not valid," asked the former State police chief who did not want his name to be quoted.

Swamy Chidanandapuri, spiritual leader of millions of Hindus in the State who is also the head of the Advaita Ashram, opined that the apex court has understood the factual errors in the earlier verdict. "That's why the court decided to hear the review petitions which itself is a rare event. Though the court has not stayed the

September 28 verdict, the decision to hear the review petition itself is as good as a stay. What the Kerala Government should do is to keep the September 28 verdict in abeyance and wait for the final verdict from the Supreme Court. If the CP(M) Government takes such a decision, the stock of the Government would go up," said the Swamiji who is engaged in a week-long spiritual discourse at Ernakulam.

Kerala is witnessing massive agitations by women devotees themselves against the September 28 verdict. Valsan Thillankeri, RSS leader who led the recent agitation in Sabarimala, said that if the Government goes ahead with its plan to allow women in the temple, the devotees would continue with the agitation.

The Kerala Government is faced with a tricky situation. Rajeevaru Kantararu, the thanthri, told *The Pioneer* that while he was happy with the Supreme Court decision, he may be able to decide about future course of action only after studying the court order. What is interesting is the power enjoyed by the thanthri to shut down the temple doors for purification rituals if women of 10-50 age group enter the temple.

A purification ritual takes a minimum of five hours.

**Top leaders pay homage as Ananth Kumar is cremated**

**KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU**

After Union Ministers, netas and BJP RSS functionaries paid their homage, the mortal remains of Ananth Kumar, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister and senior BJP leader, were consigned to the flames with full State honours at the Chamaraajpet cremation grounds in Bengaluru South on Tuesday. The day witnessed many leaders and hundreds of mourners paying their last respects to the departed soul.

The funeral pyre was lit by Kumar's younger brother Nanda Kumar, who performed the last rites according to Smartha Brahmin traditions, amidst chanting of Vedic hymns by a battery of priests at the cremation ground.

Kumar's tricolour-draped mortal remains were accorded a gun salute by military personnel in the presence of his wife Tejaswini, daughters Aishwarya and Vijetha, other family members, and national and State leaders. Chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Ananth Kumar Amar Rahe" rent the air as leaders paid homage and the mortal remains were consigned to the flames.

Veteran BJP leader and former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president Amit Shah and State party chief BS Yeddyurappa and RSS general secretary Bhaiyyaji Joshi were present at the funeral. Also in attendance were Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Piyush Goyal, Dharmendra Pradhan, Mahesh Sharma, Vijay Goe



The mortal remains of the late Ananth Kumar, Union Minister, being taken in a decorated carriage for the last rites in Bengaluru on Tuesday

and Sadananda Gowda. Earlier, a steady stream of mourners led by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, BJP workers, supporters and members of public paid their last respects to Kumar. Hundreds of mourners filed past the body of Kumar, which lay in state at his residence till this morning and was then taken to the party State headquarters 'Jaganmath Bhavan' and the National College Ground in his Bengaluru South parliamentary constituency, Ananth Kumar, a six-time MP from Bengaluru South succumbed to cancer and breathed his last on early morning of Monday.

From the Basavanagudi residence, the mortal remains were carried in a decorated military vehicle with personnel of the three services - the Army, Navy and the Air Force - accompanying it, amid slogans "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Ananth Kumar Amar Rahe" by his supporters. The body was later shift-

ed to the party's top echelon. Kumar and Yeddyurappa are among the few leaders who left the BJP bricks and mortar, making it a force that it is today in Karnataka, which the party sees as a gateway to the South.

Breaking new ground, the BJP came to power in Karnataka in 2008, making it the first saffron party

Government in the South, and emerged as the single largest party in the 2018 MP polls also, though it fell short of majority by a few seats. Kumar, who made his parliamentary foray in 1996 from Bangalore South, where he remained invincible, had also served as an important link between the State and centre at the party and Government levels.

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**STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018** (Rs. In Crores)

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended	
	30.09.18	30.09.17	30.09.18	30.09.17
1. Total Income from operations	211.33	412.21	130.99	130.99
2. Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	12.06	27.48	10.42	10.42
3. Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	12.06	27.48	10.42	10.42
4. Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	7.53	17.43	6.70	6.70
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	7.49	17.63	6.66	6.66
6. Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10/-)	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14
7. Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	75.05	-
8. Earnings Per Share (Rs. 10/- each)	0.85	1.99	0.75	0.75
9. Dividend	0.85	1.99	0.75	0.75

Notes: The above is an extract of the detailed form of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's Website: www.pasupatiacrylon.com and on bseindia.com as well on the company's website (www.pasupatiacrylon.com).

For Pasupati Acrylon Limited  
 Virend Kumar  
 Managing Director

Date: 13 November 2018  
 Place: New Delhi

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**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** (Rs. In Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended	
		30.09.2018	30.09.2017	30.09.2018	30.09.2017
1.	Total Income from operations (net)	4.36	8.24	4.24	4.24
2.	Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	3.63	4.39	3.55	3.55
3.	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	3.63	4.39	3.55	3.55
4.	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	2.99	3.25	2.96	2.96
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/Loss for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	2.99	3.25	2.96	2.96
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10/-)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
7.	Reserves (excluding revaluation Reserve) as shown in the balance sheet of previous year	0.54	0.65	0.53	0.53
8.	Earnings per Share (Rs. 10/- each)	0.54	0.65	0.53	0.53

Notes: The above is an extract of the detailed Unaudited financial results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30th September, 2018 filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said results are available on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) as well on the company's website (www.oswalr.com).

For and on behalf of the Board  
 Osval Leasing Limited  
 Sd/-  
 Vijay Kumar Gupta  
 Director, DIN: 00050399

Place: New Delhi  
 Date: November 13, 2018

**NOTICE**  
 A notice of withdrawal of consent received from Mr. Sharat Prasad Singh (Sd/- Sr. Manager) Singh (Bandra Road-42228, Tower-15, Purnanagar Road, Sector-02, Kirti Datta Nagar and Ms. Gunshri Kar (Khalda Dist. Sd/- Baiti Singh Road, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar-1402 in the office of the undersigned, any person interested therein, may file a check list in my care vide 11-11-2018 in the office of the undersigned Marriage Officer, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.)

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**Extract of Statement of Standalone Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended on September 30, 2018** (Rs. In Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Half Year ended	
		30-09-18	30-09-17	30-09-18	30-09-17
1.	Total Income from operations	5.59	11.18	5.61	22.39
2.	Net Profit for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	2.99	5.35	0.35	4.76
3.	Net Profit for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	2.99	5.35	0.35	4.76
4.	Net Profit for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	2.22	3.97	0.28	3.54
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	2.22	3.97	0.28	3.54
6.	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year	-16.78	(16.78)	(20.23)	(20.23)
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	0.07	0.13	0.01	0.12
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (in Rs.)	0.07	0.13	0.01	0.12
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (in Rs.)	0.07	0.13	0.01	0.12

Notes: The above is an extract of the detailed form of Quarterly Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and Company's website www.superiorfinlease.com.

For Superior Finlease Limited  
 RAJNEESH KUMAR  
 Director  
 DIN: 06053933

Date: November 13, 2018  
 Place: New Delhi

**AUCTION NOTICE**  
**The Deputy Director, Horticulture, Horticulture Division-II, CPWD, New Delhi** on behalf of the President of Division II invites auction for selling of trees:-

1. Survey Report No. - 58/DD/HD-10/SR/2018-19  
 Name of Work: C/O No. 120 Nos. GPHA Type-VII flats in Pocket-1 at ODU Marg, New Delhi G-2018-19 (SH-Civil works, Internal Electrical works & Fire Fighting), Reserved Price, Rs. 1,31,448/-, Security Deposit-Rs. 15,000/- through pay order in favour of Dy. Director (Hort.) Hort. Division-II, CPWD, New Delhi 110002 at the time of auction.

Date of bidding for auction on 21.11.2018 at 3:30 P.M. in the office of the Dy. Director (Hort.), Hort. Division No. II, C.P.W.D., Room No. C-112, I.P. Bhawan, New Delhi.

Note: Highest Bidder should have to deposit 25% of the highest bid amount at same day and balance amount in next 30 days.

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./AU/TH	Name of Work/Notice Tender	Opening Date (Time)	Amount / Kind (INR) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./AU/TH	Modal Operational Details/Email
1.	HSR&B BOARD	CONST. OF ROAD FROM SHAMLI KAJAN TO KHANA + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE: 27.11.2018	634.23 LACS	Tender: Proc. Smt. 31.13, 31.13.1, 31.13.2, 31.13.3, 31.13.4, 31.13.5, 31.13.6, 31.13.7, 31.13.8, 31.13.9, 31.13.10, 31.13.11, 31.13.12, 31.13.13, 31.13.14, 31.13.15, 31.13.16, 31.13.17, 31.13.18, 31.13.19, 31.13.20, 31.13.21, 31.13.22, 31.13.23, 31.13.24, 31.13.25, 31.13.26, 31.13.27, 31.13.28, 31.13.29, 31.13.30, 31.13.31, 31.13.32, 31.13.33, 31.13.34, 31.13.35, 31.13.36, 31.13.37, 31.13.38, 31.13.39, 31.13.40, 31.13.41, 31.13.42, 31.13.43, 31.13.44, 31.13.45, 31.13.46, 31.13.47, 31.13.48, 31.13.49, 31.13.50, 31.13.51, 31.13.52, 31.13.53, 31.13.54, 31.13.55, 31.13.56, 31.13.57, 31.13.58, 31.13.59, 31.13.60, 31.13.61, 31.13.62, 31.13.63, 31.13.64, 31.13.65, 31.13.66, 31.13.67, 31.13.68, 31.13.69, 31.13.70, 31.13.71, 31.13.72, 31.13.73, 31.13.74, 31.13.75, 31.13.76, 31.13.77, 31.13.78, 31.13.79, 31.13.80, 31.13.81, 31.13.82, 31.13.83, 31.13.84, 31.13.85, 31.13.86, 31.13.87, 31.13.88, 31.13.89, 31.13.90, 31.13.91, 31.13.92, 31.13.93, 31.13.94, 31.13.95, 31.13.96, 31.13.97, 31.13.98, 31.13.99, 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TMC to fight Assam panchayat polls

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Apparently buoyed by the success of Trinamool Congress-led movement post Tinsukia mass killings...

The TMC will put up its candidates in the rural elections, Bengal Minister and senior Trinamool leader in charge of Assam Firhad Hakim is known to have told the party leaders...

Bengalis are in good numbers and are feeling threatened by the recent developments, TMC sources said. 'They (read the BJP) are trying to capture Bengal but now it is time for them to protect their own place in Assam,' insiders said...

It seems she will take the correct decision on other issues as well as the situation comes. The TMC had strongly taken up the twin issues of NRC and the Tinsukia killings evoking massive response and apparently catapulting Banerjee as 'the champion'...

Naidu to meet Mamata with Gathbandhan invite

Kolkata: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is likely to meet his Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata in an apparent bid to stitch together the anti-BJP grand alliance...

The Andhra Chief Minister will meet Mamata on November 19 'strengthen the Mahagathbandhan (grand alliance)', TDP spokesperson Lanka Dinakaran said...

It would be a strong alliance against the BJP. 'She had herself mooted the idea of an opposition unit and advocated a combined fight against the BJP. She said that the party which brings in a particular place should be allowed to fight against the BJP and other parties should support that party so that the opposition votes do not get divided...

Two infiltrators killed in Kashmir

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Two infiltrators were killed in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Tuesday as Army claimed to have foiled an infiltration bid amid inclement weather in Kashmir Valley. Defence sources said that counter infiltration security grid noticed movement of a group of armed terrorists...

The encounter took place amid inclement weather in the region. Moderate rainfall leading to fall in temperature has been observed in the upper reaches in Kashmir that includes major portion of LoC areas. Terrorists make last ditch efforts to infiltrate into Valley or move back to Pakistan occupied Kashmir during the month of November before heavy snowfall blocks all mountain passes...

Pak terrorist shot in Akhnoor

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A heavily armed Pakistani terrorist was shot dead by an alert ambush party in Pallaowala sector of Akhnoor Tuesday afternoon. According to ground reports, Pakistani terrorist had managed to sneak inside the Indian territory after breaching barbed wire fence...

Confirming the intrusion bid along the LoC, Ministry of Defence Spokesman, Lt Col Devendra Anand said, 'In an encounter a heavily armed Pakistani terrorist has been eliminated in Akhnoor Sector on own side of the International boundary, at about 1.50 p.m on Tuesday'. Lt Col Anand said, 'the ambush party also recovered warlike stores which included five pistols, ten pistol magazines, 60 bullets of pistol, one AK assault Rifle, two AK Rifle magazine with 234 rounds of ammunition, fifteen hand grenades and twelve fuzes for IEDs...

Guj to host DGP conference at Statue of Unity site

NAYAN DAVE ■ GANDHINAGAR

Gujarat will host the All-India DGP conference at the Statue of Unity site in Gandhinagar this year in December. Last time Gujarat had hosted the conference at Dhorado white desert situated in Kutch in December 2015. Considered as one of the most important event in view of internal security of the nation, apart from DGPs from all the States, Director General of Intelligence Bureau (Research & Analysis wing), DGs of Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force as well as Indo-Tibetan Border Police will participate...

Sushil Modi slams Cong MLA Thakor for attacks on North Indians. A letter offering 'Chhath Puja' on the banks of River Sabarmati in Ahmedabad during his visit to Gujarat, Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Modi slammed Congress MLA Alpesh Thakor saying that the way Thakor behaved with North Indians, he wouldn't have courage to visit Bihar. Referring attacks on North Indian labourers post a rape incident on a minor girl alleged by a Bihar origin worker, Modi said that even if Thakor would be able to improve his tarnish image, he would not be able to do so. He said that in view of present-day situation, it is important to give jobs to local people but at the same time every Indian had freedom to work in any part of the country.

NC leader meets Guv, seeks revival of traditional route to Vaishno Devi

PTI ■ JAMMU

National Conference provincial president Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday met Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik here and sought revival of the traditional infiltration bid amid inclement weather in Kashmir Valley. Defence sources said that counter infiltration security grid noticed movement of a group of armed terrorists trying to sneak into this side of Line of Control (LoC) in Keran sector of Kupwara district on Tuesday evening. They said the counter infiltration operation was in progress. The army suspects more armed infiltrators might be around the gun-battle site. The identity of the slain militants was not immediately known. The encounter took place amid inclement weather in the region. Moderate rainfall leading to fall in temperature has been observed in the upper reaches in Kashmir that includes major portion of LoC areas. Terrorists make last ditch efforts to infiltrate into Valley or move back to Pakistan occupied Kashmir during the month of November before heavy snowfall blocks all mountain passes...

The INTACH has prepared an exhaustive report after detailed mapping of all the important heritage assets like step-wells, ponds, sarais, wells, temples and springs along the track which have once used to be maintained by the pilgrims, he said. He said the route starts from village Jagti (Nagrota) along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and passes through various old temples like Jagdamba Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Jagti, Durga Mata Temple at Pangali and Shiv Temple at Thandapani, Drabi. By reviving this route, the devotees could return home after paying obeisance at the 'durbar' of the Mata with enlightenment that they have been searching all their life', he said. Rana highlighted the religious, spiritual and secular characteristics of the ancient route during yesterday's, saying while it used to take off amid serene and spiritual ambience of the highly revered Kandoli Mata temple, the pilgrimage used to reach Noman, where the white turbaned bearded Gujars used to carry 'jyot' (holy light) on their heads and undertake its all-round development.

Cabinet approves renaming of Faizabad, Allahabad

Lucknow: The State Cabinet gave its assent to renaming of Allahabad and Faizabad respectively. It also announced a new purchase policy for maize during the kharif season for 2018-19. The Cabinet also announced the appointment of 221 teachers recognised but non-aided Government secondary colleges. The decision was taken in the state Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna said that Prayagraj division would comprise Prayagraj, Kaushambi, Fatehpur and Pratnagar districts, while Ayodhya division would include Ayodhya, Ambedkarnagar, Sultanpur, Ameer and Barabanki districts. The decision came a day after the Allahabad High Court asked the Centre and the state government to file a counter affidavit within a week on a petition challenging the decision to rename Allahabad as Prayagraj. State government spokesman Health Minister Siddharth Nath Singh said that for the first time the Government had fixed the purchase rate of maize which would be Rs 1,300 per quintal, besides farmers would get additional ₹20 per quintal for cleaning and transportation. He added that the Government would spend ₹21 crore for purchasing around one lakh metric tonne of maize. In the first phase, the purchase will be made in 20 districts and later more districts may be included as per demand. In another decision, the Government has announced awards for teachers of the non-aided secondary colleges in the state. 'There are 18 divisions in the State and 1000 teachers of each division will be selected for the 'Best Teacher Award' and will get a cash award of ₹25,000. The function will be held every year on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on December 25', he said. There are 19,275 non-aided secondary colleges in the state and for the award a teacher should have a service of 15 years and a principal of 20 years. The Cabinet also approved the report of the Justice Raj Mani Chouhan Committee to be tabled in the state Assembly, which had probed the stampede at the Jai Gurudev satyagrah in Varanasi on October 15, 2016. A total of 25 people were killed in the stampede at Kateshar-Dorari village where the satyagrah was organised. The Government also approved a proposal to amend the rule by merging the post of lecturer in the State medical colleges by creating a new post of assistant professor. Now the direct appointment by the UPSC will be done for the post of assistant professor instead of lecturer's post. The government gave permission to hand over 48.03 sq metres of land of the Women's Polytechnic in Lucknow to the Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) for the construction of a metro station while an approval was given to acquire 130 buildings in the second phase of Kashi Vishwanath temple corridor in Varanasi. Lastly, the Government has approved a proposal to set up a governing body headed by the Health Minister to run the new medical colleges at Basti, Faizabad, Farrukhabad, Ferozabad and Shahjahanpur.

Public Notice: My client Smt. Vijay Devi W/o Sh. Sanyal Singh R/o House No. 398, Viji Garden, ND-95, has disowned her son named Anand Singh S/o Sh. Sanyal Singh from all his legal rights in my client's property located at ND-95 and mischievous behaviors acts of my client severally and jointly and forever fore and for. Whosoever will deal with him, will be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility. Bajrang Mishra Advocate (02688/16)

Cyclone Gaja to cross TN coast tomorrow

Chennai: Cyclone Gaja presently centred over the Bay of Bengal is likely to weaken and cross the Tamil Nadu coast between Pamban and Cuddalore in the next 24 hours forenoon, the Met said on Tuesday. Before it weakens, there would be rough to very rough sea conditions along and off Tamil Nadu south Andhra Pradesh coasts from Wednesday morning and high swelling sea during that night. The fishermen, who were in deep sea have been asked to return to coasts immediately. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) bulletin said Gaja has been moving westwards with a speed of five kmph in the past six hours. At 5.30 a.m., the cyclonic storm was centred about 750 km east of here and 840 km east-northeast of Nagappattinam. It was expected to intensify further into a severe cyclonic storm in the next 24 hours by Wednesday and maintain that intensity till Thursday. 'It is very likely to move west-southwestwards', IMD said. At the time of landfall, storm surge of height of up to one metre above astronomical tide was expected to inundate low lying areas of Nagappattinam, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Tiruvarur and Ramanathapuram districts of Tamil Nadu and Karaikal district of Puducherry, the IMD said. IANS

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Saurabh Babbar S/o Rajesh Kumar Babbar R/o H.No. P-18, Gali No. 01, Shankar Nagar, E. Krishna Nagar, Delhi and Bhagwan Dass S/o Late Shyam Sunder R/o H.No. 32/48, Gali No. 10, Bhihkan Singh Colony, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence of FIR No. 849/15 utt 354/054-B/232/056/509/34 IPC has been registered at PS Farsh Bazar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Saurabh Babbar and Bhagwan Dass cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Saurabh Babbar and Bhagwan Dass has absconded (or is concealing himself) to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Saurabh Babbar and Bhagwan Dass accused of FIR No. 849/15 utt 354/054-B/232/056/509/34 IPC has been registered at PS Farsh Bazar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court answer said complaint on or before 09.01.2019. By Order Ms. Chhavi Kapoor, Metro Police Magistrate (Mahila Court No. 1), Shahdara Karkardooma Court, Delhi

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., Particulars, Quarter ended 30.09.2018, Half Year ended 30.09.2018, Quarter ended 30.09.2017. Rows include Total income from operations, Net Profit for the period, Net Profit for the period before tax, Net Profit for the period after tax, and Earnings per share.

Public Notice: To be known to all that I Shri. Chetan Singh son of Shri. Gaur Singh, residing at A-224, area of Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085, has applied for conversion of the property from lease hold to free hold application no. 018/2018 in DDA. All the original documents i.e. Demand letter, Possession letter, Possession Sl. Of Form, Perpetual Lease Deed, Bank Challan, Sanction Letter and Sanction Plan of above property have been put on file in the office of the Registrar of Land Revenue. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or dispute in the possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at the address: Phone No. 887830189 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB) Rohini or Director of Land Revenue, Floor Vices Sateen, INA, New Delhi, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Public Notice: My client Smt. Vijay Devi W/o Sh. Sanyal Singh R/o House No. 398, Viji Garden, ND-95, has disowned her son named Anand Singh S/o Sh. Sanyal Singh from all his legal rights in my client's property located at ND-95 and mischievous behaviors acts of my client severally and jointly and forever fore and for. Whosoever will deal with him, will be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility. Bajrang Mishra Advocate (02688/16)

Noida Authority advertisement for E-Tenders. Includes details about the tendering process, website (www.noidaauthorityonline.com), and contact information for the authority.

## Avni murdered

Post-mortem report confirms what we already knew; the bigger crime is that the killing of the tigress was officially mandated



For all the strides we've made in tiger conservation, the killing of Avni in Yavatmal forest, who was driven by circumstance to become a man-eater, is a dark spot in man-animal conflict management. Nay, it is a lesson in how not to act and behave with the majestic creature if we want it to thrive in the wild rather than be raised as a lab species in farms as it is in parts of China. The post-mortem investigation into the death of Avni has revealed what we all knew for a long time — it was a hunt and kill mandated by the Maharashtra forest department to facilitate human encroachers and their uninhibited plunder of the forest rather than preserving tiger habitat or sustaining the cycle of man and nature. The report answers a lot of questions that have been raised over the last few weeks. The bullet trajectory indicates that the private sharpshooter shot the tigress from behind and she was not at all charging at the trap team. The dart syringe seems to have not been pelleted from a gun but was snuck in to dress up the carcass. Fact is wildlife trap codes — and even the Supreme Court had cleared killing of Avni as a last resort according to protocol — were grossly violated. Not only that, the forest department went by the 13 human deaths over two years as the only ground to eliminate Avni. Fact is for all her run-ins with humans in her reduced territory, she didn't prey on them, even while straying into farms. She killed humans as a defence mechanism with conflicting reports on the amount of the kill she had devoured each time. Clearly, she had not turned slotful about her food chain practice. Which explains why the forest department team lured her on a dark night — against the law — with the scent of another tiger and even a perfume to draw her out. She did fall into the trap and on realising she was among human invaders, tried to beat a hasty retreat and run for cover. But she was a split second too late for the hunter's trained vision. Needless to say then this was just another cold-blooded kill with no vet, trap team or tranquillising shooters in attendance.

The villagers demanded action and the forest department prioritised them over the animal. Worse, her cubs weren't protected and are now missing, without food and vulnerable to other predators. Worst of all, this has set an example of sanctified and official poaching activity. Going by Avni's precedent, many more villagers encroaching into already constricted wild habitats will claim attacks by the big cat and other creatures and will now demand an easy kill for the benefit of their livelihood. It also lays in no uncertain terms that an evolved man cannot be an errant but an animal can always turn monster. But do we realise that human greed is eating into forest corridors for the tiger and elephants to move in peace and compelling them to turn aggressive? Humans cannot have territorial curbs but animals must be squeezed in their shrinking ranges and be forced to adapt.

Nobody is assessing the resultant larger changes in animal behaviour. It's a shame to see another majestic feline, the lion being teased by humans and behaving like a domesticated pet. A viral video of a man tempting the King of Gir with a chicken, dangling and pulling it away and the big cat finally lunging to carry off a trophy without so much as a growl, isn't exactly what anybody wants. After the recent deaths of Gir lions due to a virus, it pains us all to see the wild creatures being increasingly tamed by human circumstance.

## When news isn't news

There's a real problem of fake news that has been exacerbated by technology which allows the rapid spread of information



There is no doubt that the internet has changed the way that humans use and consume information, and as prices for data access came down dramatically over the past few years there is no doubt that the internet democratised information dissemination. The saying went 'knowledge is power' but what the internet has done, thanks to easy access to and cheap availability of information, has been to smash the control of a priestly-class over information perchance knowledge. In doing so, however, the internet has made the space a free-for-all with some disastrous consequences. As such, what is happening today

on the internet replicates in a very compressed timeframe what happened after the widespread use of the Gutenberg Press and the advent of the printed word between the fifteenth and eighteenth centuries. There was widespread slander, wholesale defamation and vicious libel in the mix which is why information dissemination was, as jurisprudence evolved, made subject to specific laws. The modern-day versions of those laws still bind newspapers, television channels and digital portals across the world; this is what is called professional media. But the internet is different, because anyone from anywhere, well other than China and North Korea, can access any 'information' on anyone, from anywhere. Any claim to authenticity and/or accuracy is largely un-testable. The rigorous editing and news selection standards that a professional media outlet follows do not apply to a blog that publishes gossip. And while there is no doubt that technology has democratised information, for example allowing millions of readers who would never have accessed this newspaper to access it online, it has also made it possible for malicious, deceitful and downright false information to be propagated and unfortunately believed.

The fact is that social media networks have made it worse by enabling the spread of such information. Jack Dorsey, the Chief Executive of social media network Twitter was in India to discuss the problem but ended up washing his hands off it. Technology cannot solve this problem, a problem that technology itself created. The internet fundamentally altered the business model of several news organisations and while finally some news organisations are hitting back with paid subscriptions, the news business model has been forever changed. At the same time, the proliferation of fake news websites selling everything from medical cures to inciting violence is out of control. Controlling that, however, is as difficult as controlling the rapid spread of printed information was 500 years ago. The same laws exist for slander and libel amounting to defamation in India as they did before the explosion of the internet. The legal system has yet to adapt to the speed of the internet but catch up it will. Social media platforms too must accept some amount of responsibility if not liability for their users' actions. And professional media has to stop giving hate-mongers a platform.

ABHIJIT BHATTACHARYYA

Happy is the nation without a history," said Cesare Beccaria, the 18th century Italian criminologist, jurist and philosopher, also considered as father of modern criminal law and criminal justice. Why and in which context Beccaria made the statement, with what ramifications, cannot be guesstimated. Nevertheless, how about creating another set of soundlike sentences? Happy are the nations with a rival without craft. Or, unhappy is the air force in endless search of combat aircraft.

Sounds cynical? May be. May be not, though, if dispassionately looked at from the 'other side of the hill' with reference to the plight, not flight, of ace fliers of the Indian Air Force and their senior commanders who are getting a mouthful from some eminent armchair experts whose knowledge of combat aircraft, technical features and their operational role emanates primarily from (over)hearing is believing rather than seeing and doing is believing, and who may not even be able to differentiate between aircraft and a rotorcraft. Virtually all of them operate from the cool comfort of their office cabin, club bar, centre's lounge, golf course or other old boys' watering holes in Lutynes' land, which has seen a steady growth of 'healthy conveniences' to allow the high and mighty to first loot and then scout over the past few decades.

Understandably, owing to this highly favourable ambience of India's internal situation, grew the adversarial activities of two of India's neighbours, China and Pakistan. We can, therefore, only observe with concern their aggressive march to 'fighter aircraft modernisation and upgradation' in comparison with India and express regret for the monumental failure and incompetence of our vaunted civilian rulers consisting of India's politico-bureaucracy in defence preparedness.

The situation is so bad and disheartening that one is compelled to quote from internationally accepted credible sources to point out the grim reality which a majority of Indians may not even be aware of, because traditionally a section of the ruling class detested the idea of the people of the country being aware of what the nation is facing. Thus, according to Military Balance 2005-2006, published by International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London, India had 38 squadrons of fighter aircraft out of which 852 aircraft were combat capable. Pakistan had 13 squadron fighters with 331 aircraft combat capable and China 119 regiments (a squadron is known as regiment in China) with 2,643 aircraft combat capable.

In 2009 the same Military Balance of IISS showed that the IAF fleet came down to 29 squadrons with 603 combat capable aircraft. Pakistani Air Force strength, on other hand, went up to 15 squadrons with

# Flight of fancy

The grim reality which a majority of Indians may not even be aware of is the Indian Air Force is desperate for fighter aircraft



382 combat capable fighters and China initiated fleet modernisation, discarding the old and inducing new state-of-art fighters, reducing the number of regiments to 58 with 1,653 combat capable aircraft.

Six years later, Military Balance 2015 revealed that the IAF improved its number of squadrons to 37 with 881 combat capable fighters. Pakistani Air Force too increased combat capable aircraft to 450, though there was no change in number of 15 squadrons. The Chinese, however, once again made impressive progress in their capability as PLA Air Force regiments went up from 58 to 60 and the number of combat capable aircraft too jumped from 1,653 to 2,239.

The crisis year, therefore, had to arrive in 2018, with disaster waiting to happen, for the IAF. Military Balance 2018 clearly states that the squadron strength of IAF is 32 and the number of combat capable aircraft stands at 849 which is lower than the 852 of 2005-2006. In comparison, Pakistani Air Force has 15 squadrons, though the combat capable fighters have reduced to 425. Chinese PLA Air Force, on other hand, has enhanced both, number of regiments to 64 and combat capable fighters to 2,397. Does India see the reality? Can India make out what lies in the future?

Since a few congenial Indian critics do not know the reality of the overall security

environment, one should try to understand as to why the Deputy Chief, Vice-Chief (both three-star Air Marshals) and the four-star Chief of Air Staff nearly simultaneously made uncharacteristic public statements pertaining to fleet of the Indian Air Force. The ominous statement of the Air Chief Marshal Dhanoa that India is "facing a grave threat", however, is the ultimate forewarning to the nation.

Critics nevertheless will find fault with professional soldiers and lobby to stifle their voice, without realising that the IAF is in distress without even a minimum number of fighters. There are qualified pilots, with eligible age and fitness certificates, who are on ground owing to the decommissioned fighters they were trained, and certified, to fly. If this is not a "grave threat" then what is?

But then who will ask questions of successive governments for their monumental FAILURE TO TAKE TIMELY DECISIONS FOR SELECTION OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO KEEP THE IAF BATTLE-READY? But then who will ask questions of successive governments for their monumental failure to take timely decision for selection of fighters to keep the IAF battle-ready? In the aftermath of the 1962 debacle in the border war with China, an Opposition politician had written a book *The guilty men of 1962*. But nothing happened to a single person out of those 'guilty men'. They all went scot-free and continued to rule the roost.

India today needs to understand that if the three senior-most uniformed officers

of the IAF have raised issues on a public platform, they need to be heard, and not abused and accused of 'speaking out of turn'. These fighter commanders, with four decades operational experience, must surely be anticipating, or fearing, the worst possible scenario.

India's last major fighter induction (Sukhoi-30) took place in the 1990s as India then had a steady supply of fighters to replenish the IAF fleet from time to time. Thus, came the MiG series of 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and Sukhoi-7 and Sukhoi-30. However, in between, also came the Anglo-French Jaguar in 1979-1980 followed by the French Mirage-2000 in the early 1980s.

There nevertheless were 'scandal' allegations related to Jaguar deal wherein the Defence Secretary died in office. Defence deal scams followed later. But does it mean that the IAF, or for that matter other wings of the armed forces, should continue to suffer avoidable 'peace-time' casualties? Can the Sino-Pakistan axis get a better opportunity to crush India without firing a shot? Is India aware of the fighter programme and acquisition of the Beijing-Islamabad duo? Doubtful. Else, successive ruling classes of Delhi would have resolved the crisis situation in the IAF a long time ago.

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WHO WILL ASK QUESTIONS OF SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR MONUMENTAL FAILURE TO TAKE TIMELY DECISIONS FOR SELECTION OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO KEEP THE IAF BATTLE-READY?

## SOUNDBITE

In the present world order, national agendas shall merge to form the global agenda for action for the benefit of the world.

Vice President —Venkaiah Naidu

Just returned from France where much was accomplished in my meetings with world leaders.

US President —Donald Trump

We've lost a creative genius. Stan Lee was a pioneering force in the superhero universe. I'm proud to have been a part of it.

Actor —Hugh Jackman

Enjoyment of few at the cost of happiness of others is neither the culture of India nor consistent with constitutional values.

NGT Chairperson —Justice AK Gool

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Innovative minds

Sir — This refers to the article, "Science in classrooms" (November 12) by JS Rajput. The applause given to our country in the field of science at an international level undoubtedly proves India's mettle.

Since ages, our country has been exemplifying itself in the field of sciences. But teaching of science in schools still needs a revised plan. Instead of rote learning, cramming of lectures or learning of tedious chemical formulae, our budding scientists need real life experiences in laboratories and open fields. Our schools must play the role as a catalyst in initiating the process of instilling in young minds the aptitude for science. The students, if given a platform and excellent resources, can overcome any challenge or threat with the inquisitive and innovative minds.

Sudeepa Khurana Via mail

### CBi fiasco

Sir — It is reported that the

### A reality check for Pakistan

This refers to the article, "In the Dragon's embrace" (November 13) by Sandhya Jain. The writer has rightly pointed out that Pakistan's economy is in a very bad shape, and to make it better, Prime Minister Imran Khan is left with no option but to opt for loan to meet the exigencies. In fact, after assuming office, he was critical of the previous Government signing the agreement with China over the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) without proper application of mind, as a result of which, the country had to incur huge debts to meet its commitment.

Knowing that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is likely to reject loan to Pakistan unless it stops terror emanating from its soil, its approach to China gains significance. China, knowing that Pakistan has the habit of going back on its word, laid tough conditions to make sure that Pakistan honours its agree-



ment and do not backtrack at any cost. This has left Pakistan in a fix. It is high time, Imran Khan works towards making Pakistan a vibrant democracy by getting out from the grip of military, otherwise the country will pass through much troubled times.

KR Srinivasan Secunderabad

Government were real disasters and have caused the Indian economy dearly. These two draconian acts have stalled its growth and also created negative impacts on economy as a corollary. Now that the entire country is aware of the failure of these two impositions, Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley should stop calling people like Raghuram Rajan as prophets of doom.

Tharcus S Fernando Chennai

### Remembrance walk

Sir — To mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that brought World War One to an end, on November 11, many world leaders took a symbolic walk in the rain down the Champs Elysees in Paris. Remember the fallen and the broken, not just in walks but in making rapid strides against hatred and war in order to prevent any further damage.

Dennis Fitzgerald Melbourne

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### Failed attempts

Sir — Finally, it has now come from the doyen's mouth; former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has categorically and without mincing words confirmed that both demonetisation and implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) probe against Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director, Alok Verma, has yielded nothing substantial to prove the charges levelled against him by his deputy, Rakesh Asthana. It is laudable that the Supreme Court has ordered an enquiry against Verma by the CVC under the supervision of a former Supreme Court judge A K Patnaik.

Ashok Kumar Sanyal Delhi

## FIRST COLUMN

## Diverse investment avenues

Investors should take precautions and invest no more than 20 per cent of their corpus in fixed income investments



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Indian investment scenario offers multitude of investment avenues to meet the diverse requirement of its investors. Among other things being equal, these investment options can differ from each other on their returns, maturity period and the risk taking capacity of the investors. However, there is a direct relationship between risk and return — the higher the risk involved, the higher the returns to be expected. Investors who aspire for higher returns have to bear a high level of risk, which is evident from investments made in the highly volatile stock market.

As far as the time aspect of the investment is concerned, there are financial instruments, which are short-term in nature and these include savings bank accounts, money market or liquid funds, and fixed deposits with banks. On the other hand, there are some financial instruments which offer a long-term horizon for investment. These include post office savings, public provident fund (PPF), company fixed deposits, bonds, and mutual funds.

Small savings schemes in India are framed and enacted by the Union Government under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1973, and Government Savings Certificate Act, 1969. The reason for the establishment of small savings schemes was independence was to provide safe and simple investment opportunities to the lower and middle income groups and these schemes were channelised and administered by Government institutions such as post offices and nationalised banks, with the aim of promoting savings habit and providing safe investment avenues to people with limited income and savings potential. With the same objective, the PPF was established in 1968 for individuals to save for their investments.

There are various schemes offered by the Government through post offices across the country. These schemes include post-office savings account, post-office recurring deposit account, post-office time deposit account, post-office monthly income account, post-office public provident fund account, Kisan Vikas Patra, National Savings Certificate (NSC), and Senior Citizens Savings Scheme. The maturity period of these schemes varies from very short as in the case of a savings deposit to over 15 years as in the case of PPF. However, all these investment options come under the same risk class as all of them have fixed returns. The returns vary between schemes based on their features and maturity period. These schemes are operated through about 160,000 post offices across the country. The PPF scheme is also operated through more than 100,000 branches of public sector banks.

With interest rates increasing by 40 basis points in September for the October-December quarter, PPF, the popular tax saving product, has become all the more attractive and will now fetch eight per cent per annum from the initial 7.6 per cent. And the best part of this long-term investment is the tax-exempted maturity amounts in addition to the tax benefits under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act. Therefore, if an investor is in the 30 per cent tax bracket, the returns from PPF would be around 10.4 per cent a year after the new rates become effective from October 1. Investments in the NSC, which comes in two fixed maturity periods — five years and 10 years, has also become attractive after the latest interest rate hike to eight per cent annual return. Although investments of up to ₹1.5 lakh in the scheme can earn a tax break under Section 80C, the returns are taxable.

The second highest interest rate is now being paid for Sukanya Samridhi Scheme, a new scheme to save for the girl child with an interest rate of 8.5 per cent per annum as against the existing interest rate of 8.1 per cent with the benefit of tax deduction under Section 80C. Kisan Vikas Patra, an instrument that doubles the investment in a given tenure also witnessed rise in interest rate to 7.7 per cent per annum, which means money invested in it will now get doubled six months sooner.

After the recent interest rate increase, these post office schemes are even better than the fixed deposits offered by banks. In addition, for investors with a slightly higher risk appetite, companies are also offering higher rates for their deposits to garner savings. So, is it a right time to invest in the above long-term investments? Experts feel that the interest rates are likely to move up further in the next few months. So, it is advised that risk-averse investors to wait for few months to lock in their money for long-term investments. However, investors with a comparatively higher risk appetite can invest in company FDs instead of bank FDs. However, one should take precaution and invest no more than 20 per cent of the corpus into these fixed income investments.

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## POINT COUNTERPOINT

WE CHOSE (ANIL) AMBANI BY OURSELVES. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT OTHER PARTNERS. WE ALREADY HAVE 30 PARTNERS OTHER THAN RELIANCE.

—DASSAULT AVIATION CEO

ERIC TRAPPIER



FIXED MATCH BETWEEN THE BJP GOVERNMENT AND DASSAULT AND PR STUNTS OF MODI AND ERIC TRAPPIER CAN'T HIDE THE BLATANT CORRUPTION.

—CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON

RANDEEP SURJEWALA

## Why Vietnam matters

India's outreach to Vietnam has been a clear indication of an open challenge to China in its backyard. The growing engagement between both countries will act as a security provider



SONU TRIVEDI

In the 46th year of diplomatic relations, India and Vietnam have witnessed several high level visits and exchange of delegations. The forthcoming visit by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, will be the third such bilateral visit this year, which was earlier preceded by the visit of the late President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Tran Dai Quang in March 2018 and the Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc visit earlier in January 2018. Several ministerial level delegations and inking of defence agreements between the two countries have also happened this year. It is hoped that the President's visit will consolidate the already existing political trust and cement strong defence and security cooperation between the two countries.

Some of the potential areas of cooperation in the non-traditional security areas include information technology, artificial intelligence, cyber security, solar alliances, traditional medicine, agricultural innovation, disaster management and climate change. As an emerging market and supplier in the regional value chain, Vietnam together with India could play a significant role in the global value chain. Capacity building and entrepreneurship development under development cooperation initiatives are already making progress and leaving their imprints.

Ram Nath Kovind is also expected to visit the ancient relics of Cham civilisation in My Son, which stand a time-tested testimony to our civilisational inheritance. The historical and cultural linkages between the two civilisations abound in the mythologies and ancient literature. It is believed that Hinduism and Buddhism became the mainstream religion of the Chams living in the central and southern part of Vietnam. The architectural style of My Son relics, which is today a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the ancient archaeological remains scattered in the coastal areas of Vietnam from Da Nang to Binh Thuan, speak about these historical legacies.

Over the years, Vietnam has emerged as a significant player in India's foreign policy projection — a partner in sub-regional, regional, and multilateral fora. It is an integral member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and plays an important role in India's East Asia policy. India is one of the three countries with whom Vietnam shares Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, together with China and Russia.

The elevation of the strategic partnership between the two countries to that of comprehensive strategic partnership is a clear indication of goodwill, trust and importance the two countries place on their relationship. It is also an acknowledgment of the existing strong bilateral defence and security ties and our mutual desire to contribute to regional peace, stability, cooperation and prosperity. Moving beyond the ideological linkages, both countries have endeavoured to revamp their relations in the changing geo-politics of the Indo-Pacific.

From strategic partnership in 2007 to a comprehensive partnership in 2016, the two countries have built up synergies for deeper cooperation between them. These have been envis-

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aged in a multi-faceted and a multi-sectoral cooperation on a wide range of issues covering political, defence and security relations; trade and commerce; energy cooperation; science and technology; capacity building; connectivity links; health, education, culture, tourism and people to people exchange; and cooperation in international, regional and sub-regional forums.

Vietnam's geographical location in Asia Pacific has added to its geo-political importance for the regional players like China, India, Australia and Japan and also for the external powers like the United States and its re-balancing strategy in the Asia-Pacific. In the changing architecture of the world politics from trans-Atlantic to the Indo-Pacific, Vietnam emerges as a significant actor shaping the 'great game' politics in the region.

Given the evolving regional architecture in the Indo-Pacific, role of Vietnam in the emerging quadrilateral partnership in the region becomes significant. As Vietnam faces mounting pressure from China amidst its growing assertiveness in the disputed waters of its East Sea, it is looking to multiple partners in Asia and beyond. Vietnam has reached out to the United States and stepped up securi-

ty cooperation with Japan, Australia long with India and a number of its Southeast Asian neighbours.

Amidst Vietnam's quest for multiple partners in Asia and beyond, India has been of very special strategic interest to Vietnam. Over the years, New Delhi has gradually expanded its defence and naval cooperation with Vietnam and assisted in its efforts in modernising the military force. India's outreach to Vietnam has been a clear indication of its open challenge to China in its backyard. It is believed that Vietnam's growing engagement with India will also lead to a stable balance of power and as a security provider in the region.

Fearing the growing aggression of China, Vietnam has welcomed and embraced India in this particular stance. The high-level comprehensive strategic partnership between India and Vietnam is equally important as it shares the anxieties and acts as deterrence against the increasing Chinese presence in the region.

According to security experts, since China continues to increase its influence, defence and maritime cooperation and procurements from countries like India, the United States and Japan enable Vietnam to uphold its position.

Internal synergies between India and Vietnam have also played a significant role in bringing the two countries on the same page building upon mutual trust and cooperation over the years.

Vietnam as an emerging middle power and India as a net security provider in the region has the convergence which makes them an ideal partner for all seasons at the sub-regional, regional and multilateral forums.

Given the cultural-religious linkages, based on their closer association with the historical kingdoms and the impact of Buddhist philosophy to the anti-imperialist struggle during the colonial rule and foreign intervention during the Second World War and thereafter, both the countries have developed closer ties and a shared destiny based on a shared world view.

In the context of the geo-strategic paradigm and the forces shaping the internal dynamics of Vietnam, its foreign policy orientations vis-à-vis the great powers in the region and its engagement with India is a critical area of concern.

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## Poll battles before final face-off

Political pundits are projecting various scenarios. The issues are more or less State-specific but by and large they are power shortage, water, tribal welfare, Maoism, anti-incumbency, agrarian crisis, petrol price hike, Rafale scam, demonetisation and the GST



KALYANI SHANKAR

As the stage is set for elections, stakes are high in five states — Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress are engaged in an almost direct fight in most of these States. Though the results would be known only on December 11, there is a lot of election-related excitement in the rest of the country as these State polls are seen as mini General Elections or dress-rehearsal for the 2019 Lok Sabha poll which will shape the national mood.

In 2013, the BJP's victory in the three States — Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh made it easy for the party to win a Lok Sabha majority in 2014 though the State and national polls were not aligned. The BJP

has ruled Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for the last 15 years. In 2013, the BJP had won 165, 163 and 49 seats in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh Assemblies respectively, with the Congress securing 58, 21 and 39 seats. The strength of these Assemblies is 230, 200 and 90 respectively. The continuation of BJP rule will mean an endorsement of the party's policies.

Mizoram is the only North-eastern State where the BJP is not in power either on its own or in alliance. Winning the tiny State even as a junior partner of a regional ally would mean the BJP conquest of the entire region. In Mizoram, the Congress has been in power since 2008. With 40 Assembly seats, the Congress has been in a fight against regional parties, including Mizo National Front and Mizo People's Conference. The BJP is a minor player.

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ian crisis, petrol price hike, Rafale scam, demonetisation and the goods and services tax (GST).

In Rajasthan, Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje is facing an anti-incumbency wave. The Congress is more or less united with the team led by former Chief Minister Ashok Chelot, Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief Sachin Pilot and former Union Minister CP Joshi. If there is no sabotage from within, the Congress can and should win the State.

In Madhya Pradesh, despite severe

anti-incumbency, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is seeking power for the fourth time but his personal popularity is intact. Here, the Congress could win if it can contain internal dissent as many senior leaders like Digvijay Singh, Jaypraditya Scindia and Kamal Nath head their own factions. The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) going alone in Madhya Pradesh may affect the Congress' chances.

In Chhattisgarh, too, Chief Minister, Raman Singh, is popular

despite several corruption charges and the Maoist menace still not eradicated. The Congress votes will be split in view of the alliance formed between former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Ajit Jogi and BSP supremo Mayawati.

There are four scenarios emerging from the States. The best-case scenario for the BJP is that the party gets three out of five or even four with a North-eastern ally in Mizoram. For the BJP, retaining power in the Hindi heartland is important to give a message that its base is intact ahead of 2019 and it can go into the General Election with supreme confidence. The second, not-so-bad scenario, is that the BJP loses one of the three Hindi heartland States but keeps two. The third is that the BJP loses two of the three heartland States and manages to retain only one, most probably Chhattisgarh. Then it will be a setback for the party. The fourth is a worst-case scenario if the BJP loses all three States, which will be a severe setback as there will be a cascading effect of the loss on the 2019 poll.

As for the Congress, high stakes are involved for the party as well as its

president Rahul Gandhi, who has been campaigning hard. This will be the first mini General Election under his leadership after he took over the reins as party president in March 2018. The Congress winning two of the three States would mark a sense of revival and enable Gandhi to emerge as a challenger to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also unite the Opposition. It will be a bonanza if the grand old party manages to get the two big States — Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh while retaining Mizoram.

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) is fighting a grand alliance of TDP, Congress and CPI. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Nara is confident of overcoming anti-incumbency. In Telangana, the TRS surprised all by advancing the Assembly poll. The Congress-TDP-CPI alliance may find it difficult as the TRS enjoys tacit support from the BJP. In Mizoram, the Mizo National Front, an ally of the BJP, challenges the present regime of the Congress.

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CHINA, SINGAPORE TIES ON A HIGH WITH TRADE ON TOP

Despite blip in relations, China has remained Singapore's largest trade partner, and Singapore, China's largest investor. Singapore is also an ardent supporter of the BRI, with the country becoming the largest destination for Chinese investment along the Belt and Road routes. (China Daily editorial)

# Flipkart Group CEO Binny Bansal quits

**Resignation comes after a probe into alleged 'serious personal misconduct' charges**



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Flipkart Group CEO and co-founder Binny Bansal on Tuesday resigned following a probe into an alleged 'serious personal misconduct', the firm's new parent Walmart said.

Bansal, 37, has strongly denied the allegation, the American retail giant said in a statement.

His decision to step down follows an independent investigation done on behalf of Flipkart and Walmart, even though the probe "did not find evidence to corroborate the complainant's assertions against Binny," it said. While the statement did not provide details of the "personal misconduct" allegations against Bansal, sources indicated that the complainant was associated with Flipkart a few years ago and is now running her own venture.

This, however, could not be independently ascertained.

The statement pointed out that the "deliberate and thorough" investigation "did reveal other lapses in judgement, par-

ticularly a lack of transparency, related to how Binny responded to the situation. Because of this, we have accepted his decision to resign", Walmart said in the deal.

Both Krishnamurthy and Nigam will report directly to the board, Walmart said. "We remain committed to investing for the long-term and are supportive of the leadership team's desire to evolve into a publicly-traded company in the future," it added.

In an internal email, Krishnamurthy sought to assuage employee concerns stating that "there will be no changes in our operating processes, or to the mission of the company as a result of this news."

"Flipkart will continue to invest heavily in supply chain, innovation and technology, with a focus on optimising operations, and empowering employees... For Flipkart to keep succeeding, it is crucial for our teams to thrive, and we will continue to do everything possible to ensure you are given the opportunity to do just that," he added.

Kalyan Krishnamurthy will continue to be CEO of Flipkart, which will now include Mynta and Jabong, continuing to operate as separate platforms within the Flipkart business, the statement said.

# Questions raised on RoC grounds for declaring Mistry sacking violative of law: RTI



PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs' western region director had raised questions on some of the grounds Registrar of Companies (RoC) Mumbai if a similar standard was followed or prescribed by RoC in all other cases of removal of directors.

It also asked RoC to furnish a list of companies where directors were removed under the Companies Act, 2013 and the details of documents furnished/called for in such cases.

In addition, the Regional Director questioned RoC on whether as per law, many documents which were not attached to the Form DIR 12 filed by TCS pursuant to the removal of Mistry as director, were mandatorily required to be annexed. If not mandatory, whether RoC can insist on the same, it asked.

As per law, Form No. DIR-12 is to be filed with the Registrar within 30 days of the appointment/removal of a director.

According to the letter furnished in the RTI reply, RoC cited not sending of representation made by Mistry against his sacking to all shareholders but instead making it available for inspection at the company office as a violation of the Companies Act.

# Govt mulls second round of 2,500 MW medium-term PPA auction

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Boyed by a good response for the first tender of mid-term (3 years) power purchase agreement auction, the power ministry will bring its second round for 2,500 MW capacities to give relief to stressed power assets, Power Secretary A K Bhalla said Tuesday.

A PPA is a prerequisite for getting coal supplies for power plants.

Power sector is facing stress due to coal shortage and other issues. Many power projects are starving for coal in the absence of PPAs. The Government's scheme to auction 2,500 MW medium-term PPAs evoked good response and PPAs for 1,900 MW capacities were signed under the scheme last month.

"We found that a lot of interest is coming up for the scheme to auction 2,500 MW medium-term PPAs. So definitely there would be PPAs coming up (on the block). This was a pilot. We will try to bring a formal scheme for another round of 2,500 MW medium-term PPAs.

"We did not have difference between fixed cost and variable cost. There was no escalation (of tariff). Those points will be discussed. Whatever (issues) stakeholders have raised, will be discussed," he said.

The power ministry in April 2018 had issued guidelines for a pilot scheme to facilitate aggregation of procurement of power (2,500 MW for 3 years) from commissioned coal-based power plants through competitive bidding.

The PFC Consulting conducted the bid process for selection of capacity on DEEP e-bidding Portal from different projects. Subsequent to the bidding process, tariff was discovered as ₹4.24 per unit and projects with aggregate capac-

ity of 1,900 MW were declared successful bidders.

The agreements under the scheme were signed with the successful bidders and procuring DISCOMs on October 29, 2018.

The seven successful bidders were — RKM Powergen (550 MW), Jhabua Power (100 MW), MB Power (175 MW), SKS Power (300 MW), Jindal India Thermal Power (125 MW), IL&FS Energy (550 MW) and JP Nigrie (100 MW).

The power procuring DISCOMs were Telangana and Tamil Nadu for 550 MW each, West Bengal and Bihar for 200 MW each. Harvna consented to sign for 400 MW.

On the under utilisation of gas-based power plants, Bhalla said: "The PLF (capacity utilisation) of gas-based plants is less than 25 per cent. So you can estimate that at what capacity they are running because of less availability of domestic gas."

# ₹ recovers 22 paise on easing crude prices

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Tuesday recovered 22 paise to close at 72.67 against the US currency on easing crude oil prices and better-than-expected macroeconomic data.

Crude oil prices fell below the \$70 per barrel mark, easing concerns over expanding current account deficit and inflation which have a bearing on rupee sentiment.

Positive macro data which showed retail inflation dropping to a 13-month low in October also bolstered the market sentiment.

Besides, fund inflows by the US dollar's weakness against some currencies overseas also supported the domestic unit, dealers said.

Brent crude fell 70 cents to \$69.42 per barrel while West Texas Intermediate dropped 74 cents to \$59.19 per barrel.

# Business Corner

**AAI, SPIC MACAY TO HOST 2ND EDITION OF DANCE & MUSIC**

After a successful event last year, Airport Authority of India (AAI) in collaboration with SPIC MACAY is back with the second edition of Dance & Music in the Park for dance and music lovers of Delhi. This year, the two-day event is being organised on 17th November, 2018 and 18th November, 2018 at Nehru Park, Chanakya Park. The event will showcase the performances by renowned artists like Shahid Parvez Khan (Sitar) & TM Krishna (Garnatic Vocal), Sonal Mansingh (Odissi) & Priyadarshini Govind (Bharatanatyam).

**INDIAN OIL BAGS DIAMOND HARYANA CSR AWARD**



Director (Refineries) IndianOil received the Diamond Haryana CSR award for IndianOil from Manohar Lal Khattar, CM of Haryana in recognition of its sterling role in corporate social responsibility in the State. The award was conferred during Haryana CSR Summit 2018 in Gurugram. IndianOil has invested in more than 50 major CSR projects worth ₹10.38 crore benefiting more than 4.5 lakh people of the State in the fiscal year 2017-18. IndianOil has also been in the forefront in supporting various national campaigns like Swachh Bharat, Safer Schools, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in the State. One such mega CSR project has been the construction of multiple public amenities under the Elevated Corridor Highway by Panipat Refinery, which was highly appreciated by the Chief Minister of Haryana.

RATHI BARS LIMITED					
Regd. Office: 1-A-21, Monin Co-operative Indl. Estate, New Delhi-110017 Ph: +91-11-43154600, Web: www.rathibars.com, Email: rathibars@hotmail.com CIN No: L74899DL1995PLC054781					
Statement of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter / Half Year ended 30th Sep, 2018 (Rs. in Lacs)					
Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended
	30-09-2018 (Unaudited)	30-06-2018 (Unaudited)	30-09-2018 (Unaudited)	30-06-2017 (Unaudited)	
1 Total Revenue From operations	9,008.96	7,947.18	5,602.57	16,955.13	11,424.28
2 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (Before Tax)	113.21	60.26	25.06	173.47	95.44
3 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (After Tax)	113.21	60.26	25.06	173.47	95.44
4 Total Comprehensive Income	113.21	60.26	25.06	173.47	95.44
5 Equity Share Capital	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04
6 Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)					6,147.51
7 Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10 Each)	0.69	0.37	0.15	1.06	0.58
a) Basic	0.69	0.37	0.15	1.06	0.58
b) Diluted	0.69	0.37	0.15	1.06	0.58

\*Not Annualised

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange's websites (i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website www.rathibars.com.

The Company does not have any Extraordinary/Extraordinary item to report during the above periods.

Post the applicability of Goods and Service Tax (GST) w.e.f. July 1, 2017, Total Income are disclosed net of GST. Accordingly, Total Income from operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 are not comparable with the figures of previous periods.

The Company has not discontinued any of its operations during the above periods.

Tax expense/Provision for taxation has been disclosed separately.

The figures of previous year / Quarters have been re-arranged/grouped wherever felt necessary.

By order of the Board for Rathi Bars Limited  
Kamlesh Kumar Rathi  
Managing Director  
DIN: 09112351

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 12/11/2018

**Siwani Water Services Division, Bhiwani**

**Corrigendum**

The e-tenders invited for the work of Ext. of W/C RD 6350-L, Saharwa Minor amounting to Rs. 2.47 lacs are hereby re-invited as no tenders were received earlier. Since the grievances are on CMI window, fresh tenders are invited to be soiled up to 5:00 PM on 21-11-2018 and documents / EMD to be received physically upto 1:00 PM on 22-11-2018 and to be opened on the same day at 3:00 PM. All the terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Executive Engineer,  
Siwani W/S Div,  
Bhiwani

RO NO: 73492 Dt: 13-11-2018

**ABHEY OSWAL**

**Oswal Agro Mills Limited**

(CIN: L15319PB1979PLC012267)

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**Extract of the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

(Amount in ₹ Lakh)

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended
	30.09.2018 (Unaudited)	30.06.2018 (Unaudited)	30.09.2018 (Unaudited)	30.06.2017 (Unaudited)	
Total Income from Operations	57.18	565.09	222.51	625.27	570.18
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year (before tax)	39.60	472.94	111.43	512.54	353.92
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year after tax	39.60	472.94	111.43	512.54	353.92
Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year (comprising profit/(loss) for the period/year (after tax) and Other comprehensive income (after tax))	13,423.48	13,423.48	13,423.48	13,423.48	13,423.48
Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹10/- each)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other equity (excluding revaluation reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,759.83
Basic and Diluted Earnings per share (Face Value of ₹10/- each)	0.03	0.35	0.08	0.38	0.26

The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly and Half Yearly Standalone Unaudited Financial Results filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Financial Results are available on the stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the Company's website www.oswalagromills.com

For Oswal Agro Mills Limited  
Anil Bhatta  
Director  
DIN: 06927533

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**Statement of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30 Sept 2018**

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended		Half Year ended		Standalone Previous Year Ended
		30-09-2018 (Unaudited)	30-09-2017 (Unaudited)	30-09-2018 (Unaudited)	30-09-2017 (Unaudited)	
1	Total Income from Operations (Net)	3,067.68	1,971.89	5,583.89	3,897.88	9,000.85
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	90.87	(20.22)	232.05	83.55	331.06
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (After Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	90.87	(20.22)	232.05	83.55	331.06
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (After Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	82.57	(20.22)	164.48	52.55	217.97
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	62.57	(20.22)	164.48	52.55	217.97
6	Reserves (including Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	1,073.95	1,073.95	1,073.95	1,073.95	1,073.95
7	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (before and after extraordinary items)					1,366.18
	1. Basic:	0.58	(0.19)	1.53	0.49	2.03
	2. Diluted:	0.58	(0.19)	1.53	0.49	2.03

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.in and on web site of the Company i.e. www.ashnoortext.com

By Order of the Board of Directors  
For Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited  
Satish Gupta  
Managing Director  
DIN: 00528824

Place: Gurugram  
Date: 12-11-2018

# NBFC crisis will lead to correction in valuations: KKR India

PTI ■ MUMBAI

KKR India's chief executive Kofficer Sanjay Nayyar Tuesday said the ongoing troubles at non-bank lenders will lead to a correction in their valuations and the private equity firm is keen to be up its funding to them.

Nayyar, whose company also operates as a non-banking financial company (NBFC) in the country, said it will take up to four months for the liquidity-related issues in the sector to settle down.

"Structurally, there will be a correction (in valuations), which is good in the long term," Nayyar told reporters on the sidelines of a conference organised by industry body CII.

Return on equity cannot be created by overleveraging with the business having a thin net interest margin (NIM), he said, wondering how such firms trade at four times the book value.

He said the leverage ratios have to become "a lot more prudent" over time and added that liabilities have to be funded long term.

When asked if his company will be upping its play in investments and portfolio buys of NBFCs, Nayyar replied in the affirmative and also added that KKR is underleveraged at present but will not take any decision in a hurry.

He refused to comment on reports of the company being in the race to buy Aadhar Housing Finance.

Echoing the views of many experts including the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Nayyar said the present difficulties are emanating from asset liability mismatches and will be resolved in three to four months.

Nayyar said the NBFC sector is critical to the economy and the stronger entities will be able to come out of the current difficulties.

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**Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2018**

(Rs. in lacs, except per share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars (Refer Notes below)	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended	
		30.09.2018 (Unaudited)	30.06.2018 (Unaudited)	30.09.2017 (Unaudited)	30.09.2017 (Unaudited)
1	Total Income from Operations	0.17	10.01	19.03	10.18
2	Profit/(Loss) before tax	(32.25)	(26.46)	(34.06)	(58.71)
3	Profit/(Loss) after tax	(32.25)	(26.46)	(34.06)	(58.71)
4	Total Comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	(32.25)	(26.46)	(34.06)	(58.71)
6	Net Profit/(Loss) after Minority Interest and Share of Profit/(Loss) of Associates	(24.87)	9.94	(20.30)	(14.93)
7	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
8	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)	(0.25)	0.10	(0.21)	(0.15)
	a) Basic	(0.25)	0.10	(0.21)	(0.15)
	b) Diluted	(0.25)	0.10	(0.21)	(0.15)

Notes:

1. Summarised Standalone Unaudited Financial performance of the Company is as under:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended	
		30.09.2018 (Unaudited)	30.06.2018 (Unaudited)	30.09.2017 (Unaudited)	30.09.2017 (Unaudited)
1	Total Income from Operations	0.17	10.01	19.03	10.18
2	Profit/(Loss) before tax	(32.25)	(26.46)	(34.06)	(58.71)
3	Profit/(Loss) after tax	(32.25)	(26.46)	(34.06)	(58.71)
4	Total Comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended September 30, 2018 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended September 30, 2018 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.rlfhd.com.

For RLF Limited  
Sd/-  
Anil Kumar Khanna  
Managing Director  
DIN : 00207839

Place : New Delhi  
Date : November 13, 2018

Sensex rebounds 332 pts on energy, bank stocks

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The equity benchmark Sensex Tuesday recouped nearly 332 points following record buying in energy, infra and banking stocks amid easing crude oil prices and strong recovery in the rupee.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty jumped over 100 points to cross the key 10,500 level. However, most Asian markets ended lower after a rout in tech stocks, tracking a hefty sell-off on Wall Street, while the dollar hit a 16-month high.

October on the back of cheap-er kitchen staples, fruits and protein-rich items, official data released Monday showed. Industrial production, however, grew at the slowest pace in four months at 4.5 per cent in September. On a net basis, Foreign institutional Investors (FIIs) bought shares worth Rs 832.15 crore; while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares of ₹1,073.84 crore Monday, provisional data showed. Among the Sensex constituents, ICICI Bank emerged as the best performer, surging by 2.44 per cent, followed by NTPC at 2.36 per cent. Shares of Coal India, the country's largest miner, climbed 0.51 per cent after it posted an overall eight-fold rise in consolidated net profit to ₹3,085 crore for the quarter to September 2018. Other big gainers were Axis Bank 2.05 per cent, RIL 1.93 per cent, L&T 1.77 per cent, HDFC Ltd 1.62 per cent, Adani Ports 1.49 per cent, M&M 1.39 per cent, Hero MotoCorp 1.27 per cent, Vedanta 1.18 per cent, ITC Ltd 1.11 per cent, Reliance 1.11 per cent, Tata Steel 1.07 per cent, TCS 1.04 per cent, Maruti Suzuki 1.02 per cent, Asian Paint 0.73 per cent, Bharti Airtel 0.71 per cent and Wipro 0.69 per cent.

RBI may keep repo rate unchanged in rest of FY '19: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With headline inflation expected to remain benign in the second half of the current fiscal, a report Monday said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to keep repo rate, or the rate at which it lends to the banks, unchanged in the rest of the fiscal. The consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation fell to a one-year low of 3.31 per cent in October 2018, from 3.7 per cent in September 2018 and 3.58 per cent in October 2017. The retail inflation number is the lowest since September 2017 when it had touched 3.28 per cent. "Given the strong focus of the MPC (monetary policy committee) on the headline inflation print, which should remain benign for the rest of second half of FY19, we see limited scope for rate hikes in the rest of FY19," the Kotak Economic Research report said. It expects headline inflation to be in the range of 2.8-4.5 per cent. It can be noted that the apex bank had maintained a status quo in its October policy review.

of 0.25 per cent each. The repo rate currently stands at 6.5 per cent. The report, however, said it remains watchful of the upside risks to inflation emanating from pass-through of minimum support prices (MSPs), adverse movement in crude oil prices, volatility in global financial markets, lagged impact of the rupee weakness on input prices, adverse implications from fiscal slippage and staggered impact of HRA increases by states and its second-round impact. "However, the seemingly structurally benign food inflation along with softening growth should help in curbing the upside pressures, thereby providing the RBI the comfort of staying on pause mode in the foreseeable future," it noted. CPI inflation eased to 3.31 per cent in October, primarily led by contraction of 0.9 per cent in food inflation amid sharp drop in prices of vegetables and pulses. On a sequential basis, food inflation contracted by 0.5 per cent month-on-month after contracting by 1.1 per cent in September. Prices of fruits, vegetables, pulses, sugar and eggs continued to fall on a monthly basis.

BUSINESS CORNER

FLIPKART CEO BINNY BANSAL QUITS

New Delhi: Flipkart Group CEO Binny Bansal Tuesday resigned following an allegation of serious personal misconduct, the firm's new parent Walmart said. The Naukri Jobspeak Index for October 2018 stood at 2,088, up 21 per cent from the year-ago period, when it was quoted at 1,728. The IT industry was on a hiring spree in October this year. After the slowdown due to the proposed visa restrictions in the US, the industry has picked up pace in hiring in the past couple of months and this pace is to continue in the upcoming months, the survey said. Meanwhile, startups too have continued to invest in the demand for fresh graduates with experience of 0-3 years grew 24 per cent, while for trained professionals (experience of 4-7 years) demand witnessed a rise of 22 per cent. Mid-management roles with an experience of 8-12 years saw a growth of 18 per cent year-on-year in hiring activity while senior management roles with an experience of 13-16 years saw a growth of 7 per cent. In terms of cities, hiring activity in metropolitan cities showed positive growth with both Chennai and Delhi registering a rise of 23 per cent. The index has been calculated based on job listings added to the site month-on-month. July 2008 has been taken as the base month with a score of 1,000 and the subsequent monthly index is compared with data for July 2008.



HIRING ACTIVITY SEES 21 PC JUMP IN OCT: REPORT

New Delhi: Hiring activity registered 21 per cent rise in October driven by bullish recruitment trends in the IT industry and the future outlook too looks glossy, a survey said on Tuesday. The Naukri Jobspeak Index for October 2018 stood at 2,088, up 21 per cent from the year-ago period, when it was quoted at 1,728. The IT industry was on a hiring spree in October this year. After the slowdown due to the proposed visa restrictions in the US, the industry has picked up pace in hiring in the past couple of months and this pace is to continue in the upcoming months, the survey said. Meanwhile, startups too have continued to invest in the demand for fresh graduates with experience of 0-3 years grew 24 per cent, while for trained professionals (experience of 4-7 years) demand witnessed a rise of 22 per cent. Mid-management roles with an experience of 8-12 years saw a growth of 18 per cent year-on-year in hiring activity while senior management roles with an experience of 13-16 years saw a growth of 7 per cent. In terms of cities, hiring activity in metropolitan cities showed positive growth with both Chennai and Delhi registering a rise of 23 per cent. The index has been calculated based on job listings added to the site month-on-month. July 2008 has been taken as the base month with a score of 1,000 and the subsequent monthly index is compared with data for July 2008.

NIFTY 50

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BSE 500

Table with columns: Stock, Last, Change, % Change. Lists various stocks and their price movements.

BSE Sensex NOV 13 2018

Table with columns: PFS, ASHOKA, NCC, GODREJIND, RADICO. Lists top gainers and losers for BSE Sensex.

NSE Nifty NOV 13 2018

Table with columns: Eicher, IOC, BPCL, HindPetro, NTPC. Lists top gainers and losers for NSE Nifty.

NIFTY NEXT 50

Table with columns: SCRP, OPEN, HIGH, LOW, LTP, CHANGE. Lists various stocks and their price movements.

BULLION Last 7 Days

Table with columns: SILVER, GOLD. Lists bullion prices for silver and gold.

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# China dismisses 'hearsay' on Muslim internment

AFP ■ BEIJING

China defended its internment of Muslims in the country's northwest as a terror prevention measure on Tuesday, calling on the international community to reject

"hearsay" and believe its official line. Up to a million Uighurs and other Chinese Muslims, including minority groups have been placed in political re-education camps in the Xinjiang region, according to a group of

experts cited by the United Nations. After originally denying the existence of the centres, Beijing has repeatedly described the camps as vocational "training centres" that were built to help people drawn

to extremism to stay away from terrorism and allow them to be reintegrated into society. But the programme has faced rising criticism outside the country — notably from the United States and human rights groups.

# Lanka SC overturns dissolution of House

PTI ■ COLOMBO

In a major setback to Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, the Supreme Court on Tuesday overturned his controversial decision to dissolve Parliament and ordered a halt to preparations for snap elections on January 5.

A three-member bench, including country's chief justice Nalin Perera, delivered its ruling after two days of deliberations on as many as 13 petitions against five for Sirisena's November 9 decision to dissolve Parliament, nearly two years before the term was to end.

Sirisena dissolved Parliament after it became clear that he lacked support from lawmakers to install former strongman Mahinda Rajapaksa as the new prime minister following his October 26 sacking of Ranil Wickremesinghe as premier.

All petitions filed against Sirisena's decision will be heard on December 4, 5 and 6, the apex court ruled, according to the opposition party officials attending the hearing held under tight security.

Major political parties and an election commission member Ratnajeewan Hoole on Monday dragged Sirisena to the Supreme Court, challenging his move of dissolving Parliament, almost 20 months before its term was to end.

Sirisena dissolved Parliament and ordered snap



Supporters of Sri Lanka's ousted PM Ranil Wickremesinghe shout slogans as they celebrate after the SC suspended dissolution of parliament by President Maithripala Sirisena, outside the court complex in Colombo on Tuesday. AP

election on January 5, plunging the country into an unprecedented political and constitutional crises. Rajapaksa needed the support of minimum 113 parliamentarians in the 225-member House to prove his majority.

Wickremesinghe has maintained that his sacking by Sirisena was unconstitutional and was still the prime minister. Sirisena on Sunday stoutly defended his move to dissolve Parliament, saying it was taken to prevent clashes among rival lawmakers. He said there were reports that politicians would clash during the floor test, which was due on November 14.

At the hearing Tuesday, Attorney General Jayantha Jayasuriya, on behalf of the state, justified Sirisena's action, saying the powers of the President are clear and unambiguous as provided for in the Constitution and the announcement of the dissolution of Parliament was done by the President in accordance with the Constitution.

He pleaded for the dismissal of all petitions and said the President is empowered to dissolve Parliament. Rajapaksa, 72, who ruled Lanka for a nearly decade from 2005, was unexpectedly defeated by his deputy Sirisena in the presidential election held in January 2015 with the support from Wickremesinghe's UNP.

However, the power-sharing arrangement between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe became increasingly tenuous on several policy matters, especially on issues like the economy and security.

# GLOBE TROTTER

BOLTON VOWS TO 'SQUEEZE' IRAN

Singapore: US National Security Advisor John Bolton vowed Tuesday to "squeeze" Iran "until the pips squeak", a week after a tough new round of sanctions came into force. President Donald Trump has dramatically increased pressure on Tehran, withdrawing from an international agreement aimed at ending its nuclear programme and introducing several rounds of unilateral US sanctions.

CALIFORNIA FIRE: DEATH TOLL NOW 42

Paradise: The number of people killed by a massive blaze in northern California rose to 42 on Monday, making it the deadliest wildfire in the history of the State. Firefighters spent a fifth day digging battle lines to contain the "Camp Fire" in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains north of Sacramento, while search teams were on a grim mission to recover the dead.

'AI MAY BOOST MALARIA DRUG DISCOVERY'

Beijing: Researchers have developed an end-to-end drug discovery pipeline for malaria by using the next generation artificial intelligence. Malaria is one of the world's oldest infectious diseases that still causes a lot of health problems in various tropical countries, according to the research published in the journal Scientific Reports.

# Trump slams Macron again over European defence remarks

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump on Tuesday launched another attack against Emmanuel Macron against France's European ally for a European army, a proposal the US leader earlier had dubbed "insulting".

Emmanuel Macron suggests building its own army to protect Europe against the US, China and Russia.

But it was Germany in World Wars One & Two - How did that work out for France? Trump tweeted. "The were starting to learn Germany in Paris before the US came along," Trump said. "Pay for NATO or not!" The Republican president has repeatedly lambasted European allies for not spending enough on their militaries, particularly Germany.

Macron had angered Trump by saying Europe needed its own army and listing the US along with Russia and China as a threat to European security.

# Khashoggi murder tapes do not implicate crown prince: Bolton

AFP ■ SINGAPORE

Audio linked to Jamal Khashoggi's murder inside Saudi Arabia's Istanbul consulate does not implicate Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, US National Security Advisor John Bolton said Tuesday, citing others who have heard the tapes.

Turkey has previously said it shared recordings linked to the murder of Khashoggi — a Saudi official and fierce critic of the crown prince — with officials in Riyadh, Washington and other capitals.

Khashoggi was last seen entering the consulate on October 2 to obtain documents for his forthcoming marriage. After repeated denials, Saudi Arabia finally admitted the 59-year-old had been murdered at the mission in a "rogue" operation.

Bolton, speaking to reporters in Singapore ahead of a regional summit, was asked whether it was right to say the audio contained nothing that implicated the crown prince.

"I haven't listened to the tape myself but in the assessment of those who have listened to it that's right," he said. Khashoggi's brazen murder has caused intense speculation over what, if anything, Crown Prince Salman might have known about the operation.

**UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
CORRIGENDUM-II FOR DATE EXTENSION  
E-TENDER NOTICE  
This office e-tender specification nos. COP-II/18/2018, invited previously, for supply of 53KVA, 11/0.433KV, Aluminium wound, Distribution Transformer is hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 11:00 hrs. of 19.11.2018. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 20.11.2018 at 15:30 hrs.  
For further details, please visit our website [www.uktders.gov.in](http://www.uktders.gov.in).  
Superintending Engineer  
Corporate (CAP-II)  
No-591/EE/C/M/UC/CA-2 Date -12.11.2018

**GOVT COLLEGE RITHOJ, GURUGRAM**  
Advt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 13-11-2018  
Corrigendum  
(date may please be treated as 20-11-2018 in place of 02-11-2018)  
Sealed Quotation are invited from the authorized vendors for manpower supply under Haryana Govt. Outsourcing Policy-I rules in the name of the undersigned latest by November 20, 2018 up to 1.00 P.M. The quotation should bear superscription "Quotation for manpower supply". The quotation will be open on the same day i.e. 20-11-2018 at 2.00 P.M.  
Sd./ Principal  
Govt. College Rithoj Gurugram  
RO NO. 73478 Dt. 13-11-2018

**ABHEY OSWAL Oswal Greentech Limited**  
(CIN: L24112PB1981PLC031099)  
Corporate Office: 7, Floor, Antikh Bhawan, 22, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110 001  
Extract of the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
(Amount in ₹. Lakh)  
Particulars  
Quarter Ended  
30.09.2018  
30.06.2018  
30.09.2017  
30.06.2017  
30.09.2017  
30.06.2017  
Year Ended  
31.03.2018  
31.03.2018  
31.03.2018  
31.03.2018  
31.03.2018  
31.03.2018  
Total Income from Operations  
541.11 526.05 504.51 1,067.16 994.76 2,019.45  
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year (before tax)  
1,714.40 1,073.16 1,759.50 2,787.56 3,605.42 7,069.02  
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year after tax  
1,231.76 541.83 1,138.52 1,773.59 2,343.20 4,323.82  
Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year (comprising profit/(loss) for the period/year (after tax) and Other comprehensive income (after tax))  
1,231.74 541.81 400.19 1,773.55 1,777.39 4,239.00  
Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹10/- each)  
25,680.92 25,680.92 25,680.92 25,680.92 25,680.92 25,680.92  
Other equity (excluding revaluation reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet  
0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 2,01,086.28  
Basic and Diluted Earnings per share (Face Value of ₹10/- each)  
0.48 0.21 0.44 0.69 0.91 1.58  
The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly and Half Yearly Standalone Unaudited Financial Results filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the stock exchange website [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website [www.oswalgreentech.com](http://www.oswalgreentech.com)  
For Oswal Greentech Limited  
Aruna Oswal  
Chairperson  
DIN: 0098524  
Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
Place: New Delhi  
Regd. Office: Near Jain Colony, Vijay Indir Nagar, Daba Road, Ladhiana - 141 003 (Punjab)  
Contact: 0161-2544238 website: [www.oswalgreentech.com](http://www.oswalgreentech.com); Email ID: [oswal@oswalgreentech.com](mailto:oswal@oswalgreentech.com)

**EMERGENT GLOBAL EDU AND SERVICES LIMITED**  
(FORMERLY EMERGENT ENERGY AND SERVICES LIMITED) CIN: L89902D1983PLC209722  
Regd. Office: 8-B, Sagar, 6, Tikas Marg, New Delhi - 110 001  
Phones: (91) (11) 2378 2022, 2338 2992, Fax: (91) (11) 2378 2088, 2338 9144, Email: [esdl@emergingroup.com](mailto:esdl@emergingroup.com); Website: [www.esdl.in](http://www.esdl.in)  
Extract of Standalone & Consolidated Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
(Rs. in Lacs Except EPS)  
Particulars  
Quarter Ended  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2017  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2017  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2017  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2018  
1 Total Revenue  
32.52 32.17 29.70 64.69 59.13 133.87 38.91 27.08 20.50 65.95 41.37 39.02  
2 Profit/Loss for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)  
6.66 8.21 9.62 14.87 17.68 38.00 23.13 13.08 10.42 36.21 19.76 42.45  
3 Profit/Loss for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)  
6.66 8.21 9.62 14.87 17.68 38.00 23.13 13.08 10.42 36.21 19.76 42.45  
4 Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)  
4.73 5.91 6.24 10.63 11.80 26.93 17.10 9.91 8.98 27.01 12.48 28.49  
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))  
4.66 5.88 7.53 10.54 16.09 26.84 17.03 9.88 10.27 26.92 16.76 26.40  
6 Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10/- Per Share)  
456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90 456.90  
7 Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserves, as per Balance Sheet of Previous Year  
- - - - 1,036.23 - - - - - - 978.96  
8 Earning Per Share (Before Extraordinary Items) (Rs. in Lakhs)  
(A) Basic  
0.10 0.13 0.14 0.23 0.26 0.59 0.37 0.22 0.20 0.59 0.27 0.62  
(B) Diluted  
0.10 0.13 0.14 0.23 0.26 0.59 0.37 0.22 0.20 0.59 0.27 0.62  
9 Earning Per Share (After Extraordinary Items) (Rs. in Lakhs)  
(A) Basic  
0.10 0.13 0.14 0.23 0.26 0.59 0.37 0.22 0.20 0.59 0.27 0.62  
(B) Diluted  
0.10 0.13 0.14 0.23 0.26 0.59 0.37 0.22 0.20 0.59 0.27 0.62  
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2018 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website [www.esdl.in](http://www.esdl.in).  
By order of the Board  
R.C. Khandu  
Director  
(DIN: 03048392)  
Place : New Delhi  
Date : 13.11.2018

**KAMA HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
CIN: L9219D0200PLC194779  
Registered Office: The Galleria, DLF Mayapuri Vihar, Unit No. 236 & 237, 2nd Floor, Mayapuri Phase, Noida Link Road, Mayapuri Vihar Phase I Extn, Delhi - 110091  
Corporate Office: Block C, Sector 45, Gurgaon-122003, Tel. No. : (+91-124) 4354400 ; Fax : (+91-124) 4354500  
Email: [info@kamaholdings.com](mailto:info@kamaholdings.com); website: [www.kamaholdings.com](http://www.kamaholdings.com)  
STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/HALF YEARLY ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEEMBER 2018  
(Rs. in Lakhs)  
Particulars  
3 Months Ended  
30 September  
2018  
6 Months Ended  
30 September  
2018  
3 Months Ended  
30 September  
2017  
Unaudited  
Unaudited  
Unaudited  
Total income from operations  
1,848 1,909 1,803  
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)  
1,831 1,873 1,767  
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)  
1,831 1,873 1,767  
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)  
1,841 1,949 1,767  
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))  
- - -  
Equity Share Capital  
645 645 645  
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves) as shown in the Balance Sheet Previous Year  
- - -  
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-  
(a) Basic  
26.93 28.60 27.38  
(b) Diluted  
26.93 28.60 27.38  
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Half Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and the Company's website ([www.kamaholdings.com](http://www.kamaholdings.com)).  
For and on behalf of the Board  
Kartik Bharat Ram  
Chairman  
(DIN 0000557)  
Place : Gurugram, Haryana  
Date : 13th November 2018

**UNITED LEASING & INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
Regd. Office : Plot No.66, Sector-34, EHTP, Gurugram, Haryana-122001  
CIN : L65910HR1983PLC033460, Website: [www.ulittd.com](http://www.ulittd.com), Email id: [investorrelations@ulittd.com](mailto:investorrelations@ulittd.com),  
Phone-011-26253522  
EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & SIX MONTHS ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018  
(Rs. in lacs, except per share data)  
Sl. No. Particulars  
Quarter Ended  
30.09.2018  
30.06.2018  
30.09.2017  
Six Month Ended  
30.09.2018  
30.09.2017  
Year Ended  
31.03.2018  
31.03.2017  
31.03.2018  
1 Total Income from Operations  
66.88 51.03 31.56 117.91 90.42 292.06  
2 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items  
(10.67) 2.27 1.58 (8.40) 10.22 52.24  
3 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items  
(10.67) 2.27 1.58 (8.40) 10.22 52.24  
4 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax  
(10.67) 2.27 1.58 (8.40) 7.22 52.24  
5 Total Comprehensive Income  
300.00 300.00 300.00 300.00 300.00 300.00  
6 Paid-up equity share capital  
300.00 300.00 300.00 300.00 300.00 300.00  
7 Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)  
(a) Basic  
(b) Diluted  
(0.36) 0.08 0.05 (0.28) 0.26 1.74  
Notes:  
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Six months ended September 30, 2018 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Six months ended September 30, 2018 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website [www.ulittd.com](http://www.ulittd.com).  
For United Leasing & Industries Ltd.  
Aditya Khanna  
Managing Director  
DIN-01156038  
Date : November 13, 2018  
Place: Gurugram, Haryana.

**IST LIMITED**  
CIN: L33301HR1978PLC008316  
Registered Office: Dhanruha Industrial Complex, Delhi Jaipur Highway No. 8, Kapriyas, Dhanruha, Distt. Rawati - 121012, Haryana  
Tel: (91) 1274-267446, 267347, 267348, 267419, 267420 Fax: 01274-267444 Website: [www.istindia.com](http://www.istindia.com); E-mail: [istgroup.ho@gmail.com](mailto:istgroup.ho@gmail.com)  
Extract of the Statement of the Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2018  
(Rs. in lakhs except EPS)  
Sr. No. PARTICULARS  
QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (UNAUDITED)  
QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (UNAUDITED)  
HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (UNAUDITED)  
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018 (AUDITED)  
1 Total Income From Operations  
916.37 946.33 1896.22 3644.07  
Net Profit/(Loss) for the Period (before Tax and tax and exceptional items)  
407.02 339.62 522.94 1285.40  
3 Net Profit/(Loss) for the Period (before Tax after Exceptional Items)  
407.02 339.62 522.94 1285.40  
4 Net Profit/(Loss) for the Period (after Tax after Exceptional Items)  
330.02 217.60 434.38 1006.27  
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the Period (comprising Profit/(Loss) for the Period (after Tax and other Comprehensive Income (after Tax))  
0.31 -2.05 0.62 1.27  
6 Equity Share Capital  
584.68 584.68 584.68 584.68  
7 Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous Year  
0 0 0 0  
Earnings Per Share/ Nominal value of Rs. 10/- each (for Continuing and Discontinuing Operations)-  
(a) Basic (in Rs.)  
(b) Diluted (in Rs.)  
5.66 3.73 7.45 17.25  
5.66 3.73 7.45 17.25  
Note:-  
1. The above is an Extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock exchange website [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website [www.istindia.com](http://www.istindia.com).  
2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee at their meeting held on 13th November, 2018 and thereat approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 13th November, 2018.  
For IST Limited  
Sd./ S.C. Jain  
Executive Director  
DIN: 00692079  
Place: New Delhi  
Date: 13.11.2018



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential learning is an emerging tool to fill skill gaps by upgrading skillsets in a modern workplace, says **ASHISH GAIKWAD**

As the country is focused on creating jobs through initiatives like Make in India and Digital India, the challenge for the industry is to attract talent with the right skills and improve the skill sets of existing workers to keep pace with the changing demands of the job.

While organisations are focused on ensuring a perfect fit of talent for every job, the skills gap emerges as a key challenge in the industrial workplace. Failure to address the skills gap can not only hamper employee productivity, but also have a direct negative impact on business profitability.

The situation is further accentuated by technological advancement and automation reducing the shelf life of skills and putting added pressure on skills upgradation. A recent McKinsey Global Institute report cites that by 2020, the world will face a deficit of 40 million high-skilled workers and 45 million medium-skilled workers. Concurrently, the number of low-skilled workers will increase to 95 million.

**CHALLENGING TIMES**

In a highly competitive work environment with compressed product and service lifecycles and faster turn-around times, the cost of training workers on processes and systems can mean additional deployment of

time and effort.

Additionally, businesses also have to bear the loss of knowledge and skills when highly trained workers retire or leave the organisation. The big human resource challenge for organisations is to have a robust training and upskilling system in place to ensure a continuous stream of trained talent and a future-ready state of preparedness.

**TECHNOLOGY FOR TRAINING**

The traditional or passive training approaches are proving to be inadequate and ineffective in training millennial employees. Research shows that millennial respond better to experiential learning techniques rather than passive learning methods.

It is imperative for businesses to adopt active or experiential learning methods to address their training needs. The new technology-enabled training is catching up fast in India with several organisations deploying experiential learning activities for their industrial training initiatives.

The philosophy involves immersing an employee in the environment in which they will work through simulation, using virtual and augmented reality — be it the creation of a shop-floor experience or the construction of an office environment.

**RESEARCH SHOWS THAT MILLENNIALS RESPOND BETTER TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING TECHNIQUES RATHER THAN PASSIVE LEARNING METHODS. THE NEW TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED TREND IN TRAINING IS CATCHING UP FAST WITH SEVERAL ORGANISATIONS DEPLOYING EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL LEARNING INITIATIVES**

**IMMERSIVE FUTURE**

Unlike the passive training methods, which are often one-sided, experiential learning involves a two-way interaction. Active learning methods result in longer retention of knowledge compared to passive learning methods as it lays importance on development of skills rather than a mere transfer of facts and figures. It also reduces the time required to train an employee — from half a year using passive methods to a couple of months.

The experiential learning solutions substantially improve skill retention, even while taking significantly lesser time to train the employees. Businesses can also leverage the experiential learning solutions to measure the effectiveness of the training and its contribution to overall plant performance.

Experiential learning methods expose learners to company-specific, real-world situations, which have more relevance to their jobs. They allow learners to make mistakes, and correct and re-learn at negligible costs. In such customised learning process, learners get to train themselves on various job activities such as installation, configuration, inspection, maintenance, troubleshooting, replacement of working parts, and much more.

They also allow users to record

and save their work to the cloud making it digitally accessible whenever they need to learn about a specific procedure or situation. However, the biggest unique selling point (USP) of experiential learning methods is that all the learning takes place in a safe and controlled situation with no risks to the lives of the learners and others, as well as the plant and environment.

**WORKPLACE CHANGE**

Experiential learning has the potential to bridge the gaps in employee training that the traditional training methods have failed to deliver. Companies which have been quick to adopt experiential learning methods are witnessing positive impact on their business operations. They have been able to reduce operational costs by up to 50 per cent in some areas and improve the utilisation of manpower.

Today, companies are looking for rapid results and availability of fully trained workers, which is impelling them to search for innovative training strategies. As competition for skilled workers rises, it is imperative for businesses to adopt technology-based experiential learning methods to address their employee training needs and bridge the talent skills gap.

The writer is MD, Honeywell Automation India Limited

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and, most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do**

— Pele

**BANKING & FINANCE**

The TKWS Institute of Banking & Finance, New Delhi, invites applications for its 2018 academic session of Post-Graduate Diploma in Banking & Finance with specialisation in International Trade Finance.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Minimum qualification for securing admission to PG Diploma in Banking & Finance is graduate in any stream with 50 per cent marks. Students awaiting final year results may also apply.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Fill an online application form and pay ₹1000 application fee, online or by visiting the institute. The selection will be on basis on Banking Aptitude Test and Personal Interview.

**SEATS OFFERED:** 60

**LAST DATE:** November 24, 2018. For more information, log on to [www.TKWSBFE.org](http://www.TKWSBFE.org).

**MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING**

The University of Sheffield, UK, is inviting applications for MEng Materials Science and Engineering course starting from September 2019.

This four-year degree course can be kept general or students can choose to specialise by choosing options or one of our more focused courses.

The course includes plenty of practical work and students get to hands on experience of widely used processes and the latest in investigative equipment, vital to finding employment after graduation.

In the first year, students will take the global engineering challenge; working with students from other engineering courses, they work together to find creative solutions to problems.

The focus is on solving challenges faced by communities throughout the world, for example, improving municipal water systems, or designing reliable materials for monitoring health. The exercise is designed to develop students as professional engineers and to get them thinking about sustainable solutions to real world problems.

All MEng courses include a guaranteed five-month paid industrial placement, which may be in the UK or abroad. This is a great way of getting additional experience and is one of the reasons why, in 2017, 100 per cent of Materials graduates from Sheffield were in employment or further education six months after graduation.

In the third and fourth year of the MEng degrees, students on the industrially-focused stream of the course will take part in four industrial training programmes, focusing on the areas of nuclear, glass, aerospace and advanced manufacturing materials.

For each, there are small group seminars with industry experts and engineers, academic lectures and visits to industry sites and technology centres.

Students will apply their materials science and engineering knowledge to analyse and solve a real current industrial problem and then present the results to the boardroom of the company.

The degree course is accredited by the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IMMM).

**ELIGIBILITY:** 80 per cent in Class XII including two of Maths, Physics or Chemistry. International students need overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component, or an equivalent English language qualification.

**FEES:** £22,600 per year of the course for international students.

Interested candidates can email for more information, at [materials@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:materials@sheffield.ac.uk); <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/materials/undergraduates/mseMEng>.

## Ethical learning

**PNS ■ VELLORE**

The Krea University, Chennai, an upcoming Liberal Arts and Sciences University, and The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values (The Centre) have announced a formal agreement to reimagine and co-create the ethics learning experience for the university's UG students. The centre would help Krea deliver an innovative ethics curriculum and will start facilitating sessions with the faculty on ethical learning and pedagogy early next year.

The university will offer three-year residential BA Honours and BSc Honours degrees across several disciplines, with strong foundation skills in analytical thinking, ethics, quantitative reasoning and communication. Admissions for the first batch of students went live on November 1, 2018.

It will commence classes for its first batch of UG students in August 2019. The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values is dedicated to inquiry, dialogue, and education on the ethical and humane dimensions of life. As a collaborative and non-partisan think tank, The Centre focuses on the development of interdisciplinary research and programmes in varied fields of knowledge, from science and technology to education and international relations. The programmes emphasise responsibility and examines meaningfulness and moral purpose between individuals, organisations, and societies.

Six Noble Peace laureates including The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu serve as the founding members of the Centre. Since its inception at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2009, the centre's programmes have expanded to eight countries. Speaking on the occasion, Krea University's VC, Sunder Ramaswamy, said: "This partnership will provide an exciting opportunity for young minds at Krea to engage with ethical questions, find their sense of purpose and understand the societal impact of their actions".

**PNS ■ VELLORE**

The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) organised an event where the chief guest and Tamil Nadu Minister for School Education KA Sengottaiyan distributed the prizes to the headmasters of 59 senior secondary schools in Vellore district who achieved 100 per cent passes in Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) or Class XII exam in 2018. They were awarded a ₹5,000 cash award as well for achieved 100 per cent results in their school.

The chancellor noted that the number of schools which achieved 100 per cent results in the Class XII exams in Vellore district has increased to 87 per cent this year from 83 per cent in 2016 and 85 per cent in 2017, and to 88 per cent this year from 86 per cent in 2016 in SSLC.

While addressing the gathering, Sengottaiyan, said: "Around 3,000 smart classrooms will be provided in Government schools and Internet facility provided to Class IX to XII students before December. The Tamil Nadu Government is also taking

## Aiming for quality education



Dignitaries award teachers at an event in VIT, Vellore

after passing out from their school. The Government, through various measures, has created confidence among the Government school students to face competitive exams such as National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NET) for medical admissions. Through NET, 1,000 students of Government schools have got admission in MBBS." The above steps are among the many being taken by the Government to bridge the gap between private and Government schools in the quality of education for students.

"From January 2019, LKG and UKG classes would be introduced to the 52,400 students studying in Anganwadi centres in order to fulfill the aspiration of the parents to see their children speak in English. To maintain hygiene in the school toilets, the Government, under a Rotary Club-sponsored scheme, will collaborate with German firms to install the technology in Tamil Nadu schools. One van will be provided for every 20 schools, and 100 vehicles will be ready before December," Sengottaiyan said.

Responding to the suggestion of Dr G Viswanathan, chancellor, VIT said that the Centre and State should discuss with the managements of educational institutions periodically to thrash out issues concerning education. He urged for streamlining the recruitment of teachers in order to ensure that only those who are interested in teaching are recruited as school teachers. Government should take steps to put an end to the situation where teachers' degrees are bought.

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The India Design Confluence (IDC), a three-day design festival, is scheduled to take place at the Unitedworld Institute of Design in Ahmedabad on November 23-25, 2018. Presiding the event as chief guest will be Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani.

The aim is to promote a shared understanding of the practices in design, exchange of knowledge and future trends within the booming design industry. The event will be dedicated to bringing a balanced ecosystem for the collaterals of design in the dimensions of offering sustainability in academics, businesses, people, and the environment.

## India Design Confluence 2018

Inspiring talks, experiential workshops and presentations will give young, aspiring designers and creative professionals an industry insight. The itinerary includes lectures and master sessions from creative powerhouses in the design industry, hands-on workshops that focus on knowledge generation and idea development, paper presentations that involve visual props and illustrations, and panel discussions to trigger a constructive exchange of views.

The sessions will cover myriad sectors in design, mainly animation, visual communication, interior design, architecture, automobile design, product design, jewellery design, lifestyle and accessory design, photography and fine arts.

The IDC will host a list of speakers including Sunil Sethi, president, Fashion Design Council of India; Rajeev Sethi designer, scenographer and art curator; Angela Guzman, design lead, Google; Peter Bi'lak, graphic and typeface designer; Carol Hanlon, founder, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc; Julian Roberts, fashion designer and academician; Rajesh Kutty managing director, Design Kite Ltd and lead interior designer, Bentley Motors Ltd and many others.

Participants will also have a chance to unwind with a plethora of live performances, a craft village for art lovers, and much more.

A highlight of the event will be the students from BHU, UID, Sir JJ College and School of Planning and Architecture displaying their record breaking number of installations created from recycled products at one venue.

The event will proudly bring together national and international experts, academicians, artisans and craftspeople in the design industry to share their own journey, creative process, case studies, perspective and style of working — giving students access to fresh inspiration and diverse opinions from the stalwarts of design as mentioned above. The event is expected to be attended by more than 6,000 students.

For registration and ticket information, visit [www.indiadesignconfluence.com](http://www.indiadesignconfluence.com)

## GIS ACADEMY PROGRAMME

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The Esri India, a Geographic Information System (GIS) software and solutions provider, launches Esri India GIS Academy Programme (EIGAP) for teaching, learning, and research purposes. The company is also making its flagship ArcGIS Technology available to universities at a special price. The 12-month license includes components of ArcGIS Enterprise, ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS online and many other web/mobile apps.

Agenda Kumar, president, Esri India, said: "There is a demand of high quality and trained GIS professionals across industries in the country. Our programme will help in bridging the skill gap and enable the students to acquire best GIS knowledge."

This programme is available to all colleges who plan to, or are already teaching GIS in their curriculum. It includes access to software, curriculum and training resources to equip the institutions to impart best of the GIS skills to their students in various disciplines. Esri India has been supporting the academia through training the resources and equipping them with the GIS know-how through other programmes like GIS Academia Council and mAPP Your

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From drones that can aid in disaster management to autonomous bots that map railroads, many interesting projects were demonstrated by the students of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras at the CFI Open House.

Prof Jagadeesh Kumar, dean academic courses, inaugurated the Open House in the presence of Prof Bobby George, faculty-in-charge, CFI, IIT Madras, faculty and students. CFI, a student-run facility to encourage engineers to apply knowledge from their academic pursuits to innovate and propose solutions to real-world problems, hosts the Open House for students to network with potential mentors and facilitators in technology and entrepreneurship. Over 50 student projects were demonstrated during of which 21 are socially relevant.

## Open house innovation



IIT Madras CFI Team Rattar Formula Racing with their Formula Race Car

IIT Madras CFI Team Arvashak members explaining their Mars Rover

IIT Madras CFI Team Abhyhan explaining their Autonomous Ground Vehicle

IIT Madras CFI Aero Club demonstrating their Hexacopter



# The hi-tech road

If you love working on cars and aren't scared of technology, then a career in the automotive service industry may be for you, says SHAHEEN KHAN

Automotive technicians, or automotive service technicians, work within mechanic shops, auto dealerships and other garages to identify and repair car and truck trouble. Their specific duties vary based on their training and region of focus, but auto technicians use many of the same tools and share parallel working conditions.

**Skills**  
Employees in the automotive industry need a number of skills to help them uphold and repair cars, trucks and other vehicles, and to work with clients, managers, employees, and team members. Skills that employer looks for are: Body repair, brake repair, car tune-up, change and repair tyres, conduct tests and inspections, diagnostic abilities, engine repair and general auto repair.

**Job Outlook**  
The job outlook is good for the next decade. A lot of skilled workers are likely to go away over the next decade and are in need to be replaced by well-trained technicians. Employment of automotive service technicians and mechanics is anticipated to grow 6 per cent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

The need for technicians will also enlarge with the number of vehicles on the road. Growth in

the driving age population and multi-car families will also augment the want for more technicians to carry out abundant tasks. In adding up, more repairs and care will be required as vehicles are lasting longer.

The number of vehicles in use is also likely to continue to rise. More entry-level service technicians will be required to execute basic maintenance and repair these vehicles.

**Opportunities**  
The automotive industry is varied, extremely competitive and highly globalised. Most of the vehicle producers come out with hundreds of models every year, which transform at regular intervals. Opportunities are rising rapidly. This particular area requires lots of commitment and hard work to learn the profession and achieve the success.

Automotive service technicians and mechanics may work at gasoline stations or at automotive parts, accessories and tire stores. But a vast majority of them work for automobile dealers or in the automotive repair and maintenance industry. Unlike diesel service technicians and mechanics, automotive service technicians and mechanics revamp and examine all types of vehicles, not just those that hold diesel engines.

These technicians are especially vital in our car-driven soci-



ety. Most of us travel to our jobs on four wheels; we pile in for family road trips, and when we require running every day jobs, our sedans and SUVs are almost always the transportation of choice. That's why people place so much significance on finding a high-quality mechanic.

## Duties

The duty revolves around troubleshooting and mends of cars and trucks. Technicians examine vehicles for mechanical problems and test systems for malfunction. They put simultaneously reports of problem spots for car owners and estimate parts and costs needed for repair. Once they have the client's consent, technicians make looking after on the components ranging from fuel injectors to mufflers. Technicians also handle regular maintenance to protect cars from bigger repairs down the road. They adjust oil and oil filters, spin tires and tune up engines.

## Qualifications

Completing a vocational or other post secondary education program in automotive service technology is considered the greatest preparation for entry-level positions. Programmes usually last six months to a year and give rigorous career preparation through classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Short-

term certificate courses in a particular area, such as brake maintenance or engine performance, are also available.

A variety of automobile manufacturers and dealers subsidise associate's degree programs. Courses typically include mathematics, electronics, and automotive repair.

Some programmes add classes in customer service and other essential skills. Students here typically spend constant periods attending classes full time and functioning full time in service shops under the assistance of a knowledgeable technician.

Service technicians who have graduated from post secondary programs in automotive service technology usually necessitate little on-the-job training. Those who have not concluded post secondary education, however, usually start as trainee technicians, technicians' helpers or lubrication workers. They gradually obtain more knowledge and experience by working with skilled mechanics and technicians.

## Remuneration

Salary depends on factors like job profile, organisation, experience, qualification and experience. In India, the average salary starts from ₹10,000-₹15,000. This will rise with experience.

The writer is founder-CEO, CEDP Skill Institute, Mumbai

# 'Build connection with students'

The challenge for teachers today is to use technology and deliver them on the long-held dream of personalised learning for every student, says SANDEEP BAPNA

Technology can lead to more one-on-one interaction between teacher and student (not less). For example, in classrooms that use mastery learning systems, teachers get information and insights to provide personalised instruction for every student. "They're able to better meet the needs of every student and build deeper connections with their students," said Sandeep Bapna, Khan Academy India's head honcho.

Speaking about the importance of technology at the elementary level, he said, teachers have always known that meeting individual needs of each student accelerates learning. "They have been heroic in their efforts to do this in classrooms of 30 or more students at a time. However, it's challenging for even the most passionate teacher to meet the needs of every student. Today, teachers can finally use technology to begin to deliver on the long-held dream of personalised learning for every student," he added.

Bapna recently conducted a market research and results said that 40% teachers were not using online education in classrooms because the school administration didn't recommend it or there was a lack of proper infrastructure.

"But 98% of these teachers surveyed were found to be confident that the use of online learning tools is only going to increase in the future, and such tools provide excellent remediation options and supplement the classroom learning," Bapna said.

Disclosing that the Kerala Government had signed a five-year partnership with his Academy to cover 4,75 schools, one lakh teachers and 20 lakh students, he said that in the first year of partnership, the State would link Academy's content to Samagra — its education portal, provide training to teachers and begin a school personalised learning pilot. "Learning's from the first year would be applied to a State-wide rollout over the next four years. The content, delivered through its website and apps, helps students attain grade level mastery. Teachers can track progress, iden-



Sandeep Bapna  
MD Khan Academy India

tify gaps in learning, and use data to help individual students," he explained.

As for the Mastery Learning Programme, Bapna said that "teachers have always known that meeting the individual needs of each student accelerates learning. And they have been heroic in their efforts to do this in classrooms of 30 or more students at a time.

However, it's challenging for even the most passionate teacher to meet the needs of every student. The mastery learning system makes this vision a reality for teachers and students everywhere. It is free. In this system, every student progresses through unlimited quizzes and questions at their right level for them.

"They get immediate feedback as they learn and, when appropriate, learning interventions at the exact moment the student needs them. Teachers can track progress, identify gaps in learning and use data to help individual students," he said.

## THE JOB OUTLOOK IS GOOD. A LOT OF SKILLED WORKERS ARE LIKELY TO GO AWAY OVER THE NEXT DECADE AND ARE IN NEED TO BE REPLACED BY WELL-TRAINED TECHNICIANS

## MINDIT

While success can mean different things to different people, one thing all definitions have in common is that success is measured by achieving goals that make you feel positive emotions, for example, happiness and achievement. You will find the greatest success comes when you use your passions to create your goals in life and work.

**Set goals that feed your soul:** It is important that you set goals for your personal and professional lives. These goals become the target to aim for. They help you gauge how you see your life evolving. Once you've listed your goals, it's important to write down the steps you are going to take to achieve them. Add who or

what can help you to your list. Solicit the help of an accountability partner, mentor or coach who can help and support you.

**Personal and professional lives are inter-dependent:** You may think that your career goals are totally separate from your personal goals. However, they are inter-dependent. Your career relies on your well-being, impacts on your family and relationships, your health and happiness. Your happiness, relationships and health are affected by your career. If you're not happy at work or doing a job you love, then it will have an impact on your emotional and physical well-being, as well as affecting other areas of your personal life.

**Find your passion and purpose:** If your

personal and professional lives are inter-dependent, then to be successful in them you will need to discover your passion and purpose. By discovering these you will create determination to succeed, enhance your creativity, spark inspiration and be able to harness the power of flow in your activities.

Ask yourself what you really want to do with your life. What do you want your legacy to be?

The only way to increase your desire to succeed is to have faith in your plans and to believe more in your dreams. But the

question is, how can this be done?

**Create the seed:** Let's suppose you decided to become rich. The first thing you need to do is to find out how rich people live, see the cars they drive, get inside their homes (even online), know how they feel (by visualizing) and get to compare yourself with them. When you do so, you will find that you get emotionally charged and this is where the little seed gets created.

**Water the seed; talk about your dreams:** Once you have the dream in mind start to talk about it with close friends and

the people you trust. Do you know why people get attached to others and find it hard to forget them?

It's because of the continuous talk that they did about them. In other words, when you talk more about something you become more attached to it. In addition, people will keep asking you about your progress and so you will keep getting reminded of your mission.

**Show it to your subconscious mind:** Now that the idea became stronger in your mind, try to take small actions to prove to your subconscious mind that you really want it. This small action can be as simple as meeting your potential business partner to tell him about your idea or writing the plan down.

**Keep watering the seed by strengthening the belief:** If you did one or two small actions then your dream will fade away quickly from your subconscious mind and you will find yourself lacking motivation once again. Continuity in taking these actions is the only way to strengthen that belief.

Meet motivating people, read inspirational quotes, article and books that remind you of your dreams. Read about the inspirational stories of people who achieved your same dream. This will keep your beliefs about your dreams strong.

The writer is Ajay Sharma, Future of Work Expert, Founder, Get Me Experts & Flexivity



2019 results in mid-June

**Google is inviting applications for Software Engineering Internship, BS, for Summer 2019.** Interns must be currently enrolled in a full-time Bachelors degree program in Computer Science or related technical field and returning to a full-time degree programme after completion of the internship. International students are eligible to apply. This is a paid internship programme for 12 to 14 weeks.

**Eligibility:** Minimum qualifications: Enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program in Computer Science, or related technical field.

Experience with Data Structures or Algorithms gathered from: completing a data structures or algorithms class, coursework, course projects, research, individual projects, internships, or other practical experience inside or outside of school or work (including open source hobby coding). Experience in Software Development and coding in a general purpose programming language.

Examples of coding in one of the following programming languages including but not limited to: C, C++, Java, JavaScript, or Python.

**How to apply:** Students must include current transcripts; Must include email addresses for two faculty members who have agreed to serve as references.

**Application deadline:** The online applications are accepted from November 1, 2018 through March 1, 2019. Applicants will be notified of

## STUDY CENTRES

Book publishing is associated with printing and retailing of printed matters. With the advent of digital developments, books, magazines and papers, are being published electronically — e-books or e-papers. Graduates in any field can pursue a career in this industry. Those interested in working in this sector can find jobs in private or Government-run book publishing companies which specialise in textbooks, paperbacks, technical literature, art books and children's books. Colleges for appropriate training are:

- University of Delhi: College of Vocational Studies, New Delhi.
- Courses: BA Book Publishing, PGD in Book Publishing.
- Institute of Book Publishing, New Delhi: Course: Condensed Course for Book Publishing.
- The Oriental Research Institute, Mysore: Course: Diploma in Book Publishing.
- National Book Trust, New Delhi: Course: NBT Training Course in Book Publishing.
- Indira Gandhi National Open University: School of Humanities, New Delhi. Course: PGD in Book Publishing.
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Application deadline: November 20, 2018

## IN BRIEF

**ROLE OF DESIGN TO CONTROL POLLUTION**  
Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) organised a design jam session at their Okhla campus. This is a run-up for the International Clean Energy Challenge that is an international competition on Global Climate Action Challenge that invites the design, research, student and startup community to rethink how smarter production, distribution and use of energy can look like, in partnership with the IKEA Foundation. The IIAD has collaborated with What Design Can. The organisation which organises annual conferences on design and innovation in cities globally. The idea is to bring together practitioners, academics and students to collaborate and incubate ideas that can reimagine the world. A panel discussion was organised in Delhi on How we can decrease pollution while Delhi keeps growing.

**ACADEMIC FAIR**  
The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held its 7th Edition of the IIT Hyderabad — Japan Collaboration Academic Fair organised under the Jica-Friendship Project. The purpose was to introduce a clear vision of career in Japan to the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H) students, including study environment, career and life in Japan. Faculty and staff members of Japanese universities like the University of Tokyo, Hokkaido University, Keio University and Hiroshima University came to recruit IIT-H graduates and expected more and new graduates for their master/doctoral programmes.

**DEVELOP LINKAGES WITH EMPLOYERS**  
Developing a proactive system to identify prospective needs and prepare graduates for an uncertain future is a major challenge that educational institutions must face by developing linkages with the labour market and tailoring programmes to match their demands. Commonwealth of Learning (COL) president-CEO, Professor Asha Kanwar spoke about these challenges at another emerging trends in her keynote speech at the Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) 32nd annual conference on in Vietnam.

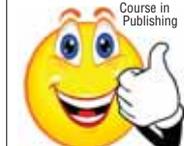
Talking on Human Resource Development and Lifelong Learning for Open Universities Professor Kanwar encouraged open universities to strengthen outreach and integrate employability by responding to market needs. She called for more investments in innovative learning and the re-signing of policies and practices to suit lifelong learners at different stages of their lives.

**SPEECH CONTEST AT DU**  
11th All India Korean Language Speech Contest was organized by Korean Cultural Center India and supported by Asiana Airlines at University of Delhi where 29 students participated from pan India. The contest aimed at encouraging young talents to contribute for bilateral relationship. The occasion was graced by the presence of Shin Bongil, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to India, Kim Kum Pyoung, Director of Korean Cultural Centre, Prof. Unita Sachidanand, Delhi University, Ravikesh from JNU along with students from many colleges.

The theme of the contest was India-Korea, future of the bilateral relation. Rank 1 in advanced category was awarded to Sourabhi Mehta, rank 2 went to P. Kapesa and the third position went to Kishu Kalsiya — all of them were from King Sejong Institute, Delhi.

**COURSE FOR SCIENTISTS**  
Scientists at University of Sheffield launch first of its kind degree programme to help tackle antimicrobial resistance. The new PG course is designed in collaboration with NHS to train students for roles in public health, policymaking and scientific research. Students will learn about political and scientific interventions being developed to overcome antimicrobial resistance and complete an in-depth laboratory training programme based on the latest clinical science.

The course led by experts from University of Sheffield's Florey Institute — a research centre leading cutting-edge studies into infectious diseases.



# Djoker, Anderson win in London

World No 1 Novak beats Isner in opener; Wimbledon finalist Kevin humiliates Nishikori 6-0, 6-1

AFP ■ LONDON

Novak Djokovic sent out a warning to his rivals at the ATP Finals on Monday, brushing aside big-serving John Isner 6-4, 6-3 to launch his bid for a record-equaling sixth ATP Finals title in style.

World number one Djokovic, though, was playing a different game, appearing little troubled by the howitzers coming off the giant Isner's racket -- breaking his opponent three times and not conceding a single break point on his own serve.

In stark contrast to second seed Roger Federer, who produced an error-stricken performance in defeat to Kei Nishikori on Sunday, Djokovic hit just six unforced errors and won 86 percent of points on his serve, making a mockery of the apparent challenging nature of the playing surface.

"The match was great, obviously," said the 31-year-old. "I had three breaks of serve of John which is sometimes mission impossible but I managed to be at the right place at the right time."

"I had serve well, I backed it up from the baseline, I played very solid and didn't give him many opportunities."

Speaking about the court conditions, he said: "It takes a little bit of time really to get yourself adjusted to the surface... It takes a lot of rotation, takes a lot of spin. When you serve well, also it accelerates through the court."

With Cristiano Ronaldo watching on, the top seed broke Isner in the fifth game of the first set to establish a stranglehold and never looked like allowing the American eighth seed back into the contest, breaking twice more in the second set to win in 73 minutes.

The Serb is a red-hot favourite to draw level on six titles at the season finale with Federer, who is expected to reach the semi-finals after his loss in his first round-robin match.

Djokovic, who replaced the injured Rafael Nadal at the top of the rankings last week, has stormed up the charts this year



Novak Djokovic reacts after winning point against John Isner



Kevin Anderson returns a shot to Kei Nishikori in second match of ATP Finals

following elbow surgery and a period of indifferent form, winning Wimbledon and the US Open along the way. Since the start of Wimbledon he has now won 32 out of 34 matches.

### ANDERSON HUMILIATES

Kevin Anderson handed Japan's Kei Nishikori a humiliating 6-0, 6-1 thrashing at the ATP Finals as the South African moved to the brink of a semi-final berth on Tuesday.

Anderson won the first 11 games and needed only 64 minutes to demolish the woe-filled Nishikori at a remarkably one-sided group stage clash at London's O2 Arena.

Having also won his opening match against Dominic Thiem in his debut at the prestigious season-ending event, Anderson is close to becoming the first African to qualify for the last four at the ATP Finals.

The 32-year-old's place will be secure if Thiem beats Roger Federer, or if Federer defeats Thiem in three sets later on Tuesday.

It was a landmark moment for

appearance at the US Open.

His renaissance peaked when he handed former ATP Finals champion Federer his first straight sets defeat in the group stage of the tournament.

But Nishikori seemed to have nothing left after that effort.

Anderson is back in London just four months after losing his first Wimbledon final against Novak Djokovic.

And he didn't take long to seize the initiative as he broke Nishikori in the second game of the match.

Unloading some scathing ground-strokes, Anderson, aided by 14 unforced errors from Nishikori, cemented his advantage with two more breaks in the fourth and six games.

It had taken Anderson just 31 minutes to complete his first set masterclass and he didn't take his foot off the gas.

With Nishikori remaining out of sorts with another 10 unforced errors in the second set, Anderson powered ahead to make it 11 games in a row.

Nishikori avoided a whitewash when he won the 12th game to ironic cheers from the crowd, but Anderson quickly closed out the win.

Earlier in doubles, Bryan and Sock won their opening match against Lukas Kubot and Marcelo Melo 6-3, 7-6 (7/5).

"It kind of hit me this week, practising but I can't complain," said Sock, when asked if it felt strange to be back at the O2 playing doubles rather than singles.

"It's so different being here from last year, top eight in the world in singles," he added.

"Obviously I was on a high after Paris and it was an unreal finish to the year... hopefully I can be back here in singles next year."

# Rohit rested for India A opener in NZ

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Keeping in mind his recent workload, Rohit Sharma was on Tuesday rested for India A's first unofficial Test in New Zealand after being named in the squad originally.

Rohit, who has made a comeback to the Test side, will now leave for Australia with India's T20 squad on Friday.

"Rohit Sharma has been advised rest by the BCCI Medical Team in consultation with the team management and the All-India Senior Selection Committee. The decision was taken keeping in mind his recent workload," said the BCCI in a statement.

The senior batsman has made the Test team on the back of his stellar performances in limited overs cricket.

He was picked for the four-day game alongside senior players such as Ajinkya Rahane, Murali Vijay, Hanuma Vihari, Parthiv Patel and young Prithvi Shaw, who are all part of the India squad for the



four-Test series in Australia.

India A coach Rahul Dravid had pointed out that playing in New Zealand ahead of the Australia tour would provide valuable match time to the senior players.

But unlike the other Australia-bound players present in New Zealand, Rohit captained India in the ODI and T20 series against the West Indies in the absence of Virat Kohli, who too was rested ahead of the important assignment Down Under.

The first of the three unofficial Test begins in Mount Maunganui on Friday.

The selectors have not named Rohit's replacement and the team will be picked from the 14-member squad. With the seniors playing only the opening game, a separate squad was named for the second and third four-day matches.

Rohit will now have only one red-ball practice game ahead of the first Test beginning December 6 at Adelaide. Before that, he will play the three-Test Twenty20 series, starting November 21 at The Gabba.



MC Mary Kom and Mira Potkonen, pose for a photo

# It won't be easy for Mary: Nieva

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The weight of expectations is enormous on Mary Kom but grabbing a sixth Gold medal at the World Championships won't be easy for the celebrated pugilist, says Indian boxing's High Performance Director Santiago Nieva.

One of the most decorated boxers from India, Mary Kom is a five-time world champion and London Olympics Bronze medalist. The Manipuri will spearhead India's 10-member contingent in the World Championships, beginning from Thursday.

"Everybody expects Mary Kom to win a Gold medal but it won't be easy. She has strong competition, she needs to perform as nobody will give her the Gold here," Nieva said ahead of the elite International Boxing Association (AIBA) event which will be held for the first time in India after 2006.

At the same time, Nieva added that Mary Kom has it in her to deal with pressure.

"Everybody knows her. She has some pressure but she has done this before and we are confident she can do it again," he said.

Nieva said his expectation includes a Gold and anything less than that will be a below-par result for the hosts.

"I expect at least three medals, including a Gold. We will not be satisfied if we can't achieve that. Everything more than 3 medals will be a bonus and great result for us."

Besides Mary Kom, Nieva expects good performances from some young Indian boxers in the tournament.

"Lovlina (Borghain, 69kg), Manisha (54kg) looked pretty impressive in training sessions but a competition bout is totally different. It is their first World Championship and they are relatively inexperienced but they are good boxers," he said.

Delhi's deteriorating air pollution has been hogging the limelight in the run-up to the tournament and the warm weather of Delhi. I knew what to expect as I was here in last January for the India Open Boxing," Finland's Potkonen said.

"Pollution is a problem but I will have to adjust to that. I won't go for jogs and try to concentrate on my training."

Potkonen won a Bronze medal in the 60kg lightweight category at the 2016 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and the 2016 Summer Olympics.

# Kashyap, Satwik-Ashwini win at Hong Kong



Sindhu vs Jindapal Live from 7:50am IST

PTI ■ KOWLOON

Former Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap made a solid start to his campaign, defeating Chinese Taipei's Hsu Jen Hao in the qualifying round of the Hong Kong World Tour Super 500 tournament here on Tuesday.

Kashyap, who has been battling a series of injuries in the last few years, defeated Hao 21-7, 12-21, 21-18 in a match that lasted an hour and three minutes.

The Indian will next face formidable Indonesian Anthony Sinisuka Ginting, seeded 7th, in the main draw.

Mixed doubles pair of Satwiksajraj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa also recovered from a mid-game slump to outwit Chinese Taipei's Wang Chi-Lin and Lee Chia Hsin 21-16, 19-21, 21-14 in the opening round of the main draw. The duo will next meet another

# KOHLI, BUMRAH REMAIN ON TOP OF ODI TABLE

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli and premier fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah maintained their top positions respectively in the latest ICC ODI rankings published on Tuesday.

Kohli remained in pole position with 899 points while limited overs vice-captain Rohit Sharma remained second in the list.

Rohit's opening partner Shikhar Dhawan is the third Indian in the top-10 list at eighth position improving from his ninth place in the previous list. Former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni is ranked 20th in the latest.

Similarly in the bowlers' list, there are three Indians with Bumrah on top with 841 points while Kuldeep Yadav maintained his third place in the list. Kuldip's wrist spin twin Yuzvendra Chahal leased three places to be fifth on the list.

Rashid Khan of Afghanistan with 353 points is the top-ranked ODI all-

# EAST BENGAL GO DOWN AT HOME

PTI ■ KOLKATA

East Bengal suffered a heartbreak in their homecoming as Chennai City FC secured a 2-1 victory to consolidate their lead in the I-League here on Tuesday.

Chennai's Spanish recruit Sandro Rodriguez Felipe (45+2nd) drew first blood before Enrique Esqueda drew level seven minutes after the changeover.

Chennai's other Spaniard Nestor Godillo scored the winner, converting from the spot in the 87th minute to halt East Bengal's two-point winning run.

Chennai now have 10 points from four games, four points clear of East Bengal who have a game in hand.

The visitors also were boosted by the return of I-League leading-scorer Pedro

# RANJI TROPHY

**JADEJA HITS TON, SAURASHTRA TAKE LEAD**  
Rajkot: After shinning with the ball, India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja's unbeaten 178 helped Saurashtra to take first innings lead versus Railways on the second day of their Group A match. Courtesy Jadeja's knock, Saurashtra lead Railways by 144 runs after they ended the Day 2 at 34/48. After electing to bat, Railways were bundled out for a meagre 200 with skipper Mahesh Rawat top-scoring with 46. For the hosts, Jadeja, a left-arm spinner (4-58), did most of the damage. And Jadeja did not disappoint with the bat too. After Saurashtra's top-order failed, left-handed Jadeja took the centre-stage at Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium, hitting 16 fours and four sixes in his 326-ball stay at the crease so far. He hammered a listless Railways attack and completed his 100 off 216 balls and 150 in 285 balls, respectively. Jadeja found an unusual partner in number 9 Kamlesh Makwana, who made 62.

**MILIND 224 PUT SIKKIM IN COMMAND**  
Dimapur: Continuing his impressive form, former Delhi batsman Milind Kumar struck his second consecutive double century to put Sikkim on top against Nagaland in a Plate group fixture. Resuming on his overnight score of 78 in team total of 120/5, Milind hit a stroke-filled 224 from 215 balls (31/4, 30/1, 30/1, 30/1, 30/1) to steer Sikkim to 374 in 82.5 overs. Sikkim then reduced Nagaland to 97/5 in their second innings with Bipul Sharma and Pawan Soyal claiming two wickets apiece to take their side closer to a second successive bonus point victory. The home side still need 95 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Earlier, Milind, who hit a career-best 261 in Sikkim's innings and 27-run win over Manipur in Kolkata in their last round match, struck 174 runs with Bipul Sharma (90) to take a big first innings lead. For Nagaland, left-arm medium pacer Pawan Soyal claimed 7/108. In Dehradun, Manipur fought back after conceding a 91-run first innings lead to Uttarakhand with Lakhan Rawat overcoming a first innings failure to post an unbeaten 81. At close, Manipur were 143/1 with a lead of 52 runs. Earlier, Uttarakhand resumed the day at 123/5 but managed to add 105 runs for the remaining five sessions on day two with skipper Rajat Bisht scoring 61 off 63 balls.

**TIWARY SMASHES 201\* AGAINST MP**  
Kolkata: Skipper Manoj Tiwary silenced his critics by smashing an unbeaten double century before Bengal declared their innings at a mammoth 510/9 against Madhya Pradesh in an Elite Group B match. Resuming at overnight score of 246/4, Bengal plundered a further 264 runs with Tiwary (201 not out) completing his fifth first class double century on the eve of his 33rd birthday. Tiwary began the day on individual score of 31. Madhya Pradesh bowlers had a tough outing despite a five-wicket haul by young Shubham Sharma (5/59). At close on Tuesday, Madhya Pradesh were 15 for no loss with plenty to ponder with two more days to go. Team mentor Arun Lal had said this morning that the team wanted a double hundred from him. Tiwary did not let the team down and played with dogged determination to complete his century in 166 balls with a boundary off leg-spinner Hiral Hirani.

**AARON POWERS J'KHAND TO 9 WICKETS WIN**  
Rahtak: Jharkhand bowlers led by former India pacer Varun Aaron produced a stellar show for the second time as they thrashed Haryana by nine wickets in the Elite Group C encounter. Jharkhand regained their winning ways on the second day of the four-day encounter, which was a low-scoring thriller. After bundling out Haryana for a meagre 81 in the first innings on Monday, Jharkhand pacers again scuttled their opposition for 72 in the second outing to contribute in the team's resounding win. Resuming the overnight score of 120/8, Jharkhand managed to add only 23 runs to their total and were bowled out for 143. They had a slender 62-run first innings lead. However, 29-year-old Aaron, who has played nine Tests and as many ODIs, had other ideas. He wreaked havoc on the Haryana batsmen and returned with exceptional figures of 6/32 in the second outing. Aaron was ably supported by Ajay Yadav (3/31) and Rahul Shukla (1/9) as the pacers shared the wickets among them. With just 11 runs needed for an outright win, Jharkhand completed the proceedings in four overs but lost captain Ishan Kishan in the process.

**HP TALENTS FIGHT AGAINST DELHI**  
New Delhi: A gritty show from the Himachal Pradesh lower-order did not allow Delhi to enforce the follow-on in a Group B match. At stumps on day two, Himachal Pradesh were 216 for 8 in reply to Delhi's first innings score of 317. Delhi captain Nitish Rana will certainly feel that an opportunity to enforce follow on was lost after HP were reduced to 58 for 6. Rishi Dhawan (64, 114 balls) and Ekant Sen (46, 71 balls) added 95 runs for the visitors, much to the frustration of the home team. Mayank Dagar (21 batting) and Panraj Jaswal (23 batting) added 35 runs for the ninth wicket to give the total some semblance of respectability. Varun Sood (4/5) was the pick of the bowlers. The other slow left arm orthodox bowler, Vias Mishra (2/65 in 21 overs), was also in his element.

**REDDY'S DOUBLE TON POWERS HYD TO 523**  
Tirunelveli: Skipper Akshath Reddy's marathon double ton (248 not out) was the highlight of Hyderabad's massive total of 523 for 7 in the first innings against Tamil Nadu in a Elite Group B match. Resuming at the overnight 249 for 3, the visitors continued to pile on the misery of Tamil Nadu's bowlers as Akshath and B Sandeep (130, 221 balls, 15X4, 1X6) extended their partnership to 246 runs. Akshath continued his good form into the second day and added eight boundaries to his overnight 100. He also hoisted two more sixers. The mammoth partnership was ended when Sandeep gave a catch to B Aparajith of the hard-working M Mohammed's bowling. The skipper has so far hit 22 works and three sixers in his 477-ball knock of 248.

Manzi, who was down with a lower hamstring injury. Chennai made their intentions clear from the beginning, making the game's first foray in the fourth minute itself when Nestor and Manzi combined to release Pravitto Raju inside the box but Rakshit Dagar in the East Bengal goal was up to the task. Lalrindika Ralte, who had been booked a while back, displayed irresponsible defending in inflicting another rough tackle on Sandro, in injury time of the first half. The resultant free-kick from just outside the box on the right was expertly slotting in by Sandro, eluding a diving Rakshit. East Bengal began the second half with urgency and were immediately rewarded. Jobby Justin put Surabuddin through on the right and his cross from inside the box beat the Chennai defence and goalkeeper Kabir, deflected off Johnny Acosta and fell to Mexican striker Enrique Esqueda who slotted in calmly. However, nothing worked for the home team and it was Nestor's class which eventually paid off in the 87th minute. He found Raju in the clear with another great pass, who in turn, released Romario Jesuraj inside the box with a brilliant ball behind the East Bengal backline. Dagar had no option but to charge out and clip an evading Jesuraj's heels in an attempt to clear but he only ended up bringing him down. Referee Crystal John had no hesitation in pointing to the spot with Nestor converting calmly to finish what he had begun, to send the Chennai camp into delirium.



## Taijul puts B'desh on top despite Taylor's ton

AFP ■ DHAKA

Left-arm spinner Taijul Islam claimed his third consecutive five-wicket haul on Tuesday to put Bangladesh in command in the second Test against Zimbabwe despite a defiant century by Brendon Taylor in Dhaka.

The home side bowled out Zimbabwe for 304 runs in the first innings to take a 218-run lead after they had declared their own innings for a mammoth 522-7 the previous afternoon.

Zimbabwe need only a draw to win their first Test series in seven years, with the visitors having won the opening match in Sylhet by 151 runs, their first Test win away in almost two decades.

Taijul dismissed Regis Chakabva for 10 to complete his haul and Zimbabwe's innings ended immediately, 19 short of the follow-on mark as last man Tendai Chatara was unable to bat due to injury.

Zimbabwe edged towards avoiding the follow-on once Taylor hit 110 off 194 balls and Peter Moor added a career-best 83 to rescue the side from a precarious 131-5 in the final session.

Bangladesh had occasional medium pacer Ariful Haque to thank for breaking Moor's 139-run sixth-wicket partnership with Taylor when he trapped the right-hander leg before in his first over.

Moor, who was dropped on 75 by substitute fielder Nazmul Islam at cover off Mustfizar Rahman, hit 12 fours and a six in his fifth Test 50, his second successive half-century in the series.

Taylor brought up his hundred off Taijul but off-spinner Mehedy Hasan soon ended his innings to put Bangladesh back in control.

Taijul took a stunning catch at square leg to end the fine innings off Taylor, who hit 10 fours in his fifth Test century — his first ever away from home. Bangladesh also dominated the opening two sessions of the day after Zimbabwe resumed play on 25-1.

Brian Chari led Zimbabwe's initial resistance, hitting 53 off 128 balls before he was snared by Mehidy on the stroke of lunch.

Mominul Haque took the catch at short leg that was confirmed by television replay after Bangladesh reviewed the initial not out decision.

Taijul dismissed nightwatchman Donald Tiripano for eight early in the morning but Chari provided some counter-punch, hitting six fours and two sixes in his second Test fifty.

# ENG SKIPPER SIDES WITH LANKAN SUSPECT OFFIE

Joe Root backs Akila Dananjaya, who is set to feature in second Test despite his action under investigation

AFP ■ KANDY

England captain Joe Root had words of sympathy for Sri Lanka spinner Akila Dananjaya who will go into the second Test on Wednesday with his bowling action under investigation by cricket's world body.

Root was questioned about Dananjaya as it was announced that England would keep the same team that hammered Sri Lanka in the first Test with Ben Stokes playing as number three batsman and Jonny Bairstow kept out despite being fit again.

Sri Lanka has insisted that the 25-year-old off-spinner Dananjaya is ready to play despite the International Cricket Council reporting him for his bowling in the first Test.

"It is an unfortunate thing he has to deal with," said Root.

"Ultimately for us we played him at Galle pretty well throughout the last game."

"If you see anyone with a question mark by their action, you hope they get through and it doesn't hamper their career. It is never nice to see."

Root said the suspect action had not shocked him.

"It didn't really stand out to me personally," he added.

"It doesn't matter what his action is like, it's how we play him. It's how it comes down to us playing the ball, being skilful enough to react to the delivery on the surface."

The match umpires reported Dananjaya's action after the first



Joe Root celebrates with England teammates after winning first Test of three-match series against Sri Lanka at Galle

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Test, which England won by 211 runs. He took two wickets for 184 runs.

Under ICC rules Dananjaya must undergo testing at an approved ICC centre within two weeks and he is expected to fly to Australia as soon as the second Test ends.

### STOKES BOOSTED

"There are no ICC rules saying he cannot play," said Suranga Lakmal, who will captain Sri Lanka in the absence of injured Dinesh Chandimal.

"He can still play and he's in a

good mentality, he will still play the next match and correct his mistake."

England's unchanged team may mean Root and coach Trevor Bayliss want Ben Stokes to establish himself as a regular number three — a troublesome position for England.

Stokes, who batted number five in the first Test, had been in competition with Jos Buttler for a boost up the order. Moeen Ali has fallen out of contention after scoring just three runs in two innings in the first Test.

Stokes has played 64 of his 85 Test knocks at number six. The England coaching staff believe however that his technique is suited to a higher position.

Bairstow, England's first-choice wicketkeeper-batsman for the past

three years, was believed to have recovered from ankle ligament damage suffered in the one-day series. But Ben Foakes' stunning debut as stand-in made a change difficult.

Speaking before the line-up was announced, Root highlighted the need for the team to remain flexible.

"I think you have to adjust, to be as adaptable as possible," said Root.

"You obviously want some sort of consistency in your top order but in tours in this part of the world, on surfaces where conditions are so extreme at times, there will be times you might want to change things round," he said.

"I want us to take the positive option if we're unsure at any stage. I want us to continue keep taking the

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Matches	Eng	SL	Draw
32	13	8	11

game to the opposition."

### BUTTLER'S DILEMMA

Jos Buttler is at the centre of a selection dilemma that England must solve for the second Test.

England are searching for a regular number three batsman and Buttler is again one of the candidates.

Number three has become a long term gap in England's arsenal even though Buttler insisted that the team have "great options".

Moeen Ali looked far from convincing in the first Test — scoring zero and three — while his eight wickets should guarantee his place in the team.

Buttler said he was ready — "if required".

"In this part of the world it doesn't matter too much where you bat," he said.

"Potentially, it could be the best time to bat as well. There are some great options for the side. That's what really excites me for the coach and the captain, trying to fit 11 players into the side," he added.

England's batsmen generally gained the upper hand against Sri Lanka's spinners in the first Test, managing 342 in the first innings after tottering at 103-5.

"They finally won the game inside four days and Buttler believes the win has given them confidence for the rest of the series."

"From talking as a group about how we were going to play, it was pleasing to go out and deliver it, and it got us in," said Buttler.

"I think it's a good sign for the lads that we're excited by the challenge, and happy to take it on, and not be afraid to do things differently if we have to. He added, "But we know we've played one good game of cricket. There are still two left in the series, and Sri Lanka are a very good team in their own conditions, and they're going to come back hard. So we look forward to a tough Test match."

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