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## CBI DIG bares Govt underbelly

Affidavit accuses NSA, Cabinet Secy, Law Secy, CVC of shielding Asthana from graft probe

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day before the scheduled hearing on the fate of CBI Director Alok Verma's petition, agency DIG MK Sinha on Monday filed an explosive affidavit in the Supreme Court accusing National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha, Law Secretary Suresh Chandra, CVC KV Chowdhary and RAW's Dubai Officer Samant Kumar Goel and Minister for State Haribhai Parthibahi Chowdhary for trying to save CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana from corruption charges.

In his affidavit, the CBI DIG accused Doval of interfering in the bribery investigation against Asthana and preventing searches on the premises of suspects. Sinha, who was transferred while probing bribe charges against Asthana, also claimed that a Union Minister of State took "a few crores" to help a businessman under investigation.

Challenging his transfer to Nagpur, Sinha said he possessed "documents that will shock the court". However, rejecting his request for an urgent hearing on Tuesday, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi shot back, "Nothing shocks us."

Sinha claimed after the Government sent Verma and Asthana on "forced" leave and transferred the entire team investigating charges against



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**INCRIMINATING details**

In the morning of October 17, 2018, a call came from the DCP of Special Cell of the Delhi Police on the mobile of Investigating Officer AK Bassi, DSP, CBI, who did not take the call. Later another Inspector of Special Cell called up and sought to know if Manoj has been arrested. Enquiries revealed that the query had originated from the Cabinet Secretariat, says the affidavit

and anger as to how the CBI could pick him up despite his close links with NSA Doval," said the CBI DIG's affidavit.

"He started bragging and claimed that his brother Somesh is very close to an officer in CBI (name withheld) and to Samant Goel, presently RAW Special Secretary, and he can get us finished off/kicked out. Manoj taunted us that you people have no standing whatsoever and therefore should stay in limits and let him free. He claimed that recently his brother Somesh and Samant Goel helped the NSA on an important personal matter. He further claimed that India opted out of a contest from INTERPOL," said the affidavit filed by Sinha.

## Verma files in SC his reply to CVC charges

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Benched Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Kumar Verma on Monday filed his response to the findings of the CVC's preliminary probe report on corruption charges against him in a sealed cover in the Supreme Court.

Verma's reply came after the SC told him to do so "as quickly as possible" as the scheduled Tuesday hearing would not be deferred.

Verma, who was asked by the SC to file his response to the Central Vigilance Commission's (CVC) report in a sealed cover by Monday 1 pm, sought some more time from the SC for filing his reply.

However the Bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph, told Verma's lawyer Gopal Sankaranarayanan, "We are not shifting the date (of hearing). You file it as quickly as possible as we will have to read it."

## Naidu, Mamata meet to form anti-BJP front

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu called on his Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee on Monday as part of his effort to bring the Opposition parties on one platform to topple the BJP in the next year's Lok Sabha polls.

After the meeting, Mamata said everyone would be the face of a "mahagathbandhan" and they would fight together against the BJP to save the nation.

Naidu said the proposed November 22 meeting of anti-BJP parties in Delhi had been postponed and it will now be held sometime before the Winter Session of Parliament beginning December 11.

"We wanted to meet on November 22 (but) because of elections we want to make it before Parliament (Winter Session)," said Naidu, adding those who were opposing the BJP will join and discuss (the future plans).

"We will chalk out a programme to move forward and take this momentum further on the agenda to protect the nation," he said.

Incidentally Mamata had been among the earliest leaders to call for an Opposition unity through Federal Front against the BJP in which she floated the "one against one" theory according to which she said, "the parties that are strong in a particular place should fight the BJP and the remaining parties should support them."

Talking to the reporters after the meeting, the TDP chief said the BJP Government had crossed all the limits of "intolerance towards the Opposition parties and the minorities" and was using the Central agencies like CBI, ED



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee greets Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu before a meeting at Nabanna in Kolkata on Monday

and Income Tax Department to harass and malign them.

In fact these premier institutions, including the Reserve Bank of India and CAG, were under "severe pressure" from the Government to serve its interests, he said.

The two leaders, who met in Kolkata for about an hour and a half, said majority anti-BJP parties have expressed their opinions to unite for the single-most important cause of ousting the BJP from power.

Both leaders are in touch with their Opposition parties' counterpart like Congress president Rahul Gandhi, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, his son and Karnataka

## Last stretch opens KMP E-way to public

Modi also inaugurates Ballabgarh-Mujesar Metro rail link project

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated at Sultanpur village in Gurugram the long pending 83-kilometre stretch between Manesar and Kundli of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP), also known as Western Peripheral Expressway (WPE).

The PM also inaugurated ₹580 crore 3.2 km-long Ballabgarh-Mujesar Metro rail link project, which would facilitate travel for people of Delhi and Faridabad, and laid the foundation stone of the Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, which will come up at Dudhola in Palwal district.

Ballabgarh becomes the fourth city in Haryana to get Metro connectivity after Gurugram, Faridabad and Bahadurgarh.

With the inauguration of the Kundli-Manesar section of the KMP Expressway, the entire stretch of 135-km highway, which is intended to ease congestion by bypassing Delhi on its western border, is now open for traffic.

Addressing a public gath-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway as Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar looks on at Sultanpur village in Gurugram on Monday

ing in Sultanpur later, Modi said with the inauguration of the KMP project, Ballabgarh-Mujesar rail link and the foundation stone of the skill varsity being laid, Haryana has taken one more step towards all-round development.

Inaugurating the expressway, Modi said, "It is a significant day for Haryana and it will bring about a transport revolution in the State. He also blamed the previous Congress regime in Haryana for creating obstacles and delaying development projects.

"Work was going on this (KMP) Expressway for 12 years. You should have got this expressway 8-9 years back. It was to be used during the (2010) New Delhi Commonwealth Games. This shows the work culture of the previous Government which encouraged delays and wastage of public money," Modi said.

During a public rally at Sultanpur, the PM recounted the achievements of his Government in developing infrastructure in the country.



## Four killed in laundry fire in Karol Bagh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Four people, including two women, were charred to death after they were trapped inside a narrow cloth laundry unit in Beadonpura area of Central Delhi on Monday. The tragedy struck when "solvent", a chemical used for ironing clothes made of cotton, spilled on to the floor and caught fire.

Delhi Fire Services Chief Fire Officer Atul Garg said firefighters received a call at 12.23 pm regarding the fire in a house at street number-3 in Beadonpura following which two fire tenders were rushed to the spot and fire was brought under control by 12.50 pm. However by then the four had died in the blaze.

"The owner of the illegal unit Ajay Khurana (45) has been arrested. The bodies have been handed over to the families concerned after post-mortem. A case under Section 304 of Indian Penal Code has been registered at Karol Bagh police station and investigation is underway," said Amit Sharma, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district.

## Expert panel to look into capital surplus issues: RBI Board

Mumbai: Signalling a temporary truce, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Government on Monday agreed to refer to an expert committee the contentious issue of appropriate size of reserves that the RBI must hold, while restructuring of stressed loans of small businesses would be considered by the Central bank.

The setting up of the committee, whose members will be decided by the Government and the RBI, followed a marathon nine-hour meeting of the central board that discussed threadbare issues that had brought the RBI and the Finance Ministry at loggerheads.

"The Board decided to constitute an expert committee to examine the ECF, the membership and terms of reference of which will be jointly determined by the Government of India and the RBI," the Central bank said in a statement.

The capital base of the RBI is ₹9.69 lakh crore, and independent director and Swadeshi ideologue S Gurumurthy and the Finance Ministry have been wanting it to be lowered in line with global practices.

## CM cancels D'nal beer factory project

AFTER RDC SUBMITS PROBE REPORT

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday ordered cancellation of the beer bottling factory project at Balarampur village in Dhenkanal district.

The decision was taken following a report submitted by Northern Division Revenue Divisional Commissioner

(RDC) to the Industries Department.

The RDC in his report stated, "Based on the factual report available, the allocation of bottling plant to P Bottlers Private Limited may be cancelled and alternate site may be provided. Unnecessary felling of trees may be stopped forthwith and immediate plantation should be taken up."

On Sunday, the Chief Minister had stopped felling of trees in the area and directed the concerned RDC to investigate into the incident.

Locals including women have been opposing tooth and nail the felling of trees as part of the land acquisition by Dhenkanal district administration for the proposed beer

## Assembly runs for 15 minutes only

As Cong seeks clarification on CBI entry to Secretariat

BJD raises SC, ST stipend cut issue

The State Assembly on Monday witnessed frequent adjournments and could run only for 15 minutes as both ruling BJD and Opposition Congress and BJP members protested in the House raising different issues.

As the House met for the day, BJD members stood at their seats and shouted slogans against the Union Government for changing the Centre and State ratio of the

question was related to elimination of Central schemes and cut in funds in Central schemes.

Amid protests and sloganeering, Speaker Pradeep Kumar Amat adjourned the House at 11.34 am till 3 pm. Later, BJD members went to the Mahatma Gandhi Statue and staged a dharna in the Assembly compound.

As the House reassembled, Leader of Opposition Narasingha Mishra raising the CBI entry issue demanded that the Speaker direct the Government to clarify in the House if the CBI had really entered the Secretariat and, if true, why and on whose permission it had entered the Secretariat.

Besides, he raised the issue of manhandling of agitating farmers at Malipur

## IN CUTTACK

Two detained on woman's complaint

The Malgondown police here on Monday detained two persons, including the security guard of an ATM located at College Square, upon an allegation of a woman claiming that she was ill-treated by the duo inside the ATM kiosk late on Saturday evening.

Police, however, were verifying the veracity of the complaint as the complainant had brought similar allegations against different people on different occasions.

"Every time the complaint turns out to be false and fabricated," said a senior police officer of the city.

# State's loans to reach ₹92K cr by year-end

**REPAYMENT REMAINED LESS THAN LOANS INCURRED LAST YEAR**

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The total loan burden of the State Government was ₹73,864.66 crore by end of 2017-18, and it is expected that the loan burden would reach ₹91,943.68 crore by end of the current year, 2018-19.

Bhushan Behera informed this in the State Assembly in response to a question of BJP MLA Dilip Ray on Monday. The Minister said loan burdens by end of financial years, 2006-07 and 2010-11, were ₹37,249.51 crore and ₹39,136.91 crore, respectively. It was revealed from the figures that the amount of repayment of loans and interest, when put together, was more than the loans the State Government had incurred by September-end in 2006-07 and 2010-11. By September-end 2006-07, the State Government had incurred a total loan of ₹2,643.80 crore and repaid Rs 1,850.74 crore towards loan and ₹3,188.43 crore towards interest. Similarly by September-end

2010-11, the State Government incurred a total loan of ₹3,490.46 crore and repaid ₹2,083.59 crore towards loan and ₹3,043.17 crore towards interest. However, the amount of repayment of loan and interest (together) compared to loans incurred was very less in 2017-18. The Government had incurred a total loan of ₹14,419.41 crore and repaid ₹2,690.21 crore towards loan and ₹4,988.34 crore towards interest. The Minister informed that by September-end this year, the Government has incurred a total loan of ₹5,701.07 crore and repaid ₹935.15 crore towards loan and ₹1789.08 crore towards interest.

# Pix of Jagannath, Lingaraj, Sakhigopal temples go viral

**Bhubaneswar:** Despite the ban imposed on carrying smartphones and other electronic gadgets inside major temples of the State, pictures of the temples' interiors are going viral on the social media at regular intervals, triggering resentment among the devotees. The pictures of Shreemandir and Satyabadi Sakhigopal temple in Puri and Lingaraj temple in Bhubaneswar have again gone viral on the social media. Reports said a tourist from Gujarat has uploaded pictures on social media taken inside the premises of the Puri Jagannath Temple and the Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar. An employee of Radhadamodhanlkon temple

in Gujarat, Tejas Sailor, uploaded the pictures of the temples on his Facebook page. The pictures are now doing rounds in the social media platform. Similarly, a youth identified as Basudev Swain on Monday posted a series of pictures, clicked inside the Sakhigopal temple's sanctum sanctorum, on his Facebook page. The pictures posted by Swain are of the temple's presiding deity Lord Gopalajiu sitting in the RatnaSinghasan in Natabara Beshra and the RatnaSinghasan. Meanwhile, the Sakhigopal temple management has lodged an FIR with police and investigation into the matter is on. **PNS**

## pioneer interview of the week

# Teachers, students getting into party politics in the name of democracy



**SUGYAN CHOUDHURY**

**Academician Dr Santosh Kumar Tripathy** has hundred irons in the fire and all of them are hot indeed! Gifted with an inventive genius, he has pursued knowledge like a sinking star beyond the utmost horizon of human mind. Among the top list of successful students in 1984 from the Utkal University, he pursued his MPhil degree and subsequently obtained his PhD from the Utkal University in 1991. Currently, he is the Professor of the Department of Personnel Management & Industrial Relations of the Utkal University. He has massively contributed valuable articles to Indian and international journals. He has also piloted many research projects funded by the UGC, Canada Government, DFID, etc. He has added feathers unto the cap of the Utkal University by being member to various committees of Indian and foreign repute. He has held important positions in his career by serving as Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council member, besides being the Director of College Development Council of Utkal University. A number of research scholars have completed their MPhil and PhD degrees under his supervision. As a leader among the teachers, he has proved his mettle by being the president of Utkal University Teachers' Association, general secretary, FOUTA, secretary, UUTA. He has been instrumental in organising national and international seminars at the varsity in order to make it a cultural quarantine. In an interview to The Pioneer, he spoke to Sugyan Choudhury on the many challenges confronting the teaching faculties of varsities of Odisha, ruing for the lackadaisical attitude of the State and Central Governments towards the varsity teachers relating to their genuine grievances.

attracted foreign students. The heritage and the monuments illustrate the richness of knowledge of those days. Teachers and researchers were the master advisers to kings. They were given autonomy to use their wisdom to inculcate values in administration and human life. Decline of the education system happened due to several invasions. Gradually, teachers lost their freedom in the use of wisdom. With the onset of the 21st century and wide commercialisation of education, the system has made them mere employees rather than value creators. Teachers should be the saviours of culture and heritage. Through intensive research, they can revive the rich knowledge base that gave identity to India in the global platform as the source of immense knowledge. Each aspect of our culture and heritage needs detail research to help the future generation know about it and to be proud to own it. Indianisation of part of education system, rigorous course on culture and heritage will also help in this revival.

**It is observed that qualities of top-ranking teachers are gradually dwindling. Would you please suggest remedial measures?**

Teachers, as far as societal respect is concerned, were at the top in any society. Political interference, bureaucratic interference, employee orientation of teachers and replacement of learning by degrees due to heavy commercialisation have brought down the importance of Indian education system and the standard of teachers therein. When foreign universities were trying to enrich their education system in general and university system in particular, Indian universities did not do so. Bright Indian scholars prefer to work outside the country due to lack of developed research infrastructure proper support system including incentives. Teachers in India have been reduced to classroom teachers instead of being good researchers, worried about their salaries instead of quality service delivery. Now of course, with the change in time and due to realisation about importance of education, situation is gradually



changing. Government is acting proactively to change the system. To attract quality teachers, attractive salary and required support system are being provided. Proper selection techniques are being adopted to include the best brains in the system. Improvement programmes are being introduced, providing opportunities and initiatives for improving quality of research and teaching along with enhanced scope for collaboration, state-of-art infrastructure, allocation of mentor institution and implementation of feedback mechanism (360° degree feedback) would bring development for teachers. If these best practices continue, the education system can acquire, maintain and develop the best teachers in it.

**Rapid politicisation of university campuses is threatening the future of higher education in our country. What's your considered opinion?**

In the name of learning democracy, campuses are politicised. Winning election has replaced the spirit of competitive and learning atmosphere in the campuses. Hooliganism, violence and bribery are adopted to manage winning election in the campus. Teachers can play a significant role in making campus free from politics. Enforcement of accountable learning system, regularisation of curricular and non-curricular calendar, generating awareness among stakeholders about the ills of politicisation and pseudo-democracy and about benefits of real democracy are the responsibility of teachers. Teachers can play the role of change agent by acting as mentors to students and as mediators to change the status.

**How do you give reasons either for State or Central Government's apathy towards demands of university teachers?**

Education is in the Concurrent List, for which none of the governments take sole responsibility to fulfil the demands of teachers. Teachers of the State universities are the worst sufferers. The University Grant Commission recommends guidelines for pay, promotion and other service conditions along with rules for academic developments of teachers. The MHRD and the State Governments take their own time to change and implement the same. Changes at any level destroy the uniformity in application of the UGC guidelines. Many a time, teachers in State universities fight for their own rights. For example, when the superannuation age is 60 in Odisha and university teachers of the State are struggling for its enhancement since 1996. A lot of anomalies in designation of teachers, increments for higher degrees, promotion to higher posts, and implementation of UGC guidelines in toto has forced university teachers to go on protests. The feelings of being treated as "Second Class Citizens" in comparison to their counterparts in other State and Central universities have demoralised them. This goes against the spirit of camaraderie and best practices in the education system. Teachers in central and private universities are eligible to guide PhD scholars upto the age of 70 where as in Odisha they cease to do so after attaining the age of 60. All these discriminatory practices need to be stopped; and the government needs to be proactive to bring parity in the system. This will attract brilliant minds to the system to accept teaching as a profession.

**What are the roles of university teachers to galvanise higher education and research?**

Education is the single important instrument for holistic human development and empowerment of citizens of a country. There is need for advancement and application of knowledge for human capital development which is required for ensured economic and social development. Spread of quality education and research through a developed system is obviously desired for developing human capital. Universities stand for the society. Teachers are the backbones of universities. University teachers have started taking responsibility to play meaningful roles in establishing a link between society, politics, economy, culture, science, industry, etc. Teachers now plan to take away the university education from examination and degree awarding mode to knowledge creation and learning mode. With the help of "Rastriya Uchatar Sikhya Abhiyan", universities are being restructured for better teaching and research. Emphasis is being given on quality research and learning. Competition for better and quality education is in the agenda of the teachers. Introduction of professional courses, industry interaction and linking education to employability, research infrastructure, access to library, good research journals and creating databases are given priority to make universities more competitive and dynamic.

**What are the plans on anvil by the mandarins of university to place one of the universities of India in the midst of 100 top institutions of the world?**

The Union HRD Ministry has identified and classified progressive and performing universities/institutes based on NAAC accreditation and NIRF Ranking. Massive funding for autonomy, infrastructural development, laboratory up gradation, research and innovation, examination reform, quality learning, equity, social outreach and the like have been extended to these top-grade institutes. Also, the MHRD is creating academic leaders for future academic administration of higher learning institutes by providing them training and exposure at the best institutes of the world. Along with these, teachers of these institutes have developed plans and proposals for intensive research and quality learning. Teachers need to use their wisdom for institution building, creating brilliant faculty, conducting and facilitating indigenous research, enhancing collaborations and exchanges, internalisation, addressing social and contextual issues and creating opportunities for social outreach.

**How does collective wisdom of the academicians' aims at protecting/preserving/defending the excellence of ancient Indian culture in our varsities against the onslaught of Western mania?**

History says India is the oldest civilisation with a very rich culture. Indian universities of ancient India such as Nalanda and Takshashila

# 3 coal blocks in State to operate by deadline

**Provided no delay in clearances**

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While the coal blocks allocated to PSUs are set to be operational ahead of the scheduled period, issuance of various clearances by statutory authorities is creating some bottlenecks, official sources admit.

The Central Monitoring Committee on Coal recently reviewed progress of operationalisation of coal blocks allocated to both the Central and State PSUs, which found out that at least three coal blocks of Odisha will be operationalised before the scheduled time period.

However, it was suggested that the State Government will have to take proactive steps in this regard, while providing no objection certificates (NOC) and consent to establish (CTE)

certificates by various authorities, so that things will move on a fast lane, an official said.

NLC India, which has been allocated Talabira II and III coal blocks, has informed that the mine is running ahead of schedule and it will be operational on January 1, 2019.

Talabira II and III coal blocks in Jharsuguda district having 553.98 million tons of coal reserve were allotted in 2016.

NLC India is requesting authorities in the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) of Odisha to provide CTE certificate. The district administration of Jharsuguda is to provide NOC for use of explosives in coal mines.

Similarly, Odisha Coal and Power Limited (OCPL) has been allocated Manoharpur and Dip Side Manoharpur coal blocks way back in 2015. This mine has got 978.47 million ton of estimated reserve of coal. OCPL is moving ahead with mine opening permission since

August, 2018 and it is ready to start coal production by April, 2019.

However, coal evacuation is a major problem for the OCPL as Merry Go Round (MGR) is not ready. MGR railway infrastructure is delayed due to land acquisition in Mahanadi Coal Limited (MCL) command area.

Due to such a delay in MGR rail infrastructure, construction evacuation would not be possible even as authorities are ready to produce coal from the mines.

This being a serious issue, the Union Ministry of Coal has been approached to ask Coal India to buy coal produced by them.

Nalco which has been allotted Utkal D Coal Block having estimated reserve of 175 million tone is ready to make the mine operational by January 2, 2020.

Authorities in Nalco have made efforts to get forest clearance for it.

# 'Brahmani bridge work delayed for land unavailability'

**Targeted to be completed in Nov 2020: Min**

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Construction of the proposed second bridge over the Brahmani river has been delayed due to delay in land acquisition and availability of forestland permission, informed Works and Steel and Mines Minister Prafulla Mallick in the State Assembly in response to a question of BJP MLA Dilip Ray on Monday.

Quoting information availed from the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), the Minister informed that the proposed six-lane bridge over the Brahmani river is a part of the proposed four-

lane Biramitrapur-Brahmani project and concluding part of the National Highway-143. Groundbreaking for the proposed bridge was conducted on July 21, 2017 and the total project cost is estimated at Rs 678.92 crore. Due to delay in land acquisition and forest land approval, the project work had been delayed, informed the Minister. He further informed that the Stage-1 forestland permission was availed on May 4, 2018 and permission to cut trees and begin construction was given on August 27, 2018. As per the decision, the construction work of the bridge had to begin on May 23, 2018 and to be completed on November 18, 2020. While foundation work had already begun, the work has been stopped due to unavailability of land in Dandiapali/Brahmanitaranga

village. The proposed Biramitrapur bypass of the NH-143 has been stopped due to protest by locals and it has been decided to construct a bypass on a changed route.

Regarding NH-149, the Minister said widening work of the 68-km stretch from Pallahad to Pitri is now underway. Ground-breaking has not been conducted for this Rs 342.05-crore project. The project was targeted to begin on January 14, 2015 and complete on January 13, 2017. But the project has not been completed on time due to delay in availability of forestland. The construction work restarted after 'construction on forestland' permission availed this month. As of now, 97.7 per cent work has been completed and the rest part would be completed by December-end, 2018.

# CM says crime rise due to industrialisation, internet

**79,998 CRIMINAL OFFENCES REGISTERED BY SEP-END THIS YEAR**

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Rapid industrialisation and urbanisation, developed communication system and

easy availability of internet and computer facility are the main reasons behind increase in crimes in the State.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik informed this in the State Assembly in response to a question of Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipti on Monday. According to information furnished by the Chief Minister, while 77,596 criminal offences had been registered by September-end 2017, the number of registered offences increased to 79,998 by September-end 2018. However, he said the alle-

**CM informed this in the State Assembly in response to a question of Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipti on Monday**

gation of incidences of bank dacoity and snatching getting increased in the State is not true. To check these crimes, police patrolling system, use of CCTV cameras, alarm system and linking between local police stations and banks and regular discussion between police and banks' higher officers on security issues have been expedited, he said.

# Hockey WC: CM buys 1st ticket for opening event

**Bhubaneswar:** With the nearing of commencement of the Men's Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium here from November 28, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday got the first ticket for the opening ceremony of the event at a cost of Rs 500.

During a meeting, Hockey India CEO Elena Norman handed over the ticket to Patnaik.

The Hockey India had on Sunday announced the date for the online sale of the opening ceremony of the event. The tickets will be available only online at <http://ticketgenie.in/event/hwc-opening-ceremony> from November 20 at 12.00 pm.

"There will be no complimentary tickets, no passes. Only the honourable CM, everyone should go online tomorrow at 12 noon to make sure to purchase the tickets," Elena told media after the meeting.

The tickets would be sold at the entire stadium and it is

approximately at 12 pm to 6.00 pm. The release has been issued which has the online



link, she said.

She urged fans not to go to the box offices as there would be no tickets for sale at the moment.

The opening ceremony will be held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on November 27 and at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack on November 28.

The stadiums are expected to be filled with thousands of fans to witness an outstanding performance by music maestro AR Rahman and Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan at the opening ceremony. **PNS**

## IN BRIEF

### ECOR HOLDS HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP

**Bhubaneswar:** East Coast Railway Additional General Manager Rajeev Sharma inaugurated a health checkup camp at the Rail Sadan herein which a large number of railway employees participated and got their blood sugar and blood pressure checked and also examined by ECG. ECoR Chief Medical Director Dr Sukanta Kumar Mohanty and Medical Director of Railway Central Hospital Dr Arundhati Senapati coordinated the camp.



### VSS NAGAR PUJA COMMITTEE HOLDS CONDOLENCE MEET

**Bhubaneswar:** The VSS Nagar Durga Puja Committee held a condolence meeting for its founder member and advisor Debendra Nath Mohanty recently. The meeting was presided over by committee president Artatrana Dalai. Committee advisors Shiv Prasad Mishra, Uma Ballav Mishra, VP Nimai Das, general secretary Sital Chandra Mohanty, treasurer Pratap Kumar Nanda, joint secretary Ram Chandra Samal, Dilip Dash Sharma, Manoj Kumar Sahu, Nityaranjan Nanda and Sanjay Kumar Swain also paid tributes to Mohanty.

### RADO UNVEILS NEW SEASON COLLECTION IN CITY

**Bhubaneswar:** Actress, model and Rado Ambassador Lisa Ray was the guest of honour at the Kamal Watch Store, Esplanade One Mall here on Monday as pioneering Swiss watch brand Rado unveiled its season's newest wedding collection.



# State to collect ₹3,800 cr excise revenue

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The State Government collected excise revenue of ₹3,221.03 crore in 2017-18 and has targeted to collect excise revenue ₹3,800 crore by the end of the current year, 2018-19.

Finance Minister Shashi Bhushan Behera informed this in the State Assembly in response to a question of MLADilip Ray on Monday.

While excise revenue of ₹1094.38 crore had collected in 2010-11, the amounts collected in 2013-14 and 2016-15

**FINANCE MINISTER SHASHI BHUSHAN BEHERA INFORMED THIS IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF MLADILIP RAY ON MONDAY**

were ₹1680.29 crore and ₹2786.23 crore, respectively.

There were 104 BP On shops, 1,163 IMFL Off shops, 509 IMFL on shops, 241 CS shops, 560 OS shops, 1,434 OS Br shops, 36 MC shops and 17 Club On shops operating in the State in 2016-17. They had together sold 455.70 BL of IMFL, 530.50 BL of beer, 98.46 BL of CS and 669.97 BL of OS.

CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

# Stone to be laid for 17 dists on November 22

UNION MINS TO JOIN FEST AT R'KELA, B'PUR, JAJPUR RD

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the City Gas Distribution Project in 63 geographical areas (GA) across India, including seven GAs in Odisha.

This will be covering 17 districts, Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Angul, Dhenkanal, Baleswar, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj, Bargarh, Debagarh, Sambalpur, Ganjam, Nayagarh, Puri, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara.

It will heralding the availability of convenient and environment-friendly natural gas for millions of residents through a live video streaming programme at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi in the presence of Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate Change Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and other dignitaries on November 22.

Senior officials from GAIL Gas Limited, Bharat Gas Resources Limited and Adani

Gas Limited in a press meet held here disclosed this.

In GA level functions Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jai Prakash Singh will be the chief guest at Rourkela, Minister of State for Rural Development Ram Kripal Yadav will attend the programme as chief guest at Brahmapur and Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Sudarshan Bhagat will grace the occasion at Jajpur Road.

A City Gas Distribution (CGD) network is the interconnected network of pipelines for supply of gas to domestic, industrial or commercial premises and CNG stations situated in a specified Geographical Area (GA).

In order to streamline the authorisation process, the Central Government proposed to form a sectoral regulator, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), which was constituted under the PNGRB Act, 2006. Now, the PNGRB develops the plans for development of CGD networks in the country, invites bids and grants the authorisation for development of such CGD networks.

The PNGRB has offered 86 new GAs covering 174 districts across the country in its 9th CGD Bidding Round, which is presently under way. The new GAs have an investment potential of Rs2,100 crore in next 5 years and expected to generate

around 19,800 direct employments for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled categories in Odisha.

The GAs awarded in Odisha at Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Angul, Dhenkanal, Bargarh, Deogarh, Sambalpur districts to Bharat Gas Resources Limited with an approximate project cost in 8 years for 10 GAs is: Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapada districts Rs 174 crore, Jajpur and Keonjhar districts Rs 466 crore, Angul and Dhenkanal districts Rs 364 crore and Bargarh, Deogarh and Sambalpur districts Rs 248 crore. Adani Gas Limited has bagged the award at Baleswar, Bhadrak and Mayurbhanj districts for 20 CNG stations and 1,50,464 domestic connections over a span of 8 years with an total investment of Rs 500 crore.

The GAs authorised to GAIL Gas Limited in Odisha are Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Ganjam, Nayagarh and Puri districts. For Sundargarh and Jharsuguda districts, the total investment is Rs 944 crore. The districts will have 20 CNG stations and approximately 1,00,000 households connected with Piped Natural Gas. For Ganjam, Nayagarh and Puri districts, the investment is Rs728 crore, the district will have 15 CNG stations and approximately 51,000 households connected with Piped Natural Gas.

## HC BENCH DEMAND

# Sambalpur lawyers intensify agitation



PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

Members of the Sambalpur District Bar Association intensified their agitation on Monday over their demand of establishment of a High Court Bench in western Odisha.

While law students took out a bike rally here, members of the bar association staged a relay hunger strike to press their demands.

The lawyers have decided to paralyse functioning of the State and Central Government offices in the area from November 19 to 30. They have been continuing cease-work over the demand since September 5.

The lawyers have also called for a 48-hour 'Mahabandh' in western Odisha on November 29 and 30. District Bar Association president Bijitendriya Pradhan said all Government offices, educational institutions, courts, banks and financial institutions would be closed during the two-day strike. Besides, vehicular movement and train services would also be paralysed, he added.

## Ganjam lawyers threaten to intensify stir

Brahmapur: Members of the Ganjam Bar Association on Monday threatened to intensify their ongoing stir in coming days in support of their demand of establishment of a High Court permanent Bench in Brahmapur for the benefit of south Odisha people.

This was decided in a meeting held here in which presidents and secretaries of Bhanjanagar, Aska, Buguda, Soroda, Patrapur, Chhatrapur, Pursotampur, Sheragada, Kabisurya Nagar, Kodala and Khallikote bar associations were present. In the meeting, discussion was also held on the DIG's assurance on the attack on a Buguda lawyer in the police station. Among others, Ganjam Bar Association president Mohan Singari, secretary Prakash Chandra Dash, VP Ramindra Deo and joint secretary Bapuji Patnaik were present.

## ₹16 CR LOSS TO RLYS

# Case against 9 Belpahar rail roko agitators

RAJ KUJMAR SHARMA ■ JHARSUGUDA

The Railway police have registered a case against nine persons for their involvement in Belpahar rail roko.

The Railway Department has lost revenue of more than Rs 16 crore for the protest launched by the Belpahar Citizen Forum (BCF) in Jharsuguda district, as several trains were stranded at various stations due to the rail roko, a railway official said.

Two months back, the Belpahar residents had given a notice to the railway authorities for their agitation over a 6-point charter of demands. Thereafter, the South Eastern Railway (SER) Bilaspur authorities had sent one woman officer Rashmi Goutam on Thursday to sort out the problems raised by the forum.

BCF convener SS Satpathy said the rude behaviour shown by the officer during a tripartite discussion held under chairmanship of district Collector Bibhuti Bhusan Patnaik compelled the forum to intensify the agitation further as not a single demand of the citizen forum was accepted.

However, on Friday again the Railway Department was offered opportunity to take a call on their demand. As no convincing reply was received from the Railway Department, the forum launched the rail roko. However, the agitation was called off after 4 hour with intervention of district Collector BB Patnaik assuring to take up the matter with the railway

Two months back, the Belpahar residents had given a notice to the railway authorities for their agitation over a 6-point charter of demands

authorities in a meeting scheduled on November 29 at Bilaspur.

Meanwhile, the situation aggravated further when without going for an amicable solution of the issues, Brajrajnagar Railway Police booked case against nine persons including BCF convener Satpathy, Prachand Jaiswal, JK Mohapatra, senior citizens Gunamidhi Pati, Belpahar Municipality Chairman Parsuram Sahoo, Goutam Pradhan, Pramod Senapati, Nimai Charan Panda and Samir Mishra. Railway Inspector of Police PC Sharma is inquiring into the case.

As stated by Senior Commercial Division Superintendent Bikas Kasyap, additional stoppage of trains in those stations will not be allowed having more than 90 per cent rail traffic.

As the traffic percentage for goods train transporting coal through Belpahar station is 147 per cent, stoppage for South Bihar Express at Belpahar station may not be feasible, rail sources said. Likewise, with less commuters on South Bihar Express and tickets sold in Belpahar station, stoppage of the train in Belpahar will not be feasible as per letter issued by railway authorities on November 12 to BCF.

## IN BRIEF

### BALANGIR MED COLLEGE STAFF HOLD DEMO

Balangir: Members of the Shramik Karmachari Sangha and other organisations led by Lalit Nayak on Monday staged a demonstration before the Bhima Bhoi Medical College Hospital demanding fulfilment of their nine-point charter of demands. The demands included payment of six months' outstanding salary of contractual employees, more cleanliness at the hospital, functioning of ECG machine and freezer of postmortem room, regularisation of contractual employees and action against the medical college superintendent for his arbitrary behaviour. Later, the agitators submitted a memorandum to the administrator of the medical college.



### DEVOTEES FERRIED TO DHABALESWAR TEMPLE

Athagarh: Devotees crossed the Mahanadi from Mancheswar village side to the Dhableswar temple on the first day of Panchuka and the last Monday of holy month of Kartik with the help of Fire Services and ODRAF personnel while lifejacket has become mandatory.



### PRESS DAY OBSERVED IN BRAHMAPUR

Brahmapur: The Ganjam District Information and Information Public Relations Department observed the National Press Day here under the chairmanship of DIPRO Biranchi Pradhan. ADM Kabindra Kumar Sahu, Brahmapur Sub-Collector Diganta Routray and senior journalist Rabi Rath attended as guests. They spoke on the problems faced by the scribes and their solutions. Among others, Jagan Mohan Mohapatra, Narayan Mahakuda, Rajesh Sahu and Mana Mohan Padhy were present.



### SCRIBE LINGARAJ SAHOO GETS YOUTH MEDIA ICON AWARD

Bhubaneswar: Journalist Lingaraj Sahoo was honoured with the Indian Youth Media Icon award by the Indian Council of Press Media and Satellite Broadcasting, Kolkata. He was awarded for his social activities and free journalism. Many journalists and other eminent personalities were present in the award ceremony.



## Cement trader shot dead in Ganjam

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

A cement trader was shot dead by unidentified miscreants over past enmity at Mathasaraj under the Kodala police station on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Rajendra Parida (37) of J Chachina village. He was working as a cement trader in Gujarat and had returned home 15 days ago.

According to sources, at around 7 pm some miscreants attacked Parida on his head and then shot him from close range. Parida died on the spot.

On being informed, police reached the spot and seized the body for post-mortem. Later, Parida's family members lodged a complaint with the police in the connection.

Police suspected that Parida might have been murdered over past enmity.

## Bus-bike crash kills three in Balangir

PNS ■ BALANGIR

A head-on collision between a bus and a motorcycle killed three persons travelling by a two-wheeler on NH-26 near Lohurapali village under the Sainatala police limits in Balangir district late on Sunday night.

The bus was reportedly on its way to Bhubaneswar from Bhawanipatna. The trio travelling by the motorcycle died on the spot under the impact of the collision. On being informed, police reached the place and recovered the bodies and sent them for post-mortem.

The identities of the deceased were to be established till last reports came in.

Efforts were on to ascertain their identities on the basis of the registration number of the damaged bike. The driver of the bus fled the spot after themishap, reports said.



## New bird species 'Glossy Ibis' throngs Mangalajodi

### Bird lovers enthused

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

New birds have been sighted in the Mangalajodi on the banks of Chilika lake. Birds like Glossy Ibis were found moving freely in the backwaters of the lake spreading cheer among the bird lovers.

Ornithologist Gauhar Abedin was seen very happy to find Glossy Ibises in Mangalajodi, when he visited along with forest officials here on Sunday.

He said it is heartening that new species are turning to Mangalajodi as their feed and nest is available here in abundance. The members of Sri Mahabir Pakshi Suraksha Samiti (SSMPSS) said that they are seeing new birds like Eurasian Bittern, Glossy Ibis, Goliath Heron and Eastern Curlew in the area.

Vice president of SSMPSS, Jai Behera, a hyper active guide, said the Glossy Ibis find feed in very shallow water and nest in freshwater or brackish wetlands with tall dense stands of emergent vegetation such as reeds, rushes or bushes. They show a preference for marshes at the margins of lakes, however, their preferred roosting sites are normally in large trees which may be distant from the feeding areas, said enthusiast Jai.

Jai has the knowledge of these wetlands like the back of his hand, and he knew exactly where each species could be found.

So when Agriculture



Production Commissioner Gagan Kumar Dhal talked to him, he was highly impressed by Jai's acumen, who was a poacher and now turned a protector of the migratory birds. Talking to an informative Jai was highly enjoyable and DrDhal was so pleased with him he addressed him as DrJai.

Equally happy was Additional PCCF and Managing Director of Odisha Forest Development Corporation, Rajiv Kumar, who enjoyed the environment, where hundreds of migratory and resident birds were flocking. Credit goes to a proactive Chilika Development Authority (CDA) Chief Executive Susant Nanda, who has provided able leadership to these people, who are like the 'Ambassadors of Nature' informing and guiding the nature lovers and tourists in right direction.

After Nanda has taken over as CE CDA, a lot of infrastructure development is taking place and soon there will be more facilities for the visitors, said Jai. Guides are provided

with binoculars and bird book, which consists every details and it is handy to know a bird after seeing it.

These guides know all details about the birds and they have garnered knowledge over last 20 years working in these areas, said a senior forest official.

Though birds have not come in large numbers, but number of species is increasing every year, said DrAbedin, who gets engaged in Census of Birds being conducted in January every year by CDA.

Birds start arriving at Mangalajodi by the middle of October. Now, one can see Brahminy Shelduck, Whiskered Tern, Purple Moorhen, Large Egret and Black Winged Stilt.

In order to maximise the number of bird sightings, mid December to February is the best time to visit, said he.

It is common to see over 50 species of birds, although in peak season as many as 170 varieties last year were seen. And the birds start departing by March.

## Odia Prof honoured by Bangkok institute

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Eminent geographer-region-planner Jayant Kumar Routray, who has retired from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok as Professor of Regional and Rural Development Planning and Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management in the Department of Development and Sustainability School of Environment, Resources and



Development (SERD) has been given the rare honour to become Professor Emeritus till the rest of his life. Prof Routray would be the

first Odia and among few Indians to don the prestigious status in the premier international institute of Asia, which is well-known for technology, planning and management world over.

Prof Ray, who is a resident of Bhubaneswar and has been staying here after retiring from AIT recently, will receive the formal title of Emeritus Professor at the 130th AIT Graduation Ceremony to be held at Bangkok on December 14.

## Memo submitted for official tag to Kudmali

1 cr from Odisha, J'khand, WB speak dialect

PNS ■ BARIPADA

The demand for recognition of Kudmali as an official language and for its inclusion in the 8th schedule of the Constitution is gradually gaining momentum here.

Jhumarand Educational Cultural Academy, led by its president Padmalochan Mohanta and secretary Dhanurjay Mohanta Sankhuar, have submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in this regard.

Earlier, different pro-Kudmali organisations had raised the same demand in Jharkhand and West Bengal also and had submitted memoranda to this effect to the Chief Ministers of the two States.

## ASI to look after Haripurgarh monuments

### Fortress ancient capital of M'ghanj

PNS ■ BARIPADA

The fortress, temple and other monuments spread over Haripurgarh, an ancient capital of the erstwhile princely State of Mayurbhanj, will be preserved and maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Haripurgarh is about 17 km from the district headquarters town of Baripada and there has been a longstanding

demand for its takeover by the ASI.

Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, in May this year, had written to Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma over the takeover of the Haripurgarh fortress as well as of Bhringeeswar Mandir of Angul district and Kanakeswar Mahadev Mandir of Dhenkanal district. Sharma then had responded positively.

The work of ASI at Haripurgarh is likely to begin from December this year, it is learnt. The development has now related the heritage lovers of Mayurbhanj.

## Shooting of Kosali movie 'Jharan' begins

PNS ■ BALANGIR

The shooting of the first Kosali cinema 'Jharan' by the Patneshwari Art and Culture Trust (PACT) commenced on Sunday after worship of local deities.

This was informed by producer of the film Dr Srikanth Mishra here at a Press conference. The movie directed by Ashis Bhattacharya is scheduled to be filmed in the Sadeipali, Chandanbhati and Harishankar areas.

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The film shooting is expected to be completed in 25 days. While the script is written by Prasant Khamari, Debraj Sahoo has penned the dialogues. The music has been provided by Pankaj Jal. The story of film is based on the struggle for the Ghuduka dance and the artists strive to keep alive the dying folk dance.

## Electricity staff demand job regularisation

### To hold demo before Assembly from Nov 26

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

A general body meeting of the Odisha Bijuli Karmachari Sangha, Brahmapur was held here on Sunday under the chairmanship of its president Ali Patnaik wherein discussions were held on different issues in the power sector in the State. Members said that due to the Orissa Electricity Reform Act which was enacted in 1996, losses to the tune of crores of rupees are being incurred, which is not

only anti-people but also anti-employees. Mentioning that now the number of permanent employees in the power sector in the State is less than 10,000, which is very less compared to 1996, the members alleged that the Government is recruiting employees on contract and outsourcing basis. They alleged that the Government has failed to provide electricity to 90 lakh consumers. So, associations of contractual and outsourcing employees and engineers in the power sector have decided to hold demonstration in front of the State Assembly from November 26.

# Ganjam, G'pati Titli-hit to get 13K BPGY houses

**BENEFICIARIES TO FINISH CONSTRUCTION IN 6 MONTHS**

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Chief Secretary APPadhoni Monday reviewed the relief and restoration works in the Titli affected districts of Ganjam and Gajapati here where Special Relief Commissioner Bishnupada Sathi outlined the issues and the Collectors of the districts appraised about progress of restoration and assistance distribution works over video conferencing.

Reviewing the progress, Chief Secretary Padhi directed to finish the distribution of house building and agricultural input subsidy by end of current month. It was further decided to sanction 13,000 new houses under Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana for these two districts.

The Chief Secretary directed the Principal Secretary Panchyati Raj and Drinking Water Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh to launch the new BPGY houses from December. Padhi further directed to provide proactive support to the beneficiaries so that they would be able to finish construction of

**Collectors have been advised to mobilize the beneficiaries to utilize both the grants in construction of their houses so that they could build a comparatively bigger house. Review revealed that power supply has been restored to all 5.30 lakh affected consumers in 475 GPs of Ganjam district. Similarly, 100 per cent of 1.18 lakh affected consumer in 149 GPs of Gajapati district have also been supplied with electricity. All 455 pipe water supply schemes and 1,648 affected tube wells in Ganjam district have been restored**

their houses within 6 months from the date of getting the work orders.

Notably, house building assistance of around Rs 1 lakh from SDRF is being provided to the families whose houses have been totally damaged in the severe cyclone and flood. Along with this, the families would get new houses under BPGY.

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Hundred percent of 171 pipe water supply schemes and 51 affected tube wells in Gajapati district have also been repaired.

Around Rs249 crore has been distributed as gratuitous relief to the affected families in Ganjam district and Rs50.33 crore has been distributed to the affected families in Gajapati district. House building assistance of Rs191 crore and Rs 8.27 crore has been released to Gajapati and Ganjam districts respectively. Chief Secretary Padhi directed to cover all the genuine families and finish the distribution by end of November this year.

Distribution of agricultural input subsidy has also picked up in both these districts. Rs 209.67 crore has been supplied to Ganjam and Rs31.64 crore has been supplied to Gajapati district as per their firsthand estimate towards agricultural input subsidy.

# Halt cop atrocities in N'giri, Govt urged

**Dongrias allege arrest of members on false charges**

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Amnesty India urged the Government of Odisha to stop police atrocities on the indigenous DongriaKondh community of Niyangiri hills. "Allegations of police intimidation and ill-treatment of the DongriaKondh community in the Niyangiri hills are deeply disturbing. It is unacceptable that the police ill-treat and abuse the very people they have a duty to protect. The authorities should carry out a prompt and impartial investigation into the police's conduct and bring to justice any officer suspected to be responsible," said senior campaigner, Amnesty India Manohar Chauhan. Notably the Amnesty India received complaints from activists about the harassments perpetrated meted out to the



tribal inhabitants of the hills by police under plea of branding them as Maoist sympathizers. Notably, at a Press conference held in Bhubaneswar on October 25, leaders of the NiyangiriSuraksha Samiti (NSS) had alleged that police arbitrarily pick up, detain and ill-treat members of the community. Several victims also alleged how they were beaten up and terrorised by police on Maoist link.

Lingaraj Azad, a senior organiser of NSS, informed Amnesty India that on October 20, the Superintendent of Police, Kalahandi, called and asked them to stop a planned protest they were scheduled to hold on

October 23 or face severe consequences. Therefore, the protest had to be cancelled. "People have a right to peaceful protest under the Constitution of India and international law. The authorities have a duty to heed the voices of the DongriaKondh community and ensure that their rights are upheld," said Chauhan.

The members of the DongriaKondh community and activists from the State submitted a petition to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, demanding an impartial investigation into the allegations and stringent action against those found to be responsible.

# Bhubaneswar: City of lights in the making

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Under its Light Sculpture Project, the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) has undertaken illumination of three major flyovers, Vani Vihar, Acharya Vihar and JayadevVihar and also illumination of six parks and 17 temples in Old Town. All lightings will be done through state-of-art LED lighting arrangements.

While the three flyovers are along NH-16, the six parks are Biju Patnaik Park, Indira Gandhi Park, Buddha Jayanti Park, Mahatma Gandhi Park and Kharavela Park.

The 17 temples are Anantavasudeva Temple, Sari Temple, Vaital Temple, Bhabanisanakar Temple, Chitrakrini Temple, Dakrabhisaneswar Temple, Devi Padahara Temple, Bakreswar Temple, Nabakeswar Temple, Swanajaleswar Temple, Papanasini and Maitreswar

Temple, Aisaneswara Temple, Makareswar Temple, Dwaravashini Temple, Mohini Temple and Yameswara Temple.

The financing for the project is done through the CSR funding by leading mining companies, Essel Mining Industries, Rungta Mines, SN Mohanty Group and MGM Group.

The LED lighting system will be done for four years by the companies.

The energy bills for the six parks will be footed by the BDA and the power bills for the flyovers and temple will be taken up by the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.



# 'Democracy Wall' held at XUB

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

The Xavier University, Bhubaneswar (XUB) organised the 12th edition of 'Democracy Wall', a free speech campus initiative, by ThePrint here aimed to offer the students to interact with the industry stalwarts, speak their minds and voice their apprehensions and aspirations on some of the present issues.

Indie Rap artist Big Deal, young politician Kalikesh Singh Deo, stand-up comedian Rajneesh Kapoor and actor Nandita Das attended the event.

Firstly, Rajneesh talked about various issues such as religion, politics and democracy in the present era followed by Kalikesh Singh Deo, who was interviewed, for his work

and motivation towards politics in the current Indian scenario. Kalikesh also shared his views regarding the current situation of democracy and what he thinks should be the changes to impose better governance.

Big Deal, who set the stage on fire with his scintillating performance in Odia-raps, launched a new Odia-rap in his performance.

Lastly, Nandita spoke about her own experience as a multilingual actor and director and also mentioned her views regarding democracy in the Indian context. She also shared feeling about politics and about shift from a full-fledged academic background, to the field of acting.

On the occasion the winners of the photography and writing contest were felicitated.

# Remove Dir, cry VIMSAR students, docs

**Cease-work hits hospital services**

**PNS ■ SAMBALPUR**

Situation in VIMSAR, Burla is gradually spinning out of control with the PG students and house surgeons resorting to cease-work as per their earlier programme.

Third and fourth grade employees have also extended their support to the Junior Doctors' Association (JDA). We also got the support of the Odisha Medical Teachers' Association (OMTA)," said JDA

president Dr Devabrata Ray. Notably, the JDA has been demanding removal of Director Dr Aswini Pujahari for his allegedly megalomaniac way of functioning. Even some doctors of the institute are making similar demand of the removal of the Director.

But there are also sections of people who extend their support to the Director. "The Director has become very strict against the ongoing irregularities and negligence of the doctors. Hence, he has taken the right step which is causing personal loss for a few," opined members of social organisations and civil society forums.

The impact of the cease

work was also clearly seen in Burla medical with less number of people both in indoor and outdoor. Since PG students and house surgeons are the backbone of the institution, in their absence, it is obvious for the patients and their attendants to feel insecure.

However, Director Dr Pujahariclaimed that the hospital was running smoothly. "Both indoor and outdoor are functioning normally. There are doctors who are doing their duties with all sincerity feeling the gravity of the current situation for which there is no problem as narrated by others," he said.

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**BID IDENTIFICATION NO. CDT-05/2018-19 (ON-LINE), DATED.16.11.2018**

815-A

1. Nature of work	: Improvement of Canal Service Road
2. Nos. of works	: 01 (One) No.
3. Estimated Cost	: Rs.21.34 lakhs
4. Period of completion	: As per D.T.C.N.
5. Date & Time of available of Bid Document in the portal	: Dt.26.11.2018 at 10:00 A.M to Dt.10.12.2018 up to 05:00 P.M.
6. Last date / Time for receipt of Bids in the portal	: Dt.10.12.2018 up to 05:00 P.M.
7. Date of opening of Bid	: Dt.11.12.2018 at 11.00 A.M.
8. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting bid	: Executive Engineer, Bargarh Canal Division, Bargarh At - Canal Colony, PO/Dist-Bargarh Email Id - eebargarh-eicwr.od@nic.in

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://tendersorissa.gov.in>

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Bargarh Canal Division, Bargarh

32008/11/0008/1819

**GOVT. OF ODISHA e-procurement Notice for online tender**  
**Bid Id - GMID-II/09/2018-19**

820-A

Name of the Work	: Civil Construction Work
No of Work	: 11 (Eleven)
Estimated Cost	: Varies from Rs. 81.50Lakh to Rs 27.30Lakhs
Period of Completion	: 4 (Four) to 6 (Six) Calendar months
Time for availability of bid for online bidding	: from 26.11.2018 to 06.12.2018 up to 5.00 P.M
Name and address of OIT	: Executive Engineer, M.I.DivnGanjam-II,Berhampur

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

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
M.I.DivisionGanjam-II, Berhampur

32043/11/0006/1819

**e - Procurement Notice No. - EE-CHID-04/ 2018-19**

793-A

1. Name of the Work	: Road Works.
2. No. of Works	: 03 Nos. (Three) only
3. Estimated Cost	: Rs. 15.61 lakh to Rs. 49.25 lakh
4. Period of Completion	: 03 (Three) Calendar Months to 04 (Four) Calendar Months
5. Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal	: From 24.11.2018, 10.00 A.M. to 04.12.2018, 05.00 P.M.
6. Last date / time of receipt of bid documents in Portal	: 04.12.2018, up-to 05.00 P.M.
7. Date and Place of Opening	: On 05.12.2018 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, Chikiti Irrigation Division, Berhampur
8. Name and Address of the officer inviting tender	: The Executive Engineer, Chikiti Irrigation Division, Berhampur

Bidders are to participate in Online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Govt. Website [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in). Any addendum/ corrigendum/cancellation of the tender can be seen in the said website only.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Chikiti Irrigation Division, Berhampur

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**CORRIGENDUM**  
**Office Order No. 2382 Dated 16.11.2018**

The e-procurement Notice No: EE RW KJR-04 / 2018 -19 dated 1.11.2018 issued by this office is modified to the following extent and two nos. of roads was cancelled i.e. (1) S/R to NH-215 (Bhailagoda) to Baliposi via bhailadihi in the district of Keonjhar for the year 2018-19 (2) S/R to Naranpur-Sankarpur -Bauripada in the district of Keonjhar for the 2018-19, due to some unavoidable circumstances.

**Notified Earlier:-**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O E.E., R.W. Division, Keonjhar. Technical Bid
1	2	3	4	5
Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Keonjhar.	EE RW KJR 04 of 2018-19 dated 01.11.2018	Dt 12.11.18 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt 22.11.18 at 05.00 P.M.	Dt 20.11.18 at 5.00 P.M.

**Presently modified as:-**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O E.E., R.W. Division, Keonjhar. Technical Bid
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# Cong, BJP engage in blame game over KMP

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

The Congress on Monday alleged that the Central and Haryana Governments are endangering the lives of commuters by inaugurating an incomplete Expressway in Haryana without any testing by engineers.

In a series of tweets, senior Congress leader and MLA from Haryana, Randeep Singh Surjewala said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi should order an inquiry into it.

"PM Modi and CM Khattar are endangering the lives of thousands of commuters by illegally and forcibly inaugurating an incomplete KMP Expressway," he said.

Surjewala demanded to know why "no testing of KMP

by engineers, illegally called as Partial COD (Commercial Operation Day)", had been done. He said the third party consultant had refused to give "completion certificate" and "even HSIIDC (Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corp) refused to own responsibility for mishap" However, terming the allegation of KMP being unsafe for commuters leveled by Congress leader Surjewala as irresponsible and ridiculous, Haryana Industries Minister Vipul Goel said that if left to the Congress, KMP Expressway would not have opened for yet another decade.

Vipul Goel said that the third party safety auditor in their report dated November 14, 2018 has found "the project

road to be safe and reliable." Further after a review of this report, the Independent Consultant had also on November 17 recommended that "the Expressway can be opened to traffic." The Minister said that both the third party safety auditor and the independent consultant had recommended operating the highway at 80 KMPH for cars and at 60 KMPH for trucks for the first month "to enable familiarization of road users to entry/exit points at interchange." The concessionaire has accordingly been advised by HSIIDC and has provided signboards depicting these speed limits and as well deployed sufficient number of marshals at entry/exit point, he added.

# VSS Nagar residents warn of stir

**If new hosp not operationalised within 15 days**

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

The Veer Surendra Sai Nagar Anayan Parishad in its meeting here on Monday has warned the BMC of launching an agitation if a hospital of the locality for which building has been completed long back was not started within 15 days.

While president of the Parishad Krupasindhu Sahu, secretary Dillip Dash Sharma discussed the steps taken so far concerning the hospital.

Among others, vice president ErSiba Prasad Mishra, treasurer Maheswar Biswal, joint secretary Nimai Charan Das, Trilochan Rath, Kshetramohan Nayak, Sambit Mohapatra, Kumuda Mishra, Sital Chandra Mohanty, Ram Chandra Samal, Mamata Behera and Dharendra Nath Dash were present.

The Parishad alleged that though a hospital in the locality was a long standing demand of the area and after a long wait, its building was constructed, yet the authorities were not taking any step to start the hospital. When petitioned, the BMC authorities have only given promises.

# Keonjhar Forester in Vigilance net

**Assets of ₹67,86,668 detected**

**Cuttack:** Acting on the complaints of disproportionate assets amassed and possessed by Keonjhar district's Patna Forester Shashi Bhushan Barik, Vigilance sluths conducted raids on Barik's office room and houses at different places and detected assets worth ₹67,86,668 in his and his family members' names.

The anti-corruption Government agency conducted simultaneous searches on Barik's residential building at Kasipur under Keonjhar Sadar tehsil, parental house at Kholapa under the Keonjhar Town PS and office room at Patna.

The detected assets included a double-storied building worth ₹29,04,000, two home-stead blots of ₹3,14,500, bank deposits of ₹20,72,705, SBI mutual fund of ₹5,00,000, a car and two motorcycles worth ₹5,45,000, insurance deposits of ₹65,474, Postal deposit of ₹20,000, hard cash of ₹2,970, gold and silver ornaments of ₹65,000 and household articles of ₹2,97,019.

**PNS**

# Two new HC judges take oath

**PNS ■ CUTTACK**

Chief Justice KS Jhaveri of Orissa High Court on Monday administered the oath of office to two new judges of the High Court. With the inclusion of Justices Shatrughana Pujahari and Akshaya Kumar Mishra,

the number of judges in the High Court went up to 14, including the Chief Justice.

Notably, the Supreme Court Collegium earlier this month had recommended the repatriation of Justice Pujahari from the Madras High Court. From the Orissa High Court, Justice Pujahari had been transferred to Madras in November last year.

Similarly, the apex court Collegium last week had also recommended appointment of Dr Mishra to the Bench of the High Court. Earlier, Dr Mishra, an OJS officer of the 1988 batch, was serving as a Registrar of the High Court.

# AAP demands Dharamsot's resignation; seeks CBI investigation

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Am Aadmi Party on Monday demanded resignation of Punjab Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot in Nabha Nagar council embezzlement case while urging the State Government to hand over the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for further investigations.

Mincing no words, AAP's Nabha Vidhan Sabha president Gurdev Singh (Dev Mann) said that the embezzlement was committed by the office bearers and officers with the involvement

of Dharamsot. "Dharamsot is patronizing corruption in the area," he alleged. Appreciating the action taken by the Local Government Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu to suspend Nabha nagar council president Rajnish Kumar Shanty, EO Sukhdheep Singh Kamboj and clerk Harjinder Singh, Mann said that he was hopeful that Sidhu will take further action against other people involved in the case. Mann said that the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh claims of zero tolerance to corruption in the State, "but his own Ministers are indulging in embezzlement of funds".

# Missing OPGC supervisor found dead

**Kin allege murder; company assures ex gratia**

**PNS ■ JHARSUGUDA**

Body of contract supervisor B Nirojbandhu Bhoi (60), engaged in the OPGC Banharpali B Thermal Ash Pond here, was recovered from an ash pond on Sunday. He was missing since Friday night.

The family members alleged it to be planned murder and demanded Rs 50 lakh and a job to a member of the deceased family. They also booked a case against the contract agency and a few workers.

After a discussion with the family members and senior police officers, the company assured to provide Rs 16 lakh compensation and Rs 50,000 for performing last rites, besides a job to a member of the deceased family in the contract agency. The police had lodged a case against contract agency, VR Tata.

# 6 N-E States ready to implement RERA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Nearly two years after the Real Estate Regulation Act (RERA) was enacted by the Parliament, six northeastern States have finally agreed to implement the law, paving way for protecting the interest of homebuyers in these States. Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim have failed to notify RERA due to land and other issues.



RERA rules.

The development comes after a team of the Union Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Ministry visited the northeastern States on October 26 and held a workshop with their representatives and discussed the issues coming in the way of notifying the Act.

Sources said representatives of these states had some issues about the implementation of RERA, but the Ministry officials cleared all their doubts in the last month's workshop.

The Act, which provides proper protection to home buyers, was enacted by the Parliament in 2016. The States were given powers to notify their respective rules and appoint regulatory authorities.

All States and Union Territories in the country had notified the rules under RERA, except the six northeastern states and West Bengal. The Act

is not applicable in Jammu & Kashmir. "There are 27 States that have established the Authority. Out of them 14 States have set up interim ones. All the States of northern region have established permanent Regulatory Authorities except Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Chandigarh," an official of HUA said.

According to the Ministry, 33,750 real estate projects have been registered under RERA, while 26,018 agents have been registered across the country. Maharashtra tops the list of States with 18,392 projects registered.

Instead of implementing RERA, West Bengal had notified its own real estate law — the Housing and Industrial Regulation Act, 2017 (HIRA). Mishra had written to the Bengal Government, asking it to repeal its own act as there was already a central law on the subject.

# WORLD TOILET DAY PM praises sanitation coverage increase

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With as many as 60.53 lakh individual household toilets constructed and 4.7 lakh seats of community or public toilets under construction under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) for its remarkable speed of construction on the occasion of World Toilet Day.

**According to the Ministry, around 4.7 lakh public toilet seats have been constructed so far. The target set under the mission was 5.07 lakh public toilet seats**

Hailing the HUA Ministry, Modi said India is proud of the remarkable speed with which sanitation coverage has increased in the last four years and reiterated his Government's commitment to enhancing sanitation facilities. The Prime Minister said the drive for a cleaner India and ensuring better sanitation facilities is in fact a people's movement.

Modi took to Twitter to thank women and youth for taking the lead in the sanitation drive. World Toilet Day, celebrated on November 19, is about taking action to ensure that everyone has a safe toilet by 2030.

"Today, on World Toilet Day, we reiterate our commitment towards enhancing cleanliness and sanitation facilities across the nation. We in India take pride at the remarkable speed with which sanitation cover has increased in the last four years," he wrote. He said it is the 130 crore Indians, particularly women and youths, who have taken the lead in the movement. "I congratulate all those working to fulfil the dream of a Swachh Bharat," he said.

According to the Ministry, around 4.7 lakh public toilet seats have been constructed so far. The target set under the mission was 5.07 lakh public toilet seats. More than 12,000 public toilets have been built in Delhi since 2015, the ministry said. Speaking at an event here, HUA Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra said 19 states and UTs were already Open Defecation Free (ODF) in their urban areas.

The country is being processed, and 52 percent of wards are practising source segregation," the ministry officials said.

On the occasion of the "World Toilet Day", the government also released Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks for field staff who respond to sewer overflows or spills.

The workshop on urban sanitation is aimed at addressing challenges in the urban sanitation space thereby enable participating states and cities in proactively implementing viable, affordable and sustainable sanitation solutions for a Swachh Bharat.

The Swachh Bharat Mission (Clean India Mission) aims to achieve 100 per cent open defecation free (ODF) and scientific solid waste management in India by October 2, 2019, the 150th birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

# Shah to visit Mizoram for public meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP president Amit Shah will be on a day visit to Mizoram on Tuesday, where he will address a public meeting first at Ariopagi, Lawngtlai and thereafter, at Varirengte in the State.

Shah will also address a Press conference and release Vision Document of the BJP for Mizoram at the State BJP Office in Aizawl.

The first public meeting will be at Lawngtlai in the morning followed by Joint YMA playground, Vairengte later in the evening. The battle for votes in Mizoram is a direct fight between ruling Congress which has been in power since 2008 and Mizo National Front (MNF), the biggest regional outfit. An optimist BJP which already penetrated North-East well and succeeded in Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya has fielded 39 candidates for the 40-strong Mizoram Assembly. The State has 87 per cent Christian population.

# Amritsar blast: Rajnath reviews security situation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the wake of the "terror" attack in Punjab, where three people were killed and 20 others injured in a grenade blast, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday reviewed the security situation in the country.

of the National Investigation Agency has already visited the blast site along with their investigators and explosive experts.

Three persons, including a preacher, were killed and 20 others injured when two motorcycle borne men threw grenade on a religious congregation on the outskirts of Amritsar.

The incident took place inside the Nirankari Bhavan's prayer hall at Adliwal village near Amritsar's Rajasansi, police said.

A religious congregation of the Nirankari followers was being conducted inside the Bhavan at the time of the incident. The Sant Nirankari Mission is a spiritual organisation and the Bhavan lies close to the Amritsar international airport and the Indo-Pak border.

Senior officials of the Home Ministry and security agencies briefed the Home Minister regarding the explosion at a religious gathering near Amritsar on Sunday, an incident which police are treating as a "terrorist act".

The Home Minister directed the officials to provide all assistance to the Punjab Government in their investigation to nab the perpetrators of the crime, a Home Ministry official said.

Singh was told that a team

# Cong's plea to restrain Swamy from tweeting about Herald case rejected

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The fast track court handling National Herald case on Monday dismissed senior Congress leader Motilal Vora's plea seeking to restrain complainant Subramanian Swamy from tweeting about the case and using "derogatory language" against Congress leaders. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal rejected the plea of Vora, also an accused in the case, saying there was nothing to show that the tweets caused any damage to the trial of the case, or any prejudice to the court.



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court said the tweets cited by Vora "cannot be said to interfere or obstruct the administration of justice nor can be said to prejudice the due course of any judicial proceedings, firstly because no such instance due to which the applicant can say this has either been stated in the application, nor has been put forth in the argument".

"The trial is going on and has reached the stage of evidence, and I am unable to find anything on record nor anything has been put forth to show that these tweets may have caused any damage to the trial or any prejudice to the

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"court," the judge said. It said "a court cannot prohibit any person from reporting the proceedings of a case unless it is shown that the reporting is patently and malafidely false". "The tweets may not be happily worded from the point of view of the applicant or other accused, but how they interfere in the administration of justice or are prejudicial to the defence of the accused is not clear," the court said, posting cross examination of Swamy in the main case to January 11.

# Hope RBI Guv shows Modi his place: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the wake of confrontation between the Government and the RBI, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday hoped that the Central bank gathered the courage to put the onus of liquidity crisis on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rahul said if RBI Governor Urjit Patel has a "spine" he will show the Prime Minister "his place".

The Congress has accused the Modi Government of destroying every institution in the country and the latest one being the RBI. The meeting is being held in the background of tension between the Centre and the RBI after Finance Ministry cited the never-used-before Section 7 of the RBI Act which empowers the Government to issue directions to the RBI Governor.

Later, the RBI's crucial board meeting on Monday took up the liquidity crisis that has triggered a tiff between the government and the central bank. "Mr Modi and his coterie of cronies, continue to destroy every institution they can get their hands on. Today, through his puppets at the RBI Board Meet he will attempt to destroy the RBI. I hope Mr Patel and his team have a spine and show him his place," Rahul tweeted earlier in the

November 9 had said it was discussing an "appropriate" size of capital reserves that the central bank must maintain but denied seeking a massive capital transfer from the RBI. Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg had also clarified that the Government wasn't in any dire needs of funds and that there was no proposal to ask the RBI to transfer ₹3.6 lakh crore.

# INSHORT

**CSE TO GET 2018 INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE**  
New Delhi: Delhi-based environment think-tank CSE will be honoured with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development this year for its work in environmental education and protection. According to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust Monday, CSE has been awarded the prize for its steadfast advocacy of measures to combat environmental deterioration and for its success in influencing public policies and programmes that have benefited social and economic development in India.

**RAILWAYS GIVES SPECIAL OFFER TO MELA DEVOTEES**  
New Delhi: To clear the rush of passengers travelling to Allahabad during the period of Mahakumbh next year, Railways have decided to extend the window for buying unreserved tickets to 15 days from the current three days on the railway ticketing app. This facility is only available to travel to 12 stations in Allahabad.

# FOR DEVOTEES OF KARTARPUR SAHIB

## Govt to install high-powered telescope along Indo-Pak border

**New Delhi:** A high-powered telescope will be installed along the Indo-Pak border for devotees to view Kartarpur Sahib in Punjab, one of the holiest shrines of Sikhs.

places associated with the Sikh guru, a Home Ministry statement said.

The issue of Kartarpur Sahib came into focus after Punjab Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu visited Pakistan in August to attend the oath-taking ceremony of his cricket-turned-politician friend Imran Khan as Prime Minister of that country.

After his return, Sidhu claimed that Pakistan Army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa had told him that Pakistan may open a corridor to Kartarpur Sahib, which is located just across the International Border in Punjab.

Kartarpur Sahib is the final resting place of Guru Nanak.

The National Implementation Committee, chaired by Rajnath Singh, also launched events, including the release of commemorative coin and postage stamps. Following this, it was decided that the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev will be commemorated through a series of activities, commencing in November, throughout the country and across the globe, the statement said.

"The year 2019 marks the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the great saint and founder of the Sikh faith. Guru Nanak's teachings of love, peace and brotherhood hold universal appeal," it said. **PTI**

# FROM SUPREME COURT

## Zakia Jafri case: Plea challenging clean chit to Modi deferred till November 26

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Monday deferred till November 26 hearing on the plea of Zakia Jafri challenging the clean chit given by the Special Investigating Team (SIT) to Narendra Modi, who was then Gujarat Chief Minister, in connection with the 2002 post-Godhra riots.

Zakia, the wife of Ehsan Jafri, an ex-MP who was killed in one of the worst incidents during the riots, has challenged the Gujarat High Court's October 5, 2017 order rejecting her plea against the SIT's decision.

A bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said, "The matter will take some time for hearing. The plea will be heard on November 26".

At the outset, senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing for the SIT, said Zakia's plea was not maintainable and social activist Teesta Setalvad cannot be the second petitioner in the case. The bench said it will look into the application before hearing the matter on making Setalvad as the second petitioner in Jafri's plea. During the previous hearing, Jafri's counsel had said that notice needs to be issued in the plea as it pertains to the aspect of alleged "larger conspiracy" during the period from February 27, 2002 and May 2002 and had also maintained that after the SIT gave a clean chit in its closure

report in the case before a trial judge, a protest was filed by the petitioner which was dismissed by the magistrate without considering "substantiated merits".

On February 8, 2012, the SIT filed a closure report, giving the clean chit to Modi and 63 others, including senior government officials, saying there was "no prosecutable evidence" against them. Ehsan Jafri was among 68 people who were killed at the Gulberg Society in Ahmedabad when a mob attacked it on February 28, 2002, a day after the S-6 Coach of the Sabarmati Express returning from Ayodhya at Godhra was burnt, triggering the riots in Gujarat. **PTI**

## Malegaon case: Bombay HC asked to deal with Purohit's plea

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Bombay High Court to deal with the plea of Lt. Col. Prasad Shrikant Purohit, one of the accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, that he was being prosecuted in the matter without any valid sanction.

by which the trial court and the Bombay High Court were directed to deal with the claim of Purohit that he was being prosecuted under penal laws including the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act without any sanction from the authorities.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi directed the High Court that Purohit's plea be dealt with on November 21. A special court on November 2 had commenced the formal trial against Purohit, Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and five other accused after framing of charges under various penal law in the Malegaon blast case.

Purohit, in his plea, referred to the earlier apex court order

The plea also alleged that the charges have been framed against Purohit and others by the trial court which had commenced the trial without dealing with the claim on sanction. Six people were killed and over 100 injured when an explosive device strapped on a motorcycle went off near a mosque in Malegaon, a town about 200 km from north Maharashtra, on September 29, 2008. **PTI**

# 3-day 'youth against leprosy' festival begins

PNS ■ INDORE



With an aim to break the myth and stigma surrounding leprosy, a three-day Youth Festival 'Youth against Leprosy' was kicked off from Monday here. Mentionworthy, India accounts for 60 per cent of global cases. Its purpose is to work towards the socio-economic development of those affected by the crippling disease and their families.

may know comes from family and friends and is often vague and reaffirms the stigma against the disease."

It is unfortunate that despite being non contagious and fully curable, leprosy is still considered as a curse and the myth is still there that whoever will get in touch with these people will get affected, Shanker said. She pointed out that "In 2005, while we were applauding ourselves, we did not look deep enough to see the regional variations. That, in itself, should have given us a pointer that this problem was far from over."

the youth from the sector to share their ideas and challenges in tackling the disease.

Prestigious Rise to Dignity Awards is being given for the hard work and dedication shown by persons affected by

leprosy who are now effiscination iciently running livelihood enterprises. "This initiative has enabled them to make a successful transition from begging to a dignified livelihood," said Teheen.

The awardees of the 8th Rising to Dignity Awards-2018 are two groups from Indore, Madhya Pradesh and Kamareddy District in Telangana. An all women group of Indore, dealing in Sari retailing project and a mix group of men and women from

Vendrikal, Kamareddy running Dairy and Goat Rearing (Agricultural Development and financing) project have won the award.

India still accounts for 60 per cent of new cases reported globally. In the year 2007, new cases detected in India were 137,685, and nine years later in 2016, the number remained almost the same at 135,485, a significant increase over the 127,326 new cases detected in 2015, according to a study.

## India led world in reducing malaria in 2017: Report

**New Delhi:** India and 10 other countries in sub-Saharan Africa accounted for around 70 per cent of estimated malaria cases (151 million) and deaths (274,000) globally last year, with only India reporting progress in reducing its malaria cases when compared to 2016, a report said on Monday.

India has turned out as the only country among the 11 highest-burden countries to mark progress in reducing its disease burden, registering a 24 per cent decrease in 2017 compared to 2016, according to WHO World Malaria Report 2018.

India has set a target of being malaria-free by 2027 and eliminating the disease by 2030. **PTI**

# Change data collection procedure: CIC to RGI

**New Delhi:** The CIC has directed the Registrar General of India (RGI) to change its practices of data collection, especially with regard to births and deaths.

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section 3 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, whereas the ground-level record was maintained by the registrars appointed by the respective States, Azad noted.

He was hearing a petition filed by an RTI applicant, seeking information about the deaths reported in all the wards of Mumbai in 2016.

"Despite the contention of the PIO that the CRS (Civil Registration System) Division of the Registrar General, India cannot be held to be the custodian of ward-wise data as sought by the appellant, the commission finds that the role of the Registrar General in the implementation of the RBD Act cannot be lost sight of," he said.

There is no legal impediment in creation of two or more equally effective access points of information, both at the central as well as at the state level. It is rather a question of 'data mirroring' and the essential question raised in the present case requires forging new practices of data management, which is in furtherance of the RBD Act as well as the RTI Act," he said.

The CIC also took note of the PIO's submission that it was comparatively difficult to register the data of deaths with the cause of the deaths, in contrast to the data regarding births, Azad added.

"The judicious aggregation as well as the preservation of the 'data of death' are very important for ensuring the quality of life of the living. The data is a crucial indicator of various factors, which is a key for ensuring good governance and efficient policy planning. **PTI**

# SABARIMALA ROW

## 'Kerala Govt treating pilgrims like dacoits'

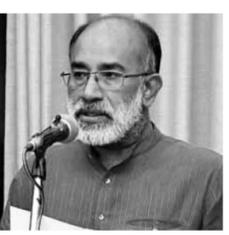
**PTI ■ NILACKAL/PAMBA (KERALA)**

Union Minister Alphonso Kannanthanam on Monday hit out at the Kerala Government for turning the Sabarimala temple complex into a "war zone" and treating the pilgrims like "dacoits".

"They have imposed Section 144 (prohibitory orders). The pilgrims are being treated like dacoits. Where is the basic infrastructure... This is pathetic," the Minister, who arrived here to take stock of the facilities at the hill shrine, told reporters.

"The State Government has turned the temple complex into a war zone. The devotees are not terrorists, they are pilgrims," he said.

Restrictions have been imposed at the temple complex following protests by activists of the BJP, RSS and right-wing outfits over the State Government's decision to implement the September 28 Supreme Court order allowing the entry of women of all ages into the shrine.



**'THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED THE TEMPLE COMPLEX INTO A WAR ZONE. THE DEVOTEES ARE NOT TERRORISTS, THEY ARE PILGRIMS,' HE SAID**

"The state government must take responsibility... The Union Tourism Ministry had given ₹100 crore... They have not spent even a rupee..." Kannanthanam said.

The Union minister visited Nilackal, the base camp, Pamba and Sannidhanam Monday morning, hours after police removed around 200-odd people who had gathered

at the temple complex late Sunday night. They held "nama japam" (chanting the name of Lord Ayyappa) protest against the police restrictions. The police had also taken into custody 68 protesters on Sunday night.

The CPI(M)-led LDF Government is making life difficult for all the pilgrims coming here, the Minister said. "This is like the Stalin era of the Soviet Union," he said.

"Sabarimala is one of the biggest pilgrims centre in the country. Here, everyone lives peacefully. This Government is determined to ensure that people do not have the right to their belief," the Minister said.

Pointing out that there was no basic facilities at Pamba, he said there were no toilets and all the three sheds at Nilackal are waterlogged.

"What is the intention of the Government? They want to make sure the pilgrims are not provided with basic facilities. What is happening with law and order? Section 144? Is this a democracy?" Kannanthanam said.

# MUZAFFARPUR HORROR

## 5 girls, not 2, died in shelter home

**Patna:** The Central Bureau of Investigation has discovered that five minor girls, and not two as reported earlier, died in the shelter home in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district.

Their post-mortem examinations were conducted at a Government hospital, police said on Monday.

The CBI, probing the alleged rape of 34 girls at the shelter home, on Sunday searched documents at Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital and found that the post-mortem examinations of five girls of the shelter home were conducted there.

According to the hospital register, the post-mortems of two girls were conducted in 2013, two in 2015 and one in 2017.

The CBI officials are now trying to find out as to whom the bodies of the girls were handed over after their autopsies and also whether cases were registered in the matter.

"A team of CBI officials is likely to soon interrogate some hospital doctors to collect more details about the case," a district police officer said.

The CBI had earlier found human bones at a cremation ground on October 4 following a tip-off. It had also carried out

an extensive excavation at the shelter home premises on suspicion that some inmates might have been killed and buried there, but could not recover anything from there.

Last month, a shelter home employee Krishna Ram, who also ran the press of Brajesh Thakur — the main accused — told the CBI sleuths that some bodies were stuffed in gunny bags and disposed of in the Burhi Gandak river a year ago.

However, the CBI could not recover anything from the river. According to the CBI, Ram disclosed that Brajesh Thakur had ordered the disposal of the bodies. He revealed that two inmates of Thakur's NGO, Seva Sankalp Ewam Vikas Samiti, had died under mysterious circumstances and their bodies were dumped in the river from Akharaghat Bridge with the help of Guddu, another employee of the shelter home, and Vijay Tiwari, Thakur's driver.

Of the 42 girls lodged at the short-stay home run by Brajesh Thakur's NGO, 34 were found to have been sexually assaulted. The crime came to light after a social audit by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, five months ago.

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# K'taka sugarcane farmers hold protest in Bengaluru for higher price, loan waiver

**KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU**

Sugarcane farmers from across the State staged protests here on Monday seeking loan waiver, higher minimum purchase price and relief for losses incurred due to drought in 17 districts, which have been declared drought-hit.

Farmers from Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysuru, Kodagu, Kolar, Gadag, Tumkur, Shivamogga, Hassan, Haveri, Hubballi, Belagavi and Bagalkot came to Bengaluru to protest against the anti-farmers policies of the JD(S)-Congress Government in the State.

"Farmers from all over the state have come to force the State Government meet our demands on loan waiver, higher price for sugarcane and compensation for kharif crop loss due to drought this year," Karnataka State Farmers Association President Chamraj Patil told reporters.

"Though Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy announced farm loan waiver in June, the banks have not written off a rupee even after five months. Except for making announcements and giving assurances, nothing has happened. We are also unable to take fresh credit as old loans have not been waived off yet," Patil added.

Bengaluru City Police stopped hundreds of agitators from marching towards the Vidhana Soudha from Freedom Park as prohibitory orders were in place.

The Sugarcane farmers are demanding payment of ₹1,500 crore dues from state-run and private sugar mills for fiscal 2017-18; ₹3,000 per tonne higher minimum support price (MSP) for sugarcane from ₹2,500 per tonne fixed last year; fresh loans from cooperative and state-run banks for the rabi crop, supply of seeds and fertilisers.

Karnataka is the third largest sugarcane producer after Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, which had harvested 32 million tonne in 2017-18. The drought has affected 15-lakh hectares of agricultural and horticultural crops in 17 districts across the state, with an estimated loss of ₹8,000 crore.

Meanwhile Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy had created a controversy by calling farmers goondas and also allegedly abused a woman farmer who was protesting in Belagavi. This has severely hit the pro farmer image of the coalition Government led by Kumaraswamy and also angered the coalition partner the Congress. After Jayashree Gurannavar, a woman farmer who was leading the agitation, called Kumaraswamy "a good for nothing CM", the CM hit back calling them "goondas in the guise of farmers". After his statement farmers were angry and intensified their agitation across the State.

Later the farmers' anger forced Kumaraswamy to retract saying that his statement was misinterpreted.

"My intention was not to hurt anyone. My statement has been misinterpreted by the media. I apologise if the farmers are hurt," Kumaraswamy said. Coalition partner Congress has criticised Kumaraswamy for making such a statement against the farmers. Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said that he would apologise to the farmers for the CM's angry statement.

"I don't know in what context he has used the word 'goondas'. But he should not have said that. The Congress party has always been with the farmers and I personally apologise to them," Parameshwara said.

The BJP was quick to demand an apology from chief minister for his remarks on the farmer. Yeddyurappa said "The Gowdas call themselves a fam-

ily of humble farmers. But their attitude is exactly the opposite. How could a CM call farmers "goondas"? he demanded a clarification from former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda.

However JDS chief H D Deve Gowda has blamed a section of the media for Sunday's incident in Belgaum. Meanwhile Chief Minister has called for a meeting of the agitating farmers on Tuesday to resolve the issue. "I appeal to the farmers to be patient as the Government is committed to find solutions to their problems. I held meetings with officials and stakeholders on demands of sugarcane growers. I have directed the district deputy commissioners to resolve their issues," said the statement citing the Chief Minister. Though debt waiver was not a solution to the farmers' woes, Kumaraswamy said the State Government was working hard to waive off farm loans taken from cooperative, scheduled and State-run banks. "I hope the waiver will enable the farmers to seek fresh loans for the next crop. The loan waiver will begin soon as the process is at the final stage," said the Chief Minister.

Claiming that the Janata Dal (Secular)-Congress coalition Government was pro-farmer, Kumaraswamy said a permanent solution was being worked out to ensure that farmers would not have to protest or resort to an agitation.

"I have been always on the side of farmers and don't have bias against those from the northern or southern regions of the State.

"All are equal and same for me. As the loan waiver amount is about ₹48,000 crore, we need time and workforce to verify each account. I want farmers to be patient and not be desperate," said the Chief Minister.

# Police warn of action against uploading of execution videos

**IANIS ■ SRINAGAR**

The Jammu & Kashmir Police on Monday threatened action against those uploading videos on social media of executions carried out by militants.

Inspector-General of Police (Kashmir Zone) SP Pani told the media: "Action will be taken against those who upload these videos on social media."

Videos of executions of two youths carried out by the Hizbul Mujahideen outfit in south Kashmir were recently uploaded on the social media.

The outfit accused the youths of providing information about militants to the security forces.

Pani also said that the police were investigating the role of two overground women workers arrested recently.

While one woman was arrested along with ammunition during the search of a vehicle in Lawaypora on the outskirts of Srinagar, another, from Sumbal in Bandipora district, had been detained for luring youths to terrorism through her Facebook account.



People gather near a hot air balloon at Pushkar camel fair in Pushkar on Monday

# Purohit to get copy of photos, videos of Malegaon blast site

**Mumbai:** A special NIA court here on Monday directed that a copy of photographs and videos pertaining to the 2008 Malegaon blast be provided to Lt. Col. Prasad Shrikant Purohit, who is one of the accused in the case.

Purohit, in an application filed last week, had asked the special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court to give him copies of photographs and videos related to the incident to prepare his defence.

During the argument on Monday, the prosecution objected to his plea, saying no other accused had asked for these documents and that this was a delay tactic.

However, special judge V S Padalkar directed the court registrar to provide a copy of

the photographs and videos of the incident to Purohit. The matter was then adjourned till November 21. The photographs and videos are part of the charge sheets submitted by the prosecution in the case.

The special court had on October 30 framed terror charges against Purohit, Sadhi Pragma Singh Thakur and five other accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, setting the stage for their trial to commence.

On September 29, 2008, six people were killed and over 100 injured when an explosive device strapped on a motorcycle went off near a mosque in Malegaon, a town in Maharashtra's Nashik district and located about 200 km from Mumbai.

**PTI**

# Former Assam Min Chandan Kumar Sarkar passes away

**PTI ■ GUWAHATI**

Former Assam Minister and senior Congress leader Chandan Kumar Sarkar died at a hospital at Bongaigaon on Monday following a cardiac arrest, family sources said.

Sarkar was 65 and is survived by wife, two sons and a daughter.

The Congress leader suffered a cardiac arrest at his Bongaigaon home on Monday morning and was immediately rushed to a local hospital, where he passed away.

Mourning his death, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the former Minister had worked with commitment and dedication for the welfare of the people and made significant contributions to the political and social life of the State.

"As a Minister of the previous Congress Government, Sarkar had rendered valuable services, which would always be remembered by the people and his death is an irreparable loss to society," Sonowal said in a statement.

Sarkar was elected to the legislative assembly thrice—1991, 2001 and 2011—from Abhayapuri South constituency and served as the irrigation Minister in the third term of the Tarun Gogoi-led Congress Government.

Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Ripun Bora expressed shock at Sarkar's death and offered his condolence to the bereaved family.

"I had held a meeting on the forthcoming panchayat elections only three days ago where he was present and had spoken to him even on Sunday.

It is a big loss for the Congress and during the bad times of the party, he was along with Bhumidhar Barman who had played a pivotal role in maintaining the party's unity," Bora said.

An APCC delegation, led by Bora, has left for Bongaigaon to attend the last rites of the former Minister.

Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has also condoled Sarkar's death and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

TENDER NOTICE						
SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./A UTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	DHBNV	SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 1 NO. 33 KV S/STN (INCLUDING CIVIL WORKS) CONSISTING OF 8 PANEL SET OF 11 KV BREAKER ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED 33 KV LINES (4.39 KM) AND 11 KV LINES (2.5KM) I.E 33 KV S/STNS SHEKUPUR SOTTER INN "OP" CIRCLE FATEHABAD RESPECTIVELY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF DHBNV.	16.11.2018 07.12.2018	2.53 CRORE	www.dhbnv.org.in	01662-232216 cepdc@dhbnv@gmail.com
2	HSAMB BOARD FATEHABAD	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF ROAD FROM VILLAGE, NANDHORI TO GHOTRU (M.C. BHUNA) (ROAD ID-3203), (C.M.ANNOUN.CODE-23690)	CLOSING DATE 04.12.2018	50.67 LACS	https://hsamb.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No 105550	94166-87518 xenshambfatehabad2018@pm ail.com
3	HSAMB YAMUNA NAGAR	S/R OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS (GROUP-B) IN SADHURA CONSTITUENCY (ROAD I.D 2813,2824,2829,2830,2834,2844,2899 & 2901) + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 06.12.2018	2.99 CRORE	www.hsamb.org.in Tender No. 105130 24/2018, 105131 24/2018, 105132 24/2018, 105133 24/2018, 105134 24/2018, 105135 24/2018, 105136 24/2018	xenytr.hsamb@gmail.com 07132-237822
4	HLRDC LTD	TENDER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LPG GAS CYLINDERS TO THE CONSUMER OF HLRDC BHARAT GAS, HISAR FOR THE YEAR 2018-19.	17.11.2018 30.11.2018	1 LACS	https://hlrdc.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in hlrdc.org.in Tender No : HLRDC/LPG/TA/2018-19/Hisar-2	saohlrdc@gmail.com, cto@hlrdc@gmail.com
5	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE NISSING	PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC GOODS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHT + 2 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	10.09 LACS	https://mncnissing.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in 49/MC/MCN/2018 SECY/rt/mcn/2018	8684009444
6	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA	CONST OF INTERLOCKING TILE 80MM THICK ISI MARK IN BAWARIYA WALI GALLI, WARD NO 9, MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, DHARUHERA + 5 OTHER WORKS	16.11.2018 25.11.2018	1.91 LACS	http://dharuhera.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105468, 105473, 105475, 105479, 105484, 105486	secv.mc.dharuhera@gmail.com 01274-242692
7	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHARKHI DADRI	CONST. OF AEROBIC COMPOSITION BRICK PIT, CHARKHI DADRI + 1 OTHER WORK	20.11.2018 26.11.2018	22420	secv.mc.dadri@gmail.com Civil Works	9416355963
8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B. STROM WATER LINE IN MAYUR VIHAR EXTENSION M.C. SONEPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	259.60 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No 1353 recall	semcsonapat@gmail.com
9	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B TILE & STROM WATER LINE IN INDIAN COLONY EXTENSION M.C. SONEPAT + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	679.91 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No 1385, 1386, 1387	semcsonapat@gmail.com
10	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B TILE & STROM WATER LINE IN ANAND VIHAR M.C. SONEPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	31.28 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No 1384	semcsonapat@gmail.com
11	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BAHADURGARH	RENOVATION OF PARK NEAR H. NO 517 SEC-6, IN BAHADURGARH CITY + 15 OTHER WORKS	29.11.2018 11.2018	2.52 CRORE	etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No 681, 713, 726, 741, 759, 763, 764, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 780, 786, 440	mcbgarh@gmail.com 9466279801
12	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF IP BASED CCTV CAMERAS FOR SURVEILLANCE, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ROHTAK	17.11.2018 30.11.2018	1259	www.mcrohtak.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No 1259	xenmcrohtak@gmail.com
13	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	DNIT FOR OVERLAY IN ROAD WITH FIBERCON WITH POLY PROPYLENE FIBRE WHITE TOPPING IN BANDH ROAD SECTOR-15, PART-II, GURUGRAM	17.11.2018 04.12.2018	68.43 LACS	https://mncgurugram.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No 105547	ec7@mncg.gov.in
14	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	PROPOSAL OF CITY BUS PROJECT IN HISAR CITY	10.12.2018	NIL	mchisar.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No 105510	xenmchisar@gmail.com
15	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONHA	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM HOUSE OF RAJESH SAINI VIA PEER TO VILLAGE BERKA IN WARD NO 2	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	250 LACS	mcsohna@gmail.com Tender No M.C.S.2	Municipal Engineer M.C.Sohna
16	HARYANA POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED	PHYSICAL VERIFICATION (SURVEY & COMPUTATION) OF COAL STOCKS OF INDIAN & IMPORTED COAL INCLUDING CALCULATION OF BULK DENSITY AT THERMAL POWER STATIONS OF HPCL I.E PANIPAT THERMAL POWER STATION (PTPS), PANIPAT, DEENBANDHU CHHOTU RAM THERMAL POWER PLANT (DCKTPP), YAMUNANAGAR & RAJIV GANDHI THERMAL POWER PLANT (RGTPP), KHEDAR HISAR ON MONTHLY BASIS	14.11.2018 07.12.2018	24300	http://hpgcl.org.in Tender No e-NIT No. 11/HPGCL/CE/FUEL-254 DATED 14.11.2018	9355084404 hpgcfuel1@gmail.com
17	HARYANA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD, BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILL. NIGANA KHURD TO ALAMPUR (L.D.H. 8980) IN TOSHAM CONSTY. DISTT. BHIWANI + 3 OTHER WORKS	11.12.2018 12.12.2018	7.85 CRORE	http://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No : 4761.15.11.2018, 19/2018	9992023030 xenbhiwani2.hamb@gmail.com
18	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD	OUTSOURCING OF SERVICE FOR ORGANIZATION OF THREE DAYS STATE LEVEL LIVESTOCK SHOW AT ROHTAK + 1 OTHER WORK	18.11.2018 23.11.2018	EMD-1.30 LACS	http://pashudhanharyana.gov.in Tender No- AHD/LS/2018-19/01, AHD/LS/2018-19/02	9463797306 hldb-hry@nic.in
19	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD	TO PROVIDE 5 NOS LED MOBILE VANS ON DAILY RENT BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV-2018	STARTING DATE 19.11.2018	1 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01744-270187, 294505 kcbkkr@gmail.com
20	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD	ENGAGEMENT OF AGENCY TO CONCEPTUALIZE, DEVELOP AND EXECUTE MULTIMEDIA SHOW FOR "INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV 2018" AT KURUKSHETRA, HARYANA	STARTING DATE 20.11.2018	10 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01744-270187, 294505 kcbkkr@gmail.com
21	GENERAL MANAGER, HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEAR RAILWAY ROAD, FOREST COMPLEX, KARNAL	MANUFACTURING OF FURNITURE, POLISHING, CUSHIONING, SAWING, LOADING, UNLOADING & STACKING RELATED ITEMS IN WORK-SHOP UNDER HFDC KARNAL	03.11.2018 02.12.2018	50 LACS	hfdc.gov.in Tender No GM/Hfde/KNL/09/2018-19	0184-2241545 gm.karnal@hfdc.gov.in
22	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	MANPOWER: PROVIDING OF UNSKILLED, SEMI-SKILLED, SKILLED, HIGHLY SKILLED MANPOWER AND OTHER VARIOUS CATEGORIES IN PRODUCTION AND QUALITY CONTROL SECTION OF MILK PLANT AMBALA	22.11.2018 13.12.2018	2 LACS	http://vaidanda.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in www.vaidanda.org.in Tender No- 2	0121-2540614, 9996648121 milkplant@vaidambala.com

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[Appendix IV under the act - rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Syndicate Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.01.2018, Calling upon the borrower/surety/owner of the property, **M/S. HIM CYLINDER LTD** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.18,47,67,554.00 (Rupees Eighteen Crore Forty Seven Lacs Sixty seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four Rupees Only) within 60 days of the date of said notice to the following:

1) **M/S HIM CYLINDERS LTD (Borrower)** Plot No. 1-4 Industrial Area ANB, District- Una Himachal Pradesh  
D-9, Udyog Nagar, Rohtak Road, New Delhi 110041  
2) **Sh. Ashok Raja**, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026  
3) **Sh. S.S. Raja**, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026  
4) **Smt. Meena Raja**, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026

The borrower/surety/owner of the property **M/S. HIM CYLINDER LTD** having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner of the property described herein below in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/ her under sub-section (8) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 14th Day November of the year 2018. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Syndicate Bank, Large Corporate Branch, First Floor, Sarajini House, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi 110001 for an amount **Rs.18,47,67,554.00 (Rupees Eighteen Crore Forty Seven Lacs Sixty seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four Rupees Only)** interest costs etc. thereon from 26.01.2018.

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1) **JUREM** of freehold land (msp, 1073.33 sq. yd.) and building (basement + 4 storey residential building), 7/36 share each (5 title deeds) of undivided property bearing plot no. on road no. 72, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 in the name of Sh. Ashok Raja, Sh. S.S. Raja and Smt. Meena Raja after considering 200% of the Synd Mortgage Loan

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Place : New Delhi  
Authorised Officer  
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SPURRED BY QUOTA SUCCESS

# Maratha outfit floats political party

Maratha Kranti Sena to contest all 48 LS, 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In an apparent attempt to cash in on its popularity gained during its crusade for Maratha reservations for the past two years, the hitherto social outfit Maratha Kranti Morcha (MKM) on Monday floated a political party - Maratha Kranti Sena - (MKS) and announced that the new party would contest all the 48 Lok Sabha and 288 Assembly seats in the forthcoming elections in the State.

A day after the Maharashtra Government accepted the recommendations of the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission (MSBCC) and announced that it would grant reservations to Maratha community under a new Socially Educationally Backward Class (SEBC) category, MKM convenor Suresh Patil, along with the outfit's senior leaders Bapusaheb Shirsat and Nanasahab Moshre,

announced the formation of the MKM and said that it would contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls and subsequent Assembly elections in the State.

Addressing a news conference at Kolhapur in western Maharashtra, Patil said: "Our party Maratha Kranti Sena will contest all the 48 Lok Sabha seats and 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra. We are convening our party's first convention at Vadgaon in Hatkanangale town in Kolhapur district on November 25. At this convention, we will devise a strategy mobilise cadres for our new political party in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls to be held in May next year."

As a first step towards roping in a prominent political personality into their party, Patil urged Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji's descendant and NCP MP from Satara Udayanraje Bhosale to contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls on a MKS ticket. "Since he has extended his blessings to our political, we would like to contest the Lok Sabha polls on MKS ticket. We will call on him tomorrow at Satara and discuss issues relating our political party," Patil said. The significance behind

the formation of a political party by the MKS should be seen in the context of massive mobilisation of Marathas as part of as many 58 mammoth silent morchas organised by MKM in various district headquarters and major towns and cities across Maharashtra to demand reservations for Maratha community which accounts of 32 per cent of the state's total population.

It is mainly because of the tremendous pressure mounted by the MKM - which enjoyed the support of the Opposition Congress, NCP and ruling Shiv Sena - on the ruling BJP that the Devendra Fadnavis Government has now decided to accord reservations to the Maratha community under an independent SEBC category. During the winter session of the Maharashtra Legislature that began on Monday, the State Government is likely to introduce a bill according reservations to Maratha community.

It may be recalled that after a 15-year-old Maratha girl from their community was gang-raped and murdered allegedly by three Dalit men in Ahmednagar district of western Maharashtra on July 13, 2016, members of Maratha

community came together and floated Maratha Kranti Morcha to demand among other things demanding reservations in education and jobs to Marathas, scrapping of the "misused SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, initiation of stern action against the culprits behind the gang-rape of the Maratha girl.

The MKM took out silent morchas in one and district headquarter or major town after another to press for its various demands. Despite being without a prominent leader to head the outfit, the MKM became a force to reckon with in the following months.

The tremendous response that the MKM evoked for its massive silent morchas benumbed the Maharashtra Government and various political parties. What captured the attention of the state government, various political parties and people across the state was the disciplined and peaceful manner in which an apolitical outfit like MKM organised its various silent morchas.

On August 9 last year, more than five lakh Marathas owing allegiance to MKM virtually laid seize to south Mumbai for

nearly six hours to press for reservations and other demands, compelling the BJP-led saffron alliance Government to come with a package for Marathas, including concessions in education along the lines of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and announce its readiness to accord reservations to the community in education and Government jobs.

Mumbai's was the 58th silent morcha that the MKM took out every since the members of Maratha community came together and floated the outfit in August 2016. Later on, MKS also became a party to the public interest litigations in the Bombay High Court which on August 7 2018 directed the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission (MSBCC) would submit its report to the State Government on the socio-economic status of the Marathas by November 15, so as to expedite the process of according reservations to Marathas.

It remains to be seen if the new political outfit MKS would evoke as much response from the people in the run-up to the Lok Sabha as the MKM evoked during the course of its 58 silent morchas taken out in various parts of the State for a period spanning one full year.

# BJP dares Rahul to expel Digvijaya from Cong for alleged Maoist links

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI/UJJAIN

A move by the Pune police to A question senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh in connection with the investigations into the activities of the banned CPI (Maoist) took a political turn on Monday with the ruling BJP making an issue in the campaign for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls and during the Congress leadership to expel Singh from the party for his alleged Maoist links.

After news reports emanated from Pune that the local police planned to question Singh over the finding that his mobile number was mentioned in one of the letters claimed to have been seized from the arrested Maoist sympathisers, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra targeted the senior Congress leader for his alleged Maoist links.

Talking to media persons at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh, Patra alluded to the reported recovery of a letter allegedly linking Singh to the CPI (Maoist) and charged that the senior Congress had links with the outlawed Maoists. He dared Congress president Rahul Gandhi to expel Singh from the party.

"Now that it has become clear that Digvijay Singh has links with the Maoists. The matter is serious and it involves national security. I would like to know if Rahul Gandhi would expel the senior Congress from the party or decorate him as a revolutionary," Patra asked.

Meanwhile, Pune's Joint Police Commissioner Shivajirao Bodkhe confirmed that the team investigating the Bhima-Koregaon riots, which has so far arrested ten human rights activists from various parts of the country for their alleged links with Maoists, might question the senior Congress leader for his links with the arrested activists. "We may call him for questioning, but we have not fixed any time-frame for it," Bodkhe said.

The investigations by the Pune police have revealed that in a letter written on September 25, 2017, one 'Com Prakash' purportedly tells one 'Com Surendra' that Congress leaders were "very much willing to assist" in their efforts to "intensify nationwide protests using students". The letter allegedly mentions a mobile number that 'Com Surendra' can contact "in this regard". This is reportedly Singh's mobile number.

'Com Surendra', according to the investigators, is a reference to Surendra Gadling, a Nagpur-based lawyer who was arrested on June 6. 'Com Prakash' is said to be one of the top CPI(Maoist) commanders. The purported letter, in which there is alleged reference to the senior Congress leader, became public after the Pune police submitted it in court as evidence of the links between the arrested activists and the top Maoist brass.

Singh had earlier dared the Centre and statement to arrest him. Singh was earlier quoted as saying: "If I am guilty, I challenge the Centre



and the State Government to arrest me".

On their part, the Pune police claim that they have ascertained the mobile number mentioned in the incriminating letter was that of Singh.

It may be recalled that five Maoist-linked activists Human Rights activists Rona Wilson Jacob, Surendra Gadling, Sudhir Dhawale, Prof Shoma Sen and Mahesh Raut were arrested by the Pune police on June 6, in connection with the Elgaar Parishad and subsequent Bhima-Koregaon caste riots.

Subsequently on June 8, the investigators had claimed that they had recovered from the laptop of Wilson an allegedly incriminating letter, which uncovered an alleged plot by the Maoists to carry out "Rajiv Gandhi-type" assassination of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

On August 28, the Pune

police arrested five more activists Varavara Rao, Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Pereira, Sudha Bharadwaj and Gautam Navlakha for their association with the Elgaar Parishad held in Pune ahead of the January 1, 2018 Bhima-Koregaon riots and their alleged links with the Maoists. However, the Supreme Court ordered that the five arrested activists be placed under house arrest till September 6.

In a charge-sheet filed in a Pune special court on November 15 against 10 persons, including five activists arrested for their alleged Maoist links, the investigators had said that accused number two Rona J. Wilson had colluded with Shoma Sena and Prashanto Bose, secretary of the outlawed CPI (Maoist)'s Eastern Regional Bureau, along with other underground activists hatched a conspiracy to kill the Prime Minister of India. "All the five (arrested) arrested accused were part of the conspiracy to wage a war against the nation with illegal bombs and arms to topple the government with violent means," the charge-sheet said.

## DELAY IN BUNKER CONSTRUCTION

# J&K residents along LoC spending sleepless nights

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Escalating tension between India and Pakistan is keeping border residents worried ahead of a harsh winter season in Jammu & Kashmir.

In the absence of start of construction work on individual/community bunkers along the line of control and International Border in Jammu division, the border residents are spending sleepless nights. Over 14,000 community and individual bunkers were approved at a cost of ₹415.73 crore for border residents facing Pakistani shelling in Jammu division.

A total of 13,029 individual bunkers and 1431 community bunkers were sanctioned to accommodate border residents during cross border firing.

On ground zero, the the border residents of most vulnerable areas, falling in the direct line of firing of Pakistan army, continue to wait for start of construction work.

"We are now tired of hearing big announcements regarding sanction of bunkers from Central Ministers and local BJP leaders but on ground zero the construction work is yet to begin in frontier Rajouri district", border residents of worst affected villages in Nowshera sector told *The Pioneer*.

Confirming the status of construction work of bunkers,

## FACTOID

- Rajouri: 4918 individual and 372 community bunkers
- Kathua: 3076 individual and 243 community bunkers
- Poonch: 1320 individual and 688 community bunkers
- Jammu: 1200 individual and 120 community bunkers,
- Samba: 2515 individual and eight community bunkers

Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri Mohd Aijaz told *The Pioneer*, "the construction of bunkers is expected to begin soon after the fixation of rates in the district".

He said talks are going on to resolve the issue with the contractors. He said an estimated number of over 5000 bunkers were sanctioned by the central government for the frontier district. Under a pilot project as estimated 100 bunkers were constructed in the district during peak hostilities last year.

Meanwhile, Executive engineer, Public works Department (R&B) Division, Kathua Monday issued a warning to the contractors to start construction of bunkers within seven days time and complete the construction by December 2018.

At least 3076 individual and 243 community bunkers were sanctioned for Kathua.

According to official sources, the construction work of bunkers were sanctioned on political considerations, without ascertaining their credentials.

Speaking to *The Pioneer*, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rohit Khajuria said, "majority of contractors who have been awarded contracts are not adequately equipped to take up construction work of these bunkers in one go". He said they lack experience and do not even possess capacity to execute the task on this scale.

He said despite repeated reminders they have failed to start construction work on ground zero. J&K Chief Secretary is monitoring the construction work of bunkers on weekly basis. These contractors have been directed to execute the task within stipulated time period failing which fresh tenders will be floated, official sources said.

Out of 14460 bunkers, 7298 bunkers would be constructed along the LoC in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri, and 7162 underground bunkers would be constructed along the IB in Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts. **PNS**

## Mamata banned CBI from Bengal to hide TMC's misdeeds: CPM

IAN S ■ MUMBAI

Kolkata: The CPI(M) on Monday attacked Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for banning the CBI from Bengal.

Wondering as to why the State Government made a prior permission mandatory for the Central investigating agency to carry out investigations in the State, State CPI(M) secretary and party politburo member Suryakanto Mishra said "the order itself smacks of something fishy".

He said "when we were in power we had given a 'general consent order' allowing the CBI to conduct any kind of probe in the State because we were sure of our clean records and were not afraid of the CBI," adding "why this Government had to withdraw that order making it mandatory to seek the Government's permission from the State before a probe."

This meant that "they have something to hide from the people," Mishra said adding "the reason why they have stopped the entry of CBI is that the Agency is catching new faces every day and getting information regarding the involvement of senior TMC leaders who flank the Chief Minister."

These leaders' involvement could jeopardize the entire Government and the TMC which was why the CBI had been blocked in Bengal, Mishra said adding the TMC was also afraid of the way the BJP was utilizing its leaders' involvement in corruption to make them leave that party. **PNS**

## Pakistan to hand over body of Indian fisherman

IAN S ■ MUMBAI

The body of an arrested Indian fisherman, who died in a Karachi jail, is expected to be sent back to India on November 29, an activist said on Monday.

Nanubhai Kanabhai Solanki, 45, who was arrested in November 2017 by the Maritime Security Agency of Pakistan for allegedly straying into Pakistani territorial waters, was ailing for some time before his death on September 20. "Solanki hailed from Una tehsil of Gir Somnath district of Gujarat. His body was kept at Edhi Foundation's morgue in Karachi for couple of months. It is expected to be sent back to India to his family on November 29," Pakistan India Peoples' Forum for Peace and Democracy activist Jatin Desai said.

Besides, another 460 Indian fishermen continue to languish in Pakistani jails for years, as against 90 Pakistani fishermen in Indian jails, he said.

"Both countries need to work out a mechanism through which - if someone dies in the custody of the other country - his body should be immediately returned to his country. The sad reality is it takes minimum one month for this process. In Solanki's case, it took over two months," Desai added.

He said both countries must immediately revive the India-Pakistan Judicial Committee on Prisoners comprising retired judges of higher judiciary on both sides.

## BSF officer killed, four others injured in blast inside BoP in Samba sector

Jammu: A senior BSF officer was killed in a blast under mysterious circumstances in one of the border outposts in Samba sector of Jammu frontier while four others received critical injuries, on Monday. The injured were immediately rushed to the military hospital

## Two inspectors and two sub-inspectors received critical injuries in the blast

in Jammu. BSF spokesman in Jammu confirmed, "one BSF officer was killed in a blast at a BoP in Samba sector on Monday". The deceased officer was identified as Assistance Commandant Jabbar Singh.

Two inspectors and two sub-inspectors received critical injuries in the blast. Unconfirmed reports claimed, during grenade practice inside BoP one Assistant Commander, Jabbar Singh, was killed while four others were injured. **PNS**

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## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo) namely **Heena**, W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar, R/o H. No. 7821, Roshanara Road, Near Rain Basera, Subzi Mandi, Delhi, Aged 35 years, has been missing since 15.04.2017. In this regard a D.D. No. 12-A, Dated 19.04.2017 has been lodged at Police Station - Subzi Mandi, Delhi.

Her physical description is as under-  
**Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Build:** Medium, **Clothing:** Wearing blue colour Suit, pink colour Salwar and black Slipper in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing female may inform undersigned.

SHO  
P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23823161

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an **unidentified body of a male** namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found injured & dead due to accident on 22.10.2018 at 09:30 P.M. from Near Peer Baba Majar, Y-Block, Mangolpuri, Delhi.** In this regard **FIR/DD No.968/18, dated 22.10.2018** has been lodged at Police Station, Mangolpuri Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name: Unknown, Age: Approx 32 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow,** If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO  
Police Station, Mangolpuri, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-27922186, 7065036121

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## Chilling reminder

The Amritsar blast revives gory memories of a decade of insane terror in Punjab. It must be nipped in the bud



The deadly grenade blast inside Amritsar's Nirankari Sadan last Sunday, which killed at least three and injured 20 persons, is a chilling reminder that the surface calm in Punjab betrays the tensions that lie beneath. It has been known for some time that unwilling to throw in the towel after secessionist terror was mostly quelled, Pakistan's ISI has tried continuously to revive militancy in the border State which has a history of unrest. Although public sentiment never endorsed secessionism in Punjab and all efforts to cause a permanent rupture

between Hindus and Sikhs were conclusively defeated, Pakistan has never tired in its bid to avenge its humiliation in the Bangladesh war of 1971. Pakistan has focused on fomenting insurgency on a mass scale in Jammu & Kashmir after getting a bloody nose in the 1980s and 90s, but there too it has not encountered the success it had hoped for as Indian security forces have put up fierce resistance and routinely felled a growing number of militants sent from across the Line of Control.

Since terrorism in Punjab has a bloody history and cost India over 30,000 lives, any fear of a return to gun culture causes alarm bells to ring in Chandigarh and New Delhi. Incidentally, Sikh militancy in the 80s had also begun with wanton attacks on followers of the Nirankaris, a sect not recognized by the Khalsa as being part of the community. Clearly, there is an attempt to fall back on that gory past and invoke memories of bloody clashes with that sect in order to revive the cult of terror in Punjab. No chances, therefore, can be taken with the perpetrators of Sunday's crime. Punishment must be fast and severe in order to nip this mischief in the bud. On a previous occasion political patronage of Sikh radicals by sections of the Congress and Akalis had helped secessionists to proliferate. This time, no quarter must be allowed to them and both the ruling and Opposition parties of Punjab must leave aside political calculations to deal with budding terrorists ruthlessly.

Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh faces a serious challenge yet again in his long political career. This time, he is required to remain steadfast in the face of all odds and firmly instruct the intelligence and law-enforcement machinery to root out terrorism in all its manifestations. He also has to ensure that frustrated elements in his party and the bureaucracy don't resume playing footsie with secessionists as they had done in the past. Terrorism cannot flourish without covert state patronage and it is the job of Punjab's rulers to ensure that those suspected of extending such support are weeded out of the system without mercy. For Prime Minister Narendra Modi, too, this is a huge challenge in an election year. Much of his rhetoric against the Congress will sound hollow if he cannot ensure that terrorism in Punjab, which was stamped out by a Congress Prime Minister, PV Narasimha Rao, does not come back to haunt India despite a strong leader at its helm. In many ways, Punjab is a jewel in India's crown, not just its granary or mainstay of its security. We cannot afford to let it drift again.

## Quota question

The Maratha community may be rejoicing and the BJP Government exultant but reservations are not the only panacea



In announcing his Government's decision to accept the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission recommendation to grant reservations to the Maratha community in jobs and education, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has opened a Pandora's Box. While political exigencies may have led to the decision to grant privileges to this traditionally dominant community in the countryside, much like the Jats in western Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and parts of Rajasthan and the Patidars (or Patels) in Gujarat, the domino effect of conceding the demand bears thinking about by all responsible politicians.

While it is true that these communities nurse a genuine sense of grievance given the decline in farm incomes over the past few decades compounded by a lack of access to quality education and job opportunities, which has led to a concomitant loss of social status for the current generation, this is by no means a phenomenon exclusive to these communities but a structural issue that impacts all citizens of India in more or less equal measure. Unlike Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, who have suffered well-documented social ostracisation and violent repression, these culturally dominant agrarian communities do not suffer from a comparable disadvantage. Of course, the argument from the pro-quota lot is that comparisons are more apt with the Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities which have been given quotas (albeit with a creamy layer proviso) post the implementation of the Mandal Commission recommendations but that in itself is a highly contentious and controversial discussion.

Of more immediate concern to the BJP Government in Maharashtra is how it will implement Maratha reservations given past judicial pronouncements on the issue of quotas over and above the 50 per cent limit. Its predecessor Congress-Nationalist Congress Party coalition in Maharashtra had also announced reservations for Marathas and Muslims just before the last Assembly election which were struck down in court. The way out being spoken of in Mantralaya, Mumbai, is to introduce a Bill in the forthcoming Winter Session of the State Assembly to create a new, State-specific Backward Classes category in which Marathas will be included for possibly a 16 per cent quota. This will be over and above the current SC/ST and OBC reservation in the State which is already at 52 per cent. Therefore the idea is to add the law, once passed, to the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution as any law in it is non-justiciable. The Supreme Court, however, has held that even laws included in the Ninth Schedule will be open to judicial review to the extent that they must conform to the basic structure of the Constitution. In fine-tuning its strategy to implement quotas to win political support from the Maratha community, however, the BJP has shown it is no different from the Congress when it comes to avoiding the root causes of the sense of diminished status prevalent in these communities clamouring for reservations.

# Not a model policy

The syncretic Islam traditionally practised in Bangladesh is being undermined as the country embarks on a Saudi-inspired mosque-building project



PRIYADARSHI DUTTA

Bangladesh, in an ironical move, is seeking the cooperation of Saudi Arabia to popularise 'model Islam' amongst her population. The project will crystallise in the form of 560 'model mosques' across the country built with Saudi funds. Paradoxically, in 1971, Saudi Arabia along with other Arab nations, had strongly opposed the independence of Bangladesh. Her war of liberation, actuated by Bangla nationalism, was perceived as anti-theistic to Islam. Even secular Turkey and progressive Egypt had chosen to side with Pakistan.

Tajuddin Ahmad (1925-1975), the Prime Minister of the wartime provisional Government of Bangladesh based in Mujibnagar (district Meherpur), had a tough time convincing the Arab nations that the Pakistani armed forces were not fighting a battle of Islamic righteousness in Bangladesh. They were rather indulging in "well-documented crimes of arson, loot, rape and murder." Ahmad had to remind the Arabs how they had once to fight for their own independence from the Turkish Ottoman Empire albeit Turks were also fellow Muslims.

The professed aim of the 'model mosque' project is to salvage Islam from the hands of radicals and militants. Prime Minister Hasina feels that Islam, a religion of peace, has been usurped by these extreme elements. But how to be sure that the religion is in its pristine and peaceful state in Saudi Arabia? After all, 15 of the 19 citizens involved in the hijacking of airplanes used in 9/11 attacks were citizens of the kingdom.

Being starry-eyed about the project, Hasina has put Bangladeshi Taka 8,722 crore from the public exchequer into the initiative, not having received Saudi funds as yet. But what model of Islam is expected from Saudi Arabia? The desert kingdom is infamous for exporting Wahabism, a rigid and intolerant variant of Islam, worldwide. In September 2015 it had offered Germany to build 200 mosques — roughly one for each of the 100 refugees fleeing Syria.

Susanne Schröter, Director, Frankfurt Research Centre for Global Islam, estimates that Riyadh has invested at least 76 billion Euros (\$86 billion) in the last 50 years of oil boom to promote Wahabism across the globe. So, Sheikh Hasina should not complain if she finds Bangladesh drifting towards gender segregation, Sharia penal code and prohibition on the public practice of other religions and traditions.

Saudi Arabia could not be the model for Bangladesh, not merely because the former is a retrograde dynastic monarchy. The identity of the desert kingdom is defined merely through its religion. Islam historically originated in the territory of



Saudi Arabia (formerly called Hejaz), thus the kingdom is to Islam what a shadow is to an object placed in the sun. But the same is not true of Bangladesh, which is placed in a different geographical, environmental and cultural zone. To make Bangladeshis 'more Muslim' is surely to foment internal trouble.

If, today, to believe Sheikh Hasina, Islam has gone into radical hands, the reason is not because any Government of Bangladesh deliberately promoted radical Islam. The reason is that every Government of Bangladesh has tried to infuse more and more Islam into Bangladeshi society. As a result, Bangladesh, by negating its foundational principles, is en route to becoming a mirror image of Pakistan.

Ironically, the initiative was started by Bangabandhu Mujibar Rehman, the absentee founder of Bangladesh (he was a prisoner in Mianwali Jail in Pakistan through the months of the Liberation War). Rahman as the first President (later Prime Minister) of Bangladesh prohibited horse racing, gambling and sale of liquor in Bangladesh in deference to Islamic traditions. Thus, activities that were permitted in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan became *haram* in secular Bangladesh.

The Pakistani Army, during the Liberation War, heavily damaged the ancient Ramna Kalibari, an iconic Dhaka structure; it also slaugh-

tered most of its residents including the priest. It was expected that sovereign Bangladesh would prioritise rebuilding the temple as a symbol of its heritage and communal harmony. But to everybody's surprise, Mujibur Rahman got the damaged temple disestablished brick-by-brick in 1972.

The huge cleared up space (along with the dismantled Race Course) was converted into a park viz Suhrawardy Uddyan named after Huseyn Shahid Suhrawardy, the architect of the Great Calcutta Killings (1946) who happened to be the mentor of Rahman during his early years in the Muslim League.

What is distinctive about Bangladesh is its language, Bengali. It was consistently seen with suspicion by the Pakistan authorities. They saw it as an impediment to true Islam. The people of Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) rebuffed attempts by Karachi to impose Urdu. The language agitation of February 21, 1952, that led to seven deaths in police firing, left an enduring legacy for Bangladesh.

The UNESCO has honoured the date by recognising February 21 as 'International Mother Language Day'. The Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971 — as against popular misconception in India — was not prompted by the language issue. Yet the demolition of the Shaheed Minar (estd 1963) dedicated to the language martyrs of 1952 by the Pakistan

Army during 1971 war created widespread hurt among Bengalis. It was rebuilt after the war and subsequently expanded it in 1983. It has attained the status of a pilgrimage centre in Bangladesh.

So, why has the Bengali language been exalted to a cult status in Bangladesh? This is because they would be bereft of their cultural moorings to their soil without it. Their religion, Islam, connects them with Arabia, in a psychological sense but it also alienates them from their ancestry, history, culture and environment. Hasina should introspect. Why is only an emphasis on Islam needed for course correction in an already Muslim majority state? Successive Governments have promoted only Islam in Bangladesh, whether out of piety or political expediency, but the result is the deracination of a large section of the population dependent on Islamic curriculum.

Until 1970, says Abul Barkat in his signal book, *Political Economy of Madrasa Education in Bangladesh*, there were 2,721 madrasas. But by 2008, their number had increased to 14,152. The net effect is that Bangladesh's foundational legacy is under threat. The 'model mosques' project will only contribute to the deracination process.

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## SOUNDBITE

The Opposition is suffering from 'Narendra Modi-phobia'. They just want to get rid of him from the Prime Minister's post.



BJP president —Amit Shah

Hopefully, we will be able to identify specific projects which can be jointly initiated by China and India for Afghanistan's benefit.



India's Deputy Ambassador in China —Acquino Vimal

For me, finding a combination of a good script and good people is a rarity. That is why selective work is happening.



Actor —Arshad Warsi

If my involvement in anti-national activities is proved, then Modi, Rajnathji and Fadnavisji can act against me and initiate proper action.



Senior Congress leader —Digvijaya Singh

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Restore lost pride

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Whose wings clipped?" (November 19). Undoubtedly, the IT department started questioning and raiding the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders only after the party parted ways with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). But by revoking general consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), TDP chief, N Chandrababu Naidu and West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, have sent negative signals, hinting that there's a lot more than meets the eye.

It will take some time before the CBI gets its act together as both its chief and deputy are fighting a dirty battle. But the Centre will do well and assure both the leaders that they are not in for a witch hunt. This is the least it can do to restore glory of the investigative body. Police reform has become the dire need of the hour and should not be delayed come what may. It is institutions like these that need to have this pride restored for the larger interest of the country.

Bal Govind Noida

### Conflicting history in discovery

This refers to the article, "Don't undermine national heroes" (November 19) by Prashant Tewari. The article appears to be a rejoinder to the critics of Jawaharlal Nehru and Gandhiji, alleging "distortion of historical facts" on public platforms and television debates. The writer not only glorifies the two leaders, but also states that the nation that "does not worship its heroes" will head to "the path of disaster."

Both Nehru and Gandhi had great qualities as well as flaws. No sensible Indian can overlook their tremendous sacrifices in the cause of freedom, and at the same time, one should not ignore their faults. For example, in the case of Jawaharlal Nehru, his policy on Kashmir, agreeing to Mountbatten's proposal to make a referendum was a blunder that continues to bleed the nation till date.

Similarly, his championing the issue of



Communist China's membership of the UN Security Council and his over-enthusiastic emphasis on 'Hindi-Chini bhai bhai' culminated in China's invasion of India in the winter of 1962. Nehru's "secularism" and socialistic economic policy were equally flawed. The first was regarded by many as "minority appeasement" and the second as "licence raj".

M Ratan Via mail

### Irreparable loss

Sir — It is alarming that more than two tonnes of thick furnace fuel oil spilled when a flexible hose snapped while discharging oil at the Kamarajar Port in Chennai in the wee hours on Sunday. It may be recalled that this is the second oil spill within two years — another occurred on January 28, 2017,

when an LPG tanker rammed into another petroleum tanker two nautical miles off the Kamarajar Port at Ennore, resulting in massive oil spill that polluted close to 35-km coastline.

Though immediate steps have been taken to recover the spilled oil with help from skimmers and absorbent pads, how much it would succeed is the concern. Besides, it will also cause irrepara-

ble damage to the environment. Had the port authorities taken extra care, the disaster could have been averted.

TK Nandanani Kochi

### Rehabilitation challenge

Sir — Despite the Government concentrating on protecting the

coastal districts from natural disasters, the severity of cyclone Gaja that had a landfall in Tamil Nadu and the resulting magnitude of landslides were high. The disaster management team has been in full swing and the Navy too extended help that salvaged the situation. However, with the Centre assuring help, it needs to be seen how soon the affected get rehabilitated.

KR Srinivasan Secunderabad

### Big relief

Sir — Finally, after years of Maratha reservations battle, the Maharashtra Cabinet cleared the decision to extend reservation to the Maratha community by creating a new category called the Socially and Educationally Backward Class on the recommendations of the State Backward Class Commission. The decision will bring relief to the State from the chain of protests which continued since a long time.

Mohd Faheem Mumbai

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More than meets the eye

In a power battle between the providers and consumers of electricity, the latter lose, yet again



UTTAM GUPTA

During the first decade of the 2000s, in a bid to boost power generation and to make it available at 'affordable' and 'stable' price to consumers, the then Government had mooted the idea of ultra mega power projects. Two such plants were bagged by Tata Power Ltd (TPL) and Adani Power Ltd (APL) under tariff-based competitive bidding (TBCB), each with an installed capacity of 4,000 MW and 4,620 MW, respectively. While the TPL is based entirely on imported coal, APL uses 70 per cent domestic and 30 per cent imported coal. Under long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs), they committed to sell to power distribution companies at fixed tariff — in case of the TPL, tariff was ₹2.26 per unit and for APL, it was ₹2.35/ 2.94 per unit. The beauty of this dispensation was that unlike all subsisting PPAs, wherein increase in cost of fuel was pass-through for supplies from UMPPs, they were fully shielded against the hike.

This meant that the projects would have arrangements in place to ensure that they got coal supplies at a fixed price all through. Even if they were to pay more, tariffs would not change. In other words, higher fuel cost would be absorbed by the generator. Indeed, both TPL and APL took steps to ensure an uninterrupted source of coal supply at the desired price. For instance, TPL acquired 25-30 per cent equity in three Indonesian mines. Likewise, Adani acquired a coal mine in Queensland in 2010. Yet, these project promoters left no stone unturned in insisting on pass-through of the fuel price hike. Even worse, the executive, regulators and judiciary, whose prime role is to uphold sanctity of the PPAs and protect the interests of consumers, went out of the way to extend them a helping hand. In 2012, TPL/APL petitioned the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, seeking the so-called "compensatory tariff" — a sophisticated nomenclature for hike in tariff. Their argument was that in September 2011, the Government of Indonesia imposed a minimum 'benchmark' price below which coal could not be exported from that country, and this event being beyond their control, they had no option but to seek pass-through.

In February 2014, the CERC sanctioned hike of 52/41 paise per unit for TPL/APL. The Appellate Tribunal for Electricity — vide an interim order (July 2014) — endorsed it and further confirmed in its final order (December 2016) given under directions from the Supreme Court. The Tribunal used 'force majeure' clause — euphemism for an event beyond control — to justify its order. In its order (April 2017), the apex court rejected the claim of Tata/Adani for compensatory tariff under 'force majeure' clause to an extent the hike was caused by increase in price of coal imported from Indonesia. For domestic supplies, however, it agreed with the interpretation of the APTEL resulting in corresponding relief to the APL, which sources 70 per cent of its requirement locally.

However, in an order dated October 29, 2018, the Supreme Court reversed its own decision by directing the CERC to amend their PPAs to facilitate pass-through of future fuel price escalation, which was subject to a cap. Apart from accepting the main contention of generators viz 'force majeure', this is based on the recommendations of a committee (set up by the Gujarat Government in July 2018), which argued that at tariff allowed under the extant PPA, plants are running at low utilisation forcing the state/PDCs to buy power from other sources at a much higher rate. None of these arguments is sustainable. The change in Indonesian law cannot be given the benefit of 'force majeure' as at the time of bidding and signing PPAs, TPL/APL were expected to be aware of all possible factors (regulatory changes included) having a bearing on the fuel price. Indeed, they were as reflected in their decision to acquire stakes in mines located in foreign jurisdictions. The very rationale of such acquisitions was to immunise the generation cost against fuel price hike. The second argument that PDCs/states will have to pay much more (buying from other sources) if the said projects are rendered unviable is also not tenable. The generators must honour the terms of the contract/PPA by supplying power at the agreed price. If they can't, they should compensate PDCs for excess price paid for purchasing from other sources. Both companies belong to conglomerates which have diversified interests and deep pockets. If their initial projections/calculations went haywire, they must be prepared to pay for it instead of expecting consumers to bear the burden. Yet, they went for the easy option.

Unfortunately, the executive/regulator/judiciary — all have abdicated responsibility. The Gujarat Government, which along with other affected States, had put up a brave fight until last year, is the biggest culprit as it has done all the ground work leading to meek surrender to untenable demands of generators. The apex court's verdict is the last word. Hence, there is no hope for hapless consumers who will have to pay more for electricity. It also forestalls any chance of getting immunity from fuel price hike in the future.

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CONGRESS THREW SITARAM KESRI, SOMEONE FROM A DALIT AND MARGINALISED COMMUNITY, ON THE FOOTPATH TO MAKE WAY FOR SONIA GANDHI.

—PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

POINT COUNTERPOINT



KESRI WAS A BANIA OBC FROM BIHAR AND NOT A DALIT. HOWEVER, WHEN HAS THE PRIME MINISTER ALLOWED FACTS OR TRUTH TO STAND IN THE WAY?

—CONGRESS LEADER MANISH TEWARI

Maker of modern India

Nehru taught us to look outward, express solidarity and become, in the process, cosmopolitan. Sadly, contemporary history has not treated this statesman kindly



PRASHANT TEWARI

Jawaharlal Nehru provided India a distinct place of importance in the international sphere with his policy of non-alignment and Panchsheel. He firmly rejected communalism. We cannot think of any state which can be called communal or religious. We can think of a secular, non-communal, democratic state in which every individual, to whatever religion he/she may belong, has equal rights and opportunities. To him, first and foremost, democracy meant individual freedom. On socialism, Nehru said: "Socialism is...not only a way of life but a certain scientific approach to social and economic problems." On capitalism, he said: "The forces in a capitalist society, if left unchecked, tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer."

During the Nehruvian era, industrialisation became the first fundamental principle for economic development of the country. Nehru had a strong conviction that the well-being of the Indian community lay in rapid industrialisation and the use of science and technology. He preferred to set up key industries in the public sector for sustenance of economic independence and took the public sector to commanding heights of the Indian economy. Nehru said that the application of science and technology is inevitable and unavoidable for all countries and people today. Scientific approach and temper are, or should be, the way of life, process of thinking, method of acting and associated with our fellow countrymen.

Science deals with the domain of positive knowledge but the temper which it should produce goes beyond that domain. It is science alone that can solve problems of hunger and poverty, of insanitation and illiteracy, superstition and deadening custom and tradition, of vast resources running to waste, or a rich country inhabited by starving people. Simultaneously, he worked for 'trained personnel' to effectively implement the policy. Nehru was convinced that modern technology should come in a big way to help India solve many of its chronic problems. The launching of Panchayati Raj was without doubt a great step forward in taking democracy meaningfully to the people in rural areas. The process of institution-building received a further fillip when it was launched.

That people should be actively involved in the process of nation-building and that India's diversity and vastness required a wide institutional framework for developmental work were stressed by Nehru right from the dawn of India's Independence. Thanks to Jawaharlal Nehru's vision, India not only adopted and operated successfully the Westminster type of parliamentary democracy, but created new institutions to meet the challenging demands of speedy development. In this regard, Nehru's leadership was dynamic and innovative.

Nehru's Cabinet colleague, MC Chagla, summed up his personality: "Most people who become Prime Minister or Chief Minister owe the adulation they receive from the people solely to the position they occupy. Nehru's case was quite different. He honoured the office of the Prime Minister by holding it and the prime

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ministership in itself did not add any further lustre to the reputation which he already enjoyed either at home or abroad."

Nehru was an institutional builder. Most institutions established by him struck roots despite the lack of adequate resources and the number of trained personnel. He paved way for India's educational exaltation by envisioning the country's top-tier institutions, like the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and many more world-class commercial public sector undertakings which subsequently became the backbone of the Indian economy.

However, contemporary history has not treated this statesman kindly. This is a pity because today's generation might know what globalisation is but not about cosmopolitanism. Even as our society globalises at a frenetic pace, it has turned inwards and become claustrophobic. History must remember Nehru because he taught us to look outward, express solidarity and in the process become cosmopolitan.

An American research scholar, Granville Austin, brilliantly summed up the Nehru era by publishing in his research work that Nehru and his generation initially created tensions in the seamless web, many of which subsided by the close of the period. It is difficult to imagine how it could have been otherwise. Citizens' expectations were high, and that of their leaders were even higher. But the successes of the period were fundamental. Power relationships were sorted out constitution-

ally, the parliamentary system became entrenched, democracy not only survived Nehru's charisma but popular participation strengthened it, power was democratically transferred from one Prime Minister to another twice in 16 years. One-party Government combined internal party democracy and political variety with preserving national unity and integrity: The foundation was laid for an industrial economy and the social revolution was set in motion. This was no golden age but the Nehru years set the standards against which others would be measured — and many fell short.

Nehru was a human being perceived to be a demi-god by a large segment of Indians during his life span. It was believed that Nehru could do no wrong but he faltered on Kashmir and China issues. His peace-loving approach and over-dependence on trusted friends caused us deep embarrassment on both the issues. Two significant setbacks in his long distinguished political career were the reason why he never recovered from the trauma. With all its faults, the Indian democracy under Nehru's leadership grew to be the most enduring system in the Third world. Flourishing democracy and scientific temper of the nation were the two greatest gifts of Nehru to his motherland India. Unfortunately, this freedom might be the reason why he is freely abused by a handful of countrymen in his absence without any fear.

Even more depressing is the fact that the Grand Old Party, which was nurtured by the blood and sweat of Nehru, is defenceless against the onslaught from political opponents —

reason being that the current Congress leadership is intellectually hollow and is controlled by political advisers, secretaries and peons rather than mass base leaders.

On a positive note, today, when we talk about the state of affairs, which can be best termed as 'Advantage India' that somehow India seems to possess and we hold every single of those attributes needed for economic development in the 21st century, we pause and do a historical analysis of the situation. How did this advantageous state of affairs come about? Clearly, it was not some hidden potential in India that was waiting to be resuscitated from time immemorial. Nor is it simply the economic reforms of the last couple of decades. The roots for this success lie deeper than that. It is in Nehru's vision for India that we need to seek the real root of this development.

The success of India actually owes a lot to the domestic capacities built in India to withstand global pressures and produce completely innovative solutions to important economic challenges. The personality of Jawaharlal Nehru can be scanned by the endorsement he got from the two greatest political giants of his era: "I have wanted to see you (Nehru). If you had not come I would have come to you. You are a man of peace". (Fidel Castro). "This man has overcome two of the greatest failings in human nature — he (Nehru) knows neither fear nor hatred." (Winston Churchill). (Concluded)

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Australia must up its Asian literacy

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President Ram Nath Kovind's maiden visit to Australia comes close on the heels of the release of Peter Varghese's report, 'An India Economic Strategy to 2035: Navigating from Potential to Delivery', a comprehensive and incisive India strategy to be commissioned by any Prime Minister till date. While the report bodes well for economic ties, the future of India-Australia relations hinges on reinventing the 3Cs — Curry, Cricket and Commonwealth — with a new 3Cs approach — nurturing Constituencies of Country Champions — that requires investing in people and institutions. Six years ago, Australian economist Ken Henry was delegated by the then Prime Minister Julia Gillard to develop the Australia in the Asian Century White Paper 2012, which recommended Australia to expand its strategic net in Asia, engage with

Indonesia and rising power India and shape the future of the region.

The Varghese report, too, said that engaging with India was no more an option but a necessity. Importantly, both reports recognised that policy-making is not a purely Government-task but a joint exercise involving academics, scholars, analysts and institutions, who possess knowledge and expertise on the region and regional matters. Varghese went a step ahead to posit that the Australian Government neither had the capacity nor the inclination to implement a strategy of its own. Let us be mindful that the report is largely an economic strategy. Business and trade strategies remain susceptible to periodic market volatility, domestic politics and ever altering policy priorities. Therefore, for a long-term future of bilateral relations, creating Constituencies of Country Champions is paramount to shape strategic thinking, influence policy-making and facilitate people-to-people interaction.

This requires a three-pronged approach. In the immediate term, focus must be on people and institutions who possess requisite country

expertise, lived experiences and professional linkages. In the intermediate term, lessons must be drawn from the recommendations of research works and Government reports, notably, the Melbourne Declaration on educational Goals for Young Australians, 2008, which noted, "India, China and other Asian nations are growing and their influence on the world is increasing. Australians need to become 'Asia literate', engage and build strong relationships with Asia". In the long-term, schools and universities must be encouraged to introduce courses and programmes on India, not only supporting existing institutions specialising in India-Australia studies but also creating new ones. The US and Singapore are two examples where people and institutions, possessing country expertise, have played a vital role in shaping strategic thinking, lobbied as peace advocates during testing times and bolstered a vibrant and well-informed Constituency of Country Champions. Australia must solve its Asian literacy conundrum, which has fuelled debate among academics and policy-makers.

Asian literacy is not just about language proficiency. It is about understanding values, customs, traditions, socio-political and cultural nuances to decode how a nation thinks and acts. It requires familiarising oneself with Asian history, values and culture early in school, alongside developing language skills and undertaking country visits as a part of immersion programmes or other study visits. Unfortunately, a steady decline across Australian primary and secondary schools in Asian language and history teaching has made Australia knowledge-deficient on Asia, especially, India and Indonesia. During school dropout/pickup hours, it is common to see Asian kids conversing with their Asian parents in English than in native language. While English learning is vital, developing Asian multi-lingual proficiency and country knowledge will trigger intellectual curiosity in young minds, which can be tapped and satiated by universities.

But most Australian universities don't offer India studies in their curriculum, an indication of how they perceive Australia's interests in the Asian centu-

ry. The Ken Henry report has cut little ice in building Asia-oriented university curriculum, at least from the Indian viewpoint. There appears a disconnect between national and institutional visions which can be melded by introducing core and elective courses on India with integrated field study for gaining in-country experience.

Most importantly such courses would serve the domestic Australian students more on whom leadership may be thrust upon at various institutions for developing or leading India strategy. The Commonwealth Government funds several fellowships, such as the New Colombo Plan, which supports over 10,000 research fellowships in 40 Asian countries, including India, producing around 900 Australian undergraduates undertaking research, study and internships in India during 2015-16. The Australia India Council grants, Australia-Indian Strategic Research Fund and Endeavour Leadership grant also fund research projects on India-Australia issues but they develop subject expertise, not necessarily country expertise.

As per the Australian High

Commission data in New Delhi, there is a 20-30 per cent increase in the enrolment of Indian students, totalling 70,000 in 2017 at Australian universities. But this is good news for Australian literacy in India, as many will return as Australia's brand ambassadors and help nurture the constituency of Australia champions in India. At Indian universities, Australia remains a passing reference in courses on Asia-Pacific. New centres are emerging but Australian literacy in India remains far from satisfactory. In the absence of country champions and specialised institutions, overnight experts assume policy-making responsibilities, which is worrisome. During an interview at a high-profile federal department in Canberra, once an expert in the panel asked this writer whether he spoke 'Hindu', unaware of the distinction between Hindawi and Hindi. Such knowledge gaps can only be filled by investing in people and institutions on both sides, and creating Constituencies of Country Champions.

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NEEDED: A SOLUTION FOR SRI LANKA

Political unrest that had created a negative image of Sri Lanka would deal a body blow to the tourism industry and dent investor confidence. The tumble of the rupee against the dollar is continuing apace and is bound to have direct consequences on the economy. The cumulative effect will soon see this country pushed over a precipice if drastic action is not taken.

(Daily News editorial)

# Nissan chief arrested over financial misconduct

**Ghosn has a high profile in Japan and is known as a major advocate of the country's auto sector**



**AFP ■ TOKYO**  
Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn was reportedly under arrest in Tokyo on Monday, as his firm accused him of "significant acts of misconduct" and said it would seek to oust him.  
Japan's public broadcaster NHK and other media outlets said Ghosn had been arrested after being questioned by Japanese prosecutors for various improprieties including underreporting his income.  
"The Tokyo District Public Prosecutor's Office arrested Nissan chairman Ghosn on suspicion of violation of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act," NHK said.  
In a statement, Nissan said it had been conducting a probe into Ghosn for several months after receiving a whistleblower report and had uncovered misconduct going back several years.  
The Tokyo prosecutor's office had no comment on the reports about Ghosn, who also heads an alliance of Renault, Nissan and Mitsubishi.

Nissan said it had launched an investigation into both Ghosn and Representative Director Greg Kelly several months ago.  
"The investigation showed that over many years both Ghosn and Kelly have been reporting compensation amounts in the Tokyo Stock Exchange securities report that were less than the actual amount, in order to reduce the disclosed amount of Carlos Ghosn's compensation," the statement said. "Also, in regards to Ghosn, numerous other significant acts of misconduct have been uncovered, such as personal use of company assets, and Kelly's deep involvement has also been confirmed."  
The company said it had provided information to Japanese prosecutors and would propose to the board of directors that it "promptly remove Ghosn from his positions" along with Kelly.  
The astonishing news first emerged on Monday evening, when the *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper reported Ghosn was being questioned by prosecu-

tors and was likely to face arrest.  
Public broadcaster NHK reported that Tokyo prosecutors were raiding Nissan's headquarters in the city of Yokohama.  
Renault shares plunged 12 percent in late morning trading in Paris on the shock news, which emerged after the end of the Tokyo session. "If he is arrested, it's going to rock the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance as he is the keystone of the alliance," said Satoru Takada, an analyst at TIW, a Tokyo-based research and consulting firm.  
Also, positive cues from other Asian markets and a firm opening in European shares buoyed investor sentiment here.  
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# Sensex rallies over 300 pts ahead of RBI board meet outcome

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
The BSE benchmark Sensex rallied over 300 points Monday to end at over a six-week high of 35,774.88 as investors widened their portfolios ahead of the RBI's board meet outcome amid foreign fund inflows.  
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# Trair to meet telcos, others next month to finalise 2019 agenda

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The discussion — now an annual feature — is however expected to entail a wider set of players in the telecom space this time, spanning operators, infrastructure providers and others.  
"The meeting will take place next month. We will talk to them and ask them about the items they think, should be taken up in the next calendar year," Sharma told on the sidelines of an interactive session on 'New Regulatory Framework for Broadcasting and Cable Services'.  
This time around, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trair) discussion would not be limited to telecom service providers alone but expected to include infrastructure providers and "couple of other stakeholders in telecom space" as well, he noted.  
"So it will be a broader consultation to figure out the new areas to be deliberated next year," Sharma said.  
He noted that the priority areas for 2018, too, were identified through a prior discussion with players.  
"We certainly have our own list of areas too, Sharma said.

## Business Corner

**QATAR MIN VISITS CISF HQRS**  
A delegation of Qatari Ministry of Interior led by Col Khalifa Mohammad A Al Atiyya, Director, General Directorate of Industrial Security, Mol, Qatar along with 4 member delegation visited CISF HQrs, New Delhi. The delegation was accompanied by Rohit Vadhvana, Under Secretary (Gulf), MEA. On arrival, the delegation called on Rajesh Ranjan, DG, CISF.



**AAI SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH USTDA**  
Airports Authority of India (AAI), signed an agreement with the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), for the proposed modernisation roadmap of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) in India on 16th November, 2018. The objective of this study is to develop a CNS/ATM roadmap for AAI for modernisation of the Indian National Airspace System (NAS). Utilising global and regional best practices as a benchmark, the technical assistance shall recommend a roadmap and implementation plan for AAI to improve airspace utilisation and implement CNS/ATM air and ground equipage in the short, medium and long term (upto ten years).



**HUDCO'S HSMI organises Six Week Training on "Formal Solutions to Informal Settlements"**, under ITEC & TCS Colombo Plan. M Ravi Kanth, CMD HUDCO, addressed the participants of the 39th International Training Programme on 'Formal Solutions to Informal Settlements', supported by Ministry of External Affairs under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) and the TCS Colombo Plan. The 6 week training is being attended by 25 urban sector professionals from 18 countries.



# NSE LAUNCHES MOBILE APP & WEB PLATFORM FOR RETAIL INVESTORS

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE), India's leading stock exchange on Monday announced the launch of its new mobile app and web-based platform 'NSE goBID' for retail investors to buy Government securities. Ajay Tyagi, Chairman SEBI

launched the new App at an event held in Mumbai. The 'NSE goBID' App will be available to all the registered investors with NSE's trading members and will also facilitate trading members in acquiring new retail investors. It will allow retail investors to make payment directly from their bank

accounts using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and internet banking. While retail investors will benefit from a convenient payment option, its cost effectiveness will appeal to Trading Members of NSE as the cost associated for setting-up infrastructure is much lower than the existing platform.

# WTO's discussion agenda must include old, new issues: Prabhu

**'Need to find out a proper substantive agenda'**

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu Monday said that discussion agenda of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) must include both old as well as new issues to maintain the relevance of the global trade body. He said that there were challenges before the global trade and their impact would have implications on the world economy. "Today, we must agree that without WTO, we will have a problem because we need global trade... We must make sure

that WTO remains intact. WTO has to change and change for the better," he said here at a programme organised by law firm Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan and an industry chamber. Prabhu said that based on his discussions with other member countries, an agenda was being prepared which will be forward looking, agreeable to all nations and include substantive issues. "We cannot forget the issues that have been put on the table with an agreement of all the countries and those issues also need to be taken into account... So, we cannot forget the so-called old issues. At the same time, we cannot just forget inclusion of new issues. So, we must find out a proper substantive agenda which will be

encompassing all these important elements," he added. While developing countries, including India, want issues related to agricultural subsidies to be resolved, developed nations, such as the US, are keen to push forward new matters related to e-commerce and investments. WTO's relevance is now under question as some countries are taking unilateral measures, which are impacting global trade. The 164-member Geneva-based organisation deals with global trade-related issues. At its last meeting in Argentina in 2017, the talks collapsed after the US went back on its commitment to find a permanent solution to the public food stockholding issue, a key matter for India.

# Govt launches upgraded AirSewa digital platform for all passengers

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Air passengers can now seek help of chatbots to resolve their problems and register grievances using social media, with the Government on Monday launching an upgraded version of AirSewa digital platform. Passengers will also have access to real-time flight status and schedule for both domestic and international flights with AirSewa 2.0, according to the Civil Aviation Ministry. Besides, the ministry plans to come out with the next generation of AirSewa 3.0 digital platform in the next few months, wherein air travellers can register themselves under DigiYatra initiative. DigiYatra seeks to promote paperless and hassle-free air travel. It is biometrics-

based digital processing system for passenger entry and related requirements at the airport. AirSewa 2.0, the upgraded version of the web portal and mobile app, provides chatbot support for faster resolution and personalised traveller experience. Also, passengers can sign up using their Facebook and Google accounts. Generally, chatbots are computer programmes that interact with people through audio or text messages. Among other features, grievances can be registered using social media with hashtag #AirSewa. The AirSewa portal and mobile app were launched in November 2016. Since the launch, AirSewa 1.0 has helped resolve significant number of air passenger concerns, as per the ministry.

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For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at <https://www.icicibank.com/notice-board/properties-for-sale/properties.page?>  
Date : 20-11-2018  
Place : Delhi  
Sd/-  
Authorised Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited.

**LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH**  
First Floor, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001, Tel: 23381937, Fax: 23382493

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
(For immovable property)  
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1))  
Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.01.2018, Calling upon the borrower M/s. OMID ENGINEERING PVT. LTD to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 14,13,63,461.00/- (Rupees Fourteen Crores Thirteen Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice to the following:  
1) M/s. OMID ENGINEERING PVT. LTD. (Borrower) D-9 Udhay Nagar, Rohatka Road, New Delhi-110041  
2) Sh. Ashok Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026  
3) Sh. S.S. Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026  
4) Sh. Meena Raja 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026  
The borrower/surety/owner of property M/s OMID ENGINEERING PVT. LTD having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner and the public in general with the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002 on this the 14th Day of November of the year 2018.  
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.  
The borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH, First Floor, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001 For an amount of Rs. 14,13,63,461.00/- (Rupees Fourteen Crores Thirteen Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One Only) and interest cost etc. thereon from 26.01.2018

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
1. Extension of existing UREM of fresh hold land (mdg. 1073.33 sq. yd.) and building (basement + 4storey residential building) 7/36 share each (5 title deeds) of undivided property bearing plot no. on road No. 72, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026  
Sh. Ashok raja, Sh. S.S. Raja and Smt. Meena raja  
Date : 14.11.2018  
Place : New Delhi  
Authorised Officer  
Syndicate Bank

# Govt to raise up to ₹14,000 crore through 4th tranche of CPSE ETF

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
The Government will next week launch the fourth tranche of CPSE Exchange Traded Fund to garner up to ₹14,000 crore, investment banking sources said.  
The Government has already raised ₹11,500 crore in the earlier three tranches of the ETF, which functions like a mutual fund scheme.  
The issue will open early next week and investors would get 3.5-4 per cent discount over the issue price, the sources said.  
The Government is aiming to mop up ₹8,000 crore, with a green-shoe option to retain either ₹4,000 crore or ₹6,000 crore from the fourth tranche

of CPSE ETF, they added.  
The number of scrips in the CPSE ETF has been increased to 11 state-owned companies, as against 10 earlier, with the entry of four new firms namely NTPC, SJVN, NLC and NBCC.  
Three existing companies, GAIL, Engineers India Ltd (EIL) and Container Corporation of India, have been removed from the index as the Government holding in these companies has fallen below 55 per cent.  
Since the weightage and scrip value of these three companies were higher, four new CPSEs had to be included in the ETF to replace them to keep the CPSE ETF index value at the same level.  
The other seven bluechip PSUs in the CPSE ETF are ONGC, Coal India, IOC, Oil India, PFC, REC and Bharat Electronics.  
CPSE ETF was set up in 2014 and the Government has so far sold stake in the 10 companies in the basket in three tranches, thereby raising ₹11,500 crore — ₹3,000 crore from the first tranche in March 2014, ₹6,000 crore in January 2017 and ₹2,500 crore from the third in March 2017.  
In June 2018, the Government garnered about ₹8,400 crore through follow-on offer of another ETF — Bharat 22 ETF, which comprises shares of 22 companies, including banks.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Nirshi, D/o: Lt. Sh. Ram Charitra, R/o: 150-D Loco Shed Railway Colony, Kishan Ganj, Delhi has been missing since 10.11.2018 at 6 PM from her residence. In this regard DD No.66A, dated 11.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. DBG Road, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:  
Name: Nirshi, Age: 20 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans Pant and Grey Colour Chappal. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. DBG Road, Delhi.  
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639  
SHO  
Police Station, DBG Road, Delhi  
DP/5860/CD/18 Ph: 011-23537374, 23613252, 8750870429

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)  
Where as complaint has been made before me that **Rocky @ Kalu @ Fighter, S/o Sh. Ramesh, R/o E-461, JJ Camp Tigr, New Delhi** is involved in case **FIR No. 151/17** dated 29.03.2017, u/s 325/341/34 IPC Delhi has been registered at P.S. Neb Sarai, Delhi has committed or is suspected to have committed and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Rocky @ Kalu @ Fighter** cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rocky @ Kalu @ Fighter** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **FIR No. 151/17** dated 29.03.2017, u/s 325/341/34 IPC Delhi has been registered at **P.S. Neb Sarai, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.12.2018.  
By Order  
Sh. Anuj Kumar Singh,  
Metropolitan Magistrate (South),  
Saket Court, Delhi

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Unknown D/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: 32 years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow Colour printed Suit & Salwar** was found near Metro Mall, CBD Ground, vide **DD No. 12A** dated **03.10.2018** PS Anand Vihar, Delhi. She is unable to tell her address so her identification is still unknown. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out her address and parents but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail Id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO  
Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS Anand Vihar, Delhi  
Fax No. 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-22146040, 22146101  
DP/780A/SHD/18 8750870621

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **Age : 88 years, Height : 5'4", Complexion : Wheatish, wearing grey colour pant and brown colour shirt, was found dead on 06.11.2018** near Sheltor Home No. 241, Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 39-A dated 06.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.  
Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform to the following:-  
SHO : P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi  
Tel. No. 011-23968730  
DP/9360/N/18

# HEALTH

## Resistant Woes

Antibiotic-resistant infections are spreading wings in India, killing over 58,000 children every year. The nation has seen a 103 per cent increase in antibiotic usage in 15 years, says Centre for Disease Dynamics Economics and Policy



## TRADITION ON A PLATTER

KAVITA DEVGAN talks about how we should go the traditional way in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle

We are nearing the end of 2018 and 2019 does not seem very far. In the last couple of years, a lot has changed about what and how we eat. Omega 3's have become more commonplace, trans-fats have become a common food villain, probiotic milk have raided our fridge space getting pride of place along with humble homemade *dahi*, the egg (whole egg mind you) and good fats like ghee and coconut oil have made a come back and wisdom of following a low-fat diet is being questioned extensively. Carbs are no longer being branded as clear cut villains anymore, and even though new diets are breaking the internet and joining the bookstore rack masses weekly (and there are multiple takers for these fad diets still), people are now beginning to question their very veracity. These are all healthy signs of healthy times! But there's still lots more that is about to happen. Here's what we will see more going forward:

**FOCUS ON NUTRITION**  
There is a non-diet approach towards seeking wellness. The focus has always been on habit changes. Only sustainable way to gain health is to live a life and lifestyle where your good habits outnumber the bad ones. This is what I write about in the book *Don't Diet! 50 Habits of Thin People Too* and reiterate in my new book *Ultimate Grandmother Hacks Too*. There is more acceptance for this way of gaining health (and losing weight). Millennials, although a little confused, are driven by logic and looking to put health first.

**BACK TO THE PAST**  
Today, everyone is taking a hard look at how they are eating, moving away from our traditional way of eating, and cooking is gaining ground. People are going back to our roots to find the right way of eating and living. Nutrition science is simply trying to catch up with many age-old nuggets of wisdom and observation-led beliefs that we have been following since yesteryears.

**PROTEIN MATTERS!**  
There's also now far more understanding about the importance of protein in our diet and thus, I see a renewed push for protein. Plus the talk has moved from just protein quantity to protein quality — the kind of amino acids the food delivers, and this is good news, as quality always scores over quantity.

**PLANTS WIN**  
We will see a perceptible shift towards eating a more plant-based diet, and mindless gorging on meat will become a thing of the past. I foresee a rise in the numbers of part-time vegetarians, who will reduce their meat consumption. And that is a good way to eat and live.

**EAT LOCAL**  
Some local trends that gaining strength are:  
■ Local staples and grains like *amaranth*, *ragi* and *sattu* will become more commonplace. The younger generation is now getting interested in them, as their health benefits are hard to ignore.  
■ Brown rice may become passé, instead more red rice and local lesser-known varieties will gain prominence.  
■ Organic jaggery, coconut sugar and healthier, unrefined sugar options finding more acceptance and becoming a part of grocery shopping lists as a norm.

It's time to slow down a bit and choose how we want to live our life. Our health will become a priority only when we make it a priority.  
The writer is a nutritionist and author of *Ultimate Grandmother Hacks*

## DOCYARD

DR GANAPATHI BHAT

CONSULTANT MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST & STEM CELL TRANSPLANT PHYSICIAN



JASLOK HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE, MUMBAI



## Manage & treat this cancer

Leukaemia can be confusing because it refers to a group of cancers that aren't all that similar except for the fact that they involve the bone marrow and blood. Leukaemia can be divided into four main groups — acute, chronic, lymphocytic, and myelogenous leukaemia. Depending on how quickly the cancer progresses, leukaemia is either classified as acute (acute lymphocytic leukaemia (ALL) and acute myeloid leukaemia (AML)), or chronic (chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) and chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML)).

The disease is one of the most common cancers in the world affecting approximately 3.5 lakh people and killing about 2.65 lakh in 2012. Great strides, however, have been made in our ability to better treat and manage certain forms of the disease, including in children.

**TREATMENT**  
■ **Chemotherapy:** It is the main treatment for all kinds of leukaemia.  
■ **Stem cell transplant:** It is an option for high risk and recurrent acute leukaemia patients.  
■ **Radiation therapy:** It is most often used to prevent leukaemia from spreading to, or treat leukaemia that has spread to, the central nervous system (CNS). It is also used to prepare the bone marrow for stem cell transplant.  
Targeted therapy is offered for some types of leukaemia.  
■ **Watchful waiting** is a treatment option for some people with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).

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■ **Supportive therapy** is given to manage the expected complications of the leukaemia and its treatments.  
Treatment for leukaemia is given with the intent to achieve remission. Remission means when no more leukemic cells can be detected in the blood or bone marrow and the bone marrow is functions normally again.  
In patients treated for acute leukaemia, remission may last many years, and then they are

considered cured. CLL is still incurable but treatment can relieve symptoms and induce long-lasting remissions. Some people with acute leukaemia were told they had achieved remission after their first course of chemotherapy, but treatment was continued to destroy any remaining leukemic cells and give the best chance of a long-lasting remission or cure.

**SURVIVAL RATE**  
Many factors contribute to the leukaemia survival rate including patient's age at the time of diagnosis; whether the cancer cells have spread to the brain or spinal cord; whether the leukaemia is a recurrence of a condition for which the patient was previously treated and the patient's response to treatment.

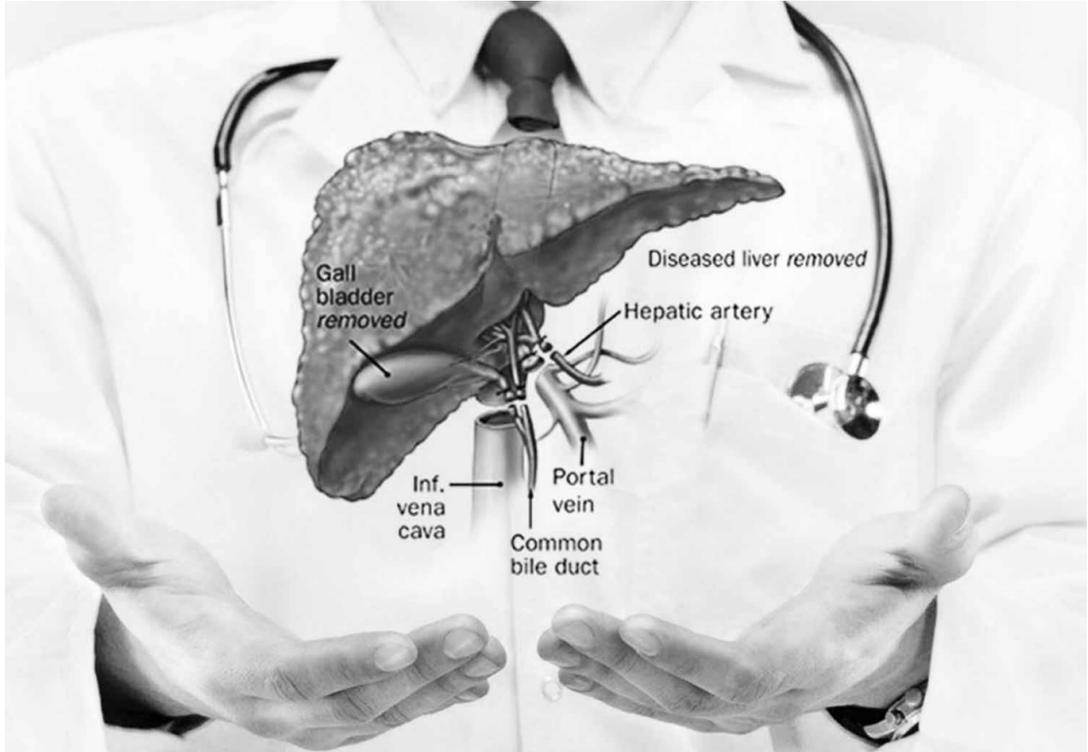
Current research is aimed at developing novel therapies that address an unmet medical need in acute leukaemia therapies to obtain disease control, maintain remission, prevent relapse, and prolong survival. The evolution of therapy from stem cell transplants and chemotherapy to the use of tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI) has changed the course of the disease for CML patients and provides an encouraging example for the leukaemia community as they work to advance new treatments which will hopefully bring similar success to acute leukaemia patients.

Only through the continued commitment to research and innovation will we identify important and cumulative advances that give patients more time until our goal of a major transformation becomes reality, treating both acute and chronic leukaemia as manageable diseases.

## WARMFOODS

**NUTMEG:** Is believed to be the warmest of all spices. A pinch of its powder is mixed in mother's milk and given to babies to keep them warm from within. It is considered to be high in potassium, calcium, iron and manganese, and Vitamin C and B. Consuming a pinch of it daily can not only stimulate digestion but can treat intestinal problems as well. Nutmeg can contribute to treating various oral problems such as cavities, bleeding gums and toothache. It can prevent your liver from the adverse effects of environmental pollution, stress and unbalanced diet.

Copper is an important nutrient in nutmegs which helps to balance the blood pressure and consequently helps in the maintenance of heart rate. It reduces hair fall by increasing blood circulation and enhancing hair growth. It is also rich in minerals that help in keeping the immune system of the body robust. According to Ayurveda, you should add a pinch of nutmeg to a glass of warm milk and have it before sleeping. You can also add in some almonds and a pinch of cardamom for added benefits. Nutmeg is a good ingredient for skincare because of its anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory properties as well as its ability to remove blackheads, treat acne and clogged pores.



## The historical surgery

Apollo Hospitals marks the historic 20th anniversary of India's first successful liver transplant. PIONEER HEALTH reports

Twenty-one-year-old Sanjay Kandasamy did not have an ordinary childhood. Though you couldn't tell, at just 20 months he had a part of his father's liver transplanted into him in November 1998. In doing so, Kandasamy and his doctors created history in the annals of Indian medicine as the country's first successful liver transplant surgery. Remarkably, not only has Sanjay done exceedingly well, he is now training to be a doctor himself — a testament to the expertise of the treating team and the tenacity of Sanjay and the family.

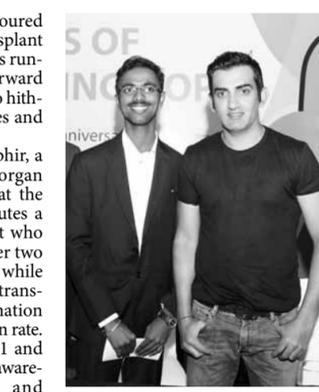
On the 20th anniversary of the era-changing operation that changed the face of medical sciences in India, Indraprastha Apollo hospitals showcased the evolution that liver transplants have gone through over the last two decades as well as felicitate Kandasamy and his family for the bravery shown since the surgery.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Preetha Reddy, vice-chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Group, said: "Liver disease is a major cause for concern in the country with as many as two lakh people dying from it every year. While around 1,800 liver transplants are done annually, as many as 20,000 people need a liver transplant at any given point. The fact is around 10 lakh people are diagnosed with the liver disease every year, making it the 10th most common cause of death in India as per the World Health Organisation. While India has come a long way since the first operation, there is still a huge gap

to be filled. We have endeavoured to create world-class transplant centres with leading clinicians running the program. Going forward we will expand our services to hitherto unreachable geographies and populations." Cricketer Gautam Gambhir, a long time proponent of organ donation was also present at the occasion. "Every three minutes a person gets added to the list who need a transplant. Today, over two lakh Indians are on the list while less than 10 per cent get a transplant. We have to work as a nation to increase our organ donation rate. I pledged my organs in 2011 and encourage the youth to raise awareness on organ donation and become donors themselves. This needs to become a national movement," Gambhir said.

Kandasamy said: "I would like to thank the doctors at Apollo who gave me a new lease of life 20 years back. I would not have made it this far without this help. My parents and family have always encouraged me to make the most of this second chance at life. Seeing the work that doctors do from such close quarters made me determined to become a doctor myself. I want to contribute towards saving the lives of our countrymen and also set an example that any challenge in life can be overcome."

Kandasamy was born with a rare condition called Biliary Atresia. This is a disease that affects one in 12,000 babies with the only lasting remedy being a liver transplant surgery. Highlighting the expertise



Sanjay Kandasamy with Gautam Gambhir

developed at Apollo, Dr Neerav Goel, Senior Consultant, Liver Transplants, said: "Over the past 20 years our expertise has greatly developed. Today, we are doing ABO incompatible and combined liver-kidney transplants. We are also operating on babies as small as four kg. We intend to further develop our program to help an even larger section of the population in the future."

Ashok Bajpai, Managing director, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said: "As we mark this historic day, we would like to thank our patients and families who have entrusted us with their faith. Our transplant program is today a beacon of hope for thousands thanks to the expertise and commitment of our specialists and staff. We intend to dedicate the

coming years to become the best transplant centre in the world."

Marking the occasion, Apollo Hospitals' Group Medical Director & Senior Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Dr Anupam Sibal said: "Today marks a special day for Indian medical sciences. It was over 20 years ago that India finally entered the hallowed exclusive club of countries that carried out liver transplants. This pioneering work and the awe-inspiring attitude of patients like Kandasamy has ensured that over the last 20 years the Apollo Institutes of Transplant has performed more than 3200 liver transplants in patients from over 50 countries of which 302 have been children. We endeavor to offer our expertise to patients from all over the world who seek liver transplant services."

By performing 1,200 solid organ transplants in 2013, the programme is amongst the largest Solid organ transplant program in the world, a position which Apollo has held for six consecutive years now.

While there is still a lack of infrastructure for life-saving organ donations and transplants, the numbers in the country are showing some improvement in the country. Out of 301 hospitals equipped to handle the process, 250 have registered with National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), showing that in order to conduct an organ transplant, there exists one fully equipped hospital for around 43 lakh people.

## DadiKaKehna

*Winters are here. This means that the elderly prefer to stay indoors rather than venture out. This may affect their health but by following a few tips they can remain healthy this season, says ROSHANI DEVI*

Winters are here and so are many ailments that find their way during this season like a cough, cold, loss of appetite and importantly not drinking enough water. This can lead to many problems especially for the elderly. But here are a few things that they can do to stay fit:  
Drink plenty of water. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter. Try and drink at least eight glasses of water a day, if you are not Diabetic, you can drink fresh juice as well.  
Eat a healthy and balanced diet. Women need to be extra careful. Eat six to seven small meals instead of three large ones. Ensure that you eat

two-three meals of fruits. For dinner have vegetable soup — no thickening agent to be added.  
If you are used to going for a morning walk try using a walking stick even if you don't need it.  
Winter months tend to affect the limbs and the joints. However, don't give up on your exercise; take up yoga instead. Not only will you keep fit, but it will also keep your limbs and joints fit as well.  
Even if it is not very cold always wear socks and shoes especially in the mornings and evenings. These will help you keep warm and protect you from the cold and chances of catching an infection are greatly reduced.

## TIPTOP

Brush your teeth for two minutes, twice a day, every day. The Mobile Dental Clinic Project, under the aegis of Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi, and Dr Mahesh Verma, Director-Principal, celebrated National Tooth Brushing Day, an annual campaign designed to reach underserved populations to reinforce the importance of oral health and promote good tooth-brushing habits.  
Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease, and the most common disease after common cold. Despite the high rates of oral disease in children, dental health in India is still perceived as a low priority health benefit. The correct method of brushing:

■ Place your toothbrush at a 45-degree angle to the gums.  
■ Gently move the brush back and forth in short (tooth-wide) strokes.  
■ Brush the outer surfaces, the inner surfaces and the chewing surfaces of the teeth.  
■ Brush your tongue to remove bacteria and keep your breath fresh.  
■ Don't forget to floss, eat a balanced diet and visit a dentist regularly.

The project supported school children, and conducted competitions related to dental health. Dr Swati Jain and Dr Shekhar Grover (consultants, Dental Public Health) visited Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Yamuna Vihar. Around 200 students participated and spread the message of oral health.

## SLIMLINE

To mark World Diabetes Day, Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF) and Novo Nordisk India Pvt Ltd have launched a 1000-day Challenge programme along with leading healthcare practitioners to address uncontrolled diabetes in India. Uncontrolled Diabetes is a serious challenge in India with over ₹63,000 crore incurred in healthcare costs per year due to diabetes. The challenge intends to improve awareness and education amongst 1.5 lakh practitioners and 10,000 paramedics through over 6,000 medical meetings and continuous medical education programmes.  
Dr AK Das, senior Professor, Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, said: "The HbA1c levels will be adopted as the key performance indicator. The India Diabetes Care Index reveals that the current average HbA1c of India is 8.56% against the usually recommended target of <7%."

## STUDYCENTRE

Breastfeeding for six months or more could lower the risk of developing non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) years later during mid-life in women, according to recent research. While the benefits of breastfeeding in babies are known, this research highlights those for the mothers. Estimates indicate that globally tens of millions of people are living with NAFLD and NASH. Weight loss and a healthier diet are the current standards of care.

The NAFLD is usually asymptomatic until advanced stages of liver disease and includes a spectrum of disease severity, with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) being the most aggressive type. Multiple genetic and environmental factors contribute to NAFLD, and certain health conditions, such as obesity and Type 2 Diabetes, can be predisposing factors.  
Some signs and symptoms of this condition include enlarged liver, fatigue, pain in the upper right abdomen. When it progresses to cirrhosis, it can cause ascites, enlarged blood vessels and spleen, red palms, and jaundice. Tips from HCFI:  
■ Eat a healthy diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthy fats.  
■ If you are overweight or obese, reduce the number of calories you eat each day and get more exercise. If you have a healthy weight, work to maintain it.  
■ Exercise most days of the week. Try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day.

Tehran: British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt visited Iran for the first time on Monday for talks about the nuclear deal and freeing UK nationals held in Iranian jails.

WORLD POWERS CLASH OVER WATCHDOG'S ROLE

The Hague: World powers traded accusations of hypocrisy in bitter clashes on Monday over the global toxic weapons watchdog's new ability to attribute blame for attacks like those in Syria and Salisbury.

FUTURE 'SMART' HOMES COULD 'LISTEN' TO YOU

Washington: Scientists, including one of Indian origin, are developing a system that could make future 'smart' homes adjust to your activity with only a few small, hidden sensors in the walls and floor.

PAK DELEGATION LEAVES FOR CHINA

Islamabad: A 20-member Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf delegation on Monday left for Beijing on visit during which it will be briefed on China's political history and review the ruling Communist party's successes in eradicating poverty and corruption in the world's most populous country.

UN CALLS FOR CALM IN ROHINGYA CAMP

Yangon: The UN has called for calm after several Rohingya Muslims were shot and wounded in a Rakhine state camp, in a raid linked to the failed escape of more than 100 of the stateless minority from the grim settlements.

NEW METHOD COULD MAKE AI LESS BIASED

Washington: Scientists have developed a new approach that could help reduce each type of bias in artificial intelligence (AI) while maintaining the same level of predictive accuracy.

NETANYAHU: NEW POLLS WILL BE 'IRRESPONSIBLE'

Jerusalem: Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said it will be "irresponsible" to dissolve the government and call early elections.

# Maldives to pull out of China FTA: Senior lawmaker

AGENCY ■ MALE

The Maldives' new Government will pull out of a free trade agreement (FTA) with China because it was a mistake for the tiny nation to strike such a pact with the world's second biggest economy, the head of the largest party in the ruling alliance said.

It is the latest sign of a backlash against China in the Maldives, best-known for its luxury resorts on palm-fringed coral islands.

"The trade imbalance between China and the Maldives is so huge that nobody would think of an FTA between such parties,"

said Mohamed Nasheed, the chief of the Maldivian Democratic Party, which leads the ruling federal alliance. "China is not buying anything from us. It is a one-way treaty."

On Saturday, as he took office, the new President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih declared the state coffers have been "looted" and warned that the country was in financial difficulty after racking up debt with Chinese lenders.

Former President Abdullah Yameen, who lost the election in September, signed the FTA during a visit to Beijing in December, and the same month his parliament ratified the treaty despite opposition



protests that he had rushed through the 1,000-page document in less than an hour without any debate.

Nasheed, a former president and now an advisor to Solih, said parliament would not pass the law changes required for the zero tariffs agreement to come into force.

"It was ratified by parliament, but fortunately it calls for different sets of legislation. We are not going to have this further legislation. We can't go with

that," Nasheed told Reuters in an interview in the capital Male. China's embassy in Male did not respond to a request for a comment on the trade pact.

But China's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Culture and Tourism Minister Luo Shugang, President Xi Jinping's special envoy to the inauguration, told Solih that China paid great attention to developing relations with the Maldives.

The Maldives is among a number of small countries where China has invested billions of dollars building highways and housing as part of its Belt and Road Initiative. Through that initiative, Beijing

hopes to improve trade and investment flows with much of Asia and parts of the rest of the world.

China was willing to work with the Maldives to consolidate their traditional friendship, plan their practical cooperation and promote Belt and Road to inject "new impetus" into their future relationship, the foreign ministry cited Luo as saying during Sunday's meeting with Maldivian president.

The statement cited Solih as expressing appreciation for China's long-term support of the Maldives and that he was willing to further deepen cooperation under the Belt and Road framework.

## China downplays failure to reach APEC joint statement

Beijing: Beijing on Monday downplayed the unprecedented fall-out from this year's APEC summit, which for the first time ever failed to issue a joint statement after US-China trade tensions boiled over. Clashes between the world's top two economies over the rules of global trade blocked agreement on a formal written declaration by the 21 nations represented at the Port Moresby meeting.

Washington had pressed for leaders to issue what amounted to a denunciation of the World Trade Organization and a call for its wholesale reform — a step too far for Beijing, which would likely suffer in the event of any change to trade rules.

But China on Monday chose instead to focus on the "positive results" of the summit.

## EU Ministers agree terms of 'painful' Brexit divorce

Brussels: European ministers signed off Britain's draft divorce deal on Monday as they launched an intense final week of negotiations on future cross-Channel ties.

Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier and the Union's Austrian rotating presidency said the negotiated text would be presented to EU leaders at a signing summit on Sunday.

"The first, difficult step is done," said Austrian minister for Europe Gernot Blumel, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency, after the ministers met.

Meanwhile, detailed discussions continue on a parallel political statement setting out the bloc's ambitions for future relations with post-Brexit Britain — and on a possible extension to the transition period. Britain will leave the Union on March 29 next year, but remain within its single market for a further 21

months as negotiators seek a deal to avoid a potential breakdown in trade between the key economic partners.

If no deal remains in sight within this period, Britain can request a one-off extension. Barnier has suggested that this should expire at the end of 2022, but he admitted that the other 27 member states have yet to sign off on this date.

"I think that during this week we'll have a definitive proposition for this date. The decision will be made jointly between the United Kingdom and the 27," Barnier said.

Neither European member states, who want to protect access to their single market by non-member Britain, nor hard-line British Brexiters, who fear being trapped in a bloc where they don't make the rules, want an endless transition.

Barnier stressed it was Prime Minister Theresa May's

Government that had requested the extension option and that he had agreed to it to reassure nervous businesses, but warned: "It can't be indefinite. It needs to be decided."

Meanwhile, preparations for Sunday's summit, where May and her 27 colleagues will sign the withdrawal agreement, continue apace.

"A painful week in European politics is starting," Blomel said. "We have the divorce papers on the table. Forty-five years of difficult marriage are coming to an end."

around the talents and skills a person has to offer," she said, adding that the core of the post-Brexit immigration system will be "skills based" rather than "quota based".

Under the current EU freedom of movement rules, migrant workers from within the economic bloc are free to come in and find work in the UK, while workers from non-EU countries like India have to undergo strict visa application requirements.

talent rather than which country the immigrant comes from.

"Once we have left the EU, we will be fully in control of who comes here. It will no longer be the case that EU nationals, regardless of the skills or experience they have to offer, can jump the queue ahead of engineers from Sydney or software developers from Delhi," she said in her speech.

"Instead of a system based on where a person is from, we will have one that is built

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**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
[Appendix IV under the act - rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 01.07.2017, Calling upon the borrower of the property, **Sh. Smt. Kamlesh Kumar, K. Kumar, Surendra Kumar Tangri** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 5,48,289.00 (Rupees Five Lacs Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Nine Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower/surety/owner of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner of the property described herein below in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **15th Day November of the year 2018**

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Syndicate Bank, IP Estate Branch, New Delhi-110002 for an amount **Rs. 5,48,289.00 (Rupees Five Lacs Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Nine Only)**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

All That Part and parcel of flat, Situated at First Floor, Constructed on a plot of land with sub-division, No. F, Admeasuring 97.74 Sq. Mts. (116.85 Sq. Yds.) Situated in Nain Singh Bhawan, Village Sarai Khawaja, Tehsil & District Faridabad, Haryana-Without Roof Rights, Consisting of Two Bedrooms, One Drawing Cum Dining Room, Two Toilets & One Kitchen, Having Total Covered Area Of 700 Sq. Feet Owned by Komal Kumar.

**Bounded:**  
On The North By 20 wide road  
On The South By Land of Mr. Om Prakash  
On The East By sub-division No. G  
On The West By sub-division No. E

Date : 19.11.2018  
Place : New Delhi

Sd/-  
Authorised Officer  
Syndicate Bank

## Lanka parties agree to form panel to conduct Parl affairs

Colombo: Political parties in Sri Lanka agreed on Monday to form a select committee to conduct parliamentary affairs amid a power struggle set off by President Maithripala Sirisena's controversial decision to remove prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe last month.

Sri Lanka's Parliament, which was convened on Monday for a third floor test against disputed prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, was adjourned just ten minutes after its opening as the lawmakers could not decide on the members of the committee.

The decision to form the select committee came a day after an all-party meeting called by President Sirisena to resolve the crisis ended inconclusively.

## Trump's tirade against Pak shows he suffers from 'perpetual historic amnesia': Pak Minister

Islamabad: Pakistan on Monday reacted angrily to Donald Trump's latest tirade against it for not doing "a damn thing" for America in curbing terrorism, saying the US President "suffers conveniently from perpetual historic amnesia".

Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazar's terse remarks came a day after President Trump defended his administration's decision to stop hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid to Pakistan for not doing enough to curb terrorism and criticised Islamabad for offering a hideout to Laden in Abbottabad.

## 'Will bar 18 Saudis over Khashoggi murder'

Brussels: Germany will bar 18 Saudis from entering its territory and Europe's Schengen passport-free zone over their alleged links to the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said on Monday. Maas said the move was "coordinated very closely with" states France and Britain and the broader EU as they seek more information in Khashoggi's death last month in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Berlin has "decided that Germany should impose an entry ban on 18 Saudi citizens, who are presumed to be in connection with this deed, in the Schengen information system," Maas told reporters.

## 'No reason' for him to hear Khashoggi death tape: Trump

Washington: President Donald Trump said there is no reason for him to listen to a recording of the "very violent, very vicious" killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which has put him in a diplomatic bind: how to admonish Riyadh for the slaying yet maintain strong ties with a close ally.

Trump, in an interview that aired on Sunday, made clear that the audio recording, supplied by the Turkish Government, would not affect his response to the October 2 killing of Khashoggi, a columnist for *The Washington Post* who had been critical of the Saudi royal family.

"It's a suffering tape, it's a terrible tape. I've been fully briefed on it, there's no reason for me to hear it," Trump said.

**LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH**  
First Floor, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001, Tel: 23381937, Fax: 23382493

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
(For Immovable property/ies)  
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1))

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.01.2018, Calling upon the borrower **M/s. HIM Alloys and Steel Pvt. Limited** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 62,45,37,236.00/- (Rupees Sixty Two Crores Forty Five Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/surety/owner of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of the section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002 on this **14th Day of November of the year 2018**.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH, First Floor, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001** for an amount of **Rs. 62,45,37,236.00/- (Rupees Sixty Two Crores Forty Five Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only)** and interest cost etc. thereon from 26.01.2018

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

**1) M/s HIM Alloys and Steel Pvt. Limited (Borrower) Plot No. 1-4 Industrial Area AMB, District-Una Himachal Pradesh**  
**2) Sh. Ashok Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026**  
**3) Sh. S.S. Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026**  
**4) Sh. Meena Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026**  
**5) M/s Him Valves & Regulators Pvt. Ltd (Holding Co.) 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026**

The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH, First Floor, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001** for an amount of **Rs. 62,45,37,236.00/- (Rupees Sixty Two Crores Forty Five Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only)** and interest cost etc. thereon from 26.01.2018

Date : 14.11.2018  
Place : New Delhi

Sd/-  
Authorised Officer  
Syndicate Bank

**AXIS BANK**

Retail Asset Centre, Delhi: Lower Ground Floor and Upper Ground Floor, Himalaya House, K.G. Marg, Delhi-110001. Also at: Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, I-4, Sector-128, Noida

Expressway, Jaypee Greens Vish town, Noida (U.P.)-201301 **Retail Asset Centre Faridabad:** Axis Bank Ltd. SCO-8, Huda Shopping Centre, Sec. 16, Faridabad, Haryana-121002, Corporate Office: Axis House, Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025 **Registered Office:** Trishul, 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law Garden, Ellis bridge, Ahmedabad-380006

**POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notices upon the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.

Name of Borrower/Co-borrower	Description of Property	1. Date of Demand Notice	2. Date of Possession	3. Amount in Demand (Rs.)
1. Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Chandar Prakesh Gupta R/O House No. 20, 1st Floor, Block E-111, Gali No. 54, H/1/A, 60 Feet Road, Molarband Extn. Badapur, New Delhi-110044	<b>IMMOVABLE ASSET:</b> Entire Ground Floor Flat comprising of three Bedroom one Drawing Cum Dining room, Two Toilets & one Kitchen having total covered area 1650 Sq. Ft.	1. 10-07-2017	2. 14-11-2018	3. Rs. 66,50,237/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only)+ Interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs
2. Mrs. Anita Gupta W/o Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta R/O House No. 20, 1st Floor, Block E-111, Gali No. 54, H/1/A, 60 Feet Road, Molarband Extn. Badapur, New Delhi-110044	Approx without roof rights, with rights of front and rear lawn, except the common passage with the rights to inspect and maintain the water, plumbing arrangements, Tv, antenna etc. on common stairs and common passage of building/plot constructed upon plot no. 1055, measuring 308.75 Sq. Yards/258.11 Sq. Mtrs.) part of Kharsa No. 80/25 situated in the residential colony known as Green Field within revenue estate of village Sarai Khawaja Tehsil & District Faridabad, Haryana.	1. 24.08.2018	2. 14-11-2018	3. Rs. 9305090.72/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Five Thousand Ninety and seventy two paisa Only)+ Interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs
1. M/S Gayatri Infotel Registered office at Unit No-1109, Corporate Park Toer-A, Plot No- 7A/1, Sector-142, Noida Uttar Pradesh-201304	<b>IMMOVABLE ASSET:</b> A Residential House Admeasuring 625 Sq. Yds (522.57 Sq. Mts) Bearing Property No. 13, Block-L-1, Entire Ground Floor, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi.	1. 29.08.2018	2. 16.11.2018	3. Rs. 2,71,84,325/- (Rupees Two Crores Seventy One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Five Only)+ Interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs
1. Mr. Rajnish Singh Karki S/o Sh. Johar Karki Proprietor of M/S Rajnish Karki & Associates Plot No. 23, Block No. L-1/13 Hauz Khas Enclave New Delhi. (Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagee)	<b>IMMOVABLE ASSET:</b> A Residential House Admeasuring 625 Sq. Yds (522.57 Sq. Mts) Bearing Property No. 13, Block-L-1, Entire Ground Floor, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi.	1. 29.08.2018	2. 16.11.2018	3. Rs. 2,71,84,325/- (Rupees Two Crores Seventy One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Five Only)+ Interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs
2. Mr. Manisha Rajnish Karki R/O L-1/13, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-110016	<b>IMMOVABLE ASSET:</b> A Residential House Admeasuring 625 Sq. Yds (522.57 Sq. Mts) Bearing Property No. 13, Block-L-1, Entire Ground Floor, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi.	1. 29.08.2018	2. 16.11.2018	3. Rs. 2,71,84,325/- (Rupees Two Crores Seventy One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Five Only)+ Interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs
3. Mr. Anshul Agarwal R/O-Alexandria, D-704, Grand Omxare, Sector-93-B, Gautam Budha Nagar UP, Noida-201304	<b>IMMOVABLE ASSET:</b> A Residential House Admeasuring 625 Sq. Yds (522.57 Sq. Mts) Bearing Property No. 13, Block-L-1, Entire Ground Floor, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi.	1. 29.08.2018	2. 16.11.2018	3. Rs. 2,71,84,325/- (Rupees Two Crores Seventy One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Five Only)+ Interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs
4. Mrs. Lata Agarwal, EH-1/305, ELDECO Utopia, Sector-93A, Gautam Budh Nagar UP, Noida-201304	<b>IMMOVABLE ASSET:</b> A Residential House Admeasuring 625 Sq. Yds (522.57 Sq. Mts) Bearing Property No. 13, Block-L-1, Entire Ground Floor, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi.	1. 29.08.2018	2. 16.11.2018	3. Rs. 2,71,84,325/- (Rupees Two Crores Seventy One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Five Only)+ Interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs
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The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) are hereby given a notice to repay the total outstanding dues before the date of opening of the bidding date failing which the secured assets will be auctioned as per Sarfaesi Rules and balances, if any, will be recovered with interest, cost and charges thereon.

Sd/- (Authorized Officer)  
Date: 20-11-2018 Place: Delhi Axis Bank Ltd.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a person **Namely: Athar, S/o Mohd. Khalid, R/O: H. No. 86, Chandepuri Kailash Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi, Age: 26 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Checkdhar White Shirt & Black Pant, has been missing on 25.08.2018 from the area of PS. Sadar Bazar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 15-A, has been lodged at PS. Sadar Bazar, Delhi, dated 11.09.2018. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing man please inform undersigned.**

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Fax: 011-24368639 PS, Sadar Bazar, Delhi,  
DP/9185/N/18 Ph.: 011-23502411

## CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Notice Inviting e-Tender

The Executive Engineer (E), SJHED, CPWD, New Delhi-110029 (Tel. No. 01126198771) invites on behalf of President of India online percentage rate tender for following works:

**From Eligible firm registered in Composite category in appropriate class of CPWD**

NIT No. 168/EE (E)/SJHED/2018-19 Name of Work: RMO 3 x 550 TR central AC plant & AHU's & softening plant in OPD Block at SJH, New Delhi. SH: Off season servicing of central AC equipment. Estimated Cost: Rs. 904696/- Earnest Money: Rs. 18094/- Period of Completion: 3 Months, Last time & date of submission of bid: 15:00PM on -26-11-2018

**In two bid system (Eligibility criteria & Financial bid)**

NIT No. 172/EE(E)/SJHED/2018-19 Name of Work: RMO E & M Service at J.L.N. Stadium, New Delhi. SH: Replacement of existing defective gates with electrical operated gates at central AC plant & Sub-station No. 1. Estimated Cost: Rs. 2263720/- Earnest Money: 45274/- Period of Completion: 2 Months, Last time & date of submission of bid: 15:00PM on -26-11-2018

Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website [www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd](http://www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd) or [www.eprcure.gov.in](http://www.eprcure.gov.in)

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
Notice Inviting e-Quotation (Re-call)

The Executive Engineer, Building Division South-East (M-421), PWD (GNCTD), Police Colony, Huz Khas, New Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India percentage rate tender in two bid condition for following work(s):-

1. NIQ No. 01/EE/SOUTH-EAST (BUILDING)/M/18-19 (3rd Call), Name of Work: C/o Researcher Block and Residential Staff Quarters for Delhi Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. (SH: Structural Desgn work).. Estimated Cost: Rs. 7,85,038/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 15,701/- drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD, New Delhi, Time of completion of work: 04 Months, The Last date & time for receipt of Tenders through e-procurement is 27.11.2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No 2018\_PWD\_161918\_1.

Further details of the tender can be had from : <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgesp/app>

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**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed item rate tenders are invited from eligible manufacturer/supplier/contractors for Supply, fixing and commissioning of Open Air Gym Equipment at NSIC Technical Services Centre (NTSC), Okhla, New Delhi.

Blank Tender Documents will be issued from 20.11.2018 to 04.12.2018 and Last date of submission of tender is 05.12.2018.

For details, pl. visit [www.nsic.co.in](http://www.nsic.co.in) or contact Chief General Manager-SG (Works), NSIC Ltd. (A Govt. of India Enterprise), NSIC, Bhawan, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110020, Phone No. 011-26926275

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**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSETS**  
(See proviso to rule 8 (6))

**Notice for sale of immovable properties**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (₹)	Reserve Price (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Auction Date & Time
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
1.	Manish Kumar Mishra (Borrower) Aparna Mishra (Co Borrower) & Ajit Kumar Mishra (Collaborer) (LBDEL00002240768)	Flat No-D 01/0304, Crescent Parc Royal Greens, 2, 3 rd Floor, Block/Tower-D 01 Sector 92, Gurgaon. Area - 1596.20 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 69,80,621/- (as on Nov, 19, 2018)	Rs. 4700 000/-	Rs. 47000 0/-	November 27, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	December 14, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. ([https://e.auctions.samil.in/](http://URL Link - https://e.auctions.samil.in/)). The Mortgagor/s/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 13, 2018 before 5:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at **ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055** or our marketing agents Shriram Automall India Ltd having their office at **2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034** on or before **December 13, 2018 before 5:00 P.M.** The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised /Scheduled Bank favouring **ICICI Bank Limited** payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the offer or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. **8564874809/9650193259** of ICICI Bank Limited or **9910453434** of Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at <https://www.icicibank.com/notice-board/properties-for-sale/properties.page?>

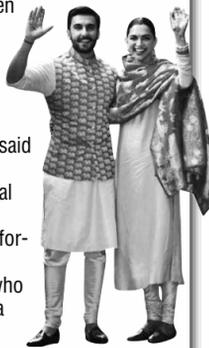
Date : November 20, 2018  
Place : Delhi Ncr.  
Sd/-  
Authorised Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited.

Trend Glazer

DeepVeer rituals stoke a row

DEEPIKA PADUKONE and RANVEER SINGH's surreal wedding in Italy at Lake Como has incited a new controversy among the Sikh community. It has been alleged that the couple's Anand Karaj ceremony has violated the Sikh code of conduct as the Akal Takht sternly prohibits taking Guru Granth Sahib to any place outside a gurudwara, particularly a hotel, resort or a pleasure palace. The president of an Italian Sikh organisation has taken up this matter further to the Akal Takht Jathedar for action.

The latter has said that once they receive a formal complaint, the matter will be forwarded to five high priests, who will then take a decision.



'When Akhand Bharat was agreed upon, Rani Laxmi Bai really believed in a new-age India and fought for it. We need to value what we have today. She was a true patriot who wanted her country to be a glorious one. To pursue this would be the best way to pay her a tribute.'

—Kangana Ranaut



Actress KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN said that her step-daughter SARA ALI KHAN is a born star. She shares a warm bond with Sara, who will soon mark her Hindi film debut with *Kedarnath*. At the trailer launch of the film, the debutante had said that she wants to imbibe the professionalism of Kareena. On her part, Kareena said, "I am quite sure that the film will be a super hit but irrespective of that, I think she is a born star." Featuring Sushant Singh Rajput in the lead, *Kedarnath* is set against the backdrop of the devastation that struck the holy shrine in 2013.

Moore marries Goldsmith

Actress-singer MANDY MOORE and TAYLOR GOLDSMITH married in an intimate boho-style backyard ceremony at her home here. The star and the musician walked down the aisle at sunset in front of just 50 guests, including Minko Kelly, Milo Ventimiglia, Chrissy Metz, three years after meeting on Instagram. The actress is said to have arranged "very boho" nuptials with "rugs on the floor surrounding the altar" and a selection of "beautiful" floral arrangements. Minko Kelly, Milo Ventimiglia, Chrissy Metz and Mandy's former flame Wilmer Valderrama were among the guests.



India is back on track towards acknowledging its creative heritage as a specimen of luxury thanks to a movement by designer RITU BERI. By ASMITA SARKAR

PRIDE OF THE NATION



Luxury has been synonymous with hand-made crafts and customised comforts in India, a boutique quality of living that was quite commonly ingrained though exaggerated as a showpiece by the royalty. But somewhere along the ages, the Indian concept of luxury had lost its lustre when juxtaposed with the Western flood of couture. Our *pashminas*, handlooms, silverware or even the leatherwork have been products of immense skill and opulence that continue to be the pride of our creative heritage. With multiple fora and exhibitions, The Luxury League, helmed by Ritu Beri, is reintroducing us to our own intellectual property.

"The definition of luxury has certainly changed through the years. There was a time when luxury was available only to the raffined and aristocratic world of old

money and royalty. Luxury isn't simply a product, it is a lifestyle, one that denotes a history of tradition, superior quality and offers a pampered buying experience. For me true luxury is exclusive, unique and not easy accessibility," said Beri who will be organising The Luxury Symposium 2018. "Promoting Indian artisans and revival of a lost pride in our creative heritage lie at the foreground of a symposium of this scale," she told us. Beri herself will bring khadi in a new couture avatar. "The look is about voluptuous indulgence — essentially an eclectic blend of modern and traditional," said she. "I always try to bring design elements from our heritage in my creations. Khadi for me still is an effective and powerful symbol of the futility of 'Western imitation' and the need for a revival of local textiles. This gets

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me back to the idea of khadi as more than just a mere cloth but something that always brings us back to our history and heritage," she added. In that sense, the revival of lost arts is also akin to the "Make in India" process. Apart from Beri, other brands too will be making a point or two at the symposium. PASHMA, a luxury brand, will be selling shawls, scarves, knitwear and suiting fabrics sourced from the Changthama goat, which is the source of the rarest and finest Pashmina fibres. The Changpa tribe of Ladakh herds the purest breed of Changra

goats at an altitude of 14,000ft. These natural, pristine, undyed shawls in both traditional and modern weaves are also embellished with precious stones and pearls. Complementing the shawls is the range of pure pashmina hand crafted knitwear, displaying the most intricate needle craft of cables, tuck knits and intarsia.

One can also find products of practical use and grandeur, from coasters in leather, to ornate silverware and handwoven shawls that can be heirloom pieces. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told Shilpu Kumar from PASHMA

during a courtesy call that India lacks official agencies to certify real *pashmina*. She hoped that issues like these would be raised at the symposium and that The Luxury League could lead the industry and relevant stakeholders to move in a definite direction. She also proposed facilitating necessary guidance to the relevant brands through The Luxury League. She agreed with brand representatives who pointed out that there is a need to boost robust mechanisms in the market to avoid exploitation of the weavers and artisans.

NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant discussed the possibility of reviving the lost grandeur of the monuments of India by creating boutique heritage shopping hubs in their premises. He felt a need for the participation of more start-up brands in the luxury business.

"Our heirloom textiles are a product of in-depth research on the finest Indian textiles and architecture. We translate the finest weaving techniques into contemporary renditions by infusing colour palettes, silhouettes and design layouts which resonate with modern Indian," said founders of Ohfab, Aanchal Sagar and Akshita Sagar. They try to revive forgotten elements of our heritage by studying designs and techniques used in antique textiles and assimilate them. ThreeSixty, a leather store, which too is taking part, creates products that are an amalgamation of the contemporary styles and the customary. They promote local artisans through their brand. "In that way, the whole emotion behind the products is a home-narrative as the craftsmen bring into light their own distinct design styles inspired from design traditions across India," said Vikash Gupta. Kalyani Chawla of Rezon, a silverware brand, said, "Every element that is used is intrinsically Indian, whether it's the lotus or the craft of enamelling or the elephant and peacock designs used in various forms."

The Luxury Symposium 2018 will be held on Friday, November 30 at Hyatt Regency Delhi

Highway." "Board exams." "Donald Trump." "Basket ball." Seemingly disparate words thrown by the large audience were strung together in an impromptu story by film director Imtiaz Ali in an open-air spin-a-yarn contest. Since storytelling was an essential part of the *Kathakar — International Storytellers' Festival* at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, the film maker, who has incidentally made a film *Tamasha* with one as the protagonist, also wove a tale with these words. And of his felicity with story-telling, he attributed it to his life of ordinariness which he dressed up from childhood with his imagined details to look and sound good. "I was average in sports. But at school I excused myself from games saying I played higher levels at the neighbourhood competitions and vice versa. You could say it all began from there. Also, I am always fascinated by the outsider's perception of the insider."

Imtiaz played raconteur to the



Stories are about what we can be

IMTIAZ ALI and MOHIT CHAUHAN discuss the many layers around the films and music that are built around them. By SAIMI SATTAR

hilt as he recalled stories from the time that the songs from his movie were being recorded at AR Rahman's studio in Chennai. Prodded by festival director Parthana Gahilote, he recounted incidents which gave an insight into the exclusive music director's sense of humour. "Mohit had been recording *Sadda Haq* for 16 hours inside the recording room while the two of us sat outside. I asked Rahman sir if he wanted a coffee and when he agreed, I slipped in the suggestion that we should give one to Mohit too. He refused and said, 'the pain of denial would show in his voice', which in turn would reflect Janardhan/Jordan's state of mind, without missing a beat," recalled the director.

He also recounted incidents, where during a drive back post-dinner, the team was caught by the local police. "Since Rahman *sahab* was the only one who knew Tamil, he was talking to the cops but did not want to say that he was AR Rahman. However, finally one of the police personnel figured out who he was and let us go," said Imtiaz.

Asked how different it was working with Rahman and Pritam, both of whom have done the music scores for him, the filmmaker said, "Pritam is a friend. We knew each other for a long time. But Rahman sir, he was someone we looked up to much before, since school. But one thing he made clear at our very first meeting that I was the director and at the helm of the project. So I would have to give the direc-

tion. Both of them are organic in the way they work. There is no script in the way they work. While recording *Sadda Haq*, we continuously worked on these two words and the innumerable ways to say it while the remaining song was still being written."

With the discussion returning to *Rockstar* every few minutes, it was not surprising that singer Mohit Chauhan, who is co-curating the festival as well, belted out two of the numbers from the film, *Kun Faya Kun* and *Tum Ho Sath Mere* and the way the audience was

'Technology is nothing but story-telling in images. So do not abhor it but use it as your tool'

transported by the voice that was soaked with the feel of the mountains was what memorable moments are made of.

But even as people professed love for the film, Imtiaz could not help pick holes in it. "There is a fidayeen squad in defence of *Rockstar* who would not like it if I say anything against the film," he said with a laugh and added, "But I find there are many portions in the movie which are hollow." Despite the November chill

gradually seeping in, the audience was unwavering and wanted to hear more. And he obliged. When Gahilote expressed her regret that she could not meet the original rockstar, Shammji Kapoor, while they were shooting the movie, Imtiaz had a story ready to qualify the description. "There is a scene in the movie where Shammiji sees the poster and realises that Ranbir is a big star now. When we shot this, he was nearing the end of his life. He was suffering from a debilitating condition, had lost two toes, undergone blood transfusion and was in a lot of pain which could be seen in his eyes during the shot. I approached him and told him as much and asked him, 'kya karna hai?' and he replied, 'karna kya hai, let's do it again.' That's the measure of a star," said Imtiaz.

Going on to *Jab We Met* and his much-loved character Geet, the director recalled how the idea came about. "A friend of mine suggested a character of a man who wants to commit suicide. I came up with a counterpoint of a girl who talks endlessly and is on a train. And then I decided to put this man on the train and the girl saves him. While my friend moved on to more tragic stories, convinced that I would try and make any sad story happy, I made the movie."

Many in the audience wanted to know why a sad character always embedded himself/herself in his films, be it *Rockstar* or *Jab We Met* or the more recent *Laila Majnu*. Imtiaz replied, "Don't go looking for pain or unhappiness to be success-

ful. Many people in real life have had really tough lives before they could be successful but others haven't. So you do not have to go looking for a heartbreaker like Heer to be successful." On the same note when someone asked why did Jordan, who was initially looking for success in music, put his career at stake on several occasions for his love? Imtiaz said something that most of us identify with: "We always want what we can't have while we ignore what we have got."

There were aspiring filmmakers in the audience who wanted to know more about filmmaking to which Imtiaz said, "You do not need to relocate to Mumbai to start making films. Start with short ones, make use of the social media and if you are good, you will be spotted." Mohit too added, "When I made my first album, *Dooba Dooba* as part of Silk Route, I was very much in Delhi. You can do the same." And like all good story-tellers, Imtiaz is cooptive and doesn't consider technology a burden. "That's story-telling in images. So do not abhor it but use it as your tool."

'Maa you can do it'

PARIDHI SHARMA and ASHNOOR KAUR tell TEAM VIVA what makes the mother-daughter relationship special in their new show, *Patiala Babes*

Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother. This holds true for any child, especially a daughter. A girl always sees a role model, a friend and a confidant in her mother. But can this work the other way around? Can a mother find inspiration in her daughter and turn to her for life lessons? One such mother-daughter duo, Paridhi Sharma as Babita Khurana a.k.a Babes and Ashnoor Kaur as Mini Khurana, are all set to be a part of the small screen through *Patiala Babes*. It's a journey where the daughter not only gives wings to her mother but helps her take the leap of faith.

"I am excited to be a part of *Patiala Babes*. This show has redefined my relationship with my own mother in many ways. As children we tend to take our parents for granted without realising the fact that since their world revolves around us, they are more dependent on us. I am proud to say 'Maa you can do it' to all the mothers out there. The best part about the show is that I'm playing my age, because before this I was getting offers for roles that were above my age. I'm just 14 in real life, so I was really thrilled when I got to know about *Patiala Babes*. I enjoyed the story and the way they have portrayed a mother-daughter relationship," says Ashnoor, who has been a part of shows like *Jhansi Ki Rani*, *Na Bole Tum Na Maine Kuch Kaha*, *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai*, and many more.

She adds that the character finds resonance in real life as well. She says, "Mini is completely Ashnoor as Mini loves her mother and so does Ashnoor. Mini is really outspoken, what's on her mind is on her lips, nothing's filtered. She's very blunt, short-tempered, and same is true about me as I feel that when you know you're right, you have to fight for it. She's really bubbly, chirpy and Punjabi, so I really feel the character is like me which is why it was effortless and natural to play it on-screen."

The story is set against the backdrop of Punjab where Babita is an ideal home-maker who feels everything is perfect in her life. But is it really true or is she living a life of denial? "Babes usually forgets herself, her aspirations and dreams while managing her relationships. She draws strength from her daughter Mini, who constantly tries to teach her the power of self-reliance. *Patiala Babes* also has a tag line which says *Janam maa ne diya par jeena beti seekhayege*. I'm wise beyond my age and that sure helped in enactment. I think every individual will be able to relate and connect with the show as the story is entirely based on realism," adds the 14-year-old.

Paridhi feels happy and excited to face the camera once again after a long gap as she's a mother of a daughter now. Says the actress who became a household name as Jodha, "It was not that challenging for me to play the role of a mother because now I'm a mother in real. Earlier when I portrayed Jodha in the show *Jodha Akbar*, I was the mother of Salim but at that time I just had an understanding of what motherhood would evoke in me. But now being a mother, I have the actual experience. My actions come naturally as I feel them even while acting. I know what all it takes to be a mother now."

"Acting is my passion and it feels good to live it. Initially, I was bit apprehensive as I had to play a mother's role. But, when I sat for the narration and heard the story, I was completely sold on the relationship that the character has with her daughter. I am glad to have had the opportunity to portray Babes." After her initial hesitance Paridhi was won over because of how versatile the role was.

The actor had catapulted to fame with her portrayal of Jodha in *Jodha Akbar*, the TV show that began in 2013 and went on for two years. The show is slated to release on November 27 on Sony TV.

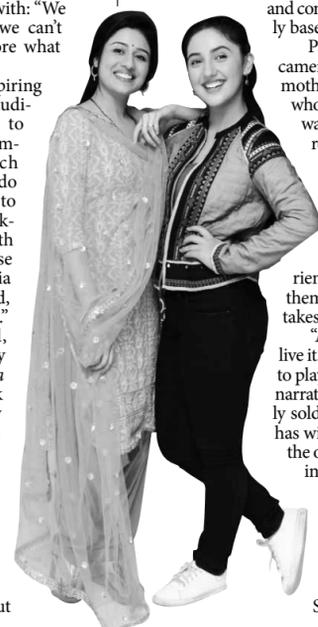


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# MAN IS SUPERMAN

Artist GIGI SCARIA walks CHAHAK MITTAL through an exhibition of sculptures that urges the human civilisation to look beyond itself and at the destruction that man's actions are causing to the world

Who is an ideal superman? Why has it always been a man-centric world? Don't we need to consider other perspectives than that of the human to view this cosmos? Defying Friedrich Nietzsche's theory of a superman, artist Gigi Scaria brings together sculptures that remind one of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. "When one thinks about a superhuman, one shouldn't go beyond Christ," says Scaria. He believes that our bodies are a bridge between the animal and the Nietzschean superman. And Christ is the process of that elevation.

Christ, who faced a lot of troubles in his life and yet remained a very humble person throughout, is an ideal man for Scaria. "A man could go weak, but can go higher to control everything if he wishes to and without even causing any harm to any other being," says Scaria.

The exhibition of sculptures, paintings and video works, titled *Ecce Homo: Behold the Man or How One Becomes What One is*, is taken from German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche's final book. The philosopher believed that a superhuman has the ability to conquer through all the challenges he is going through. However, Scaria questions, "One can have everything s/he wants but at what cost?" There could be consequences that a man could go through and suffer while following the Nietzschean model.

History has inhabited various versions of man yet we stand at the cusp of time anticipating a post-human cyborg in the future.

The sculpture, *Hesitant Attempt*, shows Icarus, a Greek mythological character, standing at the top of various crooked urbanised structures



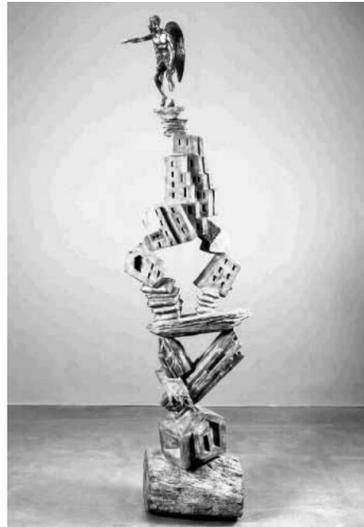
Human Pull

like buildings and broken homes with wings on his shoulders. Icarus was known to be the creator of the labyrinth. His wings signify a "labyrinth of possibilities" that life could be if seen through the perspectives of beings other than just humans.

While one bronze sculpture takes two to three months to be prepared completely, Scaria reveals that the biggest one, *Human Pull*, took approximately five months to be finished.

Another sculpture titled *Fall* shows a man lying on a mattress that, as per Scaria, shows the "unsettled" plight of a human today. "It is a mattress, the surface of which shows the instability of the human race as it is always in a hurry, packing their bags every now and then," says the artist.

His sculpture *Ringa Ringa Roses* would remind someone of the famous nursery rhyme, but to Scaria, it reminds him of the brutalities of World War II and the plague

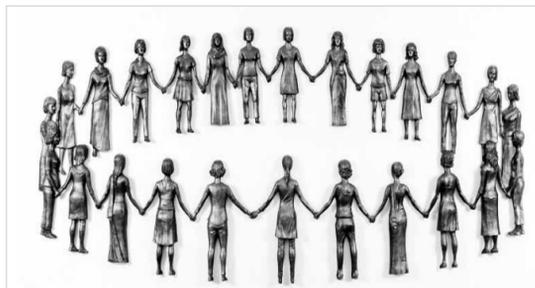


Hesitant Attempt

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Fall



Ringa Ringa Roses

that hit Europe during the time, taking numerous lives. The sculpture shows women holding hands and standing in a circle, who are all "Indian women supporting each other during difficulties."

Striking a symbolism through images and commenting on the urban lives, *Conviction* is a set of three drawings that shows the torso of a man resembling the torso of Hindu deity Hanuman who split his chest open to show an image of Ram residing inside his heart. However, Scaria's drawings interpret the torso that doesn't show Ram, rather buttons of play, pause and play on the



Conviction

three chests. The drawings remind one of the urban life that is ruled by the internet and social media.

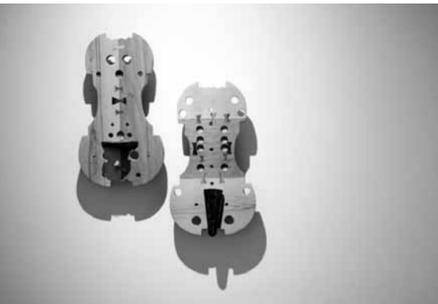
A video *Disclaimer* was inspired by the news of the recent lynchings. In it the magician is playing *Three Cup Shuffle* in which one places different objects under different bowls and the viewer has to guess what is placed underneath each as the bowls are shuffled. "I made the video in such a way that it seems it is the magician who is doing all these tricks," says Scaria.

His small sculptures are placed on the walls. "I knew that I wanted sculptures but on the walls of a gallery because it is the high-relief style that I really like," says Scaria.

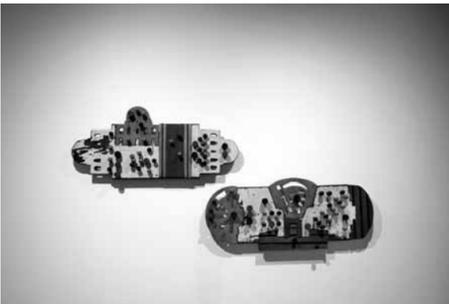
The bronze sculpture titled *Human Pull* displays the figure of a man with one wing. Scaria says, "Human beings do so much effort to reach the top but what if they find nothing at the top. They are sometimes just trying to grasp the emptiness. All these ideas are my own anxieties and my personal issues which are actually reflecting through images."

Scaria's works embody the existential angst about the future of human body and humanity at large.

(The show is on display till November 24 at Vadhra Art Gallery.)



No title



Sheet music for table tennis

chance at a separate text work by itself. When I was younger, it would be to play a trick on your sensibilities, to label a cheap red rubber ball as human spirit, some fun and game to get thrown out of Bible studies class and go fishing. Now that I am older and more accommodating, the role of the title would be to gently guide the spatial experience of the person without having to drop too much of cultural appropriation," he adds in sheer humility.

"When I first conceived *The Phantom Orchestra*, I knew for sure that the dead members of the local military brass band wouldn't be playing music as you traditionally knew it. I was keen to make a piece on the climate, mostly the sounds of ecological disaster," elucidates Navin. "It was beginning to sound more like a Hollywood science fiction film score. I trashed it and finally came back to a question of representation and that's how I arrived at the ping pong ball — a smashing object, courageous, battered, uncertain and then symphonic. The final score is called the *Weather Report*, which is in three parts."

## ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY IN WOOD

When you look around the room and take in the different paradigms in wood that speak about design dynamics, you know how preserving and passionate Navin is about what he creates. *Sheet Music for Table Tennis* is as enchanting as the two flattened violin prototypes bringing about a host of memories and moods.

"I use wood in some of my sculptural work not for its aesthetic quality but for its inherent acoustic capacity. In the choice of timber I have a preference for, what is locally called jungle. It usually means trees that are data-deficient, basically trees that have no name and then in terms of its construction. I do a lot of the joinery, mostly because I enjoy doing it and the dynamics of colour are honestly just a system of chance. I will stretch out to what is closest to me," clarifies Navin. Throughout his career he has experimented with the reverberant and percussive effects of insects, birds, animals and people as they react and co-exist with invisible electronic fields. For his installations at Gallery SKE he uses powerful modern symbols— hybrid wooden designs —and creates between them an unfamiliar anthology which is at once dense with sound, memory and sensation.

parts. The first part of this piece is an orchestration of instruments 'tuning'. The idea of the instrument that can never be tuned is the foundation of this piece. I am not going to get into the details of the remaining two parts as I don't want to ruin it for people visiting the show," he affirms.

## SENTINELS IN TIME

The other larger sculptural work, which is titled *Sentinels in time*, comprises wooden chambers of sorts. In the artist's opinion, it is to further explore the process of calibrating what cannot be tuned and then ultimately turning inwards to tune oneself. It is uncanny how he creates an entire vocabulary of designed elements around sound and its intricate references that run through memory and time and tide.

## QUIXOTIC TITLES

Tangential narratives and metaphors spill out of his very reckoning. Navin is perhaps a visionary in the many conversations he creates. His titles set you thinking about his voracious appetite for reading and his powers of observation that go back and forth through the grids of decadence and history itself. "Most often the empty space of a would-be title is a

# The ball that skips no beat

SKODA award-winner NAVIN THOMAS takes UMA NAIR through an inward-looking journey of his latest collection

What sets Navin Thomas apart is his originality and his ability to keep art lovers guessing about what he will unravel next.

When he won the SKODA Award in 2011 he said, "There are a couple of things which I have been preoccupied with over the last few years — beta-testing on the possible afterlife of salvaged electronic junk, mostly discarded transistors and smaller objects, with a possible audio capacity. I love to observe how pets and smaller species react to magnetic fields."

## MELDING MOORINGS

Seven years hence, Navin's exposition at Gallery SKE in Delhi is the stuff of melding and meandering moorings which create corollaries in conversation and complexities of transcending sound in myriad ways through recycled wood. "Out here in the exosphere," he is more than curious, more than quaint and it holds up a host of narratives from the past to the present to the Sappers Band in Madras and the tide of time.

In the past, he has created works by degrees having a penchant for discovering the beginnings of his installations and films in and around the discarded detritus of scrapyards, recycling plants and flea markets. He uses "rough" technology to

construct his poetic and philosophical art from the salvage of rapidly transforming 21st-century economies.

## PHANTOM ORCHESTRA

Here at Gallery SKE, it is the brass band instruments, *The Phantom Orchestra*, that catch your gaze. References and memories come floating by, think of Louis Armstrong and eternal enchanting melodies like *What a Wonderful World*, *As Time Goes By*, *La Vie en Rose* and all Navin does is smile because he goes off on a tangent with sound.

"The main work of this show, *The Phantom Orchestra*, is an ensemble of wind instruments, (tuba, french horn, euphonium and so on) which were originally retrieved from the local metal recycling unit when the instruments were cast off by the local military brass band," he adds.

"I have always been known for my sound sculptures in the past. Earlier they were about built architecture and ecology and now, with this new show it's more about aural form and the mechanics of it," he says. "These instruments were reconstructed to become *The Phantom Orchestra* and for this show they are playing a rendition of the *Weather Report*, which is a score that is written in three

# Israel to be country of focus

IFFI will be screening 10 films and hosting high-powered delegation



Red Cow



Waltz with Bashir

Israel will be the "country of focus" at the 49th edition of the International Film Festival of India in Goa with 10 screenings and a delegation of leading Israeli film personalities, including popular actor Alon Abutbul, will be present.

The opening film is *The Other Story* by Avi Nesher with production by David Silber. It will be screened on November 21 and will be followed by a press conference. Other known films are Academy Award candidates *Footnote*, *Waltz with Bashir* and the internationally well-esteemed *The Bubble*. Newer films that will be screened are *Unorthodox*, *Red Cow*, *Working Woman*, *Longing*, *Redemption* and *Shalom Bollywood: The untold Story of Indian Cinema*.

Film-making in Israel has undergone major developments since its inception in the 1950s. In the last few years, Israeli films

## BREAKTHROUGH

Israeli filmmaker Dan Wolman will be presented with a lifetime achievement award and will give a Masterclass session on November 25. The Country of Focus will be opened with a gala evening dinner, hosted by the Israeli consulate in Mumbai, where the Indian-Israeli singer Liora Itzhak will perform few of her Bollywood-inspired pieces. A short Israeli animation film in Hindi will be launched during the event. The film, *A Revival of a Nation*, depicts 4,000 years of Jewish history. On November 22, the consulate will host a seminar dedicated to discussing opportunities for collaborations between Israeli and Indian cinemas, where renowned Indian producers Apoorva

Mehta and Vishesh Bhatt, together with Tanuj Garg, will share from their experiences on their work-visit to Israel.

On this occasion, Israel's Consul General in Mumbai, H.E. Mr. Yaakov Finkstein said: "Israel is proud to be in focus at this year's IFFI, and is glad for the opportunity to be able to present to Indian cinema-lovers. We hope the focus on Israel will serve as a good introduction to its cinema but also to the vibrant Israeli society. We believe this festival will promote joint work between Israeli and Indian film artists, as we think that both sides can learn a lot from each other. I invite you all to come and watch the films and then come and visit Israel itself, to enjoy at first hand the Israeli experience, for seeing is believing."

have won reputed awards, including nomination for the Best Foreign Language films at the Academy Awards. Israeli film-makers produce films on themes that appeal to the global market, and Israel, known by many as the Start-up Nation, is home to cutting edge technologies in animation and film production.

India-Israel diplomatic relations, which completed 25 years in 2017, are gathering momentum in various fields such as trade, fin-tech and agriculture and also in the area of cinema and film production. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the galaxy of stars in Mumbai during his trip in January 2018. At the climax of his India tour, he invited Indian

actors and filmmakers to come and make films in Israel. At the same event, India's mega-star Amitabh Bachchan expressed his hope that "May cinema further fortify the strength of ties between India and Israel."

A film co-production agreement between Israel and India, signed during Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's state visit to India in January, has come into effect in September 2018. As per the agreement, a joint selection committee will be set up to consider collaboration proposals submitted by film-makers from both countries. Expedited visas, financial grants and tax exemptions are some of the benefits the Israeli government agreed to extend in order to help joint productions.

## WATCH OUT



*Samadrishti* is a collaboration between Chennai-based Carnatic singer Sudha Ragunathan and Delhi-based Bharatnatyam dancer Rama Vaidyanathan. Both artists will come together to pay tribute to the late Carnatic music maestro ML Vasanthakumari on her 90th birth anniversary. WHEN: November 25 TIME: 7 pm WHERE: Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre.

Gurgaon Fine Arts Academy presents Kamal Devnath's solo exhibition *Conversation with colours*. The artist recreates and presents the reality that is visible to him through his own personal point of view. He captures nature, life and the unseen on to the canvas. WHEN: Till November 22 TIME: 11 am to 7 pm WHERE: AIFACS Art Gallery.



Odissi exponent Sharmila Mukerjee and her dance ensemble Sanjati presents *Hansika* — the first Odissi adaptation of the widely acclaimed Russian Ballet *Swan Lake*. *Hansika* will bring forth a compelling tale of romance and deception through an Odissi dance drama. WHEN: November 22 WHERE: Kamani Auditorium.



Curated by Seema Bhalla, the art exhibition titled *The Allure of India* looks into the 300 years of a shared heritage and historical re-contextualisation of Company School paintings from 17th to early 20th century. WHEN: November 20 to 25 TIME: 10.30 am to 6.30 pm WHERE: Bikaner House, India Gate.

Celebrating the World Toilet Day, Practical Action presents an exhibition of photos by Tom Oldham, showcasing its Swachh Smudai Healthy Communities project, focussing on sustainable energy access, food, sanitation, agriculture, disaster management and water. WHEN: November 20 WHERE: Experimental Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre.





Sonia Chahal is declared winner against Stanimira Petrova (red) in the light flyweight 57 kg; (left) Pinki Rani in action against Ebonie Jones (blue) PTI

# India continue brilliant run

Sonia, Pinki and Simranjeet join five others in quarterfinals lineup to boost India's hope of repeating 2006 feat in World Championship after Saweety loses in second round

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Judging controversy couldn't stop the Indian juggernaut from rolling with as many as eight pugilists reaching the quarterfinals in the ongoing AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships on Monday.  
Sonia Chahal (57kg), Pinki Rani (51kg) and Simranjit Kaur (64kg) won their respective pre-quarterfinal bouts to place themselves just a step away from assuring a medal while Saweety Boora (75kg) was the lone Indian boxer to lose her bout on an eventful day at the K D Jhadav Stadium.  
MC Mary Kom (48kg), Manisha Moun (54kg), Lovlina Borgohain

(69kg) and Kachari Bhagyabati (81kg) booked their quarterfinals on Sunday while Seema Poonia will directly begin her campaign at the last-eight stage on Tuesday against Xiaoli Yang of China.

Former champion L Sarita Devi (60kg) was the second Indian boxer to bow out of the tournament in the pre-quarterfinals after losing to 2016 World Championship Silver medalist Kellie Harrington of Ireland in a split 3-2 verdict on Sunday.

The best show for the Indians was in the 2006 edition at home when the country won 8 medals. The country won just two and one medal in the last two editions and this one may turn out to be the best

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in recent times.  
The fifth day's proceedings were, however, marred by a judging controversy when 2014 Gold-medallist Stanimira Petrova of Bulgaria (57kg) accused the judges of "corruption" after losing her pre-quarterfinal to India's Sonia Chahal.

"I want to say only one thing, it is corruption by the judges. It is not a fair result," the 27-year-old Petrova, who won a Gold in 54kg in the 2014 edition, told reporters after losing to Sonia.

She was seen laughing when

## Indian coach questions referee's decision

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Indian boxing coach Shiv Singh on Monday questioned the referee's decision to award standing counts against Sarita and Saweety Boora but refused to term it the reason for their losses.

Former world champion Sarita, who lost a close bout in 60kg against Kellie Harrington in a 3-2 split decision on Sunday,

and the world body AIBA later withdrew his accreditation and barred him from the ringside.

The 21-year-old Sonia, daughter of a Haryana farmer, was trailing

after the second round but recovered well in the final round to win the close bout on 3-2 split decision.

All the five judges gave 10-9 points in favour of the Indian in the

third round and that sealed the win for the local hope.

Sonia, on her part, said it was a fair result.

"How can all the five judges go wrong? It was a fair decision," she said.

This was Sonia's first major international event having risen to senior level by winning a Gold in the National Championships in 2016.

Last year, she won a Gold in the Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament this year. Sonia next faces Arias Castenada Yeni Marcela of Colombia in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Pinki and Simranjit, on the other hand, notched up easy wins with all the judges giving unanimous 5-0 verdicts in their favour.

The 28-year-old Pinki was trailing behind her English opponent Alice Ebonie Jones in the first round but recovered in the next two to emerge victorious in the end. It was a close call on the part of four judges who gave 29-28 in favour of the Indian while the fifth judge gave a clear 30-27.

"It was an easier one than my earlier (opening round) bout. Today's opponent was young and inexperienced while my previous opponent (Armenia's 2014 youth world champion Anush Grigoryan) was more experienced," she said.

Pinki next faces Pang Chol Mi of North Korea in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Simranjit's 5-0 win against Megan Reid of Scotland, was the most impressive among Indian bouts of the day as she won all the rounds for an a 30-27, 30-27, 29-28, 30-27, 30-27 win.

Simranjit, who won Gold in the Ahmet Comert tournament in Turkey this year, was taking the ring three months after he father passed away. She said on Sunday that she would try hard to win a medal for him.

Simranjit from Chakar village in Ludhiana next faces Amy Sara Broadhurst of Ireland in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

India, however, suffered a jolt with Saweety Boora losing her opening to Elzbieta Wojcik of Poland in 75kg in a unanimous decision.

The 23-year-old Saweety won Silver in the 2014 World Championships in 81kg but was competing here in 75kg.

All the five judges were not in favour of the Indian in all the three rounds with the Polish boxer winning 30-26, 30-27, 30-26, 30-27, 30-27.

# Zverev beats Djoker in ATP Finals decider

**AFP ■ LONDON**  
Alexander Zverev emphatically announced his arrival at the top of the men's game by overpowering Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 to win his first ATP Finals title.

The 21-year-old German, making his second appearance at the end-of-season showpiece, outlasted six-time champion Roger Federer in the semi-finals and repeated the feat against the world number one on Sunday.

Djokovic had not been broken once in the tournament coming into the match, winning all 36 service games and only facing two break points but Zverev wrecked his numbers, breaking four times in the match.

The German, coached by Ivan Lendl, faltered just once when Djokovic broke him early in the second set but that was the only blemish on an extraordinary performance of power and skill.

"I really can't describe it," said Zverev.

"It is the biggest title I have ever won. Firstly, I want to congratulate Novak and we may never have seen the tennis he has played in the last few months before. He barely lost a match but thankfully he did to me.

"We (Djokovic and Zverev) had so many talks, not only about tennis but all different types of subjects — I won't mention what — but you are a sharing person and you have shared some titles with me. I appreciate you letting me win one today."

The Serbian top seed, 31, came into the match seeking to equal Federer's record of six ATP Finals wins but was immediately aware he had a fight on his hands at London's O2 Arena.

Djokovic beat Zverev 6-4, 6-1 in their round-robin match on Wednesday but it was a different story in front of a packed and vociferous crowd on Sunday.

With both players going toe-to-toe from the back of the court, the first set went with serve until the ninth game, when Djokovic dumped a forehand into the net to concede the break.

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Roared on by the crowd, Zverev hit three aces on his way to sealing the first set 6-4.

Still on a high, the third seed broke an out-of-sorts Djokovic immediately at the start of the second set to leave the top seed with a mountain



Alexander poses with ATP Finals trophy AP

to climb.  
Showing nerves for the first time, he double-faulted twice in his next service game as Djokovic got back on level terms but the German broke again to lead 2-1 as the Serb's error count mounted.

Zverev broke Djokovic for the third time in the second set in the ninth game, producing a stunning backhand down the line at full stretch to win the championship.

The young German has often been talked about as the leader of the next generation but despite having three Masters titles under his belt in his short career, he has a poor record at the Slams.

Djokovic slipped to an unaccustomed low of 22nd in the world earlier this year but has lost just three matches since the beginning of Wimbledon as he charged back up the rankings.

"Sascha (Zverev) definitely played much better than he did in the group stage," he said. "He deserved to win. He's still quite young but he's had an amazing career so far and I wish him all the best for his future."

"Speaking of being young, hopefully I'll play many more years and I'll see you guys here in years to come."

Elsewhere, Mike Bryan and Jack Sock won the doubles title in thrilling fashion, coming from a set down to beat Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut 5-7, 6-1, 13-11.

# SAINA, SRIKANTH START FAVOURITES

**PTI ■ LUCKNOW**  
Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth will start favourites when they spearhead the Indian challenge at the Syed Modi International tournament, which has lost a bit of sheen with the pullout of Olympic Silver medallist P V Sindhu.

The tournament begins here on Tuesday.

With Sindhu missing, India will have two defending champions in the tournament with Sameer Verma looking to retain the title to enhance his chances of qualifying for the year-ending World Tour Final. The mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy, too, will eye a repeat.

Sindhu decided to skip the event to focus on next month's World Tour Finals in China but there won't be any shortage of star power when the World Tour Super 300 event gets underway with the qualifiers.



In Sindhu's absence, Saina will be the cynosure of all eyes and the celebrated Indian has been in decent form this year having won a Gold at the Commonwealth Games and a Bronze at the Asian Games. She will look to secure her maiden BWF title of this season when she begins her campaign

against Mauritius' Kate Foo Kune in the opening round. With a host of Indians making up the draw, Saina is likely to face little resistance till her journey to the finals, where she is expected to meet former Olympic champion China's Li Xuerui, who has won at Canada, US and the China Masters after making a comeback.



Srikanth, too, will be looking for his first title of the season after being in ram-paging form last year, winning four titles. The Indian has been in decent form, winning a Silver at the Commonwealth Games and reaching the quarterfinals consistently.

The Indian will hope to

claim the men's singles title after winning it in 2016 following three final appearances. However, he will face tough resistance from second seed H S Prannoy and Sameer, who won titles at Swiss Open and Hyderabad Open.

Srikanth is likely to meet Parupalli Kashyap in the second round if the 2014 Commonwealth Games champion manages to beat Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk in the opener.

While, Prannoy will start against Thailand's Adulrach Namkul and is likely to meet 2014 Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist R M V Gurusaidutt in the third round.

For that, Guru, who is trying to make a comeback after recovering from a career-threatening ankle injury, will have to fight his way against Germany's Jonathan Persson and probably Misha Zilberman of Israel to enter the quarterfi-

nals.

Fourth seed B Sai Praneeth, who had won the Singapore Open last year, will square off against Russia's Sergey Sirant in the opening match, while Subhankar Dey, who claimed his maiden title at SaarLorLux Open, will open against China's Zhou Zeqi.

Seventh seed Sourabh Verma, who won titles at Russia and Dutch Open, will start against China's Zhou Zeqi.

Also in action would be eighth seeded India's top men's doubles pairs of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who are the Silver medallists at the Commonwealth Games, and National champions Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy.

The women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will also look to put their best foot forward, while Ashwini will also pair up with Satwik in mixed doubles.

# Seferovic scripts Swiss comeback

**AFP ■ LUCERNE**  
Haris Seferovic starred with a hat-trick as Switzerland staged a sensational comeback to thrash Belgium 5-2 in Lucerne on Sunday and qualify for the Nations League finals in dramatic fashion.

Thorgan Hazard's early double left Switzerland needing to win by two goals to qualify from Group B3, while the hosts quickly fought back, with Ricardo Rodriguez's penalty and Seferovic's first two goals seeing them into a 3-2 half-time lead.

Nico Elvedi nodded home a Xherdan Shaqiri cross in the 62nd minute, and Vladimir Petkovic's men sealed a stunning win when Seferovic completed his treble late on.

"I want to congratulate each player, there was a big mental reaction, the players never gave up, they always believed," said Swiss coach Petkovic. "They played with will, intelligence and with their heads."

After a thrilling match that continued a trend of goal-filled encounters in the inaugural edition of the Nations League, Switzerland will play at the finals in June next year, alongside European champions Portugal and England, with the final spot going to either France or the Netherlands on Monday.



Roberto Martinez's men saw their six-match unbeaten run since reaching the World Cup semi-finals brought to an shuddering halt.

"We forgot to defend well, we gave Switzerland the opportunity to get back in the game," said Spanish coach Martinez.

"We had a lot of excitement, we really wanted to finish top of the group. The disappointment will make us more focused when the (Euro 2020) qualification starts."

Earlier on Sunday, Valentino Lazaro

scored an injury-time winner as Austria beat Northern Ireland 2-1 in a dead rubber in Belfast that Marko Arnautovic described as a "fight".

Northern Ireland had already been relegated from Group B3, while Austria were guaranteed to finish second.

"We can be proud of the win. We wanted to come here, to finish well with a win and we did that," West Ham forward Arnautovic told Sky Sports.

"He (Gareth McAuley) tried to choke me, fight with me, I don't know why. It is not good to fight with me."

# Spain beat Bosnia after heartache

**AFP ■ LAS PALMAS**  
Spain responded to their Nations League disappointment by beating Bosnia 1-0 on Sunday but an unconvincing victory will have done little to lift the mood.

Luis Enrique's side needed 21-year-old debutant Brais Mendez, on as a substitute, to score the only goal of a scrappy game at Estadio Gran Canaria, in which neither side would have been unfairly represented by a stalemate.

Spain already knew their hopes of progressing to the Nations League finals were over after England snatched top spot in Group 4 following a last-gasp win at Wembley over Croatia.

A thrilling conclusion, which would have sent Spain through had Croatia held on for a point, was a feather in the cap for the inaugural tournament and came in stark contrast to this rather underwhelming friendly a few hours later.

"Bad luck and mistakes we



Spain players celebrate after win AP

made meant we didn't make the finals," Luis Enrique said. "I would have liked a draw (between England and Croatia) but I'm focused on qualification for the European Championship and I think the team looks good."

A narrow win over Bosnia came with a rotated and youthful line-up, in which only Isco and Dani Ceballos survived from Thursday's defeat by Croatia in Zagreb.

Harry Kane's late winner against Croatia had the Spanish press swooning for a striker of his calibre and another erratic performance from Alvaro Morata hardly promoted the Chelsea striker's cause.

# WE'RE READY FOR AUSSIE CHALLENGE, SAYS ROHIT

Indian deputy feels the side is determined to change things this time despite hosts pacers tough challenge

PTI ■ BRISBANE

Australia's towering pacers are at an advantage against the "not that tall" Indian batsmen, says visiting vice-captain Rohit Sharma but insisted that his team is ready to rewrite the script of the battle this time.

India start the tour with the T20 Internationals from November 21 here and Rohit said it would be a tough task to counter the fast pitches.

"India have always played either at Perth (venue for second Test from December 14-18 this time) or Brisbane. These two conditions are challenging and the Australians have tall bowlers who exploit those conditions and use it to their advantage," he said.

"Indian batsman are generally not that tall, so it is not easy for us but the guys are determined to change things this time, we are ready to accept the challenge," he asserted.

"It is challenging for our batsmen...But most of the guys have come to Australia before. So they understand the conditions. Of course their bowling attack will challenge us whichever format we play but as a batting unit, we are prepared," Rohit said.

India will start with a three-match T20I series, followed by a four-match Test series and a three-game ODI



Series. The visitors have never won a Test series in Australia, drawing three and losing eight of their previous 11 outings.

"Whenever we travel outside India there is always a special feeling and Australia is one place where we want to leave our mark and do well as a unit," Rohit said after India's practice session at The Gabba.

"Last time we played a Test series here, although we lost two games and drew one, but I thought we played few close games, especially at Brisbane.

"We want to make it count this time around, there is a real good feeling

## BESIDES KOHLI, WARY AUSTRALIA PLAN TO STOP ROHIT

**BRISBANE:** Trap him in front of the stumps with a sharp inswinger or test him with a short ball: These could be the tactics employed by Australia against dangerous India opener Rohit Sharma, says pacer Nathan Coulter-Nile.

Besides India captain Virat Kohli, Rohit is another batsman that could give the home team plenty of headache in the limited overs leg of the series beginning Wednesday.

"He's an unbelievable player. His record speaks for itself. He's got a good record all around the world, so he's a definite player

to watch," Coulter-Nile said at the Gabba. "But we've also had a bit of success against him with the new ball as well - I think 'Dorff' (Jason Behrendorff) got him out last time we played him - rapped him on the pads - so we'll look to do that again early." Coulter-Nile also fancies bowling short to Rohit, who has an impressive record in Australia and has scored 810 runs at an average of 62.31 in the last eight years. Behrendorff could be Australia's trump card as he had troubled the Indians with a sensational spell of four for 21 in a T20 played in Guwahati last year.

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inside the group. The motive is to seize all the moments and win."

Stressing on the significance of putting up a good performance in Australia ahead of the 2019 World Cup, Rohit said: "When you do well in Australia, you feel good as a team and thinking about the World Cup ahead, it can only give you confidence winning in places like Australia."

Rohit said everybody in the team needs to step up against a formidable side like Australia.

"Australia in Australia will always be dangerous without a doubt. In places like Australia you want the whole unit to come together, that is our focus," he said.

"We don't want few individuals to step up, we want whole lot of guys to put their hands up and take up the challenge. So, we want everybody to step up and make it count."

"We have some quality bowlers, in particular, spinners, so we will try to challenge them with our spinners. They still have a quality batting lineup, so let's see how we go."

Rohit has an impressive record against Australia in one-day cricket Down Under, having scored 805 runs in 16 matches at 57.50. The Indian opener said the pace and bounce of Australian pitches helps his game.

"I had a good time playing white ball cricket here. In places like Brisbane and Perth, the good bounce allows me to play my game because I have grown up playing on cement pitches back home," he said.

"I have done well in limited overs here but the challenge obviously is red-ball cricket which right now I am not thinking of, just want to do well in T20 format and take it forward where we go.

## SINGLES

**ANJUM WINS 10M AIR RIFLE, 4 GOLD FOR MEHULI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** Anjum Moudgil of Punjab continued her brilliant run of form by winning the women's 10m air rifle competition while Bengal's Mehuli Ghosh, the other star of the day, claimed four Gold medals at the 62nd National Shooting Championship. Anjum followed up her 50m rifle 3 positions victory a day earlier with another top podium finish. Anjum shot 249.1 in the finals to lead a Punjab 1-2 with Jasmine Kaur coming second with a score of 247.9. Ghosh was the other star of the day winning four Gold, including the junior and youth women's 10m air rifle individual and team event. She shot 253 in the youth final and 249.1 in the junior final respectively to emerge triumphant. Among other notable names, Olympian Apurvi Chandel made it to the air rifle finals but finished fourth to miss out on an individual medal.

## ALGERIA QUALIFY FOR CUP OF NATIONS

**LOME:** Manchester City star Riyad Mahrez scored twice as Algeria trounced Togo 4-1 in to qualify for the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations finals in Cameroon. Mauritania, for the first time, Guinea and the Ivory Coast later raised to 13 the number of qualifiers for the biennial tournament. Cameroon, Egypt, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia and Uganda had booked places before Sunday. That leaves 11 places up for grabs during matchday 6 next March with former champions Congo Brazzaville, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana and South Africa among the contenders. Mahrez, the 2016 African Footballer of the Year, netted either side of a Youcef Attal goal to give the Desert Foxes a three-goal advantage within 30 minutes. Kodjo Fo-Doh Laba pulled one back for Togo in the second half before Baghdad Bounedjah completed the scoring in stoppage-time.

## ASHMITA GRABS GOLD IN DUBAI CHALLENGE

**NEW DELHI:** Nineteen-year-old Shuttler Ashmita Chahliha defeated Jeon Jui of Korea 21-19, 21-15 to win the women singles title in the Dubai International Challenge on Sunday. But Subhankar Dey had to settle for a Silver medal after going down in the final to Vladimir Malkov 10-21, 15-21 in men's singles. The Indian-Malaysian pair of Tarun Kona Lim Khim Wah also had to satisfy with a Silver medal in men's double when it went down to Kim Sang Soo and Yoo Yeon Seong 13-21, 16-21 in the final. Ashmita, who has six career wins, took just 33 minutes to dispose of the Korean, who is ranked 29 in the world.

## GOVEAS, MANISH CRASH OUT IN 1ST ROUND

**PUNE:** India's Aryan Goveas and Manish Sureshkumar got a taste of Challenger-level tennis and made hasty first-round exits along with two seeded players in the KPIT-MSLTA Challenger here Monday. Local wild card Goveas played well in patches before losing 3-6, 4-6 to Canada's Brayden Schnur in 69 minutes. Third seed and world number 132, Elias Ymer from Sweden, handed wild card entrant Manish a good tennis lesson with an easy 6-4, 6-1 win. In the doubles, local boy Arjun Kadhe and Saketh Myneni, progressed to the quarterfinals with a crushing 6-1 6-1 win over the wild card pair of Dakshinেশ্বর Suresh and Parikshit Somani.

## LOBERA PENS FC GOA CONTRACT EXTENSION

**MARGAO:** FC Goa on Monday announced that head coach Sergio Lobera has extended his stay at the Indian Super League club. The Spaniard put pen to paper on a one-year contract extension that will see him stay with the club till the end of the 2019/20 season. Under Lobera, FC Goa reached the semi-finals in 2017/18 and now in his second season, the Gaurs find themselves at the top of the leader board heading into the second international break. With the Head Coach preaching a philosophy of attack, FC Goa scored 43 goals last season and look set to challenge the mark in this season after having already bagged 21 goals in their first 7 games.

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## Test specialists shine in draw against NZ A

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

Australia-bound Test specialists — veteran Murali Vijay and youngsters Prithvi Shaw and Hanuma Vihari — helped themselves to half-centuries on the final day of India A's first unofficial 'Test' against New Zealand A, which ended in a tame draw.

India A scored 247 for 3 in 65 overs in their second innings when the match was called off.

However, openers Shaw (50, 53 balls) and Vijay (60, 113 balls) got good enough match time as they added 74 runs for the first wicket, largely due to the contribution of the young Mumbaikar, who hit eight fours and a six.

Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane (41 no, 94 balls) and Vihari (51 no, 63 balls) added 86 runs for an unbroken fourth-wicket stand.

Blair Tickner got rid of Agarwal, breaching through the defence, and Vijay soon followed, offering a catch to Theo van Woerkom.

Rahane and Vihari then batted out the next 25 overs. Vihari, in fact, was more aggressive with three fours and three sixes in 63 balls as the match meandered towards a draw.



Prithvi Shaw in action PTI/File Photo

Will Young off Doug Bracewell's delivery.

In-form Mayank Agarwal (42) then joined Vijay and the duo added 81 runs for the second wicket with Agarwal being the aggressor. The Karnataka right-hander hit six boundaries and a six.

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## B'DESH CALL ISLAM FOR WI TEST

AFF ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh selectors on Monday called up uncapped opening batsman Shadman Islam for the first Test squad against the West Indies starting later this week.

The left-hander was rewarded for a strong showing with the Bangladesh Cricket Board XI in a two-day match against the visitors that ended in a draw in Chittagong on Monday.

Shadman hit 73 off 169 balls with 10 fours and a six in the



match, sharing 126 runs with opening partner Soumya Sarkar.

The 23-year-old has been a prolific run scorer in domestic cricket. He tallied 648 runs at an average of 64.80 in the domestic first-class National Cricket League and played for the Bangladesh Under19 team.

Bangladesh were looking for an opener after veteran batsman Tamim Iqbal was injured during a recent training session, delaying his Test comeback.

The first match of the two-Test series starts in Chittagong on

Thursday.

The West Indies will also play three ODIs and three Twenty20 matches during their month-long tour.

## SQUAD

Shakib Al Hasan (Capt), Soumya Sarkar, Imrul Kayes, Mohammad Mithun, Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim, Ariful Haque, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mehidy Hasan, Mustafizur Rahman, Taijul Islam, Shadman Islam, Khaled Ahmed and Nayeem Hasan.

## ENGLAND TO FACE INDIA IN SEMIS

PTI ■ GROS ISLET

India will face a formidable England in the second semifinals on Friday after the West Indies defeated 2009 champions by four wickets in their last group match of the ICC Women's World T20.

India have been invincible so far in the tournament, winning all their four games in the group stage. The in-form team will also have revenge on its mind, having lost to England in the 50-over World Cup final last year.

En route to the semifinals,

Harmanpreet Kaur's side also hammered three-time former champions Australia in its last pool match.

Defending champions West Indies, on the other hand, topped group A with eight points after beating England in the last-over thriller to set up a clash with Australia in the first semifinals in Antigua on November 22.

In the last group A match, the West Indies dished out a disciplined performance as they first restricted England to 115-8 and then over-



hauled the target with three balls to spare, riding on Deandra Dottin's 52-ball 48.

After winning the toss, West Indies opening bowler Shakera Selman

picked up two early wickets.

A mid-innings collapse then reduced England to 50 for six before Sophia Dunkley (35) and Anya Shrubsole (29) put on a 58-run partnership.

The pair was only separated in the penultimate over, helping England to 115 for eight.

And it seemed it would be enough when Shrubsole picked up two wickets in her first over, sending back Hayley Matthews and Stafanie Taylor, both bowled.

Then Deandra Dottin and

Shemaine Campbelle combined for a 68-run partnership.

Dottin (46) was dismissed with the home team still needing 45, but some bold hitting from Campbelle kept them in the hunt.

Needing 26 off the last 18 balls, Campbelle was dropped twice in the penultimate over, but she helped the West Indies get close enough; they hit the five runs that remained in the last over, much to the delight of the crowd.

West Indies' Deandra Dottin, who was adjudged Player of the Match.

## Delhi face Hyderabad without Gambhir, Ishant

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Having missed out on a golden opportunity to log full points in the opener, Delhi, sans senior stars Gautam Gambhir and Ishant Sharma, will face Hyderabad in an away encounter of the Ranji Trophy from Tuesday.

Delhi failed to win outright in their opening group league match at home against Himachal Pradesh and Hyderabad were no better, having conceded first innings lead in both their matches.

However, Delhi will miss Gambhir more as they were always aware that Ishant was available for only one match as per BCCI's specific workload management programme.

Gambhir, who scored 44 and 49 in the opening game, is suffering from a shoulder niggle and had excused himself from this away encounter.

"It's always nice if an experienced player like Gautam is around. He will certainly be missed as he also guides the juniors. But at the same time, I would look at it as an opportunity where a junior



Gautam Gambhir in action File Picture

While Hyderabad will not have pace spearhead Mohammed Siraj (on India A duty) in their ranks, Delhi's opening pair, with a collective experience of one first-class game, could be a worry for young captain Nitish Rana.

Rana and Himmat Singh will be aiming to come out all guns blazing against the likes of left-arm spinner Mehidy Hasan and pacer M Ravi Kiran before they also leave on national duty (for Emerging India in U-23 Asia Cup).

There could be a couple of more changes in the playing XI with Ishant being replaced by either Gaurav Kumar or Simarjeet Singh.

The two left-arm spinners Varun Sood and Vikas Mishra looked pedestrian on a helpful fourth day track at the Kotla. With off-spinner Pulkit Narang in the squad, Rana might be tempted to drop one of the two slow left-arm orthodox from the playing XI.

In other Elite group B clash at Eden Gardens, Mohammed Shami will feature for Bengal against Goa. Shami's inclusion in the squad has revived Bengal's hopes for season's first win after they secured six points from two matches on basis of their first innings lead.

player will get a chance to make a mark," Delhi coach Mithun Manhas said on Monday.

"There is still a bit of grass cover on the pitch and let's see how it pans out on Tuesday. We will take a call on the playing XI on Tuesday," the coach said.

While the coach did not reveal who will be Gambhir's replacement, it was learnt that Sarthak Ranjan is expected to open the innings along with Hitendra Dalal.



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