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## Andhra, Bengal clip CBI wings

'General consent' accorded to Central agency to exercise its authority in States withdrawn

PNS ■ AMARAVATI/NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

Setting the stage for a bitter confrontation between the Centre and States, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal Governments have withdrawn the "general consent" accorded to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to exercise its authority in the States.

First it was Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu whose Government declared that the CBI cannot conduct raids or investigations in his State without permission. Hours later West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee followed suit.

Backing Andhra Pradesh CM, Mamata said, "What Chandrababu has done is right. The CBI receives instructions from the BJP."

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, Government hereby withdraws the general consent accorded (in GO Ms 109) to all the members of the Delhi Special Police



Establishment to exercise the powers and jurisdiction under the said Act in the State of Andhra Pradesh," the Andhra Government notification said. Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister (Home) N China Rajappa justified the State Government's action saying it was taken against the backdrop of certain allegations against the country's premier investigating agency. "We have trust in the CBI but the recent allegations against its top officials have made us withdraw the general consent. Henceforth, the CBI

has to obtain the State Government's permission for investigating every case," Rajappa told the media. The general consent was withdrawn on the advice of lawyers and intellectuals, Rajappa claimed. Even the Government in Karnataka had withdrawn the general consent for the CBI, he pointed out. Rajappa, however, clarified the CBI could take up investigation against Central Government officials without the State's permission. "We will grant necessary permission whenever the CBI makes a



request," he added. On August 3 this year, the AP Government issued the GO Ms No. 109 according to "general consent" to all members of the Delhi Special Police Establishment to exercise the powers and jurisdiction in AP against officials of the Central Government, Central Government undertakings and private persons for investigating offences under various laws, including the Prevention of Corruption Act. Reacting to the decision taken by Andhra and Bengal, the Congress on Friday said it

is a "dangerous trend" that States Governments "no longer have faith" in the CBI.

"Unfortunately in the last four-and-a-half years, they (CBI and other agencies) have been treated like private armies of Amit Shah or Modi and that is why people doubt the ability of the CBI to act independently," Congress leader Pawan Khera alleged.

The Congress leader said the recent goings-on in the CBI are a "very serious matter" and people should not lose faith in such premier agencies.

Ever since he snapped ties with the NDA in March, Chandrababu had been accusing the Centre of misusing the CBI to target political opponents. The recent raids by Income Tax authorities on some business establishments run by those close to the ruling Telugu Desam Party in the State have left Chandrababu red-faced. Subsequently, he announced that his Government would not provide police cover to the IT officials for conducting the raids.

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## No clean chit to Verma; SC seeks reply in 3 days

CVC files 'mixed' findings against benched CBI boss

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has come out with "mixed" findings while dealing with allegation of corruption against benched CBI Director Alok Verma. Taking note of the CVC report, the Supreme Court has given Verma time till November 19 to respond to certain "very uncomplimentary findings" in the CVC report. The SC Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said there are some "very complimentary," some "not so complimentary" and some "very uncomplimentary" findings in the "exhaustive" preliminary enquiry report. The Bench included justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph.

The SC also directed that a copy of the CVC report along with annexure be given to Verma in a sealed cover and it "will be open for" him to file his response to it "again in sealed cover" by 1 pm on November 19. The apex court has fixed November 30 as the next date for hearing in the matter.

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and the report was filed in the court on November 12 following a directive from the top court.

During the hearing on Friday, the Bench made it clear that the confidentiality of CVC's report was necessary "keeping in mind the need to preserve and maintain the sanctity of the institution of the CBI and public confidence in the said institution".

The Bench had noted that a copy of the report and the annexure be also furnished in a sealed cover to the offices of Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who is representing the CVC.

The court turned down the plea of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Verma, to also give him a copy of the CVC report.

## Gaja tramples 13 to death in TN



A view of the damage caused by cyclone Gaja after it hit Velankanni in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu on Friday PTI

PTI ■ NAGAPATTINAM/CHENNAI

Cyclone Gaja ripped through Nagapattinam early on Friday uprooting trees and snapping power lines leaving a trail of destruction in coastal districts besides claiming 13 lives and flooding standing crops. The cyclonic storm crossed Tamil Nadu's coast between Nagapattinam and near Vedaranyam in the wee hours of Friday, bringing in heavy rain in the coastal regions, according to a weather bulletin.

Winds gusting up to 120 kmph uprooted trees, snapped electric cables and blew off roofing-sheets. According to officials, ten men and three women died and 28 head of cattle perished in cyclone related incidents despite authorities evacuating as many as 81,948 people to 471 relief centres in Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Pudukottai and Tiruvarur districts. The storm caused heavy damage to the 16th century Shrine Basilica at Velankanni in Nagapattinam district.

Due to gusty winds, the rood cross on top of the church broke and fell,

Church authorities said. The church is built in accordance with Gothic architecture. Authorities said the 75-feet tall stone statue of Jesus erected in front of the Morning Star Church in the town, sustained structural damage. According to church officials, the hands of the statue have suffered damage. The roof of the Museum of Offerings in the town has also been damaged.

Expressing grief over the deaths, Chief Minister K Palaniswami sanctioned a solatium of ₹10 lakh to the kin of those who died and ₹25,000 to ₹1 lakh for the injured.

The CM said he has ordered officials to immediately determine the extent of damage to crops, fishing boats, houses, and cattle. "I have ordered relief efforts on a war-footing," he said, adding Ministers are carrying out work in districts assigned to them.

The Centre has assured the Tamil Nadu Government of all assistance to deal with the situation arising out of the cyclonic storm 'Gaja'. Home Minister Rajnath Singh also directed Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba to monitor the situation in Tamil Nadu and provide all help to the State administration.

## Sabarimala opens, Trupti packed off to Pune amid protests

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The Kochi International Airport was literally held to ransom for almost 13 hours on Friday by devotees of Lord Ayyappa who had gathered in large numbers to prevent social activist Trupti Desai, who flew down to Kerala, from entering Sabarimala Temple.

The activist who reached the airport at 4.45 am could not come out of the terminal and was confined to the lounge till 6.50 pm when she told the media that she would return to Pune by a late night flight.

The devotees sat in front of the arrival lounge and sang Ayyappa bhajans non-stop till Trupti announced her decision to return to Pune. "I'll come back soon unannounced and will surely visit Ayyappa Temple at Sabarimala. Today no one is willing to help me to proceed to Sabarimala or to check into

a hotel," said Desai, who was accompanied by six of her associates.

Meanwhile, hectic activities are on to resolve the stand-off between the devotees and the Kerala Government as Travancore Devaswom Board decided to approach the Supreme Court with a stay petition. If the stay is granted, the Kerala Government may get some breathing space to implement the September 28 verdict of the SC.

The prelude to the Mandala Puja (the 41-day festival when devotees through the shrine after observing penance) took place on Friday evening at Sabarimala Temple. The evening saw Thanthri (chief priest) Kantararu Rajeevaru and head priest (mel shanthi) AV Unnikrishnan Nampoodiri opening the sanctum in the presence of hundreds of devotees and performing the traditional Puja.

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Devotees enter the Sabarimala Temple as it opens amid tight security in Sabarimala on Friday PTI

## Jet Airways' takeover talks preliminary, claim Tatas

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Tata Sons on Friday confirmed its interest in acquiring the beleaguered Jet Airways but said no concrete "proposal" has been made by the group so far.

The Tatas, which already run two carriers—the full-service Vistara in a joint venture with Singapore Airlines (SIA)

and AirAsia India in a similar arrangement with Malaysian carrier Air Asia — have widely speculated to be planning to acquire Naresh Goyal-controlled airline with its Singaporean partner.

"We would like to clarify that any such discussions (to acquire Jet Airways) have been preliminary," Tata Sons said. Detailed report on P10

### CAPSULE

#### ARTICLE 370: SC TO HEAR PLEA IN APRIL

New Delhi: The SC on Friday said it will hear in April a plea challenging the validity of Article 370 of the Constitution, which gives special status to J&K.

#### MODI DARES CONGO TO MAKE 'OUTSIDER' CHIEF

Ambikapur: PM Narendra Modi on Friday dared the Congress to make someone "from outside the family" as its chief for him to believe the late leader created a true democratic system.

### SACRILEGE CASE INQUIRY

## Badal refuses to appear before 'biased' SIT officer

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Facing a political backlash for firing at the protesters sitting on a dharna some three years back against the incidents of sacrilege in the State, the Punjab Police on Friday found itself in a tumultuous situation once again after a senior member of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the matter was asked to leave his residence by the former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal.

In a high voltage drama outside his Sector-4 official residence, Badal categorically refused the SIT member IG Kunwar Vijay Partap Singh — who had issued summons to the former Chief Minister, his son and SAD president Sukhbir

Badal, and the Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar to appear before the probing team — to question him while making it clear that he would answer only to the SIT head's queries.

As Kunwar Vijay reached Badal's residence to quiz him in an attempt to murder case regarding Kotkapura firing incident of October 2015, the Akali patriarch asked about the absence of SIT head Parboddh Kumar, and expressed his reservation over being questioned by the IG accusing him of being "in control of his political masters".

Kunwar Vijay called up Kumar, and Badal too spoke to him making him clear that he should himself come for the questioning as he was the SIT chairman. "I have been head of

the State. Can you not come yourself...If you cannot come, I will come to you," Badal told the ADGP Kumar amid high drama in front of the media.

Minutes later, Kumar reached the venue, and Kunwar Vijay left without talking to the media. Interestingly, Badal came to see the IG off. He had earlier also come out of his flat to personally welcome the SIT members, but was surprised to see only one of them.

The development assumes significance as only a day before, SAD had sought Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's intervention to remove Kunwar Vijay from the SIT for "demonstrating unprofessional conduct, disobedience of the law of the land, his malice

and his political leanings".

Kunwar Vijay, on November 11, had issued separate summons to Badal, Sukhbir and Akshay to appear before it at Amritsar circuit house on November 16, 19 and 21, respectively.

However, considering senior Badal's old age, the SIT has issued fresh summons to the former Chief Minister giving him reprieve to give his "place of convenience" for interrogation, in case he did not wish to appear before it at Amritsar. Responding, Badal suggested his official residence in Chandigarh for questioning.

NEVER ORDERED FIRING: BADAL TO SIT Punjab's former Chief

Minister Parkash Singh Badal on Friday submitted before the SIT, probing sacrilege and related firing incidents of 2015, that he had never given orders for firing.

The SIT, headed by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Pramod Kumar, questioned Badal as a witness regarding Kotkapura firing incidents of October 14, 2015, in which two persons were killed.

During the questioning, that lasted for about 40-50 minutes, Badal reportedly answered all the queries by the SIT chairman patiently.

Later addressing the media, Badal said that he had informed the SIT that he had

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The notices sent by Registered AD post have been returned undelivered. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities as per Section 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days.

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor	Branch Name / Date of Notice / Amount due on the date of notice	Brief Particulars of mortgaged property & Property owner
Borrowers:- M/s Bharat International, Proprietor Smt. Savitri Devi W/o Late Sh. Mahavir Prasad Tayal. Surety:- Sh. Sanjiv Tayal.	Hisar (Haryana) Demand Notice dated 30.10.18 Rs. 1,31,36,165/98 is due along with interest from 01.10.2018 and costs etc.	Owner Sh. Sanjiv Tayal House No. 179 measuring 247.5 Sq. Yards at Police Line Area Hisar. Bounded:- East: House of Ashok Kumar, West: Road, North: House No. 178 of BS Chahar, South: House No. 180 of Doctor Paul Singh.

All the concerned are advised:-  
1. To collect the original notice from the undersigned for more and complete details and  
2. To pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs etc. within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice to avoid further action under SARFAESI Act, 2002.  
3. Not to transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the Secured Assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the Bank (Secured Creditor).

Date: 16.11.2018 Place: Hisar Authorized Officer

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower 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&9 of the said Rules on this , on the dates mentioned against Account.

The borrower 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 Dena Bank, for an amount mentioned here below, along with interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset(s).

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B/O Sangrur	Residential Property bearing Khata No. 2396/3245 (old) Khata No. 1681/2739 (new) Khasra No. 2012/4/5/2min/0-5 measuring 5 marla (150 sq. yards) situated at Aggarwal Street No. 2, Telephone Exchange Road, Tehsil & Distt. Sangrur in the name of Sh. Jatinder Kumar, Sh. Dharminder Singh Kumar and Smt. Satya Devi, W/o Sh. Dharampal	22.08.2018	15.11.2018	Rs. 7,77,260/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty only) and interest thereon.
B/O Sangrur	Residential Property bearing Khata No. 654/934, 621/896, Khasra No. 36/25/11/1/3/0-2-4, 36/25/11/3/3/0-0-13 measuring 1/2 share i.e. 1 Biswa 8.50 Biswas of total land measuring 2 Biswa 17 biswas situated at H. No. C-150, Street No. 6, Officer Colony, Mangwal, Sangrur.	22.08.2018	15.11.2018	Rs. 3,72,082/- (Rupees Three Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Eighty Two only) and interest thereon.

Dated : 16.11.2018 Place: Ludhiana Sd/-Authorized Officer

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date	
1.	Rajesh Arora,anu Arora, Kucha Hamam Dass Mohalla, Nr Bikaner Bhujija Store, E. E, Punjab, Ferozpur, A/c No: NHFERO0000831954	Plot No 48 (C-Block), Jai Maa Lakshmi, Enclave, Kunde Road, Outside Amritsari Gate, Ferozpur Punjab, As Alias Property Measuring 3.89 Marlas, Comprised In Khewat No-1, Khasra No-81, Killa No-21/1 (3-0), 21/2 Min (3 0), 18/2(0-3), 22/1 (3-12), 22/2 (2-12), 19 (8-0), 20 (8-0), 12/2 (3-0), 14/2 (2-10), 18/1 Min (6-4), 15/1 (1-19), 21/2 Min (2-0), 22/2 (6-1) 6/2 (5-8), Khasra No- 80, Killa No-16/1/12 (0-8), 24/3 (0-3), 25/3 (7-0)16/1/1 (0-7), Khasra No-82, Killa No- 10/2/1 (6-2),1/3, (2-8), 9 (8-3) 8 (8-15) 13/1 (2 16), 13/2(1-7), 14/1(2-15), 14/2(0-11), 17/2(0 12), 18/1(2-10), 2/1(5-9), 19/1 (1-6), Khasra No-100, Killa No-4/2 (2-10), 5/1(1-4), Khasra No- 69 Killa No-22/3 (0-2)6/1(1-19) Situated At Jai Maa Laxmi Inclave Kunde Road, Ferozpur punjab.	09-Oct-2018	Rs. 2660810/-	6-Apr-18

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

Date : 17 Nov, 2018 Place: Punjab Sd/- Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

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1.	Vir Pal Singh, Sneh Lata,house No- 464, Saini Mohalla, Vill, Dharuhera Malpura, Dist. Rewari, E. E, Haryana, Rewari, A/c No:- NHRW10000844451	Residence Property Comprised In Mustli No- 40, Kila No- 22/1/2(0-3), 23/1/1/1(0-4), Measuring 7 Marla, It's 2/7th Share I.e. 2 Marla I.e. 53 Sq Yards, Vaka Dharuhera Distt, Rewari Haryana	09-Oct-2018	Rs. 1479192/-	6-May-18
2.	Sandeep, Lajwanti, Satish Kumar, Naresh Kumar, Himani Gupta, House No.139, Ward No.9, Near Jayees Bhawan,samrat Colony, E. E, Haryana, Safidon, A/c No:- NNSAF0000840932	Plot No- 139, Old Ward No-9, New Ward No- 16, Samrat Hospital Colony, Safidon, Jind Haryana	09-Oct-2018	Rs. 1465860/-	5-Jun-18

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Date : 17, Nov, 2018 Place: Haryana Sd/- Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

# 'Govt to provide scholarship to Bal Ashram students'

**PNS ■ SHIMLA**

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Friday said that the State Government would provide one time scholarship of Rs 10,000 each to ten boys and ten girls living in Bal Ashrams topping in joint merit list of the Bal Ashrams/Bal Grih of the State, from 8th to 12th standard annual examinations under the Mukhya Mantri Bal Uddhar Yojana.

The Chief Minister said this while presiding over the state level closing ceremony of sports and cultural meet for children living in orphanage of the state organised by the Directorate of Women and

Child Development department here at Balika Ashram, Tutikandi.

Thakur said that the State Government would provide all possible help to ensure that the students of the Ashrams get better education and they become able to earn their proper livelihood.

He said that need of the hour is to bring out the best from within such children by providing them facility of good teachers and also giving exposure visits in different parts of the country so that they could themselves see and feel the distinct culture and customs of India.

Thakur further said that he

recently visited this Ashram on Diwali and was impressed by the talent of the students.

There are 48 registered Ashrams in the state out of which eleven are being run by the State Government. The government is ensuring that best facilities are made available to the children living in these Ashrams, he said.

He said that the State Government is providing social security pension of Rs 1300 per month to the old person aged above 70 years without any income limit.

He also announced that all the 1500 students would be provided warm jackets by December 15 this year.

# IN BRIEF

**CJ ADMINISTERS OATH TO TWO NEW HC JUDGES**

**Chandigarh:** The Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court Krishna Murari on Friday administered oath of office to Lalit Batra and Arun Kumar Tyagi as additional judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Swearing-in ceremony was organized in the High Court Auditorium. Among those present during the oath taking ceremony included all judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Registrar, Officers of the registry, Senior advocates and office-bearers of High Court Bar Association.

**HRY DGP TO OPEN CIA POLICE STATION AT PALWAL**

**Chandigarh:** Haryana Director General of Police BS Sandhu will inaugurate newly constructed building of CIA Police Station, Palwal, on Saturday, besides inaugurating Traffic Police Station at Mandi Khera in Nuh district. Spokesperson said that the building of CIA police station was constructed by Haryana Police Housing Corporation at a cost of Rs 1.5 crore having all kind of required infrastructure. The Traffic Police Station, Mandi Khera, was constructed at a cost of Rs 161.71 lakh which would help in tackling the issue of congestion and unregulated traffic in the town.

**NIT CONFERS HONORARY DOCTORATE TO MUNJAL**

**Chandigarh:** Hero Moto Corp's chairman, managing director and CEO Pawan Munjal was conferred with honorary doctorate at the 16th convocation of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra, on Friday. NIT-Kurukshetra is Munjal's alma mater from where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1976. "The real world outside this campus is going to be very demanding and challenging. One need to be prepared, mentally and physically, to face the challenges and hold your own. Don't just be managers and try to manage and maintain the status quo, but be the agents of change and disruption." Munjal, who was the chief guest, told the students.

# CM approves inclusion of 'core areas'

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has approved the inclusion of "core areas" also for registration of fourth floor as independent dwelling unit on the already approved conditions and approval of maximum permissible height of 16.5 meters by carrying out amendment in the Haryana Building Code-2017.

As per the Chief Minister's announcement, the matter regarding registration of fourth floor to be allowed as separate dwelling unit in case of residential plot has already been approved, said an official spokesman.

# Former HPPSC chairman commits suicide in Shimla

**PNS ■ SHIMLA**

Former Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission chairperson Chandra Mohan Sharma allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself at his residence here on Friday. He was 67.

Major General (retired) CR Sharma was reportedly suffering from depression.

A suicide note and his licensed revolver used in the crime have been recovered, Deputy Superintendent of Police Pramod Shukla said.

Initially, the family lodged a complaint about his disappearance. Later, the police was informed about the recovery

of his body in the house, police said.

He was under depression for quite some time and was found dead in the basement room of his house on Friday morning by his wife, who reportedly slept in another room, police said.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons.

The police have registered a case in the matter.

He was the chairperson of the Public Service Commission from 2009 to 2013.

Sharma earlier served in the Indian Army and was commissioned in the Regiment of Artillery in 1972.

# As per the Chief Minister's announcement, the matter regarding registration of fourth floor to be allowed as separate dwelling unit in case of residential plot has already been approved, said an official spokesman

He said that for increase in the maximum permissible height, the figures 15 meters would be substituted with 16.5 meters in the Haryana Building Code-2017 with the condition that the same would be permitted subject to fire NOC and certificate of conformity to rules and structural safety.

He said that the draft of amendments in the building code would be hosted on the website of Town and Country Planning Department and other concerned departments that is Haryana Shehari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructural Development Corporation (HSIIDC), Public Works (Building and Roads) and Architecture for inviting objections and suggestions from the public before publication of final amendment in the building code.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also accorded administrative approval amounting to over ₹5.15 crore for the widening and strengthening of ten roads in Indri, district Karnal.

# BJP not fulfilled any promises, alleges Tanwar

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Haryana Congress chief Ashok Tanwar on Friday alleged that the BJP Government at the Centre and in the State made a large number of promises with the people at the time of elections, but with exception of few, no promise has been fulfilled.

Tanwar was addressing booth agents and other workers in "Booth Samrat Sammelan" held at Sirsa on Friday.

The Congress leader charged the BJP for exploiting the autonomous institutions for its benefit and said that CBI vs. CBI is a glaring example before us.

He said that the decision of demonetization is a biggest scam involving Rs 8 lakh crore. During the UPA Government headed by Manmohan Singh, the country was on the road to progress which has been faltered in current BJP regime, he added.

Referring to the division in the INLD, he said that when family is divided how can the party be secured.

He also exhorted the people to come out boldly to vote for Congress in the coming elections so that women and daughters feel secure, unemployed people get jobs and there is a check on crimes.

Tanwar said that both level worker is very important in every party and where the booth level is weak everything goes disorganized.

He added that if the booth agents are strong then every battle can be fought very well and asked them to gear up for next year's polls.

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e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Sangrah Distt Sirmour H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time Allowed	Eligible class of Contractor
1.	Construction of link road Maa Bhagani Mandir Morach Kelvi road km 0/0 to 9/0 (SH-C/O 900 mm dia hume pipe culvert at RD 3/700, 3/900 & 4/200) Under BASP	Rs. 4,76,738/-	Rs. 9,600/-	Rs. 350/-	03 Months	Class "C & D"

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

1.	Date of Online Publication	18-11-2018 at 4.30 PM
2.	Document download start and end date	18-11-2018 at 05:00 PM upto 02 -12-2018 at 05:00 P.M
3.	Bid submission start and end date	18-11-2018 at 05:00 PM upto 02 -12-2018 at 05:00 P.M
4.	Physical submission of original EMD and cost of tender document.	03-12-2018 at 01:30 PM
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening evaluation of technical bid followed by opening of Financial Bid.	03-12-2018 at 02:00 PM.

4. TENDER DETAILS:  
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:  
i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".  
ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer Sangrah Division H.P.P.W.D., Sangrah as specified in Key Dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 03.12.2018 at 02:00 HRS in the office Executive Engineer Sangrah Division H.P.P.W.D., Sangrah H.P. by the authorised officer. In their interest the tender are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90/120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

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

9. Earnest Money should be separate for each work.

10. Contractor will have to arrange the blasting material at his own level or should have rock breaker according to site conditions.

11. All rates quoted by contractors shall be inclusive of all modes of leads, lifts & heights and also taxes/levies unless specified to the contrary including service tax as applicable w.e.f. 1st April, 2015 as per Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 6/2015-Service tax dated 1st March, 2015. All the excavated/surplus earth/dismantle material/waste etc. shall be dumped at the site to be arranged by the contractor unless otherwise specified to the contrary and to the satisfaction of Engineer-in-Charge.

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Provisions of the Addl. Chief Secretary (PW) to the Govt. of HP letter No. PBWB/C(17)/2012 dated 07.08.2018 are applicable.  
The provisions of notification issued vide Additional Chief Secretary (PW) to the Govt. of HP Shimla notification No. PBW (B) 22-1/2002 dated 26.05.2015 shall also be applicable.

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3.	SH. SOBAN SINGH RAWAT S/O LATE SH. DAULAT SINGH	SH. PYAR SINGH S/O NARAYAN SINGH	572-1	EWS	40-A CHANDIGARH
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SECRETARY CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH

# PM Modi to inaugurate Kundli-Manesar-Palwal expressway

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal expressway, meant to divert heavy polluting vehicles from Delhi, in Haryana's Gurugram district on November 19.

The Prime Minister would also inaugurate the Ballabhgarh Metro at Sultanpur village in the district and lay the foundation stone of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University on the same day, said an official spokesman of Haryana Government.

A sum of Rs 6,400 crore has been spent on the KMP expressway project and 3,846 acre of land was acquired at a cost of Rs 2,788 crore. Under this project, the KMP Expressway was to be made four-lane, but it remained incomplete. Keeping in view the significance of this project, the present State Government has got this project resumed and made it six-lane, the spokesman said.

Giving details, he said that the length of the stretch from Kundli to Manesar is 83.320 km. This stretch would have four RoB, 14 major/minor bridges, 56 underpass/agricultural vehicular underpass, seven intersections and seven toll plazas.

The objective of this expressway is to provide high speed link of northern Haryana with southern districts and provide uninterrupted high-speed link for traffic, especially commercial traffic, from Haryana to neighbouring states. It would also decongest the road traffic from Delhi and thereby reduce pollution, he said.

The spokesman said that highway lighting along the 83 km stretch from

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Kundli to Manesar has been made for safety of the road users during night time. A world class Art and Culture Gallery has been set up to depict the project development history through 3D Holographic models.

One ambulance, one crane and one police patrolling vehicle with a helpline number have been stationed in every 20km for speedy response in case of accidents or emergencies, he said.

The spokesman said that the Prime Minister would also inaugurate the Ballabhgarh Metro Gurugram on November 19. Ballabhgarh will become the fourth city in Haryana to get Metro connectivity after Gurugram, Faridabad and Bahadurgarh.

The 3.2 km long Escorts Mujesar - Raja Nahar Singh (Ballabhgarh) section of the Kashmere Gate - Escorts Mujesar corridor also known as the Violet Line is now ready for passenger operations. After the

opening of this extension, the entire Kashmere Gate - Raja Nahar Singh Metro corridor will become 46.6 kilometres long, he said.

Currently, 25.8 km of Metro lines are operational across Haryana. After the opening of this section, the total length of Metro kilometres in Haryana will become 29 kilometres. All trains running on this section are manufactured in India.

The spokesman said the Raja Nahar Singh Station in Ballabhgarh is situated adjacent to Ballabhgarh Interstate Bus Terminal and Ballabhgarh Railway Station. This station is five storey building having two commercial floors above track level.

This station is having parking on the other side of the national highway-2 which will be directly connected to the station via a Foot Over Bridge. The Sant Surdas (Sih) Station is situated near National Council for Cement and Building Material Institute, he added.

About the foundation stone laying ceremony of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University on the same day, the spokesman said that the live telecast of this programme would be shown at University site in Dudhola. A sum of over Rs 1,000 crore would be spent on establishing this University.

The university campus would be developed over 82.7 acres. The tenders amounting to Rs 389.24 crore have been floated for construction of university building. The construction work would be carried out in three phases and there is a plan to complete the first phase by 2020, the spokesman added.

# Security and vigil beefed up after terror threat

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Security and vigil were beefed up further in Punjab, where already high alert was sounded since Thursday, after the terrorist-outfit Ansar Ghazwatul Hind (AGH) chief Zakir Musa was reportedly spotted in Amritsar along with a few other men on Friday. Alarmed, the Punjab Police released posters of the militant and sounded high alert in the state.

The Jammu and Kashmir based Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind terror outfit has reported links to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). The development comes after the intelligence agencies informed the police about his movements near Amritsar.

Notably, the Punjab Police are on their toes after the intelligence agencies had issued a letter stating that six-seven members of the terror outfit JeM were believed to be sighted in Ferozepur. Following the development, the state has been put on high alert.

Police officials across the state have been asked to set up checkpoints at all important routes, conduct strict vehicle inspections and take suitable counter measures for all the sensitive locations.

Police areas along the India-Pakistan border have also been asked to coordinate

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with the Border Security Force (BSF). Officials have been advised to plan and implement precautionary measures to thwart any untoward incident.

Gurdaspur SSP Swarandeeep Singh said: "We had inputs about his (Moosa's) movements near Amritsar. So we have released wanted posters of him to make public aware and have requested them to tell us if they have any information."

"We had inputs that some

JeM terrorists have infiltrated in Punjab through Ferozepur, so we have taken precautionary measures. Extra forces have been deployed along the border. Checking of vehicles is underway," he said.

The alert stated that the infiltrators could be moving towards the national capital. The reports suggest that the militants had entered India from the international border in Ferozepur area.

A letter issued by the Counter Intelligence Inspector General said: "At least six to seven militants are reportedly in Punjab (possibly Ferozepur area) and planning to move towards Delhi from Punjab side." The note advised the authorities to step up security, especially along the border and checking across the state.

On November 5, the Punjab Police arrested two students associated with Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, in connection with Maqsudan Police Station hand-grenade blasts case of September 14.

The outfit is headed by Musa, also known as Zakir Rashid Bhatt, who masterminded and guided the attack, involving Shahid Qayoom and Fazil Bashir, who were students of ST Soldier College of Engineering and Technology in Jalandhar.

# HARYANA GOVT ORDERS MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE RESHUFFLE, TRANSFERS 31 IPS OFFICERS

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a major reshuffle, Haryana Government on Friday issued transfer and posting orders of 31 IPS officers, with immediate effect.

Alok Kumar Roy, ADGP, Railways and Commandos, Panchkula has been posted as ADGP, SVB, Panchkula vice Ajay Singhal who has been posted ADGP,CAW with additional charge of ADGP, Railways and Commandos.

Kuldeep Singh Siag, ADGP/Crime-II has been given additional charge of ADGP, SCRB relieving Shrikant Jadhav of the additional charge.

Navdeep Singh Virk, ADGP, Karnal Range, Karnal has been given additional charge of ADG, HAP, Madhuban. CS Rao, IG, HAP, Madhuban has been posted IG, SCB, Gurugram while Charu Bali, CP, Panchkula has been posted IG/HVPNL.

M Ravi Kiran, IGP Administration, PHQ, Panchkula goes as IG SVB while Sanjay Kumar, IGP, Hisar Range, Hisar and Amitab Singh Dhillon, CP, Faridabad will swap their place of postings.

Saurabh Singh, IGP, Security has been given additional charge of CP Panchkula and Hemant Kalson, DIG, SVB, Panchkula has been posted DIG CTI Home Guards.

# Murder accused kills Haryana police officer in Rewari

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A sub-inspector of Haryana Police was shot dead allegedly by a murder accused in Rewari district on Friday.

The incident took place when the 49-year-old police officer, identified as Ranbir Singh, had gone to arrest the accused, Naresh, a spokesman of Police Department said.

"On getting information regarding movement of Naresh on the Dharuhera-Bhiwadi road (near Rajasthan border), Ranbir Singh along with his team rushed near the spot in Rewari," the spokesperson said.

The accused opened fire at the police party when the sub-inspector moved ahead to arrest him," he said.

Singh was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was declared brought dead by doctors.

Naresh is allegedly involved in the killing of a hotel owner about two weeks ago on the Delhi-Jaipur Highway and is also wanted in several other murder and attempt to murder cases, the spokesperson said.

Expressing grief over the demise of Singh, Haryana DGP B S Sandhu said police will provide all kinds of facilities under the welfare schemes of the department to the next of kin of the deceased.

Apart from special ex-gratia grant of Rs 30 lakh, financial assistance of Rs 30 lakh would also be given under a special agreement of accidental death insurance cover, Sandhu said.

In addition, free education upto class 12 would be offered to children of the deceased in police public school, he added.

# Ajay's wife Naina Chautala lashes out at Abhay Chautala

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Expelled INLD leader Ajay Chautala's wife and legislator Naina Chautala on Friday dared the rival camp led by Abhay Chautala to expel her from the party.

After expulsion of her husband and sons, Hisar MP Dushyant and Digvijay from the INLD, Naina Chautala, who is party MLA from Dabwali also hinted at the possibility of major decisions at a meeting called by Ajay Chautala on Saturday at Jind.

"From tomorrow, there will be a new beginning," she said on Friday while addressing a meeting at Ellenabad in Sirsa.

When asked if Ajay Chautala is likely to float a new outfit, she told the mediapersons, "See what all happens tomorrow."

Abhay Chautala, who is Leader of opposition and party MLA from Ellenabad too has called a meeting on Saturday in

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Chandigarh of the Haryana-based Indian National Lok Dal's serving and former MLAs, MPs and other office bearers in a show of strength between the two brothers.

The feud within the Chautala family escalated after the jailed INLD chief Om Prakash Chautala expelled his elder son Ajay Singh Chautala from the primary membership of the party for alleged anti-party activities.

A fortnight ago, he had also expelled Ajay Chautala's two sons, Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala and Digvijay Chautala, over alleged indiscipline.

is expelled, Abhay Chautala may lose the Leader of Opposition status because of a fall in the number of party MLAs in the Haryana assembly.

Attacking Abhay Chautala, she said, "A man may dress like a 'sadhu', but that won't change his mentality."

She also alleged that several INLD MLAs were being forcibly confined in a resort in Parwanoo in Himachal Pradesh, a charge denied by the Abhay Chautala camp.

Asked if Dushyant Chautala is being pitched as a future Chief Minister by the Ajay Chautala camp, she said it was up to the people.

Meanwhile, the party secretary Ashok Sherwal on Friday also threw his weight behind Ajay Chautala and announced his resignation from the post. He claimed 100 party workers and office bearers have also resigned with him in support of Ajay Chautala.

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# SAD condemns Cong govt for raising one tax after another

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Condemning the Congress-led Punjab Government for raising one tax after another, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Friday stated that the common man was being forced to bear the brunt of the Government's "fiscal management".

"The 10 percent surcharge on movement of freight and increase in registration charges on purchase of new vehicles is the latest round of taxes being imposed on the common man who has already witnessed a 20 percent hike in power tariff besides municipal taxes during the Congress regime," said the former finance minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa.

He said that the latest round of taxes are being imposed ostensibly for social welfare measures even though it is a fact that the same were being implemented smoothly by the previous SAD-BJP government. This only proves our contention that poor fiscal policies are responsible for the present state of affairs, he said.

Stating that the government's decision to impose 10 percent surcharge on movement of freight would adversely affect the manufacturing and trading sector in Punjab, Dhindsa said that this was a double blow to the industry which was already reeling due to the government's failure to deliver power at a landing cost of Rs five per unit to them.

"Increase in registration charges could prove to be counter-productive and lead to vehicles being registered in the neighbouring states and the Union Territory of Chandigarh," he said.

Asking why the common man should pay for the profligacies of the Congress Government, Dhindsa said that the Government had failed to achieve any of its targets in revenue collection during the late one and a half years.

"The excise and stamp duty collections have witnessed a negative growth. On the other hand, wasteful expenditure is being done to purchase luxury vehicles and renovations of ministerial bungalows...It seems the government is oblivious to the suffering of the people and is bent on oppressing each and every section of society," he said.

Demanding a complete rollback on all new taxes as well roll back of power hikes imposed in stages in the last one and a half years, Dhindsa said that the SAD would organize a people's movement against these "inhuman and intolerable taxes" and force the government to take them back.

# Several steps are being taken to develop Nuh: CS

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In Haryana, several steps are being taken to provide the people of district Nuh with all healthcare and educational benefits.

This was informed at a meeting held with officers under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Secretary, DS Dhese regarding the development of district Nuh, here on Friday.

Notably, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved to speed up the development of 115 most backward districts of the country, which included one district of Haryana i.e. Nuh.



During the meeting, Dhese directed the concerned officers of Nuh to review all the schemes being implemented in

the district every month. Besides expeditiously filling of vacant posts of all departments in the district, he also asked to

take help of self help groups for ensuring healthcare and educational services to all people. Discussions were held on

minimum transfers of employees and officers posted at the district, rationalization of posts of teachers, outsourcing of ser-

VICES of the Diagnostic lab. Discussions were also held on to provide cycles to students of class VI, IX and XI to increase the number of students, one year service in district Nuh for the newly appointed Agriculture officers and bus service to the students of ITI and Polytechnic.

Those present included, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management, Keshni Anand Arora, ACS Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Navraj Sandhu, ACS Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Ram Niwas among others.

# Capt Amarinder to lay Verka mega dairy foundation stone today

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To facilitate Punjab milk cooperative, Milkfe, to establish Mega Milk Processing Plants in the state, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh will lay the foundation stone of a Verka Mega Dairy at Bassi Pathana at a state-level function on Saturday.

The state Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said that the foundation stone ceremony will mark the 65th Cooperative Week, underlined by the theme 'Value Addition and Brand Building through Cooperatives'.

Milkfed has played a pivotal role in improving the economic conditions of farmers. "In the true sense of a Cooperative, Milkfed is operating as an independent association of farmers, united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations," he said.

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# Set up own business, Minister urges youths

PNS ■ SAS NAGAR

Discouraging Punjabi youth to look for greener pastures across seas by spending crores, Punjab Cabinet Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu on Friday urged them to set up "their own business or work" here instead.

Sidhu, the state Animal Husbandry and Labour Minister, insisted that the youngsters should adopt the work culture of abroad rather than heading towards abroad.

"Every year, many youngsters from the state are heading towards abroad by spending huge money, and there, they work hard facing lot of difficulties. Instead of this, they should establish their own works or business here. This will not only help them for better livelihood, but also helps in strengthening the nation," said Sidhu while addressing a gathering during a job fair organized at ITI (Girls) Phase V in Mohali.

Sidhu said that the promise made during elections to provide employment to every household in the state is being fulfilled word by word by Congress Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

"For this, employment opportunities have been provided to the youngsters through job fairs and now till November 22, job fairs at 40 different locations are being organized in the state which will directly provide employment opportunities to approximate 80,000 youngsters," he said.

The Minister expressed pleasure with the presence of students in huge numbers, saying that no work is small or big, rather with the hard work and dedications, efficiency can be achieved in any work.

"Job fairs, being organized by State Government, are getting very positive response because through these job fairs, employment opportunities are being provided to the youngsters which makes them self reliant," he said.

# Misbranded drugs seized in Jalandhar, Phagwara

**ALL DRUG CONTROL OFFICERS ASKED TO REMAIN VIGILANT**

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab's drug control team, in a surprise check, on Friday seized 78 bottles of misbranded drug, suspected to be spurious or counterfeit, from a medical shop in Dilkusha Market in Jalandhar.

Informing this, the state Food and Drug Administration commissioner KS Pannu said that on receiving a lead about spurious or counterfeit medicines in the market, a team consisting of Drug Control Officers of Jalandhar and Kapurthala was constituted for the inspection of Dilkusha Market, Jalandhar.

"Investigation revealed that a drug having a lookalike packing was available in a medical store. One of the packing's bore the name of manufacturing firm as mandatory under the Act, while the other did not have the same. Another contravention

**PRELIMINARY REPORT REVEALED THAT ABOUT 4,300 BOTTLES HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO VARIOUS MEDICAL STORES IN THE STATE OUT OF WHICH 800 HAVE BEEN SEIZED SO FAR**

observed was that one packing had mention of drug as a 'Schedule H Drug' which is sold only on prescription of the doctor while the other didn't," he said.

Besides, being a case of misbranded drug, it is suspected to be spurious or counterfeit, said Pannu adding that four

samples have been taken and sent for further investigation and the stock (of 78 bottles with 100 ml) has been seized from Jalandhar.

In continuation to this, medical stores in Phagwara were also checked and 12 bottles of the same misbranded Vriclor syrup were seized from a medical store in Nangal Majha.

Swinging into action, the Commissionerate has constituted a special team to immediately investigate about the supply of the drug at C&F (carrying and forwarding) level.

Preliminary report revealed that about 4,300 bottles have been dispatched to various medical stores in the State out of which 800 have been seized so far.

"All the Drug Control Officers in the State have been asked to be vigilant about the same in their respective jurisdictions and weed out the misbranded product sans mandatory 'Schedule H Drug' declaration," said Pannu.

He added that Drug Control Wing is conducting regular inspections of the medical stores to ensure compliance of Drugs and Cosmetics Act as well to check the illegal stock of habit forming drugs.

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Badal refuses to appear before...

From Page 1 not ordered firing on the Sikh protesters agitating against the sacrilege incidents in October 2015. "I have told SIT everything. I did not order the firing," said Badal. "I think they were fully satisfied with my replies. But the result will be known after they give their report which I know...They want to turn us from witness to accused," said 90-year-old Akali leader adding that the report will be "what Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh wants".

could bring the SIT chairman Pramod Kumar on the phone line. When Kunwar Vijay connected Badal to Kumar, the former Chief Minister emphatically pointed out that the case had immense sensitivity and that it was surprising that the government is treating it with such casual attitude. "Is it because the exercise is a mere formality and that the report of the SIT had already been written elsewhere?" he asked while urged Kumar "to find time to come over personally for the questioning as the SIT had gone to the unprecedented limits of making a five times Chief Minister a witness in a case under 307 IPC," said Bains.

though "everyone knows that the SIT's report will be written by Capt Amarinder, yet, as a law-abiding citizen of the country, he would fully cooperate with the SIT." Describing SIT as "Congress government's political tool", Badal said that it was meant only to give shape to the ruling party's thirst for political vendetta against the former CM and his family and colleagues. "The government has nothing to show for its performance in the past two years. Therefore, it wanted to keep the people's attention occupied with diversionary tactics such as the SIT," he said.

Sabarimala opens...

From Page 1 Later, the new head priest VN Vasudevan Nampoodiri assumed the charges from Unnikrishnan Nampoodiri. The new head priest was administered the sacred hymn by the Thanthri of the temple. The temple was closed after the evening Puja and will be reopened on Saturday early morning at 3.30 by the new head priest. Vasudevan Nampoodiri began his strict and strenuous regimen for the next one year on Friday evening. He has to stay in the temple premises for the next one year and is not allowed to go out anywhere from the shrine in the deep forests. Nampoodiri's day begins at 3 am everyday and concludes by 11 pm with the night Puja.

Devotees in large numbers have reached the foothills of Sabarimala by Friday evening. A heavy posse of policemen and women cops have been deployed in and around the shrine. The Kerala Government has taken all precautions to maintain the law and order in the shrine, which witnessed unprecedented protests by devotees as a follow-up to the September 28 Supreme Court verdict. Meanwhile, the TDB disclosed by Friday evening that it would move a stay petition in the Supreme Court on Monday the September 28 verdict of the Constitution Bench that allowed entry of women into the temple. This was announced by TDB president A Padmakumar.

CAPT UNLEASHING POLITICAL VENDETTA; SIT REPORT TO BE AUTHORED BY CAPT

Accusing Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh of unleashing political vendetta against him and his party, the Akali Dal patriarch Parkash Singh Badal said that even

Andhra, Bengal...

From Page 1 Meanwhile, CBI spokesperson in Delhi, said they have not yet received any such orders and will respond legally to it. Opposition parties in AP decried the move and asserted the State Government did not have the authority to bar the CBI. The principal opposition YSR Congress alleged the controversial decision was taken only because the Chief Minister was scared

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination & Passing Certificate secondary 10th examination of year 2010-12 roll no 2258527 issued by CBSE Board has been actually lost. Upinderdeep Singh 981490699.

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Geeta Rani W/O Kewal Krishan R/O H.No.200 Patti Mehar Wadda Fallah Vpo, Ghal Kalan Tehsil & Distt. Moga Declare that My Surname is Anil and I Used Rani As My Surname. Concerned Please Note.

CHANGE OF NAME I, Shiv Kumar S/O Jaswant Singh, R/O # 1642, Sector 38 west, Dadumajra Colony, Chandigarh have changed my name to Shiv Kumar Rohilla.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to General Public that Smt. Shammli & Sh. Rajni has lost their previous sale deed no. 4010 dated 03.01.2005 favouring Sh. Tarun & Sh. Varun Kumar for Property i.e. Shop 14, House Tax Unit no. 195/18, measuring 50 Sq. Yards, situated at Sabji Mandi, Hansi. If any person has objection then file replies alongwith proof of ownership within 7 days before the undersigned. After lapsation of stipulated period no claim will be accepted regarding the above said property.

सूचना

रास बसेरा, अफोडेबल हाउसिंग प्रोजेक्ट फ्लैट आबंटन हेतु रास बसेरा के पूर्व Licence No. 07 of 2015 के तहत अफोडेबल हाउसिंग प्रोजेक्ट फ्लैट के अन्तर्गत दिनांक 15/11/2018 को HOTEL JEWELS में डायरेक्टर टाउन एण्ड कंट्री प्लानिंग हरियाणा द्वारा नियुक्त प्रतिनिधि की उपस्थिति में 190 फ्लैटों का आबंटन हेतु झ आयोजित किया गया। जिसमें 1 BHK TYPE-1 -36 2 BHK TYPE-1 - 41 1 BHK TYPE-3 - 14 2 BHK TYPE-2 - 99 जो कि बहुत सफल रहा। रास बसेरा ग्रुप की तरफ से सभी आबंटितों को बहुत-2 बढ़ाईयां।

ELECTION PROGRAMME

Table with 5 columns: S.No., Particular, Date, Time, Place. Details of the Election Programme for The Managing Committee of The Madlauda P.A.C.S. Ltd. Madlauda to be held on 09.12.2018.

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

E-TENDER NOTICE Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., NIT No., Name of work and location, Estimated cost put to tender, Earnest Money. Details of the tender for CONSTRUCTION OF MINI SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE.

I Satya pal s/o Sh. Devi saroop R/O # 318, Village Dhanas, Chandigarh hereby disown my son Yogesh Sharma and his wife Nidhi saini from our all moveable/ immovable properties. They are not under my control. Persons dealing with them will do so at their own risk. I will not be responsible for their deeds.

AAKASH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Chander Kalan, Tohana, Fatehabad (Haryana) Email: aakashcollegechanderkalan@rediffmail.com Ph. 01692285222, 9896488509 (Affiliated to NCTE, CDLU Sirsa, SCERT Gurugram) STAFF REQUIRED FOR D.E.I. ED. Lecturer in Education, Hindi/Punjabi, Science, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education & Librarian (I).

NOTICE

I, Neela Madhav Patnaik S/o Shri Radha Kishore Patnaik R/O Q.No. L238, Hal Township, Sunabeda District Koraput(Odisha) now at Room No. 202, Krishna Hostel, NDRJ, Karnal Declare that My Original Matric Certificate bearing Roll no. 5181490 & 12th certificate bearing Roll no. 8605737 from CBSE & Bachelor in Agriculture Degree Certificate & Consolidated Semester Transcript Certificate bearing admission no. 21C11 from college of Agriculture Chiplima, Sambalpur OAU Bhubaneswar has been lost. Lost of area Sec-12, Karnal on Dated 14-11-2018. If anybody found then please contact on above address.

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Jai Chand R/O H.No. 1011, Ward 5, Layalpur Basti, Kurukshetra, declares that we have lost our sale deed No. 1290 dt. 02.08.1982 in the name of my father Jai Chand of above mentioned house, on dated 10.02.2018 in Layalpur Basti Kurukshetra. If somebody found please return it, and We will not misuse it if found.

नई क्रान्ति अधिकार पार्टी

ए.टी.एम., Axis Bank, वैट्ट राम नगर, निकट चुंगी 7, सोनीपत देश की जनता अधिकारों से वंचित है इसलिए 'नई क्रान्ति अधिकार पार्टी' का गठन किया है। यदि किसी भारतीय नागरिक को एतराज है तो निर्वाचन आयोग से सम्पर्क कर सकता है। जैसे हार्टअटैक फ्री इलाज, सड़क दुर्घटना फ्री इलाज, बेटियों की दिलीवरी निशुल्क, लड़कियों की शिक्षा M.A. तक मुफ्त। केन्द्र व प्रान्त की सरकारों अपने कर्मचारियों व सुरक्षाबलों को पुरानी पेंशन बहाल करें। नई क्रान्ति अधिकार पार्टी अटल

Election Programme for the Managing Committee of The Beri Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies Ltd. Beri to be held on 28-12-2018

Table with 5 columns: Sr. Particular, Date, Time, Place. Details of the Election Programme for The Beri Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies Ltd. Beri to be held on 28-12-2018.



**Corrigendum No.1**

Sr. No.	Name of Department	Name of Work/ Notice/ Tender with NIT No. EOI	Opening Date/ Closing Date	Amount (Approx.)	Website of the Department	Nodal Officer/ Contact Details/ e-mail
1.	DHBNV	Expression of Interest (EOI-14) for empanment of electrical contractors for one year for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of electrical lines upto 11KV voltage level, distribution transformers and all other allied material required for erection of new electrical lines/ augmentation of existing lines and distribution transformers on turnkey basis under the jurisdiction of CHBNV, NIT No. EOI-14.	15-11-2018 (13:00 Hrs) 22-11-2018 (15:00 Hrs)	NA	www.dhbnv.org.in	CE/ PD&C DHBNV, Hisar Ph. No. 01962-223216 cepdhbnv@gmail.com

NOTE:- The percentage premium to be quoted by the applicant shall be equally applicable on non schedule items as well as Civil Works.  
For further information kindly visit - www.nar.yana.procurement.gov.in or www.etender.hry.nic.in

Chief Engineer/PD&C, DHBNV, Hisar.

RO NO. 73593 Dt. 16-11-2018

**NOTICE**

Applications/Proposals are invited from Experienced/ Doordarshan Empanelled filmmakers and Agencies for production of an Ethnographic Documentary Film on Santal, Orang, Munda & Bhil Tribes of Tripura.

Complete details specification, terms and conditions can be collected from the office of the undersigned on any working days from 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. or can be downloaded from our website: [www.trci.tripura.gov.in](http://www.trci.tripura.gov.in)

Last date for submission of proposal is 05.12.2018

ICAC/1700/18

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, COMMERCIAL & SURVEY WING, PDD**  
GLADNI COMPLEX, NARWAL, JAMMU  
TELEPHONE NO. & FAX :- 0191-2474233 e-mail :- cecsnjmu@gmail.com

**EXTENSION-I**

Due to poor response to the e-NIT No.CE /C&S/ Banking/ 2018/5 Dated :- 31.10.2018 regarding Banking of Power from December 2018 to January 2019 (Import) from traders having valid interstate trading license issued by CERC for banking of power, the e-bid submission end date and opening date is hereby extended as under:-

1. e-Bid submission (end) date & time :- 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (1500 hrs.)

2. Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date :- 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (11.00 A.M) at the office of Chief Engineer, Commercial & Survey Wing, Narwal Jammu.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Commercial & Survey Wing, PDD, J&K

No.DIP/J-3760-P/18  
Dated:- 16.11.2018

**MOULIN COMMERCIAL LIMITED**  
Regd. Off.: 1, Anand Gram, Aya Nagar, M G Road, New Delhi - 47  
Corp. Off.: 11th Floor, Vatika Tower, Tower -B, Golf Course Road, Sector-54, Gurgaon-122002, Haryana, India  
CIN: L74899DL1982PLC087811; Ph. No:-91-124-4232222  
E-mail: info@mvngroup.com

Extract of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2018

Particular	Amount in Lakhs	
	Quarter ended on 30.09.2018 Unaudited	Year ended on 31.03.2018 Audited
Total Income from Operations (net)	13.18	62.85
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period	5.22	10.03
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value Rs. 10 per share]	57.30	57.30
Reserves excluding revaluation reserves	152.37 (As at 31st March, 2018)	153.12 (As at 31st March, 2018)
Basic earnings per share (not annualised)- in Rupees (after exceptional items)	0.68	1.75
Diluted earnings per share (not annualised)- in Rupees after exceptional items	0.68	1.75

Notes: The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone results for the three months and half year ended on 30th September, 2018 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone Financial Results for the three months and half year ended on 30th September, 2018 are available on the Stock Exchange website [www.cse-india.com](http://www.cse-india.com) and on the website of the Company.

For MOULIN COMMERCIAL LIMITED Sd/- ASHISH GUPTA Managing Director (DIN: 00115090)

Place: Delhi Date: 14.11.2018

**Appeal for Identification**

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40-45 years Approx., Height: 5'5", Complexion : Wheatish, Gender : Male, Wearing: Light Green Capery, Violet Checkdar Shirt and sky blue seater was found dead at Factory No. F-1916, DSIIDC, Narela, Delhi on 10.11.2018. In this regard, FIR/DD No. 23-B dated 10.11.2018 has been lodged at PS Narela, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

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

SHO  
P.S., Narela, Delhi  
DP/2309/RD/18 Ph. : 011-27202265, 8750870325

**Appeal for Identification**

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 55 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Gender : Male Wearing : White Shirt & Gulabi Colour Shorts was found dead at footpath near Election Office, Lothian Road,

In this regard, FIR/DD No. 28-A dated 09.11.2018 has been lodged at PS. Kashmeri Gate, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

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

SHO  
P.S., Kashmeri Gate, Delhi  
DP/9355/N/18 Ph. : 011-23967889, 8750870123

**SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY**

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency "Shriram Automall India Ltd" (URL Link "https://e.auctions.samil.in"). The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till Dec 12, 2018 before 5.00 PM 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 E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, 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 Dec 12, 2018 before 5.00 PM. 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 auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. 9650193259/ 9599281817 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 : Nov 17, 2018  
Place : Delhi

Sd/-  
Authorised Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited.

**भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड**  
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)  
कार्यालय महाराष्ट्र प्रशासन, दूरसंचार विभाग  
सी.टी.ओ. कम्पाउण्ड, ग्राहकाली पथ, आगरा (उ०प्र०) - 282001  
दूरभाष : 0562-2225111, फैक्स : 0562-2225100

**निविदा आमंत्रण एवं निरस्तीकरण सूचना**

प्रधान महाराष्ट्र, भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड, आगरा द्वारा आगरा बिजनेस एरिया के अंतर्गत आगरा ए.एस.ए. में जोन-बी में ए.एस.ए. बेस्ड कॉम्प्लेक्स एमसीओएफओ कॉमिल और अन्य नेटवर्क एलमेंट्स के मॉडर्नाइजेशन हेतु नोफन फेस-1 परियोजनातंत्रत कार्य हेतु डिजिटली सील्ड एवं हस्ताक्षरित ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

NIT No: AGTD/EP/ETndr/NOFNPH/AG/MTCE/ZN B/18-19 Dated: 16/11/2018

आगरा ए.एस.ए. जोन-ए एवं जोन-बी क्षेत्र के मोबाइल बीटीएस में संस्थापित इंडन आल्टनेट्स की कम्प्लेक्स एमसीओएफओ, प्रचालन और साइट रखरखाव सम्बन्धी निम्नलिखित निविदाएं निरस्त की जाती हैं।

NIT No: AGTD/EP/ETndr/BTS/ZN A/2018-19 Dated: 20/09/2018

NIT No: AGTD/EP/ETndr/BTS/ZN B/2018-19 Dated: 20/09/2018

Please visit us at [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in) [www.upw.bsnl.co.in](http://www.upw.bsnl.co.in) and <http://tender.bsnl.co.in> for details.

सहायक महाराष्ट्र (निरोधन), आगरा  
दूर नं०-0562-2226100

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure) In the Court of Shri Sunil Choudhary, Learned ADJ, Rohini Court Delhi**

Suit No. CS-772/16  
M/s Bharat Export Processors Pvt. Ltd. ... (Plaintiff)  
Vs  
Gurpat Singh Sawhney ... (Defendant)

To  
Gurpat Singh Sawhney (Proprietor) of M/s Bharat Export Overseas A-353, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurugram - 122015 (Hr)

The Defendant above named WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the day of 18.12.2018 i.e. the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court.  
Addl. District Judge-03  
Rohini Courts, Delhi

Rajnath promises road facelift, more power to tribal councils in Mizoram

**Siaha (Mizoram):** Alleging that the Congress Government had not done anything to bring about development in Mizoram, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said the BJP, if voted to power, would upgrade the road infrastructure in the State within six months.

Addressing an election rally here, he said the condition of roads in the North-eastern State has gone from bad to worse under the Congress rule.

"The BJP, if elected to power, will build highways and mend roads in the State within six months. The poll-bound State probably has the worst road infrastructure in the country even after a decade of Congress rule," Singh said.

The Minister also asserted that the Centre would ensure passage of an amendment to the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, providing more power to the autonomous district councils of Mizoram.

"If the two BJP nominees in the Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC) are elected to power, the BJP-led NDA Government at the Centre will be able to push for an amendment to the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to ensure more autonomy to the district councils," he said.

MADC, one of the three autonomous district councils within the State, has its headquarters in Siaha. **PTI**

**ICICI Bank**  
ICICI Bank Limited

Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakki Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodra, Gujarat 390007.  
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051.  
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., 02 Floor, Videocon Tower E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Delhi 110055.

**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]  
Sale Notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation 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 Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is what is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan No.(B)	Details of the Secured Asset	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Auction Date & Time
1.	Seema Tyagi (Borrower)/ Deepak Tyagi (Co-Borrowers)/ LBGUR0001983799	Flat No E 1803, Avj Heights, Plot No Gh 12/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida, UP, Area- 1250Sq.Ft	Rs. 50,99,527/- (as on Oct 24, 2018)	Rs. 33,00,000/-	Rs. 3,30,000/-	Dec 07, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	Dec 13, 2018 From 11:30AM To 12:00 Noon
2.	Subhash Chandra Dhyani (Borrower)/ Meena Dhyani (Co-Borrowers)/ LBDEL00002004672	Flat No 2103, Tower C, AVJ Heights, Plot No Gh 12/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida, State-UP, Area- 2400Sq.Ft	Rs. 88,97,268/- (as on Oct 24, 2018)	Rs. 58,00,000/-	Rs. 5,80,000/-	Dec 07, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	Dec 13, 2018 From 12:30 Noon to 1:00PM
3.	Jitendra Kumar Jaiswal (Borrower)/ Sangeeta (Co-Borrowers)/ LBDEL00001946929/ LBDEL00001970023	Flat No 1801, 18th floor, Tower I, AVJ Heights, Plot No GH 12/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida, State-UP Area- 1050Sq Ft.	Rs. 33,14,901/- (as on Oct 25, 2018)	Rs. 24,00,000/-	Rs. 2,40,000/-	Dec 07, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	Dec 13, 2018 From 1:30 PM To 2:00 PM
4.	M/S. Assotech Limited (Borrower)/ Mr. Sanjeev Srivastva, Ms. Priya Srivastva, Mr. Rajeev Srivastva (Co-Borrowers)/ LBDEL00001929322 LBDEL00001929321	Plot No-12, Block-A, Sector- 24, Noida, Noida- 201301, Plot Area-1012Sq Mtr.	Rs. 11,97,63,487/- (as on Oct 01, 2018)	Rs. 8,95,00,000/-	Rs. 89,50,000/-	Dec 07, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	Dec 13, 2018 From 2:30 PM To 3:00 PM

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Date : Nov 17, 2018  
Place : Delhi

Sd/-  
Authorised Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform to all concern that M/s R.M. Store through its Partner Sh. Rakesh Khattar S/o Sh. Madan Lal Khattar and Sh. Madan Khattar S/o Sh. Thakur Das Khattar R/o S-2, Sector-12, Noida, U.P. who is the original allottee of Comm. Plot No 18, Block-XIA, Sector-12, Noida, U.P. had sold the said property on General Power of Attorney basis to the following person(s). General Power of Attorney was executed on 01.11.2006 in favour of Sh. Mahender Kumar S/o Sh. M.L. Khattar R/o S-2, Sector-12, Noida, U.P. which is registered and the Agreement to Sell was not registered or not executed, because the Agreement to Sell is not registered or no Agreement to Sell executed, so it is informed to all concern that the said Comm. Plot No 18, Block-XIA, Sector-12, Noida, U.P. is going to be transferred in favour Smt. Seema Khattar / Sh. Mahender Kumar R/o S-2, Sector-12, Noida, U.P., if anyone has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection alongwith the sufficient proof in the Commercial Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. **Mahender Kumar**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is informed that Smt. Rani W/o Late Sh. Sharvan Kumar R/o 13A/65, Brahmput, Karo Bagh, New Delhi had executed her last WILL on 11.01.2010 in respect of her moveable and immovable properties in favour of her daughter Smt. NISHI AHMED and then she expired on 7.9.2011.

Now Smt. Nishi Ahmed wants to get the above Will dated 11.01.2010 registered. So if any person is having any objection in the same may kindly contract the undersigned or to the Sub Registrar-1, Kashmeri Gate, Delhi within 15 days from the date of this notice.

Sd/-  
Shailash Gupta, Advocate  
430, West Patel Nagar, N.D.-8  
Earl. No. D/582/87  
Ph No : 9810049399  
Adhar : 788623847532

**Haffkine**

**HAFFKINE BIO PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(Procurement Cell)  
Tel No. 022-24150628 E-mail- [md@vaccinehaffkine.com](mailto:md@vaccinehaffkine.com)  
Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400 012 (INDIA)

**TENDER NOTICE**

Date:- 12/11/2018.

Managing Director, (Procurement Cell), Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., Mumbai invites tenders in two envelope systems from eligible bidders for following items for various Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals in Maharashtra.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Description	Date for PreBid Meeting	Period of Sale and Preparation of bid & bid submission	Bid Opening
1	E-1056	Surgical Sutures & Stapplers	26.11.2018 at 11 am.	From 17.11.2018 10.00 am to 10.12.2018 up to 14:00 hrs.	13.12.2018 at 14:01 hrs.
2	E-1057	Diagnostic Kits	Bidders have to submit their queries through email or hard copy before meeting.		
3	E-1061	X-Ray, C.T., MRI & ECG Material (22 items)	27.11.2018 at 11 am.	From 17.11.2018 10.00 am to 10.12.2018 up to 14:00 hrs.	13.12.2018 at 14:01 hrs.
4	E-1062	Superspeciality Item (117 items)	Bidders have to submit their queries through email or hard copy before meeting.		
5	E-1060	Surgical Drugs	28.11.2018 at 11 am.	From 17.11.2018 10.00 am to 10.12.2018 up to 14:00 hrs.	13.12.2018 at 14:01 hrs.
6	E-1059	Surgical Non Drugs	Bidders have to submit their queries through email or hard copy before meeting.		

For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> For e-tendering help/ information, please contact.  
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See Section 82 Cr. PC

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Metropolitan Magistrate  
Mahila Court-01, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

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1	UHBVN Panchkula	Hiring of one no. vehicle for SC Const. Circle Panchkula	21-11-2018	EMD- 6000/-	www.uhbvn.org.in	9350603248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com	16/2016-19

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Date of Pre-bid meeting: On 26.11.2018, 11:00 Hrs.  
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# Mamata blames BJP for destroying institutions

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Continuing her tirade against the BJP-led NDA Government for "taking India towards a political chaos," Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday said the saffron Government had ensured that the key institutions of the country were destroyed.

In an apparent bid to catch the bull by its horn the Chief Minister also announced counter-Yatras in the wake of BJP's much publicised Rath Yatras beginning next month. The TMC Yatras will follow the route of the BJP Yatras, she said.

The Narendra Modi Government was tearing down the major institutions like Reserve Bank of India and Central Bureau of Investigation Banerjee said promising to do everything to protect these organizations.

"They (Modi Government) are destroying all the key institutions of the country," Banerjee who had earlier been critical of changing the Planning Commission into Niti Ayog said adding how the Centre was "trying to change the way the RBI and the CBI function."

The ruling outfit (read BJP) that was making "building statues" its poll agenda will itself become a statue after the coming Lok Sabha elections," Banerjee told a party meeting in Kolkata.

Dropping hints that the Trinamool Congress was planning to take central stage in Delhi post 2019 general elections, Banerjee said the way the BJP was trying to divide the



country and implementing regimes like the National Register for Citizens would force her party to "play a bigger role in the coming days."

"We will not tolerate division in the society and persecution of innocent people in the name of NRC," Banerjee said giving a call for "BJP Hatao Desh Bachao (save India by driving away the BJP)".

The Chief Minister who had called a mega rally in January to be held at the historic Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata where she had invited all the anti-BJP parties said "all parties barring a few have confirmed their desire to attend the rally," adding the same will act as the final nail in the BJP's coffin.

Attacking the saffron outfit for reintroducing the age-old tactic of Rath Yatras to polarize the Hindu vote, Banerjee said, "the BJP is organizing the Rath Yatra to divide the people but we will organize similar Yatras which will be called 'Ekta Yatra (Unity Rally)' on the same route that their Yatra follows."

The Trinamool Congress' Yatra "is aimed at uniting and not dividing the communi-

ties," Banerjee said. Incidentally the CPI(M) which was locked in a battle with the BJP for the second place in the State has also announced rallies following the same path that the BJP's Yatra is like to take.

The BJP is scheduled to take out three Yatras in December. While the first Yatra will start from Ganga Sagar (the southernmost tip of Bengal), the second one will commence from Tarapeeth in Birbhum district. The third Yatra will start from the northern most district of the State Coochbehar bordering Assam. The BJP's chariots will converge at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata on January 23 the birth day of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the party sources said.

Enroute the Yatras will cover several thousand kilometers, during which 60 mass meetings will be held.

Top BJP leaders including party president Amit Shah, Assam Chief Minister Sarwananda Sonowal and his UP counterpart Yogi Adityanath will address the BJP rallies sources said.

"The Yatras will be taken out against Trinamool Congress' reign of terror, its appeasement policy and its aiding the continuing infiltration through Bangladesh border," BJP State Rahul Sinha said.

However TMC MP and Chief Minister's nephew said the Rath Yatra would in fact be a "luxury tour of the State in air-conditioned vehicles by the BJP leaders."

# Ex-Guj CM Vaghela to work against BJP in Lok Sabha polls



PNS ■ GANDHINAGAR

Demanding to hold the upcoming Lok Sabha polls using ballot papers instead of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), former Gujarat Chief Minister Shankersinh Vaghela said that he would try his best to ensure BJP's defeat in the 2019 general elections.

"There is need to use ballot papers till the doubts on EVMs in the minds of voters would vanish. A mechanism has to be developed to spread awareness on EVMs and VVPT among the voters across the country," said Vaghela in an interaction with media persons.

On Friday the former Union Minister popularly known as 'Bapu' in political and social circles had organised media get together lunch at his palatial residence on the outskirts of Gandhinagar to mark beginning of Vikram Samvnt 2075 (Gujarati New Year).

Vaghela had resigned from Congress in 2017 ahead of assembly polls along with his MLA son Mahendra, relative Balwantsinh Rajput and other

11 MLAs belonging to his camp. In the subsequent development, his son and Rajput joined BJP. However, Mahendra resigned from the saffron brigade in October this year.

Coming down heavily on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the strong Kshatriya leader said that Modi failed to keep promises he had given to people ahead of 2014 Lok Sabha polls. He went on to say that Indian voters have decided to defeat NDA.

"I have started efforts to unit anti-BJP political outfits. For the purpose I am visiting across the nation and already visited nine states. My aim would be to create a national level political front to counter BJP," said the veteran politician claiming that even if anti-BJP political party would fight with each other at local level, they would get around 300 seats and form UPA type government at the centre. He gave examples of West Bengal where Mamata Banerjee's political outfit would fight against communist party at local level but BJP wouldn't get anything there.

# Shirdi temple head booked for molestation

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Shirdi police have booked Rajendra Jagtap, head of the Saibaba Temple run by Shirdi Saibaba Sansthan Trust (SSST) for allegedly molesting a woman devotee from Rahata taluka in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar.

Acting on a complaint by a victim woman, the Shirdi police registered an offence against Jagtap under sections 354 (molestation), 323 (Voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 506 (Punishment for criminal intimidation).

Following the victim woman's complaint, Jagtap has absconded from the pilgrim town of Shirdi. "We are looking for Jagtap. He has been missing since yesterday. We hope to find him soon," Investigation Officer attached to the Shirdi town police station B F Maghade said.

The victim woman, who incidentally is a taluka Congress office bearer, said in her complaint that she along with her women friends had gone to Saibaba temple for darshan on Thursday night.

"At that time, Saibaba palanquin procession was on. At around 8.30 pm, the temple official (Jagtap) came close to me and my other friends. He touched and my friends misbehaved with us and threw me out of the temple premises. He threatened me not to be seen on the temple premises once again in future," the complainant said.

The victim woman, in her complaint, also claimed that this was not the first time that Jagtap was misbehaving with women inside the temple.

# Raja Bhaiya announces to form political party, strikes strident anti-Dalit stance

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Striking a strident anti-Dalit stance, six-time independent MLA Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiya on Friday said he would float a new party opposed to reservation in promotions and the "draconian" provisions of the SC, ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The former minister, who represents Kunda assembly constituency, said the new party would have 'Jansatta' (people's power) as its prefix.

He said the Election Commission had been approached for the registration of the new party as 'Jansatta Party', 'Jansatta Loktantrik Party' or 'Jansatta Dal'.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Raja Bhaiya said he was also opposed to immediate arrest in case of registration of FIR under the SC, ST Act.

No investigation is required under the SC, ST Act before an arrest is made, he said, adding that this should change and the arrest should be made only after investigation.

The MLA from Kunda said there should be no discrimination on basis of caste in the distribution of compensation and ex gratia to the rape victims. He said rape was a heinous crime and the victim, irrespective of caste and creed, should be compensated by the government.

"Reservation in promotion for Dalits is inappropriate. Promotions should be based only on merit and seniority as

people join state government services after passing tough competition," Raja Bhaiya said, adding that the wards of IAS and IPS officers should be barred from reservation as even the poor people were denied the Antyodaya ration cards meant for those below poverty line as they moved upwards in the economic ladder.

Justifying the formation of a new political party, the independent MLA said there were already many political outfits and many more would come up in future but his party would focus on specific issues concerning the lives of the masses. "People are enthused over my floating a new party," he added.

Asked whether his party would forge alliance with other parties, Raja Bhaiya said, "This question should be posed to other political parties, whether they want to ally with us on the issues we are focusing on."

He said the main agenda of his new party would be to raise the issues related to disparity in the reservation system vis-a-vis non-Dalits and issues concerning the youths.

Refusing to say anything when asked whether his party would contest the Lok Sabha polls in 2019 or he would go for an alliance in the elections, the Independent MLA clarified that the decision on contesting the election would be taken after the ECI recognised his party.

The MLA from Kunda, who completes his silver jubilee in politics on November 25, has already announced to hold a big rally in Lucknow on November 30.

# UP Govt committed to economic uplift: CM

PNS ■ KANPUR

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while addressing the concluding session of UP-Dexpo 2018 on CSA ground on Friday, said the State Government was committed to the economic uplift of UP and thus to bring in economic development and investment the present Government had girded up its loins to not only improve the law and order but set up a conducive and safe environment so that investors could invest in the State.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also eager to ensure the economic development of UP and thus the state had been chosen for the Defence Corridor. He added that the work in that direction had already taken off and the



bhoomi puja would be performed in January 2019. He said every effort would be made to solve and settle issues linked to the prestigious project.

He pointed out with the Defence Corridor in the pipeline the entire world was looking to UP which was about to metamorphose into a developed and progressive state. He said top business houses were eager to invest in the state. He assured investors of security and safety and added the gov-

ernment was committed to providing a conducive environment to entrepreneurs and safeguard their financial interests. He said Single Window System had been introduced to facilitate the quick establishment of the Defence Corridor. He declared that the corridor would bring in financial progress and there would be great employment opportunities.

He said the UP government had organised a UP Summit in February 2018 in which Rs 468,000 crore was ratified. He said Dexpo-2018 would greatly benefit Kanpur-Bundelkhand region and thus the segment was on the threshold of economic progress once the Defence Corridor became functional. He said this mega event had emerged to be one of

the most remarkable events to channelise efforts being made for making UP Defence Corridor a ground reality.

Later, Yogi also made a surprise visit to Galla Mandi where he personally interacted with the farmers and assured them that they would not get less than what the support price had been fixed by the UP government. He warned the entry of middleman and directed officials and farmers to ensure they eliminated the role of middlemen so that the benefits could be availed by them. He warned officials of strict action in case there was any victimisation of farmers. UP Industrial Development Minister Satish Mahana, Satya Dev Pachauri and all MPs and MLAs were present along with office-bearers of the party.



A photographer clicks a photo of dried Chinar leaves at a garden in Srinagar on Friday

# Yogi to lead BJP bike rally in Varanasi

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Senior leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and party State president Mahendra Nath Pandey, will hit the road on Saturday by taking part in the Kamal Sandesh Bike Rally to make people aware of the achievements of the Central and the UP Governments.

The bike rally, being organised in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, will be taken out in all the 80 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state with Yogi leading the campaign in Varanasi, the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya will join the bike rally at Prayagraj (Allahabad) and Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma in Lucknow.

BJP state president Mahendra Nath Pandey will lead the rally in his parliamentary constituency Chandauli and BJP general secretary (organisation) Sunil Bansal in Kannauj, the bastion of Samajwadi Party.

BJP state general secretary and MLA Pankaj Singh, who is son of Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, will lead the bike rally in Gorakhpur, the native place of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The party leadership has directed the cadre and leaders to get at least five motorcyclists from each polling booth. All the party leaders, including parliamentarians, legislators and office-bearers, have been directed to ensure full participation in the rally, which will be a show of strength. There are about 1,60,000 polling booths in the 80 parliamentary and 403 assembly constituencies in 75 districts.

The BJP leaders will highlight the flagship schemes like crop loan waiver, Ujjwala, Saubhagya, Swachh Bharat Mission and others among the people.

# Elaborate security arrangements in J&K ahead of Panchayat polls

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

The authorities in Jammu & Kashmir have put in elaborate security and logistic arrangements to conduct the maiden phase of the elongated panchayat polls on Saturday. As many as 47 Panchayat blocks covering 21 blocks in Jammu province, 16 in Kashmir valley and 10 blocks in Ladakh region are going to polls in the first phase.

According to the Chief Electoral Officer, 427 candidates are in the fray for 536 Sarpanch Halqas and 5951 candidates for 4048 Panch Wards in the State for which voting and counting is scheduled to be held tomorrow. The polling will take place between 8 in the morning till 2 O' clock.

The Panchayat polls on non party basis will be held in nine phases in 316 Blocks in 4483 Panchayat Halqas comprising of over 35 Thousand Panch Constituencies.

The polls have been scheduled on November 17, 20, 24, 27, 29 and December 01, 04, 08 and 11.

Adequate security arrangements in villages and poll bound areas have been put in place to ensure smooth and peaceful panchayat polls in the State.

The last Panchayat elections in the State were held in 2011 after a gap of 20 years and Panchayats completed their term in July 2016.

papers will decide the fate of over 4400 Sarpanches and over 35 thousand Panches.

The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) imposed on September 16 continues to remain in force.

The total number of electors in the State is over 58 Lakh 54 Thousand who are eligible to cast their votes in Panchayat Elections.

Over 29 Lakh 91 Thousand voters are registered in Kashmir Division whileas 28 Lakh 63 Voters are registered in Jammu Division if the State.

Election Commission has devised a scheme to enable migrant Kashmiri Pandits to vote through Postal Ballot in Panchayat Elections.

The Commission announced poll schedules despite the decision of two main political parties National Conference and People's Democratic Party to stay away from Municipal and Panchayat polls.

National Conference was the first mainstream political party that announced boycott of Municipal and Panchayat elections slated this year.

The Party sought clarification from the Central Government about the protection of Article 35 A in and outside the Courts. CPIM and other mainstream political parties also decided to stay away from the polls.

However, Congress, BJP and other parties participated in Municipal elections.

# Upset Mungantiwar unwilling to hold alliance talks with Uddhav

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Senior BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar has said he is upset at Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's criticism of him on tigress Avni's killing, and therefore is not willing to participate in alliance talks with the latter.

Mungantiwar, the state's Forest minister, has been at the centre of attacks from politicians like Thackeray and Union minister Maneka Gandhi as well as animal rights groups for the killing of tigress Avni, allegedly a man-eater, on November 2 in Yavatmal.

Speaking to select media-persons recently, Mungantiwar claimed when he called up Thackeray to convey his disappointment over the latter's remarks, the Sena chief told him that Union minister Maneka Gandhi had asked him to do so.

"I told Uddhav ji I was deeply hurt by his remarks over the Avni episode. I did not expect this from him, especially when I considered him a good friend. During the course of the conversation, he told me Maneka ji had called him and asked him to oppose the killing of the tigress," Mungantiwar, who also holds charge of the state Finance portfolio, said.

Mungantiwar further said he was in favour of an alliance with the Sena at a time when nobody else in the party was willing to do so, as they (party

colleagues) were irked with the Sena's constant criticism of the BJP and the state government.

"Despite this, he indulged in cheap criticism of the episode. I am no more willing to hold alliance talks with him now," Mungantiwar, who has been instrumental in trying to get the Sena on board for the forthcoming elections, said.

Speaking about the anguish the Avni episode had caused him, Mungantiwar said, "I am not active on social media platforms. However, when my daughter showed me the messages posted on Twitter and Facebook, I was deeply upset. People used abusive language against me. I felt upset when I saw my family in distress reading such messages."

When approached for a response, Maneka Gandhi, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, refused to comment.

Thackeray has been vocal in his criticism of the killing of Avni and had termed the state's government's decision to set up a committee to probe the killing as a "farce".

Thackeray had also said if Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis backed Mungantiwar saying he could not be held responsible for the killing, why did Prime Minister Narendra Modi take credit for the surgical strike, when the PM had not himself conducted it.

# Ex-MLA manhandles tehsildar, misbehaves with police officer

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Former MLA from Nanpara in Bahraich, Dileep Verma, whose wife Madhuri Verma is now an MLA from the same constituency on Bharatiya Janata Party ticket, created a ruckus in the district on Friday.

Verma first reportedly manhandled a tehsildar and misbehaved with a deputy superintendent of police-rank officer and then sat on dharna, demanding action against the officers.

The tehsil staff also staged a massive protest, demanding arrest of the former MLA.

Reports said that Dileep Verma reached the tehsil on Friday morning and went to sub-divisional magistrate Siddharth Yadav's chamber. On learning that the SDM was on leave, Verma entered the room of tehsildar Madhusudan Arya. After some argument with the tehsildar, Verma reportedly manhandled him, snatched the gun of the security guard and left the place, hurling abuses at the officer.

Verma later reached Kotwali police station where he misbehaved with circle officer of Nanpara, Vijay Prakash, and also sat on dharna, demanding action against the government officials. He alleged that it was the tehsildar who assaulted and threatened him with dire consequences.

In the meantime, the tehsil staff, after learning about the incident, came on road and staged a demonstration, demanding registration of a

## THE TEHSIL STAFF ALSO STAGED A MASSIVE PROTEST, DEMANDING ARREST OF THE FORMER MLA

case against Verma and his arrest for manhandling two government officers.

Reports said that senior officers reached the spot on learning about the incident and were making efforts to pacify both the sides and make them reach an agreement.

Both the sides were staging protests at the time of filing the report.

Meanwhile, in a separate incident reported from Mau, leaders of Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) created a ruckus and reportedly torched a police outpost when the cops refused to release a motorcycle.

Reports said that sub-inspector Rajan Maurya, post-

ed at Dubari police outpost under Madhuban police station, learnt that some youths were gambling in the area. He rushed to the spot and nabbed the youths and also seized a two-wheeler. The youths were later released but the cops refused to release the motorcycle.

Subsequently, some senior local leaders belonging to Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia), including a close lieutenant of Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav, called the police officers and requested them to release the motorcycle. When the cops refused to oblige them, PSPL leaders gheraoed the police station and misbehaved with the sub-inspector. They later attacked the cops and torched the police outpost and escaped. Interestingly, the local officers first tried to hush up the matter but when the sub-inspector raised the issue through media, a case was registered against the accused and efforts were on to nab them.

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## Fight for survival

Unused to being hemmed in from all sides, the tiger is hitting out with aggression when prodded by human intervention



Yes, the cubs of Avni, the tigress who was hunted in Maharashtra in a state-sanctioned kill, are alive and well. They are being kept in captivity and awaiting rehabilitation in a forest area conducive to their growth. But relocating or translocating them poses an even bigger challenge following recent reports of a tiger kill from Odisha's Satkosia tiger reserve. The National Tiger Control Authority (NTCA), in an attempt to improve tiger density here, had assiduously worked on developing a prey base for years and translocated a male and female

from Kanha and Bandhavgarh respectively, the first inter-state transfer experiment. But the male has died, having fallen to poachers' traps and the female is currently being kept in captivity, fearing attacks by aggressive villagers who have already proclaimed her a man-eater. The Avni killing was just the tip of the new dynamic of the man-animal conflict, one where man is challenging prevailing conservation efforts and legitimising his claim of ownership of the forests, reducing the arc of the wild habitat and throwing it into disarray. The male fell to poachers' traps in the core area, which is anyway constricted, just about capable of sustaining no more than five tigers. Any addition and they could stray into buffer zones. Wildlife experts say that Satkosia has 102 villages in both core and buffer zones with 50,000 cattle entering the park every day. They may have begun as encroachers but are now an encashable demographic of settlers. Without making them a stakeholder in conservation efforts of the tiger, keeping them invested as park patrollers and monitors, generating a subsidiary tiger economy that ensures them revenue, incentivising forest produce and enhancing the tiger gene pool that can promote "sighting tourism," the tiger will continue to be their enemy. Though tiger density has increased through sustained efforts from 1972 — and there are still viable tracts of pristine forests that can be turned into reserves by relocating animals from overpopulated stretches — fact is forests are a state subject and an inter-state agreement on shared corridors needs to be ironed out and coordinated if translocation is to succeed. Meanwhile relocation needs are mounting as are funding operations. The entire process cannot be fast-tracked but needs to be graded and spaced out to ensure tigers' acceptance of a new territory as their own household. Apart from peripheral villagers, a new tiger also has to deal with resident cats or in the total absence of its kind, reconcile to being a lone ranger and sync up with other relocated companions.

The tiger is a roamer and can cover long ranges for survival but natural transit corridors connecting forests are vanishing fast due to human encroachment and development. Unused to being hemmed in from all sides, the tiger is hiding out for survival and hitting out with desperate aggression when prodded by human intervention. This is the reason why we are hearing about tigers charging at vehicles and intruders in areas where they have never displayed such behaviour for decades. This mutative behaviour needs to be addressed immediately. And if three tiger cubs straying into rail tracks in Maharashtra were mowed down by a running train in the wee hours, it only shows how wayward they have been forced to become. Agreed that it may not be possible to realign existing roads and rail tracks that cut through forests, but care must be taken to ensure that newer transport corridors skirt the periphery of parks and reserves. Also bypasses, whether as an over or under passes can be created around existing railway tracks to let the animals pass through. World over, park managers have noted that over time, the wild animals re-programme themselves to use these passes, thus preventing accidents and adjusting their migratory routes. One must see the larger picture of evolution. The tiger sits on top of the food chain in the forest and by saving it and giving it a home, we are protecting all sub-species and curating a biosphere that even includes grasslands and rivers.

## Decline and fall

The resignation of Ankiv Baisoya as Delhi University's Student Union President highlights the mess student politics in India is in



Many of India's top politicians have emerged from the ranks of student politics. Arun Jaitley and Lalu Prasad Yadav were famously involved in anti-Emergency politics in Delhi and Patna Universities respectively, for example. But as Indian politics has moved down the path of nepotism and extreme positions, only those who have a shrill voice stand out nowadays. At the same time, what is possibly worse is that student politicians are entering the fray only to further their own political careers in the 'senior'

league later rather than look after the concerns and problems of students they are ostensibly elected to represent. The problem has been particularly exacerbated in Delhi University where students union leaders rarely belong to campus colleges and are in the main postgraduate students in obscure departments. More often than not, they have not obtained their under-graduate degree from Delhi University, most likely because they were not good enough to get in. Some would obviously do anything to get admission in Delhi University, to pursue politics rather than academics, naturally, and faking a degree is just the tip of the iceberg. It is unlikely that Ankiv Baisoya was the first or will be the last student to forge a marksheet but this was a huge failure both for the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and Delhi University. Both should have vetted the candidate's credentials far more carefully than they did. Either that, or they were complicit in the fraud perpetuated.

Given the sheer size of Delhi University, even if one excludes the thousands of students who take correspondence courses, it might be a better idea to divide the students union into two separate entities — one for north campus colleges and for all the others under the south campus umbrella. At the same time, Delhi University as well as other universities must follow the Lyngdoh Committee recommendations to the letter albeit funding limits should be adjusted to account for contemporary times what with social media and online campaigns ruling the roost. In recent students union elections, much like in legislative elections, Whatsapp messages, Facebook and Twitter have become campaign tools but fly under the radar of university authorities. Student politics is important although much like the real thing it has become twisted and a tool for enrichment and a forum for virulence, even violence. Student leaders themselves should realise that the vast majority of the student body in most universities is disillusioned with student politics and many want to do away with the headache of student body elections altogether. This is not a good sign for democracy.

## A vessel for success

Given the aim of big data is to find connections and patterns in the vast amount of information collected and then relate it to human behaviour, insights gleaned can lead to innovative ideas



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

Knowledge is power and in this age of information technology, big data has become the real power. But how the power of big data is harnessed is crucial. Since the aim of big data is to find connections and patterns in the vast amount of information collected and then relate it to human behaviour, or understanding of complex systems, processes or institutions, insights thus gleaned can lead to innovative ideas and solutions.

One such interesting innovation has been developed in Guizhou, a mountainous province in the southwest of China. Here, big data analytics have been applied in the judiciary to create a 'smart court'. The Judicial Big Data Application Platform provides judges with case assistance, trial assistance and case analysis and has improved the efficiency of the judiciary. The "judicial intelligent robot", helps to process and analyse the history of case data of courts at all levels and establishes a large database to provide 'intelligent' assistance to the judges. At present, the Guizhou High Court is using this system to make better-informed decisions, say local officials.

But what makes this innovation really novel is its judicial big data public consultation system. Here, the litigants can fill in the details of their case and the system analyses data of similar cases and judgments to guide them even before they come to the courts about their chances of winning or losing their case. This kind of system could be extremely useful for India where about 3.3 crore cases are pending in various courts in the country. According to a Law Ministry data, of all the pending cases, 60 per cent are more than two years old, while 40 per cent are more than five years old. In the Supreme Court, more than 30 per cent of pending cases are more than five years old. This is because the judiciary faces a shortage of over 6,000 judges, including over 5,000 in the lower courts. No wonder there are 2,76,74,499 cases awaiting appeal in the district and subordinate courts. On an average, there are 19 judges per 10 lakh people. A scientific collection of data across all courts and its intelligent use can bring down pendency and deliver speedy justice. At least then, justice delayed will not be justice denied.

Big data has also been leveraged by Guizhou to achieve remarkable economic growth. Once considered industrially backward and poor because of its hilly topography, Guizhou has used big data technology to leapfrog from the fringes to register the third-fastest economic growth among China's 31 provinces in 2016. The number of big data related companies in Guizhou increased from less than 1,000 in 2013 to over 8,900 in 2017 and big data investment into Guizhou was approximately 35.28 billion yuan (\$5.5 billion) this year. Its swanky high rise buildings and high tech infrastructure are a testimony to its upward mobility. In fact, Guizhou's capital city, Guiyang was ranked as the best



performing city in 2016 by the Milken Institute, a not for profit think tank which analysed Guiyang's growth in jobs, wages, gross domestic product, and foreign direct investment.

Guizhou embarked upon its technology overdrive after the Chinese President Xi Jinping underlined big data technology as a priority in 2014. Guizhou has now the second highest data centres in China with over 70,000 servers. At the centre of this boom is the Guian, a newly developed 1,795 square kilometres suburb. Guian, which is just a hour's drive from Guiyang, houses over 200 influential national and international companies. A slew of incentives, including rent-free office space, tax benefits, state support, lower costs and its natural temperate cool weather, have encouraged Apple, Microsoft, Huawei, Hyundai Motor, Tencent, Qualcomm, Dell, IBM and Alibaba to set up data centres here.

India's presence here is in the form of a training academy as a part of a strategic partnership between NIIT and the Guizhou provincial Government to train students, professionals and government employees in big data. Further, NASSCOM has established an IT corridor to facilitate Indian software companies set up office in Guizhou. Zeta-V Technology Solutions, an Indian start-up, has been funded by Guiyang Municipal Government to develop a Sino-Indian Digital Collaborative Opportunities Plaza (SIDCOP) to connect Indian and Chinese companies.

In addition to creating employment opportunities, big data is contributing to Guizhou's economic growth by increasing

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incomes and alleviation of poverty. State officials say that 6.7 million rural people have been lifted out of poverty over the past five years and the growth rate of disposable household income in the province is the highest in China. This, they say, has been possible by accumulating real time information on the poor population and using it to make targeted interventions. So by using big data, they track populations who are poor, their geographical locations, and their immediate and necessary needs to be able to provide the right support. One such way has been to create e-commerce platforms and use the data to help connect people from different provinces to sell their farm produce or handicrafts online and increase their incomes.

In Guizhou's Anshun city, the Pingba District People's Government and Guizhou E-Commerce Cloud, (the government's commerce department initiative), launched the "E-

commerce Poverty Alleviation District Managers in Action" campaign to help farmers sell their rice to bigger markets outside the district. Big data was used to analyse consumer needs, forecast sales, manage the inventory and, help improve production efficiency. However, it was not just the excellent quality of the various varieties of Pingba rice that boosted sales.

Endorsement of its quality by the local government added extra value leading to the sale of more than 150,000 kilograms online in a period of three months. It is being sold to over 100 cities located in 20 provinces and has boosted the incomes of 191 poor households. Official records state that Guizhou currently has 6,949 e-commerce service stations reaching out to 80 per cent of its towns and villages. In 2017, e-commerce platforms helped rural Guizhou secure sales of agricultural produce to the tune of 15.3 billion yuan (\$2.2 billion).

India too, has recently launched an online platform for its farmers. The National Agriculture Market (eNAM), is a single-window service that integrates agriculture markets or mandis online so that farmers and traders can view all agriculture produce market related information (buying and selling) and services. Farmers can bid for the best price across markets in 21 mandis in eight States. But poor internet connectivity and availability and a lack of understanding of digital media may throw a spanner in the works for rural farmers.

Ensuring connectivity was also a challenge for Guizhou where 92.5 percent of its land is covered in hills. The

Government's active push to ensure infrastructure has given almost 96 per cent of its villages access to fiber-optic broadband and 4G. Over 200 e-commerce training sessions by Guizhou E-Commerce Cloud, which reached out to over 100,000 people throughout the province, raised awareness of the power of this platform.

Additionally, the Guiyang Big Data Application Demonstration Centre has been instituted to further understanding of big data usages. Also helping to show the practical use of big data is Duocaiabao, a cloud based mobile application developed by Guizhou Colorful Treasure, a web portal of the Guizhou government service network. The app is based on the needs of the people as analysed by big data gathered by the network. Downloaded by 1.33 million people, this app is a handy one stop platform that integrates more than 100 Government services including real estate registrations, social security applications, seeking appointments for marriage registration, birth registration certificate, driving license applications etc. At the same time, it also allows citizens to make payments for water, gas and electricity bills.

One of its most useful features, which should be adapted in India, is for the senior citizens. They no longer need to physically present themselves to get their pension or social security. All s/he needs to do now is use the app to send his/her photograph to the relevant government department and the pension will be transferred to his/her account.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

## SOUNDBITE

UN has become guardian of the *status quo* due to its inaction in the face of global challenges.



**India's Permanent Representative to the UN**  
—Syed Akbaruddin

South China Sea does not belong to any one nation. US will continue to sail and fly wherever international law allows



**US Vice President**  
—Mike Pence

Most of the time, critics are right about an artiste's work because they point out things that s/he is unaware of.



**Actor**  
—Amitabh Bachchan

We will constitute an inquiry team to look into the pervasive nature of sexual harassment in AIR stations across India.



**NCW chairperson**  
—Rekha Sharma

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### True champion

Sir — Though India's ace cueist, Pankaj Advani, in his 33 years of age, won his third straight IBSF billiards crown in the 150-up format (defeated Nay Thway Oo of Myanmar), taking his overall tally of world titles to a staggering 20, the media mostly remained silent. Why not? Like country's politics, sports and games coverage also depends upon peoples pulse. As a brilliant sportsperson, Pankaj rightly said: "This win is extremely special for me. It's a perfect 20 and I'm glad that I'm still hungry for more. It's pleasing to be able to play at a quality level over the years and looking to take this tally beyond a 'score.' It is an inspiration to every sport enthusiast out there.

**Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee**  
Faridabad

### I-T collections up

Sir — Delhi saw an all-time 45 per cent high growth in collection of Income Tax leaving Mumbai far behind with a growth rate of just 4.6 per cent. The Income Tax Department should now concentrate on other parts of the country other than Mumbai and Delhi, where income tax collection is lesser than it should be. Senior officers in different Income Tax circles should be motivated through incentives and proper training so that tax collection witnesses an increased growth rate in every city.

### No short-term solutions to fight pollution

This refers to the editorial, "Gaping hole" (November 16). Indeed it tells us the clear picture of our attitude when we are happy to live in very poor air quality. Bringing back odd-even scheme, banning crackers, banning non-CNG vehicles in NCR are short-term solutions and will not help us in the long run. It's sad that we look at this issue as a seasonal one rather than realising that we face this all year around. The Union Government should bring States like Haryana and Uttar Pradesh on the table to discuss this critical issue.

One critical area which really needs a relook is pollution test of the vehicles. To be honest, all certificates issued by the pollution testing outlets are just formalities, as even polluting vehicles are issued certificates as a routine exercise. That practice has to end — random check and audit of these units are non-negotiable. Last but not the least, despite Metro



being the backbone of the National Capital, we still need to go a long way to opt for a eco-friendly mass public transport. Honestly, mere micro-climate management won't take us far enough. It needs to be something beyond that — a more comprehensive action plan.

**Yvonne Fernando**  
Chennai

### Save the rhino

Sir — Recently, China revoked the ban on the use of parts of Rhinoceros and tigers for medicinal purposes. Their horns are used for water purifying purpose and as an aphrodisiac in some parts. Yemen makes daggers out of Rhino horns. Rhino poaching has escalated in recent years

with few tribes hunting them down. Interestingly, many former poachers have been roped in as Rhino conservationists in Manas. With their deep insights on the methods used for poaching, they are doing a great job in Rhino conservation. There has been a lot of celebrity endorsement in the conservation of rhinoceros. Indian cricketer, Rohit Sharma, the brand ambassador

for World Wild Life Fund-India Rhino conservation, has expressed his confidence in going all the way to protect the Rhinos. It's time we give something to the Nature instead of just taking from it.

**Ganapathi Bhat**  
Akola

### Grim picture

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Gaping hole" (November 16). Delhi has become storehouse of dreadful gases. The National Capital must improve its public transport system so that people can switch from their private vehicles to public buses.

The ultra-rich class must make economic use of their cars. The other Indian cities must start working on the pollution right from the outset. Delhi's problem can be summarised by this saying, "man now be silent otherwise nature will silence you permanently."

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## FIRST COLUMN

## Politics of appeasement

State institutions may believe that a policy of appeasement avoids conflict but in reality it offers nothing more than a brief respite



NADEEM PARACHA

In a recent statement, Shireen Mazari, the Minister of Human Rights, equated her Government's 'agreement' with the agitating leaders of the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) to former British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain's "policy of appeasement" towards Nazi Germany. According to the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, the word 'appease' originated in the 14th century CE and means 'to pacify'. However, the word's political context is entirely a 20th-century construct. According to Frank McDonough's "*Neville Chamberlain, Appeasement and the British Road to War*", the word 'appeasement' (in its political context) was first used by Chamberlain's critics to censure his 'peace deal' with German leader, Adolf Hitler. In his 1983 essay for the *Journal of Contemporary History*, Prof Anthony Adamthwaite wrote that the British Government's soft stance towards the increasingly belligerent Nazi regime was explained as a way to avoid another war in Europe. This was the reason given by the British regime even when news about Nazi atrocities against opponents and its expansionist ambitions began to come out of Germany. The perception that Germany had been handed a humiliating deal in 1919 Treaty of Versailles was also used by the British Government to draw support for Chamberlain's policy. Adamthwaite wrote that Chamberlain's Government imposed strict media restrictions to curb newspapers from reporting criticism against Chamberlain's policies, and even news about Nazi expansionism was largely repressed.

In 1938, on his return from Germany, Chamberlain triumphantly waved a piece of paper — "the Munich Agreement" — claiming that this agreement will herald "peace in our time." To critics, this was an act of surrender by an imperial power in front an aggressive fascist foe. On the other end, Hitler saw the agreement as Britain's inability to halt Nazi Germany's territorial ambitions. Hitler thus hastened his plans to invade various European nations and eventually triggered the Second World War in which millions of lives were lost. Adamthwaite wrote that even though Chamberlain's critics had warned that his "policy of appeasement" would only embolden Hitler, he dismissed them as being 'pro-war'.

In his book, *Strategy and Diplomacy 1870-1945*, British historian, Paul Kennedy, offered a more sympathetic view of Chamberlain's policy. He wrote that there were limited choices at the time for Britain and one of them was appeasement. Britain's economy had suffered during the global economic depression of the 1930s. Despite being an imperial power, the British state and Government(s) were feeling vulnerable. Yet, when in 1940 Winston Churchill was elected Prime Minister, he immediately undid Chamberlain's policies. With some fiery rhetoric and carefully constructed alliances with the opposition Labour Party, the US and the Soviet Union, he managed to militarily hold back the Nazi war machine. Nazi Germany fell in 1945. After the war, appeasement as a policy became anathema to Western states. Its opponents suggested that whereas the idea of holding negotiations is agreeable, appeasement should be divorced from it because it immediately hands over the advantage to the other party.

This sentiment was found not only among the Western post-war leadership. For example, Pakistan's founder, M A Jinnah was conscious of not giving too much leverage to India's religious parties — even those who backed his call for a separate Muslim-majority state. To Jinnah, Islam was something dynamic, democratic and 'modern'. The founders of Pakistan had their own idea of Islam that was rooted in the scholarly works of 'Muslim Modernists'. There was no room in it to appease the idea of an Islamic state held by radical religionists. Even five years after Jinnah's demise, the state of Pakistan unblinkingly crushed the first anti-Ahmadiyya movement, headed by religious groups in 1953.

The Ayub Khan regime, too, refused to exhibit any such leniency. Ayub refused to budge when religious parties protested against his Government's take-over of mosques, shrines and seminaries and the introduction of new family laws. The Islamic outfits decried these as being "un-Islamic." Ayub held his ground. The state, till then, was confident and clear about what the founders had stood for. But things in this context began to change after the 1971 East Pakistan debacle. In 1974, while facing a 1953-like situation, ZA Bhutto regime decided to agree to the demands of the agitators. Bhutto believed the state of Pakistan was not strong enough to withstand the consequences of the kind of operation undertaken in 1953. But even though his 'capitulation' in 1974 did manage to avoid what he feared, it turned out to be a short-term respite. Just three years later in 1977, his Government was being attacked by the same forces he had appeased. He tried to appease them again but fell in a reactionary military coup.

(Courtesy: Dawn)

IT WAS DUE TO THE INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE CREATED BY NEHRU THAT EVEN A CHAI WALA COULD BECOME INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER.

—CONGRESS LEADER SHASHI THAROOR

## POINT COUNTERPOINT



I DARE THE CONGRESS TO MAKE SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE THE FAMILY ITS CHIEF FOR ME TO BELIEVE NEHRU HAD CREATED A TRUE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.

—PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

## MP poll: Opening for Congress

After an extensive tour of the State, the writers found that neither Narendra Modi nor Rahul Gandhi is likely to play more than a marginal role in influencing the outcome of the Madhya Pradesh election



PARAKALA PRABHAKAR

KOTA UMA DEVI

The door is ajar in Madhya Pradesh — for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to exit and the Congress to enter the corridors of power in Bhopal. That is the impression we gathered after travelling about 2,500 kilometres, touching interior areas of all the regions, starting clockwise, from Malwa — both north and south, Madhya Bharath-Bhopal, Chambal-Gwalior, Bundelkhand, Bagelkhand and Mahakoshal between last week of October and the first week of November.

We met farmers, farm labour, young people from both urban and rural areas, government employees, traders, female farm workers as well as home makers, professionals such as doctors and lawyers, small businessmen, advocates, and students in campuses. In the process, inescapably, we also met persons who are affiliated to major political parties. We have chosen not to meet political leaders or opinion makers. We spoke to all these segments in all the regions of the State at length.

The method was not about administering of a questionnaire to generate quantitative data and arrive at percentages of vote share and number or seats of each party. It was about gathering of qualitative data in contradistinction to quantitative data. The method adopted was to conduct a series of rather long conversations with individuals and small groups (not exceeding six members) to understand their socio-economic condition in order to grasp what issues were salient for them and how their life experiences in grappling with those issues was likely to influence their voting choices.

It was to sniff the air, so to speak, and see which way the wind was blowing. The overwhelming sense that our team gathered was that not a single person among those we met was indifferent to the upcoming election. They're fully aware of the power they wield with their participation in it. Polling in this election, therefore, is likely to be on the higher side.

Acute farm distress is evident from the conversations in the countryside. 'Bhavantar', a State Government's scheme to give price support to farmers is unlikely to yield any substantial dividends to the ruling party. Deep resentment against price rise across the State is palpable. Anger against demonetisation is likely to wound the ruling establishment in the forthcoming Assembly elections. Lack of employment opportunities has alienated the youth in both rural and urban areas.

In Malwa especially, the upper castes are decidedly opting to desert the BJP because of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's 2016 'mai ka la' remark on the SC/ST reservations issue. Many rural women said they would wait for their menfolk and other family members to tell them whom to vote. Or perhaps they did not want to reveal their minds to the strangers from Hyderabad.

Significantly, Hindu-Muslim issues, Ram Mandir, the so-called Rafale and Vyapam scams did not find any resonance with the voters. Professionals did mention about the Narendra Modi Government's attempts to weaken the constitutional institutions.

Words like 'badlaav' and 'parivartan' are spo-

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ken in high decibels across the State, more prominently in the countryside. People who claimed to have voted for the BJP last time said they wanted to shift to the Congress this time. However, Shivraj Singh Chouhan remains popular. Those who want to vote against the BJP, too, acknowledged his good work. He comes across as a much popular leader and more influential with the voter than Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Madhya Pradesh. However, the possibility of "Shivraj fatigue" neutralising the impact of his popularity and letting farm distress, price rise, unemployment and demonetisation effects to hurt the ruling party cannot be ruled out.

There is still a significant chunk of undecided voters in the State. A good number of them are likely to go along with the tide that becomes evident nearer the polling day. The majority of the BJP voters said they would vote in its favour to reward Chief Minister Chouhan's work and not because of the Prime Minister. Those who preferred the Congress were unconcerned about the Chief Ministerial face of the party. They are prepared to take anyone who the Congress decides as the Chief Minister after the elections.

*Karyakartas* of the saffron party, who participated in the conversations are assertive about the BJP's winning chances. The Congress workers, on the other hand, are meek and lack confidence about their party's victory. It is the common unattached public who are more emphatic about the Congress' chances of forming the Government.

Those who wanted the BJP to win, do not think that an anti-incumbency could cut so deep as to unseat the party. But they're prepared to accept that the party will return with much reduced strength in the 230-strong House, and the party's candidates will win with reduced majorities in the constituencies. Even strong BJP supporters are not prepared to think that it will be an easy ride this time for the party. Political headwinds are strongly sensed by the BJP sympathisers and its cadre.

The Congress argument, if it has one, is not yet part of the political conversation among voters. Chouhan is at an advantage on this score as his work is known and talked about. Congress president, Rahul Gandhi, as a campaigner, is yet to make an impression in the State.

State Congress is organisationally an enfeebled entity as the party has been out of office for three consecu-

tive terms. It is a divided house, unable to stitch together a narrative for the State or constituency, region specific variants of the campaign theme. The BJP is ahead on this score.

The large number of conversations we had across the State in essence revealed that the Madhya Pradesh election is not a wrestling contest between an incumbent BJP and a challenger Congress.

It is a spectacle of the two contenders with strong political headwinds in the form of anti-incumbency, farm distress, price rise, ill-effects of demonetisation, erosion of upper caste support, unemployment and consequent youth apathy, and, "Shivraj fatigue."

Neither Prime Minister Modi nor Congress president Rahul Gandhi are likely to play more than a marginal role in influencing the outcome of the Madhya Pradesh poll. The Congress, our conversations across the State reveal, stands to benefit from the failure of the BJP to contend with the headwinds. And the headwinds are strong at the moment in the State.

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## The Great Game continues...

Though Arihant has happened at the right time, future projections of defence acquisitions and indigenous production need to be scaled up. Our maritime strength is meagre as compared to the Chinese fleet



KK PAUL

Even after over a century and a half, Rudyard Kipling's Great Game continues to be played, only the turf and the players have changed. The target, that is access to and consolidation in Indian Ocean remains the same, of course with different nuances.

In this context, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forthcoming visit to Maldives to participate in the inauguration of the new presidency is most welcome and a step in the right direction. But coming after over three years of the earlier cancelled visit of 2015, a lot of ground will now have to be covered and without any further time to lose. After all, today, the Indian Ocean is no longer India's ocean.

It is worth recalling that after becoming the number one trading partner of Africa, in its policy statement, China in 2015 had emphasised that it would seize the strategic initiative to effectively secure its overseas interests. Following this, we have seen heavy investments being made by China in our neighbourhood for the development of the Maritime Silk Route along with CPEC.

Simultaneously, development of the ports by China at Djibouti, Gwadar and Hambantota virtually completes a secure triangle around the Arabian Sea and a strategic positioning on the access routes to Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. Also, plans of the Chinese to develop Ihavandhoo as a deep sea port on an atoll in the Northern Maldives have since come to light. This location would virtually stand guard on the seven degree channel, the main navigational route from China and South East Asia for Europe and Gulf and carrying about \$18 trillion in the terms of annual trade.



On top of this, very recently an agreement has been signed with Myanmar for construction of a multi-billion dollar port at Kyaukpyu, in the Rakhine state not far from Bangladesh. This Kyaukpyu special economic zone will be ultimately linked by

rail/road to Kunming and provide access to the Bay of Bengal on the same pattern as Gwadar does to the Arabian Sea.

However, the Chinese plan of developing Sonadia into a port was cancelled by Bangladesh in 2017. But now they are showing

their keenness on Payra port. This port in Bangladesh along with Kyaukpyu in Myanmar would be important locations on the proposed Maritime Silk Route. In the given scenario, the great game as of now, seems to be going the Chinese way, as they can claim legitimate access to the Bay of Bengal as also to the Arabian Sea on either of our flanks. All these developments have serious implications for diplomacy in the neighbourhood as well as our navy.

Though Arihant has happened at the right time, future projections of defence acquisitions and indigenous production need to be scaled up. Our maritime strength is meagre as compared to the Chinese fleet. It is a historical fact borne out of the World War II and our own 1971 (INS Khukri was sunk by submarine PNS Hangool) that far more damage to enemy shipping is caused by submarines than any other vessel.

As such a fresh look in our priorities and strategy would be in order. For instance, Japan has estab-

lished a maritime cordon against submarines and deploys almost 200, P-3 Orion and S-2 aircraft patrols for detection of submarines.

Satellite technology is being used these days to track enemy shipping and even the deeply submerged nuclear submarines. It is often said that there is now hardly any place left to hide the naval assets particularly the carriers.

In the given circumstances, it is high time that considering our expertise in space missions, we develop our own satellite based naval surveillance systems and are able to detect the threats well in advance for putting effective counter measures in place.

In the long run, it has to be left to our diplomats and the political executive supported by armed forces to create a strong and favourable geopolitical environment in our neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region.

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FOREIGNEYE



## NEW TREND IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It's not a bad thing if the South Pacific becomes a place where China, Australia and the US seek ways to reduce their strategic doubts about one another. Most importantly, China reaches out to the South Pacific with kindness in pursuit of common interests.

(Global Times editorial)

# Tatas say no offer to Jet Airways yet

**Talks only preliminary; stock rallies over 40% in last 5 days**

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Tata Sons on Friday said it has not made any concrete proposal for taking over the struggling carrier Jet Airways, and that it has held only "preliminary" discussions on the matter.

AirAsia India in a similar arrangement with Air Asia of Malaysia, have widely speculated to be planning a complete takeover of the Naresh Goyal-run airline with its international partner Singapore Airlines.

"We would like to clarify that any such discussions to take over Jet Airways) have been preliminary and no proposal has been made," a statement from the diversified conglomerate said after a board meeting here.

The speculation has sent the Jet counter soaring over 40 percent in the past five trading sessions alone.

The speculation has sent the Jet stock soaring. The counter closed over 8 percent

at ₹346.85 on the BSE, whose index jumped 0.56 percent to 35,457.16. The Jet stock opened with an over 14 percent gap in the morning expecting a positive outcome from the Tata Sons board meeting.

The rumour of the rescue deal by the Tatas, reportedly being brokered by the government, sent Jet shares zooming 26.41 percent Thursday.

Jet Airways' deputy chief executive and chief financial officer Amit Agarwal earlier this week had admitted that the company was in talks with "multiple interested parties" for fund infusion as well as selling six of its Boeing 777 planes along with a stake in its loyalty programme Jet Privilege.

Chairman and promoter Naresh Goyal along with his family owns 51 percent stake in the airline, while Gulf carrier Etihad Airways owns 24 percent in the cash-strapped airline, which earlier this week reported ₹1,261 crore in loss for the September quarter against a profit of ₹71 crore y-o-y, making it the third straight quarters of heavy losses. This had the airline also putting as many as six of its Boeing 777s on sale to part-fund liquidity.

Media reports suggest that the parent company of Vistara, Tata-Singapore Airlines, is looking at an all-stock merger of Jet as part of the Tata group's plans to board Goyal's full service carrier.

# New RBI window may not increase credit to NBFCs: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The partial credit enhancement (PCE) facility by the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) for non-bank lenders is unlikely to have the desired impact of increasing credit flow to the troubled sector, a report said on Friday.

On November 2, RBI had allowed banks to provide PCE for debt raised by non-deposit-taking systematically important non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and housing finance companies (HFCs).

"The issuance volumes for NBFCs/HFCs under the PCE framework are likely to remain muted," domestic rating agency Icria said in the note. Credit enhancement is a tool typically aimed at

improving credit worthiness of a borrower, in this case the NBFCs. The RBI move came amid a strong pitch for many, including its central board members, to increase the credit supply to the troubled sector.

NBFCs and HFCs are facing a crisis of confidence following the default by IL&FS since late-August, which led to its takeover by the Government last month. This in turn led to a liquidity crunch for the sector, which has a credit demand of around ₹1 trillion to redeem their debt obligations in November.

It can be noted that even in immediate reactions, analysts were doubtful about the impact which can be created through the new regulations.

Icria drew parallels between the corporate sector and the NBFCs and voiced its fears of the non-bank lenders also not issuing any PCE-backed debt instruments like the corporate sector, which has not been able to raise any debt despite the same facility being around for three years.

## Business Corner

### MINISTER INAUGURATES KHADI PAVILION AT TRADE FAIR

Amid much fervour and gaiety, Minister of States (Independent Charge) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Giriraj Singh inaugurated the exclusive Khadi Pavilion of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) at 38th edition of India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan on Thursday. The theme of this one of the largest trade fairs for this edition is 'Enterprises from Rural India'.



### Children's Day Celebration



A Painting competition for children was also organised during the programme. Senior Members of the Samiti presented sweets and gifts to all the students of the school. NTPC-Sanyunkta Mahila Samiti associates itself with upliftment of the society through various social and welfare programmes

# Trai seeks public view to make paper telephone bill optional

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has sought public views on making paper bills for post-paid telecom services optional and setting electronic bills as a default option.

Environmental concerns relating to cutting of trees for papers used in printing of bills and changing mobile usage scenario in the context of massive surge in data usage on smartphones were put forth to bolster their demand as the main rationale to this demand, the regulator clarified in its consultation paper.

Trai said that it has received representations from telecom service providers requesting a review of the provision of the Telecom Tariff order which mandates provision of hard copy of the bill or the printed copy of the bill to post-paid subscribers and removal of the mandate of providing hard copy of the bill with Mobile Bill (M-Bill) or E-Bill as the default option.

"Is there a need to change the extant default option, i.e., provision of paper bill without any charge to postpaid subscribers of wire line and mobile services?" and "should e-bill now be made the default option?" Trai has asked in its consultation paper.

"Authority has recently received twenty four similar representations from Hon'ble MPs/MLAs/MLCs, some prominent citizens and telecom service providers, who have argued that doing away with mandatory provision of hard copy of bill, would be in tune with 'Digital India Mission', apart from addressing a serious environmental concern," Trai said.

The regulator said that consumers form the most important segment of stakeholders on this issue and therefore Trai has decided to hold a public consultation to have views of all the stakeholders, in the matter so that a holistic approach could be adopted to address this important issue affecting Telecom consumer's rights.

# Sensex, Nifty end higher for 2nd session on strong fund inflow, firm rupee

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex on Friday continued its rising streak for the second day to end at near a four-week high of 35,436.33, fuelled by gains in Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel and other bluechips amid continued foreign fund inflows and strengthening rupee.

A higher opening in European shares too influenced sentiments here. Both benchmark indices — Sensex and Nifty — recorded their third straight weekly gains by rising 298.61 points and 97 points, respectively.

The Sensex opened higher and advanced further to scale the day's high of 35,545.85, but settled at 35,457.16 points, a gain of 196.62 points, or 0.56 per cent, due to profit-taking activity.

This is the highest closing since October 17, when it had closed at 34,779.58. The gauge had risen 119 points in Thursday's trade.

The 50-share NSE Nifty settled 65.50 points, or 0.62 per cent higher, at 10,682.20 after shuttling between 10,695.15 and 10,631.15.

Bharti Airtel led the gains on Sensex, rallying 9.81 per cent, followed by Reliance Industries (RIL) that rose 2.79 per cent.

RIL piped Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) in becoming the most-valued company in terms of market capitalisation. The IT company ended the session 0.90 per cent higher at ₹1,882.25.

On BSE, RIL's market capitalisation was ₹7,14,668.54 crore, while TCS slipped to the second spot with a valuation of ₹7,06,292.61 crore.

Other big movers included Hero MotoCorp rising 1.81 per cent, SBI 1.75 per cent, HDFC 1.67 per cent, HDFC Bank 1.28 per cent, Asian Paints 1.12 per cent, Sun Pharma 0.90 per cent, Bajaj Auto 0.89 per cent, ITC 0.66 per cent and Kotak Bank 0.42 per cent.

Shares of Jet Airways surged for a second straight day, climbing 8.07 per cent on Thursday, shares of jet airways had rallied up to 26 per cent on bourses.

Among laggards, Yes Bank extended its slide, declining 7.14 per cent to a two-week low after former SBI chairman O P Bhatt resigned Thursday from the panel set up by private-sector lender to find a successor to its MD and CEO Rana Kapoor.

Tata Steel, ONGC, Maruti Suzuki, ONGC, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, Infosys, ICICI Bank, HUL, Vedanta, Tata Motors and L&T too retreated up to 2.47 per cent.

# Ministry of Minority Affairs inaugurates 'HunarHaat' at India International Trade Fair

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Friday formally inaugurated "HunarHaat", which has become a "Credible Brand" for empowerment of artisans and craftsmen, at PragatiMaidan in New Delhi.

This "HunarHaat" is being organised from 14th November to 27th November, 2018 at IITF, PragatiMaidan.

Naqvi said here that "HunarHaat" has proved to be "Empowerment & Employment Exchange" for master artisans and craftsmen.

"HunarHaat" at PragatiMaidan, is a part of series of "HunarHaat", being organised in various parts of the country under a mission to provide market and employment opportunities to master artisans and craftsmen.

Naqvi said that master artisans, including a large number of women artisans, from across the country are participating in this "HunarHaat". The artisans have brought with them very exquisite pieces of Handicraft & Handloom work products like Ajarakh, Bagh print, Bandhej,



Barmer Ajarakh & Applique, Bidriware, Cane and Bamboo, Carpet, Chanderi, Chaniya Choli, Chikankari, Copper Bell Product, Copperware, Ceramic Products, Dry Flowers, GotaPati, Handloom & Home Furnishings from every corner of the country. Products such as Jute Craft, Lac stone studded Bangles, Lacquerware, Linen Products, Metalware, Mudwork, Mulberry Silk, Paithani Silk, Phulkari, Punjabi Jutti, Zari Bags, etc are also available. For the first time, products from Chhattisgarh and Nanda & Chinnon Silk of Jammu & Kashmir are also available in this "HunarHaat" at PragatiMaidan. Naqvi said that the employment oriented programmes of the Modi Government like "HunarHaat" has significantly encouraged and promoted the rich traditional heritage of master artisans which had been marginalised for a long time.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES**  
 Notice is hereby given that the following share certificates of ATLAS JEWELLERY INDIA LTD. with Registered office at DTL-719 7th floor, DLF TOWER 'B' PLOT NO. 11, JASOLA N.DELHI-110025. I have been reported lost and have applied for duplicate shares of the company.

S.N	Folio No.	Name of the holder	Certificate Nos.	Distinctive Nos.	No. of shares
1.	S0014441	SURJEET CHOPRA	0006734	000983301-400	100
2.			00014049	001714801-900	100
3.			00014092	001719101-200	100
4.			00014093	001719201-300	100
					Total 400 Shares

Any person (s) who has / have any claim in respect of the said certificate (s) should lodge such claim (s) with the share department of the Company at its Regd. Office as per address given below within 15 days of the publication of this NOTICE. After which no claim will be entertained and the company will proceed to issue the duplicate share certificate.

NAME OF THE SHARE HOLDER: Sd/- SURJEET CHOPRA  
 DATE: 17-11-2018

**UJVN Limited**  
 H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006  
 Telephone: 0135-2763509, Fax No.: 0135-2763509  
 CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.uttarakhandjalvaidyut.com

**Time Extension Notice**  
 The last date for submission and opening of tender specification no. 21/EE(M)/2018-19 (Fabrication and supply of gun metal bushes and S.S. sleeve) and 22/EE(M)/2018-19 (Supply of runner cone) invited by Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi is hereby extended as under:-  
 Last Date for downloading of tender document - 26/11/2018  
 Last date for submitting the tender documents - 27/11/2018 upto 16:00 Hrs.  
 Due date for opening of tender Documents (Tender No. 21/EE(M)/2018-19) (Tender No. 22/EE(M)/2018-19)  
 (i) 01/12/2018 at 12:00 Hrs.  
 (ii) 01/12/2018 at 16:00 Hrs.  
 All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

680/UJVNL/Adv./I Dated 16-11-2018 Executive Engineer (Maint.)  
 "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

**Corrigendum No-01**  
**Corrigendum No-01 to E-Tender Enquiry No-12/TS/FBD/2018-19**

**HARYANA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED**  
 Shakti Bhawan, Panchkula CIN: U40101HR1997SGC033683

The last date of online bid submission is extended up to 22-11-2018 at 13:00 Hrs. and same will be opened on 22-11-2018 at 15:00 Hrs. Detailed NIT and tender document is available at website <https://haryanaeprocurement.org.in>, <https://www.hvpng.org.in> (Sd) Executive Engineer/TS Division Faridabad

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 Xen/TS Division, HVPNL, Faridabad  
 RO NO. 73581 Dt. 16-11-2018

**Govt. of Bihar**  
**BIHAR STATE POWER TRANSMISSION CO. LTD., PATNA**  
 (Regd. Office - Vidhyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna) (Contact No-0612-2504655, M No-7763817701, Email ID - ce.trans664@gmail.com)  
 (GST No. - 10AAFCB2393H121, CIN - U40102BR2012SGC018889)  
 (Department of Project-I of BSPTCL) Tender Notice (NIT) NO.-128/PR/BSPTCL/2018

Online tenders are invited by Chief Engineer (Project-I) for the followings:-

Description of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Cost of B.O.Q.(Rs.)	Completion period
Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 05 Nos. of 50 MVA Power Transformer with construction/modification of foundation in Transmission Circle Purnea & Bhagalpur on turnkey basis under State Plan	14.63 Crore	14.63 lacs	Tender Cost Rs. 11,200.00 to be paid through E-payment mode only to BSPTCL and Rs. 17,700.00 to be paid online for Bid Processing Fee	12 Months from NOA.

Last date of online sale of Bid Document/Request of bid/bid documents: Upto 04.12.2018, 15:00 Hrs.  
 Date of Pre-bid meeting: On 26.11.2018, 11:00 Hrs.  
 Last date of online submission of tender: Upto 04.12.2018, 16:00 Hrs.  
 Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid (Part-I) On 05.12.2018, 16:00 Hrs. onward

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

Chief Engineer (Project I)

E-tendering introduced in BSPTCL for tenders above Rs. 25 lacs. For registration logon to [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) and eProcurement Help Desk First Floor, M/22, Bank Of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001 at 0612-2523006, Mob:+91-7542028164. While participating in e-tendering process, the contractor shall have to get them registered to get user ID, Passwords and digital signature. This will enable them to access the Website: [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) only.

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PR. No. 11447 (Ni Ni) 2018-19  
**बाल विवाह एवं देहेज से संबंधित सूचना टॉल फ्री नं. 181 पर दें।**

**#NewCLS**

India's largest luxury car manufacturer Mercedes-Benz on Friday further strengthened its product offering with the introduction of the new CLS, the dynamic and elegant four-door coupe, now in its third generation. The new CLS was launched by Michael Jopp, Vice President — Sales and Marketing, Mercedes-Benz India

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Prem Pal, S/o Sh. Harvu Lal, R/o: WZ-8, Naraina Village, New Delhi, Age: Approx 51 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Normal, wearing Red & Grey colour Shirt and Black colour Pant**, has been missing from his house since 26.10.2018 at about 09.00 AM. In this regard a **DD No. 23A, dated 27.10.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Naraina, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
 E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
 Fax: 011-24368639  
 Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
**SHO P.S. Naraina, Delhi**  
**DP/7972WD/18 Ph.: 011-25891181, 25892010**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of **Male Age: about 42 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: White & red coloured check shirt and grey coloured lower**, was found dead at J.P.C. Hospital in the area of P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in GTB Hospital mortuary for identification. In this regard a **DD No. 2A dated 14.11.2018** has been lodged at P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. If any one having any clue about the deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

**SHO P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi**  
 Ph. No.: 011-22172410, 22175468  
 Mob.: 8750870726  
 DP/6709/NE/18

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo) namely **Deva S/o Bali Ram R/o 3/62B Moti Nagar, Delhi Age - 45 years** has been reported missing since 26.10.2018 Form his house at About 10:00 AM vide **DD No. 18A dated 27.10.2018 registered at Police Station-Moti Nagar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:-

**Deva**  
**Complexion: Sallow, Face: Oval, Physique/Built: Thin, Height: 5'5", Clothing: White Colour Shirt and Grey Colour Pant and Hawaii Chappal in his feet.**

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person may inform SHO, Moti Nagar, Delhi at **E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>**

**SHO P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi**  
 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
 Fax : 011-24368639  
**DP/7968WD/18 8750871184**

**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 dead on 30.10.2018 at Footpath in front of MTNL Exchange Office, Kachcha Bagh, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No.44-A, dated 30.10.2018** has been lodged at Police Station, Kotwali, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name: Unknown, Age: 30 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Yellow Colour T-Shirt and Blue Jeans.**

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

**SHO Police Station, Kotwali, Delhi**  
 Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121  
 DP/9351/N/18

# Myntra, Jabong to merge

Ananth Narayanan stays CEO

PTI ■ MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

Online fashion retailer Myntra on Friday said it would completely integrate its sister company Jabong, which would continue to operate as a separate brand.

Myntra chief executive officer Ananth Narayanan would lead the Myntra-Jabong team, the company said in a release, dismissing speculations about his exit.

Flipkart had acquired online fashion portal Myntra in 2014 and Myntra had acquired Jabong in 2016.

The company said since Myntra's purchase of Jabong, the two brands had been steadily integrating key business functions and streamlining processes. "As the next step in this process, Myntra and Jabong will now fully integrate all the remaining functions including

technology, marketing, category, revenue, finance and creative teams," it added.

The company said Myntra's independence as a business would be preserved and the team would continue to operate independently. "The closer integration of Myntra and Jabong is a necessary step in our continuing development. By better aligning our resources with our long-term plans, we can put the best structure in place to serve our sellers and brand partners and ultimately benefit our customers," it added.

The development comes just days after the resignation by Flipkart group chief executive officer and co-founder Binny Bansal following a probe into an alleged "serious personal misconduct". Bansal, however, has denied the allegations.

There were also some reports that Narayanan is likely to step down after being asked to report to Flipkart chief executive officer Kalyan Krishnamurthy.

Clearing the air over recent

reports, Narayanan told PTI: "I continue to be here and I continue to lead the business."

Narayanan had joined Myntra as the chief executive in 2015, succeeding Myntra co-founder Mukesh Bansal.

Narayanan asserted that while there would be "some redundancies" as a result of the integration of the back-end functions of Myntra and Jabong like technology, marketing, finance and creative, but "it's less than 10 per cent of the overall Myntra and Jabong headcount".

Narayanan, however, declined to quantify the number of people impacted as a result of the integration process or the total headcount.

"The integration process is still on. Our employees are valuable but... reason we are doing it is eventually, this is the best business process to have in the market and serve the customers," he said.

US retail giant Walmart had in August bought 77 per cent stake in Flipkart for USD 16 billion.

# All telcos, except Jio, fail Trai's call drop test on select highway, rail routes

New Delhi (PTI): All telecom operators, except Reliance Jio, failed to meet call drop benchmark in drive test conducted by sector regulator Trai on different highway and rail routes, says a report.

According to a Trai report published on Thursday, while network performance of telcos differed on highways, none of them, except RJio, could meet call drop benchmark on the three rail routes covered under the test. "Only RJio is meeting quality of service benchmark of drop call rate ...," the report said.

According to the quality of service rules, not more than 2 per cent of total calls in a telecom circle on a network should automatically get disconnected. The highways between Asansol to Gaya, Digha to Asansol, Gaya to Danapur, Bengaluru to Murdeshwar, Raipur to Jagdalpur, Dehradun to Nainital, Mount Abu to Jaipur and Sri Nagar to Leh were covered in the test. Railway routes between Allahabad to Gorakhpur, Delhi to Mumbai and Jabalpur to Singrauli were covered.

Either 3G or 2G network of Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and state-run BSNL failed to meet call drop benchmark on four highway routes and all the three rail routes. Trai also named Tata Teleservices Ltd (TTL) network for not complying with service quality norms on select highways. The report found that TTL, which is in the process of merging mobile business with Airtel, failed to even complete call connection as per benchmark between Bengaluru to Murdeshwar, Dehradun to Nainital and Gaya to Danapur and on the three rail routes. Airtel could not meet call connection rate or call setup success rate (CSSR) on Gaya to Danapur highway and the three rail routes.

Vodafone Idea network could not meet CSSR rate on Raipur to Jagdalpur highway and all the three rail routes. Some of these tests were conducted before completion of their merger.

# Mercedes-Benz launches new CLS starting ₹84.7 lakh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

German luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz on Friday launched new CLS model with a starting price of ₹84.70 lakh (ex-showroom, all India).

The third generation CLS is powered by a new two-litre BS VI compliant diesel engine with power of 180 kw, the company said in a statement.

"With the launch of the new CLS 300 d, Mercedes-Benz continues its offensive with its 12th product launched in 2018," Mercedes-Benz India vice-president (sales and marketing) Michael Jopp said.

"We have an exciting line-up for 2019 as well and our product innovations will continue in the coming months," he further said. Jopp said the company is confident that the third gener-



ation CLS would offer "superior luxury and comfort" to its customers and will continue to delight them.

The new CLS has luxury features like Burmester surround sound system, which includes 13 high-performance speakers precisely tailored to the vehicle interiors providing an acoustic experience, the company added.

The vehicle is also equipped with smartphone integration, which supports android auto and Apple CarPlay, it added.

# GVK Power and Infra to raise ₹8,000 crore

New Delhi (PTI): GVK Power and Infrastructure Friday said that it has got shareholders' approval to raise up to ₹8,000 crore.

The resolution to raise the funds has been passed by the requisite majority, the firm stated in a BSE filing on Friday.

# M&M to hike Marazzo price by up to ₹40,000 from Jan

New Delhi (PTI): Mahindra & Mahindra on Friday said it would increase price of its newly-launched multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) Marazzo by ₹30,000 to ₹40,000 from January 1, 2019.

The Marazzo was launched in September with introductory prices starting at ₹9.99 lakh and going up to ₹13.90 lakh, depending on variants. "As mentioned at the launch, the price of Marazzo was an introductory one. Effective January 1, 2019, we will be taking a price hike on the Marazzo, after a reasonable period of four months from its launch," Mahindra and Mahindra chief of sales and marketing (Automotive division) Veejay Ram Nakra said in a statement.

# Govt to unveil new industrial policy soon: DIPP Secy

New Delhi (PTI): The government will soon unveil a new industrial policy which may include a dedicated chapter on the importance of design, a top official said on Friday.

Highlighting the significance of design and innova-

tion in India's economic progress, Secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Ramesh Abhishek also extended his "full support" to the setting up of a National Design Centre as early as possible.

"We are also bringing out a new industrial policy soon and we are proposing to include a substantial chapter and paragraphs on the importance of design, and how it should be taken forward," he

said at a CII event here. DIPP, in August last year, floated a draft industrial policy with the aim to create jobs for the next two decades, promote foreign technology transfer and attract USD 100 billion foreign direct invest-

ment (FDI) annually. The proposed policy will completely revamp the Industrial Policy of 1991. Among other things, the policy would endeavour to reduce regulations and bring new industries in focus.

## NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	10,644.00	10,695.15	10,631.15	10,682.20	65.50
BHARTIARTL	302.90	336.80	302.00	332.10	27.70
ECHERGHO	241,200.00	248,900.00	239,250.10	247,960.10	24.98
HCLITECH	997.00	1,037.80	993.75	1,022.00	33.25
BAFINANCE	2,342.00	2,417.20	2,340.00	2,413.00	71.70
RELIANCE	1,097.95	1,129.95	1,097.10	1,125.00	28.15
GRASIM	816.00	837.70	810.00	829.00	20.30
CIPLA	521.70	534.00	521.10	531.15	12.00
SRIN	285.90	291.80	282.60	291.55	6.15
BAJAJFINSV	5,640.00	5,730.00	5,617.20	5,710.00	112.90
TECHM	714.70	732.30	711.00	727.95	13.05
HDFC	1,861.00	1,892.90	1,850.00	1,884.05	30.45
INFRATEL	257.80	262.25	256.00	259.40	4.00
ULTRACEMCO	3,952.00	3,980.00	3,911.05	3,970.00	57.05
HDFCBANK	1,981.00	2,013.00	1,980.00	2,002.80	27.65
HEROMOTOCO	2,930.00	2,970.00	2,925.25	2,954.00	31.85
UPL	762.00	774.65	757.85	771.45	7.80
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,680.00	2,705.90	2,675.15	2,694.95	26.10
SUNPHARMA	518.40	525.55	513.40	520.05	4.95
ITC	275.80	278.30	275.25	277.00	2.50
TCS	1,889.00	1,899.80	1,870.25	1,889.00	16.15
KOFACBANK	1,172.00	1,173.00	1,152.75	1,172.00	9.75
WIPRO	323.50	330.40	323.50	325.60	2.45
ZEE	444.00	451.50	435.50	444.00	2.80
DREDDY	2,463.00	2,496.80	2,442.05	2,472.90	11.10
ASIANPAINT	1,320.00	1,329.80	1,313.20	1,323.90	5.60
ADANIPOR	346.00	351.40	340.00	347.20	1.00
M&M	767.65	776.50	759.75	768.20	1.70
COALINDIA	264.00	265.80	261.30	263.50	0.35
LI	1,402.75	1,414.00	1,391.50	1,400.00	1.50
POWERGRID	187.00	190.00	186.20	187.30	0.20
TATAMOTORS	180.90	181.85	177.85	180.25	0.05
NTPC	153.20	155.50	153.00	153.60	-0.20
TITAN	921.00	928.70	912.70	919.00	-1.80
VEDL	208.00	209.00	205.50	206.80	-0.75
INFY	659.90	662.50	646.20	652.00	-4.40
BPCL	319.60	325.25	315.90	319.50	-2.35
HINDUNILVR	1,704.90	1,718.00	1,683.30	1,693.00	-13.05
ICICIBANK	370.10	375.30	365.55	366.95	-3.05
INDUSINDBK	1,519.00	1,526.00	1,486.75	1,498.35	-13.80
AXISBANK	626.60	636.70	616.55	617.55	-8.55
GAIL	349.00	351.70	341.25	342.70	-4.85
ONGC	158.00	158.00	152.80	156.00	-2.85
MARUTI	7,500.00	7,544.05	7,302.55	7,340.00	-138.30
HINDALCO	232.60	235.45	228.50	229.00	-4.60
IOC	144.60	147.10	141.25	143.25	-3.40
TATASTEEL	590.00	591.00	569.55	574.60	-14.75
HINDPETRO	246.30	251.65	239.10	242.60	-6.50
JSWSTEEL	344.10	344.25	332.00	335.50	-9.10
IBULHSFIN	808.40	816.70	751.10	765.00	-39.85
YESBANK	201.75	201.75	187.80	192.50	-13.35

## NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	27,307.80	27,435.15	27,207.20	27,359.35	104.7
IDEA	37.00	43.90	36.20	42.35	5.45
SIEMENS	936.00	986.20	920.50	979.85	47.00
MOTHERSUNI	141.00	153.30	140.50	149.25	5.75
BANDHANBNK	465.00	489.90	462.00	474.70	14.95
PEL	213.45	236.80	228.75	236.20	71.40
BANKBARODA	113.45	116.30	110.05	116.10	3.30
OFSS	3,494.90	3,619.35	3,455.00	3,580.00	98.55
SUNTV	596.60	615.50	584.00	613.10	16.50
ARCAPITAL	110.75	114.00	110.75	113.45	3.05
ABB	1,296.00	1,329.95	1,296.00	1,322.00	30.35
BRITANNIA	5,833.00	5,990.00	5,790.00	5,946.65	126.50
COPAL	1,126.00	1,157.00	1,126.00	1,148.10	22.60
DABUR	392.85	397.00	388.30	395.45	6.60
ICICIPRULI	327.45	334.70	325.10	329.80	3.85
PETRONET	213.00	217.05	212.15	215.60	2.35
LUPIN	857.90	869.90	855.45	862.00	8.25
NHPC	26.10	26.35	26.00	26.25	0.25
PIDILITIND	1,109.00	1,122.25	1,101.05	1,118.00	9.75
MCDOWELL-N	646.00	652.80	641.95	647.10	3.50
MARICO	347.90	351.90	344.00	348.10	1.50
INDIGO	1,043.00	1,070.00	1,028.00	1,046.85	2.90
SHREECEM	15,955.00	16,300.00	15,620.10	15,900.00	41.60
HINDZINC	268.45	273.30	265.10	267.15	0.45
AUROPHARMA	779.00	792.50	773.00	781.45	0.85
DMAT	1,396.40	1,419.45	1,375.10	1,389.95	1.50
PGHH	9,500.05	9,540.00	9,490.00	9,515.00	10.60
AMBUJACEM	217.90	219.00	215.00	218.00	0.15
GODREJCP	718.00	727.50	711.00	721.75	0.25
ICICIGI	821.00	830.00	811.00	829.00	-0.15
MRF	65,900.00	66,800.00	65,588.45	65,600.00	-184.85
BHEL	67.00	67.05	65.65	66.65	-0.20
DLF	170.15	171.60	164.80	169.30	-0.55
SRILIFE	581.90	581.90	567.00	577.00	-2.05
BIOCIN	680.00	633.95	622.50	623.65	-2.50
ASHOKLEY	106.55	107.50	105.05	105.60	-0.50
ACC	1,516.80	1,528.00	1,492.20	1,504.10	-9.45
GICRE	312.65	313.95	307.90	309.40	-2.40
CADILAH	359.30	364.45	351.60	356.35	-2.95
SAIL	64.65	65.10	63.55	64.05	-0.60
CONCOR	680.00	695.80	659.55	674.00	-8.65
HAVELLS	687.10	687.45	664.30	676.60	-9.45
HDFCLIFE	397.00	399.60	391.70	392.00	-5.80
SKTRANSFIN	1,267.50	1,275.00	1,218.00	1,236.25	-24.25
BOSCHLTD	19,365.00	19,365.00	18,551.00	18,550.00	-370.90
L&TFH	136.00	136.75	131.20	132.80	-2.75
OIL	201.30	202.05	194.00	199.10	-4.25
LICHSGFIN	468.90	468.90	448.30	454.50	-11.50
BEL	97.90	97.05	91.60	92.55	-4.15
NHCL	219.25	219.60	208.20	210.00	-10.70
NMDC	107.50	108.35	99.20	101.60	-5.65

## BSE 500

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Traded	Price	Change	%	COCHINSHIP	380.5	-2.9	-0.76
3MINDIA	20623	-62.45	-0.3	COFFEEDAY	276.3	-1.85	-0.67
8KMILES	117.35	5.55	4.96	COPAL	1147.8	23.85	2.12
AARTIIND	1436.1	-1.25	-0.09	CONCOR	672.85	-8.65	-1.27
ABB	1321	28.65	2.22	COROMANDEL	421	0.75	0.18
ABBOTINDIA	7575	-53.3	-0.7	CORPBANK	27.8	0.1	0.36
ABCAPITAL	113.35	3.2					

May fights rebellion over Brexit deal

AFP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Theresa May battled to salvage a draft Brexit deal and her political future, as Ministers resigned and members of her own party plotted to oust her.



The Prime Minister admitted "concerns about the backstop" solution to the Irish border question within the deal, which Brexit supporters fear would keep Britain tied indefinitely into a customs union.

Members of Parliament on all sides warned her there was no way the plan could win their approval, but she dismissed calls to quit, saying: "Am I going to see this through? Yes!"

The 585-page draft aims to ensure a smooth divorce from the EU after more than four decades of membership and outlines a transition period for both sides to adjust to the break. Key provisions seek to avoid a hard border between EU member Ireland and the British province of Northern Ireland, protect citizens' rights and settle Britain's last bill.

Amid the political turmoil, the pound dropped by 2 per cent against the dollar to a one-month low and a similar amount against the euro.

Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg, leader of the Brexit hardline European Research Group, submitted a letter of no-confidence in the prime minister saying: "It would be in the interest of the party and the country if she were to stand aside."

At least 48 letters from Conservative MPs are required to trigger a vote of no-confidence in the party leader, but a majority of the party's 315 lawmakers would have to vote against May in order for her to be ousted.

Accept EU deal or face 'economic disaster', French Min warns Brexiters

AFP ■ PARIS

French Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire said on Friday that Brexit advocates must choose between accepting the deal negotiated by London and Brussels for leaving the EU or risk "economic disaster".

"The choice now faced by British political leaders who have advocated Brexit is to renounce their absurd political promise or face economic disaster, with the British people the main victims," Le Maire said. "What does Brexit demonstrate? It shows that leaving the common European market has an exorbitant economic cost," he said. "There are a number of lying and irresponsible politicians in Britain who told the British people that Brexit would turn out to be a golden tomorrow," he added.

Near Irish border, the Brexit drama is followed with alarm

AP ■ DUNDALK, IRELAND

Families and business owners near the Irish border that separates the United Kingdom from the rest of the EU are watching in apprehension as political chaos in London threatens to torpedo a Brexit deal that aims to avoid a return of customs checks and possible sectarian violence to the region.

The border between the UK's Northern Ireland and the European Union's Republic of Ireland is currently unpoliced and invisible thanks to an EU rule that allows people and goods to travel freely. The main difficulty in the Brexit talks has been how to not disturb that liberty, which has helped to ensure peace since 1998.

Assange charged in US: WikiLeaks

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been charged in the United States, the organisation said, in a development that could have implications for Robert Mueller's probe into alleged Russian meddling in the US presidential election.

Prosecutors inadvertently disclosed the existence of a sealed indictment in a court filing in an unrelated case, WikiLeaks said on Thursday.

The exact nature of the charges against Assange was not immediately known. "SCOOP: US Department of Justice 'accidentally' reveals existence of sealed charges (or a draft for them) against WikiLeaks' publisher Julian Assange in apparent cut-and-paste error in an unrelated case also at the Eastern District of Virginia," Wikileaks wrote on Twitter. The still-unsealed charges against Assange were revealed by Assistant US Attorney

Kellen Dwyer as he made a filing in the unrelated case and urged a judge to keep that filing sealed.

Dwyer wrote: "Due to the sophistication of the defendant and the publicity surrounding the case, no other procedure is likely to keep confidential the fact that Assange has been charged," according to The Washington Post.

The charges would "need to remain sealed until Assange is arrested," Dwyer wrote. Federal prosecutors have been investigating Assange over WikiLeaks' 2010 publication of a trove of US diplomatic cables that proved an acute embarrassment to Washington.

But the charging of Assange in the US could have implications for special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into whether Donald Trump's election campaign team colluded with Russia to influence the 2016 presidential vote, and whether Trump tried to obstruct the probe into that.

ZIMBABWE BUS FIRE KILLS 42, SAY POLICE

Harare: At least 42 passengers have been confirmed dead, Zimbabwe police said Friday, after a suspected gas tank exploded on a bus, with pictures showing the burnt-out wreckage of the vehicle. "At the moment we know that more than 42 people died," police spokeswoman Charity Charamba told AFP.

ABE LAYS WREATH IN OZ CITY BOMBED IN WWII

Sydney: Shinzo Abe became the first Prime Minister of Japan to visit Darwin since the northern Australian city was bombed by Japanese forces in World War II, as he and his Australian counterpart spoke Friday of strengthening defence and other ties between their countries.

FIRE DEATH TOLL HITS 63; HUNDREDS STILL MISSING

Chico (US): At least 63 are now dead from a Northern California wildfire, and officials say they have a missing persons list with 631 names on it in an ever-evolving accounting of the missing after the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century.

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Chaos prevails in Lankan House as leaders hurl chilli powder, furniture

Colombo: Sri Lanka's Parliament witnessed complete chaos on Friday as rival lawmakers threw chilli powder and furniture at each other, disrupting the proceedings for the second day, forcing the Speaker to summon police inside the House and adjourn the session until Monday.

Minister or Government following a no-confidence motion against disputed prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Friday's proceedings were to repeat the floor test which was disrupted on Thursday.

The status quo must return to what it was before October 26, he was quoted as saying by Colombo Gazette. President Maithripala Sirisena, who installed Rajapaksa as Prime Minister last month in a controversial move, had agreed to a floor test with the leaders of ousted prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's coalition during crisis talks last night.

North Korea deports American even as it boasts of new weapon

Seoul: North Korea on Friday said it will deport an American citizen it detained for illegal entrance, an apparent concession to the United States that came even as it announced the test of a newly developed but unspecified "ultramodern" weapon that will be seen as a pressuring tactic by Washington.

aimed at both appeasing and annoying Washington, suggest North Korea wants to keep alive dialogue with the United States even as it struggles to express its frustration at stalled nuclear diplomacy. North Korea in the past has held arrested American citizens for an extended period before high-profile US figures travelled to Pyongyang to secure their freedom.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA AMRAVATI ELECTRICAL DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AMRAVATI. E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 78 FOR 2018-2019, (Second Time)

TENDER NOTIFICATION UNDER E-PROCUREMENT

Online tenders in B-I form are invited by Executive Engineer, Amravati (Electrical) Division, Public Works Division, Amravati on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra from qualified bidders for the following works under E-Tender procedure. Work Name : 1) Estimate No. 852 /853 /854 /855 /856 /857 /858 /885 /886 /1391 /1392 /EE /BLD /2017-18: Providing Fire Fighting System to Court Building at MEHAKAR (935 Sq Mtr. G), CHIKHALI (961 Sq Mtr. G), LONAR (1843 Sq Mtr. G), MEHAKAR (1843 Sq Mtr. G), BULDHANA (315 Sq Mtr. G-H), BULDHANA (1028 Sq Mtr. G-H), BULDHANA (1644 Sq Mtr. G), SHEGAON, KHAMGAON, MALKAPUR, JALGAON JAMOD, Dist. Buldhana, Rs. 64,95,768/-, 2) Estimate No. 675 /676 /677 /679 /680 /681 /682 /683 /684 /685 /686 /687 /688 /689 /EE /YTL /2015-16 & 711 /YTL /2016-17: Providing Fire Fighting System to Civil & Criminal Court Building at PUSAD, RALEGAON, DIGRAS, GHATANJI, ARNI, UMARKHED, MAHAGAON, KELAPUR, ZARI JAMANI, MAREGAON, WANI, NER, KALAMB, BABHULGAON, DARWAHA, Dist. Yavatmal, Rs. 95,66,407/-.

Tender form, conditions of contract, specifications and contract drawings can be downloaded from the e-Tendering portal of Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra i.e. https://mahatenders.gov.in after entering the details, payment of Rs. 1120/- (Including GST) (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Only) should be paid online using payment gateway. The fees of tender document will be non refundable. Further information regarding the work can be obtained from the above office

It is mandatory to submit the Hard copy of the tender Documents duly sealed to any one of the following offices : (1) Executive Engineer, Amravati Electrical Division, PWD Amravati., (2.) Superintending Engineer, Nagpur Regional Electrical Circle, PWD Nagpur, Chief Engineer Electrical, FWD Bandhakam Bhavan, 3rd floor, Marzban Road, Fort Mumbai-400001 (41) Deputy Secretary, PWD Mantraiva, Mumbai within 72 hours from the time of Bid Lock, by the Bidder along with the receipt of submission, if the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the hard copy as specified, the hard copy will be received on the next working day. Bid will be opened as per the schedule in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

Additional Performance Security Deposit (if required), shall be uploaded on line in envelop No. 2 and DP /B.G./FDR should be submitted in sealed covers addressed to the Executive Engineer, P.W. (I), Electrical Division, Amravati, with the name of the work written at the top of the envelope will be received in the office of the Executive Engineer, P.W. P. Electrical Division, Amravati (As per Note below). Bids will be opened as per the Tender Schedule, in the presence of such intending Tenderers or his/ their authorized representatives who may be present at that time.

- Note: 1) Payment of GST i) Bidder shall quote his rate excluding GST. ii) GST shall be payable on the accepted contract value. iii) GST shall be paid to contractor on the amount of bill of work done as per prevailing rate of GST during the period of work done. 2) Additional Performance Security Deposit applicable as per Govt. of Maharashtra GR. No. 01/01/2016 / 30402 / 34-2, दिनांक 12/02/2016, and amendments dated-17.03.2016 & 01.04.2017 & 27/06/2017 and Circular No. Sankirna 2017/CR-121 (ID/Bid-2. PWD. Mantralaya Mumbai. Dated 19/09/2017. (Details as given on page No.14)

TENDER SCHEDULE:

Table with columns: Period of download of bidding document, Receipt of online EMD, Tender Document fees, Place time and date of opening technical bids, Place, Time and date of opening financial bids, Performance Security Deposit, Registration class of Contractor

(H. N. Patil) Executive Engineer Amravati Electrical Division Public Works Division Amravati

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SHORT CIRCUITS



**AMITABH BACHCHAN**  
Every time my father wrote a poem, we were the first he would introduce it to. He'd ask us to read it in the same graph and tone with which he had written and I felt that it was extremely important and has affected my work as a professional actor. Writers are the most important ingredient in filmmaking.



**RAJKUMMAR RAO**  
*Stree* is a very unique movie and is backed with a strong social message. The film garnered immense love as it delivers shocks and laughs equally. Horror-comic genre is not very common in Indian cinema and it feels amazing to be a part. During the film shoot, I learned sewing, stitching and a new accent. The experience was enthralling.



**VARUN SHARMA**  
Due to harsh winter in Chandigarh, it is very difficult for us to survive; forget about animals. The temperature falls to around eight degrees which makes pets really uncomfortable. So, I thought to do something for them and got some sweaters. I hope it helps them survive winters.



**NICK KNOWLES**  
If I date somebody, I'm not going to take them to London. I'm not going to go to one of the 25 places where there are photographers outside. I can quite happily go Lewes in Sussex or Wrexham, or anywhere where there aren't paps going around. It will be very private.

**KATHERINE WATERSTON**  
The most important and disturbing issue that the film *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald* explores is the dangers of charismatic, manipulative leadership that aims to divide people. I figured that this particular period of the film ties very neatly with the events of those years in Europe leading to World War II.



SUBCULTURE 30 MINUTES



MEALS ON WHEELS

As the mercury dips, the capital is warming up to food festivals and Horn OK Please has some Indo-western fusions like *Chinese choley* and *Idli Italiano chaat* on its platter. By AYUSHI SHARMA

The word festival brings cheer and when you add food to it, you get the undivided attention of all gourmets. And a food truck festival in the capital is trying to do just that.

Skewers of meat and paneer being barbecued on hot coals while customers line up with a chill beer or mocktail is a normal scene at this three-day annual market. The Jawahar Lal Nehru stadium has been transformed into small kiosks that smell of food and baked goods.

We started our food journey at Horn Ok Please with sushis and dimsums, which tried to stay authentic to its Japanese origins, while an Italian food truck served pastas and pizzas nearby and given Delhi's love for food from this Mediterranean country, a long line of waiting people was certainly not a surprise.

The culture of food trucks is a norm in the US where young professionals step out of their offices to grab a bite for lunch and is catching up in India and has added colour and variety to the Indian food scene.

A food truck, *Wheelys*, offered coffee on wheels with a twist where one got a chance to brew their own coffee. You could choose a flavour and add your favourite topping like crushed oreo, vanilla scoop, or whipped cream. Owner Abhay Singh Luthra said that they have over seven crore combination of coffee and toppings on offer.

"In my experience, when it comes to food festivals, the audience usually tries to explore disparate cuisines and delicacies and that is why I think keeping your menu completely Indian does not work because it is easily available everywhere. It's very difficult to judge the demands of the public which is why we keep trying out new things," said Pulek Agrawaal, who runs *Flip*, which specialises in a variety of cuisine. "I prefer using the ingredients, spices and even breads that are made inhouse," he said.

The concept of bringing food from different parts of the country under one roof is not something unheard of. But the dishes laid out by vendors from more than 150 eateries across the city can't go unnoticed. And the festival scored not just

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And then there were those who were there for a cause. The Keshav Suri Foundation which aims to work towards the upliftment of the marginalised LGBTQ+ community, had painted their food truck in the rainbow colours. This caught the attention of the visitors and was a huge hit. "This time we have Mexican dishes like, *Crunchy fried avocado taco*, *Mexican sliders*, *Mexican chicken rice with brownie*. I think food festivals are a good way of promoting and marketing your new ventures. We have also set up a pop up of *Kitty Su*, our nightclub, in addition to the food truck this time," said Prerna Thakur, assistant manager, marketing and communication of *The Lalit* group.

This also a great trial space for fusion food. The brave can venture into uncharted territory like *Chinese choley* or a fusion like *Idli Italiano chaat* that caught our eye but we shied away from this unexpected combination. However, you can try these at your own peril.

A drawback of festivals is that it offers only the tried and tested brands. A food blogger Anamika Karmakar said, "If I'm attending a food fest, my focus is on trying and exploring things that are new and not available in the market. Why would I be heading for something which I can get easily in the market. Obviously, I would be looking for dis-

parate delicacies which I haven't tasted before. Like I would be really interested to try something which is from Kolkata or from some other state, which I cannot get in Delhi. I think these food festivals need to change their concept in terms of getting cuisines across the globe and if not from across the globe then atleast from various states of all the countries."

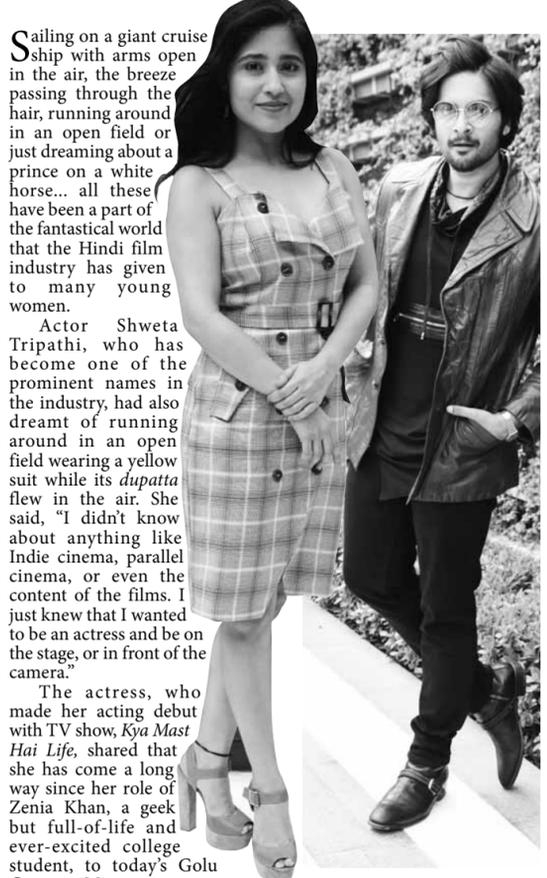
Apart from the cons, the festival is a really great way to enjoy a warm Sunday afternoon and an even better way to spend your Saturday evening grabbing few beers and plenty of scrumptious grub while hanging out with friends.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

STUDIO CHAT 20 MINUTES

Behind the lens

Actors SHWETA TRIPATHI and ALI FAZAL get candid about their roles in *Mirzapur* which shows the story of India's youth. By CHAHAK MITTAL



Sailing on a giant cruise ship with arms open in the air, the breeze passing through the hair, running around in an open field or just dreaming about a prince on a white horse... all these have been a part of the fantastical world that the Hindi film industry has given to many young women.

Actor Shweta Tripathi, who has become one of the prominent names in the industry, had also dreamt of running around in an open field wearing a yellow suit while its *dupatta* flew in the air. She said, "I didn't know about anything like Indie cinema, parallel cinema, or even the content of the films. I just knew that I wanted to be an actress and be on the stage, or in front of the camera."

The actress, who made her acting debut with TV show, *Kya Mast Hai Life*, shared that she has come a long way since her role of *Zenia Khan*, a geek but full-of-life and ever-excited college student, to today's *Golu Gupta* in *Mirzapur*.

"It was a very hyper active kind of a role where I would crib about food or other petty little things. If I look at that, I would say that I have come a really long way," she says.

It was all because of working under various directors that she understood the subtlety of roles and acting. "I realised that there was a lot more to acting and cinema than just being romantic or happy or running around with excitement. I explored the other side of being an actress."

Films like *Masaan*, *Haraamkhor*, *Trishna* star Shweta in some unconventional roles compared to the ideal of someone glamorous, who is supposed to support an actor's heroic image. Her roles rather take centre stage with a fierce approach. How?

She says that it works both ways. "It's not like you choose scripts rather sometimes they choose you. I had also auditioned for *Fukrey* once, but didn't quite like the role. Not like I didn't want to do any commercial films but somehow all the scripts that I was getting, I didn't want to do those."

And then, "*Haraamkhor*, *Masaan*, and *Mirzapur* really excited me. And that's how I chose them." If the scripts "excite" her, she would definitely take it up.

Actor Ali Fazal's story is also quite similar. He talks about his role, *Guddu Pandit*, the kid who has grown up watching his lower middle class family and aspired to be like them. "The family has always wanted their kid to be a 'hero'. Even his aspirations' length is as short as transitioning from having a bicycle to having a *Luna* (scooty)," he says. If there is a problem with the cycle and he finds a jeep nearby, he would be excited to see that and only think of having it and "looking like a hero" when his hair would flow in the open jeep.

**For Tripathi, learning and understanding the subtleties of acting happened on the job when she worked with different directors**

and 3 *Idiot's* sweet *Joy* to today's *Guddu Pandit*, it is a treat." Among the huge star cast of the show is Pankaj Tripathi, Sheeba Chaddha, Rasika Dugal, Vikram Massey, Divyendu Sharma, and Shriya Pilgaonkar. Ali was the last one to enter the stage. And, this last minute entry has a unique run-and-return story that Ali tells us.

"I had put my feet in the West, and then I was back here when I got *Mirzapur*. I was stuck when I read the script. But that wasn't the part offered to me and I made an excuse to escape from it. But after a few days, the role of *Guddu Pandit* came to me and I immediately agreed," laughs Ali.

He believes that the heart does stick to something and there are certain roles that "don't leave you" until you make them happen.

While the actor had also prepared for a role in his forthcoming, *Milan Talkies*, he says, "I did eat a lot. It took a lot of patience as I had to shed around 10 kg weight for the role."

While Shweta's role of *Golu*, a young nerd, is a very tender and mild one. Ali describes it as "A Tom Hanks film — slow yet beautiful." They both agree that there is a *Golu* in every girl as "she is the one living in this world of misogyny just like we have been since ages, but there's more to her today, much more fierce and ahead of time," says Ali.

Her apparent masturbation scene in the show has become the talk of the town and she feels that it is not anything that is "unusual" or even "bold"; rather something that is real and "was hidden for a long time. Now through such scenes, the quietness around it will seem unusual. It should be normal. It's not just a scene, rather a reality. Men do it, women do it as well."

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

EVENT 10 MINUTES

In pursuit of knowledge

Six different books aimed at giving one a deeper insight into disparate subjects were released recently

From Gandhi's friendship to critical theories on postcolonial Indian literature, the night was a rewarding one for readers and academicians.

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla, organised, The Fifth Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture, which was delivered by Padma Shri professor Ramesh Chandra Shah, a noted poet, novelist and critic on the rehabilitation of sacred.

Six books were launched during the lecture. *In Gandhi's Ark* authored by Shashi Joshi, the focus was on Gandhi's relationship with his Christian friends with whom he discussed religion and spirituality. The central theme of the book reveals his affinity to Catholic Christianity and openness to all the religious ideas, beliefs and practices while another book, *Postcolonial Indian Literature Toward a Critical Framework* by Satish C. Aikant takes a comprehensive view of Indian literatures from a postcolonial perspective.

Mahesh Champaklal's *Bhasa's Ramayan Plays From Page to Stage*, meanwhile involved the analysis of the epic ascribed to Bhasa namely, *Abhisheka Natakam* and *Pratima Natakam* both in terms of language in theatre. It tries to establish the inter-relation between both, the dramatic text composed by the playwright and the performance text designed by the director for the production of the play. How the dramatic text is transformed into the performance text forms the subject of the book thus establishing the relation between text and performance.

*Dancing in the Sky* of



*Consciousness* authored by Aleksandra Wentka is an interdisciplinary attempt to look at various dimensions of aesthetics of power in medieval Cidambaram temple and beyond. It weaves its discourse around the figure of dancing Siva, to whom the temple was dedicated. Incidentally, the god is one of the most powerful icons in the history of world religions. The book tries to combine the fields of philosophy, history, aesthetics, performing arts, architecture, ritual and textual studies.

Ven. Geshe Dorji Damdul who's a Buddhist scholar, was the moderator of the lecture and he summed it up when he said, "We have to admit that modern science has changed the world but to get the inner freedom and peace of mind we have to maintain a fine balance between modern science and philosophy. This balance helps us in setting our minds free from the materialistic world. The philosophy of west and India tried to seek and explore the ultimate reality and same was also searched through the rule and principals of Physics. Knowing the complete truth is very important, for instance, one could have tremendous craving for cheese cake, but when you'll see cheese from a microscope and you'll see the bacteria in the cake your craving for the cake will go away. This is the result knowing the ultimate truth."

The last two books included *Urban Spaces in Modern India* edited by Partho Dutta and Narayani Gupta and *Modernity and Changing*

ENCOUNTER 60 MINUTES

# As Boundless as India

GAURAV BHATIA, managing director Sotheby, walks SAIMI SATTAR through the organisation's inaugural auction of some artworks including a Tyeb Mehta and Amrita Shergill that are up for public viewing for the first time

The translucent paper still covers the huge 149.5 x 105 cm piece which rests against the wall as it is yet to be hung up. People hover around as "the pièce de résistance" as Gaurav Bhatia, managing director, India, Sotheby's describes Tyeb Mehta's *Durga Mahisasura Mardini* (1993), is to be unveiled. He emphasises, "You are officially the first Indian journalist to see this."

He then embarks on the story behind the painting. "A Muslim, the cosmopolitan ethos of Bombay (now Mumbai), where he settled down, really appealed to the artist who was born in Kapadwanj, a small town in Gujarat. But his faith was rudely shaken when during the 1992-93 post Babri Masjid demolition riots, he received threats on account of his religion. He left for Santiniketan to escape this madness. In the heat of the moment, when all this political upheaval was happening, he was asked to make a painting and he created a strong political statement with this," says Gaurav gesturing towards the painting. It reveals a blue backdrop and there are just three more colours — saffron, white and green — and when the idea hits you in all its force, it makes for a goosebumps moment. "It is interesting to note that Tyeb, a Muslim, painted a Hindu Goddess for the first time and that too in colours of the Indian flag to reiterate what the country was about," emphasises Gaurav. The work is painted with an economy of lines and is deeply symbolic as Goddess Durga represents enlightenment and hope over darkness and ignorance.

"It is a positive painting where a large part is painted blue like the Ashoka chakra but the colour also stands for hope and renewal. It is definitely more relevant today," says Gaurav, who has his roots in Lucknow and takes pride in the Ganga Jamuni *tezzeeb* with its intermingling of cultures, religion, food and language.

He goes on to recount how he chanced upon this piece that has not been displayed by any gallery in India till date. "I had gone to my father's friend's place for a drink along with my wife in December 2016. He has an impressive art collection, most of which is displayed on the ground floor of his house. As we took the stairs for the first floor, I saw this painting on a wall. When I was leaving, he told me that if I ever wanted anything, all I had to do was ask. My prompt reply was, 'The Tyeb Mehta.' It's another story that my wife chided me later for saying so. But within two days he called up and agreed to sell it. It was timely as we had just started putting Boundless:India, Sotheby's inaugural auction in the country," he says. The painting is a part of the display at the Bikaner House and will feature in the auction which will take place at the Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai on November 29. He says, "The artworks



are a visual commentary on South Asia that narrate the story of the richness and sophistication of art and design from the Indian Subcontinent. The 50 artworks including paintings, sculpture, photography and design are made in and inspired by the Indian subcontinent. Interestingly, except for two, none of the works have ever been displayed to the public."

Gaurav says that there is a reason Sotheby, a brand which was established in 1742, decided to set up office in India two years back. "We have the first records in 1930s of an Indian transacting with Sotheby's when the Maharaja of Darbhanga bought Marie Antoinette's jewels in London. So Indians have been doing business with Sotheby's for almost a hundred years. What further prompted the move was in the last five years we recorded that South Asians, which is largely Indians, had done transactions worth over \$250 million across all categories including Impressionist art, Western art, jewellery watches and cars with us," he says.

He also points out that while the artworks that Indians gravitated towards were mostly from the home

country a few clients have even started buying Monets and Picassos. "Maybe not in terms of volume but in value, these are big. The numbers picking these works are small due to a mix of prohibitive pricing as well as taste," he adds.

But coming back to the auction, he says, "The ethos of the sale is India's boundless treasures. We curated this over two years so we literally had the cream of the crop. We selected 50 works which are super clean and each piece represents a visual vocabulary as well as the sophistication and elegance of India." So, there are works by artist based in the country and even those outside it. He flips through the catalogue and points to an image *Blue City, Jodhpur* by Steve McCurry which was clicked in 2010. The intensity of the colour reminds one of his other iconic work *Afghan Girl* which featured Sharbat Gula. The other one called *Taj Mahal and Train, Agra, 1983* too is up at the auction. The list of famous international artists don't end there. There is also Henri Cartier Bresson's stunning black and white image, *Srinagar, Kashmir 1948*. But perhaps it is the Brazilian Sebastiao Salgado's

*Churchgate Station, Western Railroad Line, Bombay, India 1955* which best showcases an outsider's view of India with its crowd, din and flurry of movement.

Gaurav recounts interesting tales behind some of the art. An early work of Amrita Shergill *Girl in Blue* where she painted her cousin Babeet Kaur in 1934 is mounted on one wall. "Amrita's mother said it wasn't good. Babeet's mother too didn't like it as she thought her daughter had been painted a bit too dark. Amrita kept it away and displayed the painting at her first show at Falletti's Hotel in Lahore. It was bought by Charles Fabri, a historian with whom Shergill is rumored to have had an affair and was in his family for the last 80 years. This work is important because just after this she painted her very famous, *Three Girls*. Stylistically the movement and fluidity in both the works is same," he says.

But interestingly, the story does not end there. When Sotheby's acquired the painting six months ago, it was published in an English newspaper. What happened after that is what history is made of. "Sotheby's got a call from a lady saying that the

girl in the painting was her mother-in-law who was 94 years old and lived in Delhi," says Gaurav. Needless to say Babeet Kaur attended the preview at Bikaner House yesterday.

There is also Francis Newton Souza's *Untitled (St Paul's Cathedral)* 1961, a piece in blue, white and black that makes use of his slashing technique to perfection. "When you look at the painting, it is beautiful but a closer look reveals a lot of violence. The artist grew up in Goa with strict Catholic parents and he almost started rebelling against the church as they put too much emphasis on religion," explains Gaurav.

Moving from the master, in the contemporary oeuvre, Gaurav gestures at a work by Arpita Singh who is considered one of the most important female artists of India. "This extraordinary work, *Men Sitting, Men Standing* is a political statement on the political chair revolving only among them," he says.

One cannot miss out on another contemporary artist Bharti Kher and Priti Paul's *Belladonna*, an installation which features a dressing table with lipsticks, shoes and a sari — all made in steel. "This too is a political statement about women's perception of themselves in the society. Is it just make up, hair, shoes and sari or her outward appearance that make for a woman's identity or is there more to her?" explains Gaurav.

The exhibition also has a lot of sculptures as this was an important art form even before the written word existed in India. "A terracotta head done by G Ravindran Reddy is important because he usually makes these in metallic gold. It is the first time that he worked in this medium."

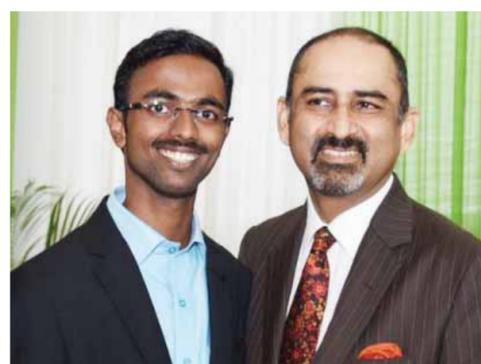
Another striking sculpture is Prodosh Das Gupta's *Egg Bird* (1975). "It's sophisticated and refined where the bird is protecting her egg and nurturing it like a mother," says Gaurav who earlier worked with LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton.

But what really caught the attention was an interesting series of 20 photographs by Nandini Valli Muthiah which show Vishnu on earth for a day. So he can be seen riding a Cadillac to a wedding, visiting a house where he is treated as a god, going to a bar and finally reaching his hotel room where he can be seen disillusioned with what is going on on earth.

There are works by other artists like Bhupen Kakkor's water colours, Gulam Rasool Santosh's take on tantra, Krishna Reddy's print called *Whirlpool*, the Aligarh artist Zareena Hashmi's works which question the idea of home and displacement, A Bala's glamorous thumb print as well as a series of photographs by Madan Mahatta. The immersive walk certainly encompasses what can be called some of the best representation of art that looks at India.

The show is on till 1 pm on November 17.

GALLERIA 10 MINUTES



## A new life

SANJAY KANDASAMY had a liver transplant when he was 18-months-old. Today, he is a healthy medical student who also aims to donate organs one day

Now 21, Sanjay Kandasamy was just 18 months old when his father had to donate a part of his liver to him in November 1998.

In doing so, Sanjay and his doctors created history in the annals of Indian medicine as the country's first successful liver transplant surgery, Indraprastha Apollo hospitals said in statement.

Not only has Sanjay done exceedingly well, without having any other complications since the transplant, he is now training to be a doctor himself.

Since it has been more than 20 years that the transplant took place, he explained how the difficulty level of such surgeries have changed.

He said, "At that time, my father donated his organ otherwise it wouldn't have been that easy." Being a medical student himself, he added, "Today, the situation has changed due to a better availability of resources, technology, doctors and even donors, which have risen in numbers. The information has spread much easily today."

On the 20th anniversary of the operation that changed the face of medical sciences in India, the hospital showcased the evolution that liver transplants have gone through over the last two decades.

Dr Preetha Reddy, vice chairperson of the 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 liver disease every year, making it the 10th most-common cause of death in India as per the WHO. While India has come a long way since the first operation, there is still a huge

gap to be filled," Dr Reddy said. Ace Indian cricketer, Gautam Gambhir, a long-time proponent of organ donation was also present on 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 have 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," he said.

Apollo Hospitals' Group medical director and senior pediatric gastroenterologist, Dr Anupam Sibal, said that over the last 20 years the Apollo Institutes of Transplant has performed more than 3,200 liver transplants in patients from over 50 countries of which 302 have been children.

"While there is still lack in 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 Organisation (NOTTO), showing that in order to conduct an organ transplant, there exists one fully equipped hospital for around 43 lakh people," Dr Sibal said.

Sanjay, who is currently pursuing his medical studies at the Srilakshmi Narayan Institute of Medical Sciences, Pondicherry, has been on immuno suppressant medication for 15 to 16 years. He aspires to be a blood donor himself. However, his suppressants medication wouldn't allow him to donate. "I want to be a donor, but unfortunately I can't donate," said Sanjay. (With inputs from agency)

TALKING POINT 10 MINUTES

# The dwindling numbers

Wildlife filmmaker JONATHAN KEELING tells ASMITA SARKAR about his adventures and the impact of documentaries

In the tussle between man and the wild, animals have drawn the short straw. With land encroachments in every part of the world, wildlife population is estimated to decline by two-third till 2020. We have already lost 60 per cent of the wildlife, according to a report.

People are aware of climate change, of plastics' harmful effects but not enough about wildlife loss, according to Jonathan Keeling, consulting executive producer of BBC's *Planet Earth II*. His work has taken him to each of the seven continents and his next, *Seven Worlds* will show the challenges that wildlife is facing. Most of his shows are on view on Sony BBC Earth in India.

The show is partially shot in Mumbai, which is a city of 20 million people and also has the densest population of leopards anywhere in the world. "It is a unique situation. No jungle, no other place but Mumbai has the most concentrated number of leopards," said he.

To shoot the sequence, they used cameras that didn't need

lights at night. Technology has advanced enough that miniature cameras, that can be mounted on animals, drones and buggies are used. The storytelling technique has also changed so that it's emotional and dramatic, with a protagonist and an antagonist, which is what is pulling younger crowds, he believes.

"Last year, when *Blue Planet II* released, it had the highest viewing numbers in the UK and soon banning plastics was on the agenda for the parliament and companies. People on the streets were talking about how plastic was damaging the marine life," he said, adding that the younger generation is now interested in watching documentaries as much as sports events or pop reality shows, which he also enjoys watching.

During his travels, he's closely observed how human encroachment is affecting animals and their behaviour. So, while conservation has become a hot topic in this space so is showing the new species and old with their behaviour.

"How a monkey would behave with you depends on if it's being fed," jokes Jonathan. "Some run and hide, some are more relaxed with people. If you



go to a temple, there are monkeys but they have seen humans for hundreds of years and their behaviour is calm. There are places where animals encountered people but are much more shy. In Papua New Guinea, my team looked for a new species in a volcanic crater in a jun-

gle, which hasn't been explored in 60,000 years. Local people haven't gone there since it is a sacred place. I picked a Tree Kangaroo off a branch and held it and it was just relaxed. We picked up a Cuscus, looked at it and put it back. It wasn't bothered. We also found the world's biggest rodent, the Bosavi rat, which was the highlight for me. And, it was super relaxed. It is a complex relationship," he said.

As more urban centres come up and humans move into animal landscape and dominate that with buildings and roads, it's hugely transformed which is true for large parts of Europe and Asia. In such situations, wildlife corridors are important which make space for animals is important. "Forty years ago we made the first global wildlife documentary called *Life on Earth*. Since that time we lost somewhere close to 2/3 of the population of big animals. We are the first generation that has been able to observe the impact through satellites and also on the ground. Previous generations weren't aware but now we are. It's time to do something," he said.

They have also been able to reach a Chinese audience now which translates to around 250 million people and the global scope, age group and sheer numbers have a really big impact.

While politicians debate globally if climate change is real or not and its impacts — the North and South Pole are melting. And Jonathan wonders if the penguin population can adapt quickly enough for it to survive through this man made crisis.

THE CELLAR 15 MINUTES

## CHILLED NOT STIRRED

ELENA BORTOLETTO of Donnafugata talks about new markets in Asia. By A SARKAR

One of the primary cultures that Indian students and young professionals who live abroad bring back with them is their love of fine wine. While everyone loves food made by their mother, quality wines and spirits they have had are sought out on their return to India as well. And in the third largest liquor market of the world, where every year almost 20 million people enter legal drinking age, it is the young that a Sicilian wine brand is vying for.

"It is my dream that we serve Sicilian wine with Indian food. It is a misconception that Italian wine can only be paired with food from the region," says Elena Bortoletto, export manager, Donnafugata.

It doesn't hurt that the 1983 origin company comes with an interesting history that involves runaway queens. The name Donnafugata translates to fugitive woman or the woman who fled. The town has a castle with the same name. And one of the legends say that it refers to Queen Blanche of Navarre, widow of King Martin I of Aragon. The labels on the bottles are a work of art by the famed Stefano Vitale, who had designed the cover for Paolo Coelho's *The Alchemist*.

It seems just like the drink, families that run wineries also get finer with each generation. The fifth-generation run family business has fresh and fruit wines that are accessible but premium and make for easy drinking. The bottles, which come with instructions, tell



clearly that the white wine goes better with fruits and cheese while the red is meant for meat. The Anthilia made with peach and pear scents, is crisp and soft on the palate and is better served with fish or vegetables while the Sedara has a balance of red fruits and spicy flavours.

To ensure the wine quality, they harvest grapes by handpicking them for their Chardonnay, for which the fruits ripen the earliest. At their vineyard in the town of Ragusa they are harvested by night, when the temperatures are as low as 18-20 degree Celsius instead of the peak of 45 degree Celsius in the day. No chemical fertiliser or pesticides go into the grapes. Their focus has been on sustainability as well since harvesting at night saves electricity needed to cool down the fruit if it is picked during the day.

Bortoletto adds that the market in Asia is opening to wine while it was earlier dominated by spirits.

China has wine bars in Shanghai and Beijing and with the opening of Wine & Spirit Education Trust, awareness has been percolating into the urban people. She also added that tourism to Italy has been the key to a growth in their market.

While an entry level wine is placed around ₹700-1500, the Donnafugata is priced more than ₹3300, which is definitely not an inaccessible mark for the upward moving Indian. It has already made inroads into key metros in the country and has been placed at well-known places like the Indian Accent. But they agree that to reach a new market of amateur wine drinkers, dinners and workshops that lets one experience the wine and how it should be had is the key.

However, they are in no hurry to see results since the normal turnaround time to see profits is five years. During that time, they hope to triple their sales.



# 'Hardik's absence will hurt India'

Veteran Aussie great Mike Hussey feels Pandya's game was best suited for Australian conditions

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mike Hussey, who has a fair idea about the current crop of India players, feels that all-rounder Hardik Pandya's absence will "hurt" the visitors in the upcoming Test series against Australia starting from December 6 in Adelaide.

Pandya is undergoing rehabilitation after suffering a lower-back injury during the Asia Cup in Dubai last September.

"I think Hardik is a wonderful talent and I am sure his game style would have been suited to the Australian conditions. Add to that, the balance he offers the team with his all-round abilities, yes I think his absence will hurt India," Hussey said.

India have a good chance of doing well against a depleted Australia but 'Mr Cricket' is confident that the home team's seasoned bowling attack will test some of the younger batsmen in the visiting team.

India are being dubbed as favourites in many quarters primarily due to the absence of Smith and Warner.

But India could face a different challenge with the likes of Prithvi Shaw, Rishabh Pant and Hanuma Vihari set to face Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon for the first time.

"I do think India have a good chance as they have an excellent team with some very good fast bowlers. However, I think Australia's bowling attack is world class and will challenge the Indian team, particularly the younger players in Australian conditions. Australia always play well at home and hence will be very hard to beat."

Virat Kohli remains the biggest threat to Australia having scored four hundreds during the 2014-15 series and Hussey reckoned that the home team bowlers need to be patient against the Indian skipper.

"The Australians will prepare well against Kohli, but it comes down to execution. In my view the Aussies need to



Hardik Pandya returns to pavilion after clinching his maiden 5-wicket haul against England AP/File Photo

HARDIK PANDYA STATISTICS							
BATTING CAREER SUMMARY							
	M	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100/50	4/6
Test	11	532	108	31.29	73.89	1/4	68/12
ODI	42	670	83	29.13	114.53	0/4	42/31
T20I	35	271	33	16.94	153.11	0/0	15/17
BOWLING CAREER SUMMARY							
	M	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Average	Econ	5W
Test	11	17	5/28	6/50	31.06	3.38	1
ODI	42	40	3/31	3/31	40.95	5.56	0
T20I	35	33	4/38	4/38	23.97	8.0	0

be incredibly patient and disciplined for long periods of time against a world class player like Kohli," said the 43-year-old, who has played 79 Tests and 185 ODIs for

Australia. India's 1-4 series defeat against England will have no bearing on the Australia series as the scoreline is not an

## TEAM INDIA DEPARTS FOR AUSTRALIA

MUMBAI: Eyeing a maiden Test series win Down Under, the Indian cricket team left for Australia on Friday for a gruelling tour, which will see them play four matches in whites, three ODIs and as many T20 Internationals.

Various members of the team took to Twitter to share their feelings ahead of their departure with chinaman Kuldeep Yadav terming it an "exciting challenge".

"Exciting challenges ahead. Off to Australia with the boys #TeamIndia," tweeted Kuldeep, who posted a picture with his teammates comprising young wicketkeeper and batsman Rishabh Pant, Rohit Sharma and others.

Pacer Jasprit Bumrah tweeted his picture and wrote, "Off we go! #Australia #Travelbound".

"Taking off to head down under," wrote Krunal Pandya on the micro blogging site as he posted snaps with team mates.

At the pre-departure press conference on Thursday, Kohli emphasised on the need for the batsman to step up.

Experts and former players are seeing this tour as India's best bet to defeat Australia in Tests as the hosts will be without Steve Smith and David Warner.



TOUR SCHEDULE

Date	Match	Venue
Nov 21	1st T20I	The Gabba, Brisbane
Nov 23	2nd T20I	MCG, Melbourne
Nov 25	3rd T20I	SCG, Sydney
Dec 06-10	1st Test	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide
Dec 14-18	2nd Test	Perth Stadium, Perth
Dec 26-30	3rd Test	MCG, Melbourne
Jan 03-07	4th Test	SCG Sydney
Jan 12	1st ODI	SCG, Sydney
Jan 15	2nd ODI	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide
Jan 18	3rd ODI	MCG, Melbourne

accurate representation of how well India competed, said the former left-hander.

"It's a completely new series in completely different conditions. I think India played some brilliant cricket in England but unfortunately, the results didn't go their way," opined Hussey.

Unlike some of the experts who are still not convinced about Tim Paine's leadership skills, the current Test captain has Hussey's vote of approval.

"I wouldn't underestimate Tim Paine, he is an excellent competitor and will be

up for the fight against India. Yes, he has the mental strength to lead this Australian side," he asserted.

The Indian bowling attack has been top notch in all away series but Hussey wants the Australian batsmen to look at the upcoming series as an opportunity to cement their place in the side.

"The batting will be tested against an excellent Indian attack but there are some great opportunities for Australian batters to cement a place in the team with some big runs. So motivation will be high."

## Shaw shines while Vijay, Rahane fail against NZ A

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

Senior pros Murali Vijay and Ajinkya Rahane were dismissed cheaply but young guns Prithvi Shaw and Hanuma Vihari warmed up nicely for the Australia Test series with half-centuries for India A against New Zealand in the first unofficial 'Test'.

At stumps on the opening day, India A scored 340 for five with Australia bound opener Shaw (62, 88 balls), middle-order batsman Hanuma Vihari (86, 150 balls) and comeback man Parthiv Patel (79 batting, 111 balls) utilised the opportunity to the fullest.

However opener Vijay (28, 64 balls) and Test vice-captain Rahane (12, 19 balls) found their defences breached by Blair Tuckner and Doug Bracewell respectively.

In-form Vihari, who made his Test debut against England with a half-century, was dismissed in the last ball of the day.

Vihari hit eight boundaries during his stay in the middle, while Patel has so far found the fence 10 times.

Also scoring a half-century was Mayank Agarwal (65), who came in at No 3.

After the visitors opted to bat first, India A were given a fine start by Shaw and his senior partner Vijay.

The Mumbaikar then added exactly 50 runs for the second wicket with Agarwal, before he was dismissed by slow-left-arm spinner Theo van Woerkom.

Vihari joined Agarwal in the middle and added 73 runs for the third wicket till the Karnataka player was bowled by medium pacer Blair Tuckner.

Shaw struck six boundaries and a six in his 88-ball stay, while Agarwal hit 10 fours and two sixes.

Skipper Rahane did not last long but the duo of Vihari and Patel put together a stand of 138 runs for the sixth wicket to consolidate India A's position at the Bay Oval.

Tuckner was the most successful bowler for the hosts, finishing the day with 2/48 in 15 overs.



## SINGLES

### SHUBHANKAR CARDS 67 TO REMAIN TIED 20TH

DUBAI: A limping Shubhankar Sharma shrugged off a heel injury to card an impressive five-under 67 to remain tied 20th at the end of the second day in the DP World Tour Championships (telecast live on DSport) here on Friday. Sharma, who rose to as high as tied-fifth at one stage, dropped a double bogey on Par-5 14th, but recovered with birdies on 15th and 18th as he was seven shots behind England's Matt Wallace (65). Meanwhile, Wallace, with whom Shubhankar Sharma, played in the lead group of the Hero Indian Open, which the Englishman won, was in the pole position at 11-under after a sizzling seven-under.

### GUKEESH, SAVITHA WIN GOLD IN CADETS

NEW DELHI: International Master Gukesh D and Savitha Shri B won Gold medals in U-12 Open and girls category respectively at the World Cadets Chess Championship in Spain. The Championship, which ended at Galicia on Thursday, was held for the age groups U-8, U-10 and U-12, girls and Open. Gukesh with 10 wins and a loss comfortably won the title by a huge margin of 1.5 points. Savitha of Tamil Nadu effortlessly won the Gold in U-12 girls category with 8 wins and 2 draws. Apart from this, India stood second with two Gold medals for best performance, while China with two Golds and a Bronze and USA with a Gold, a Silver and two Bronze medals took the 1st and 3rd place respectively.

### CHENNAI CITY FC BEAT AIZAWL 2-1

AIZAWL: Chennai City FC rode on twin strikes from Sandro Rodriguez to pip Aizawl FC 2-1 thereby maintaining their pole position in the I-League football tournament on Friday. Liberian striker Ansumanah Kromah's 72nd minute goal for the hosts was not good enough to prevent a second consecutive loss. The southerners now have 13 points from five games, seven points clear of second placed East Bengal and third placed Churchill Brothers. Aizawl, who won the I-League two seasons back, find themselves at the bottom of the table with three losses and two draws from their five games so far.

### BAYERN YOUTH CUP TO BEGIN FROM NOV 24

NEW DELHI: The sixth edition of the FC Bayern Youth Cup, an under-16 seven-a-side inter-school football tournament, is set to kickstart from November 24 across six cities in India. The FC Bayern Youth Cup — a joint initiative by adidas and German giants FC Bayern — will see participation of over 2,000 kids from schools across India. The city legs of the tournament spanning over a period of 14 weeks, will be played in New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Chennai and Srinagar. The final will take place in February next year in Delhi. The winning team will represent 'Team India' in the FC Bayern Youth Cup World Finals and get to train under the professionals in Munich in May next year.

### ARMAAN SLAMS 300 IN C K NAYUDU TROPHY

MUMBAI: Young batsman Armaan Jaffer on Friday slammed an unbeaten triple hundred for Mumbai in their U-23 Col C K Nayudu Trophy match against Saurashtra here. 20-year-old Armaan, who has played three first-class matches, slammed unbeaten 300 off 367-balls, striking 26 boundaries and 10 sixes. Courtesy Armaan's knock, Mumbai declared their first innings at a mammoth 610/5 after bundling out Saurashtra for 175 in their first innings. In the second outing Saurashtra are 157/4 at stumps on the penultimate day of the four-day match. Saurashtra trail by 278 runs. The knock came at the right-time for Armaan as he had recently made a comeback after suffering from a knee injury which had kept him out for an year. Armaan's uncle Wasim Jaffer is a former India player. Armaan was part of India's Under-19 team at the 2016 World Cup. He was also a part of Kings XI Punjab squad. Agencys

# Already in semis, India face Aussies in World T20

PTI ■ PROVIDENCE

India will face their biggest challenge so far in the ICC Women's World T20 when they lock horns with a gifted Australian team in an inconsequential game here on Saturday.

Considered title contenders, both India and Australia stormed into the semifinals of the showpiece with a game to spare.

Assured of a place in the last-four stage, the result of Saturday's match may not be of much significance, but India are aware that beating a superior side will help them take the confidence into the knockout.

The two fancied teams wasted no time in switching into top gear in the Caribbean, having convincingly won all their three matches so far, and another victory in the next round robin game would certainly be a huge morale booster.

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While India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur provided the best possible start to the tournament with her blazing century against New Zealand, the seasoned Mithali Raj showed there is no substitute for experience with two fine half-centuries, the knocks coming in times when the team needed them the most.

While Harmanpreet's scintillating innings, which contained as many as eight sixes, will be remembered for years, Mithali got into the act in the much-awaited match against arch-rivals Pakistan and calmly saw the team through.

A downpour in the morning made the conditions difficult for batting against Ireland, but opener Mithali battled her way to her 17th T20I half-century helping her side put up a challenging total,



Australian batswoman attempts to play a shot against India BCCI Women/File Picture

anchoring the innings till the 19th over.

The spinners then rattled the Irish batswomen and ensured an easy win for India.

India cruised into the semi-

finals with a 52-run defeat of Ireland at the Providence Stadium. The result meant that Group B's top-two spots were decided, with Australia being the other semifinalist. It also meant New Zealand and Pakistan

HEAD TO HEAD				
Matches	Ind	Aus	Tied	N/R
14	3	11	0	0
MOST T20I RUNS FOR INDIA				
Player	Runs	Average		
Mithali Raj	2,232	37.20		
Harmanpreet Kaur	1,820	29.35		
Smriti Mandhana	896	20.83		
Poonam Raut	719	27.65		
Veda Krishnamurthy	657	19.32		

moment is opening batter and wicketkeeper Alyssa Healy. Her form with the bat recently has been very impressive and she has scored more runs than any of her teammates. Since the beginning of October, Alyssa has scored six half centuries in eight innings.

### SQUADS

**India:** Harmanpreet Kaur (captain), Smriti Mandhana, Mithali Raj, Jemimah Rodrigues, Veda Krishnamurthy, Deepti Sharma, Taniya Bhatia, Poonam Yadav, Radha Yadav, Anuja Patil, Ekta Bisht, Dayalan Hemalatha, Mansi Joshi, Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy  
**Australia:** Meg Lanning (captain), Rachael Haynes, Nicole Bolton, Ashleigh Gardner, Alyssa Healy, Delissa Kimmince, Sophie Molineux, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Elyse Villani, Tayla Vlaeminck, Georgia Wareham, Nicola Carey.

## Root's ton puts Eng on top

AFF ■ KANDY

Captain Joe Root smashed 124 and newcomer Ben Foakes again hit valuable tail end runs to put England in command of the second Test against Sri Lanka on Friday.

England reached 324 for nine — a second innings lead of 278 — when bad light stopped play for the day at Kandy. Foakes was batting on 51 alongside James Anderson on four.

Spinner Akila Dananjaya, whose action is under investigation by the International Cricket Council, claimed six wickets on the turning pitch.

He trapped Root lbw and then bowled Sam Curran for nought with his next ball. Adil Rashid thwarted the hat-trick but soon fell to Dananjaya's guile for two.

It was his third five wicket haul in just his fifth Test for Dananjaya, who must rush off to Australia after the game for an ICC examination of his bowling.

He, however, could not stop Root and Foakes swinging the game.

Root reached his 15th Test ton soon after tea, making the sweep and reverse sweep valuable weapons, as he hit 10 fours and two sixes in his 146-ball knock.

Root said he enjoyed making the runs despite the pressure.

"That's what it should be. You shouldn't feel pressure like the pressure is too much for you, you should enjoy the occasion and make the most of the opportunity in front of you," he said after the day's play.

Root made an 82-run seventh wicket stand with Foakes, who reached his fifty with a six off Dilruwan Perera. The hit turned out to be the last ball of the day with dark clouds gathering and thunder heard in the distance.

As he did in his sparkling century



Joe Root celebrates after completing his ton AP

on his Test debut in the opening game of the series, Foakes mixed caution and aggression to push up the England knock.

Earlier, left-hander Rory Burns registered his maiden Test half-century in just his second match. He was trapped lbw off M a l i n d a Pushpakumara for 59.

Perera wasted little time in sending nightwatchman Jack Leach back to the pavilion for one in the second over of the day.

Burns then put together 73 runs for the second wicket with Keaton Jennings, who made 26, to steady the innings and help England overcome their 46-run deficit.

# Pak reign supreme on 12-wicket day

AFF ■ ABU DHABI

Leg-spinner Yasir Shah led a double-barrelled attack of spin and pace to leave Pakistan sitting comfortably on the opening day of the first Test against New Zealand on Friday.

Yasir led the varied attack with 3/54 as New Zealand, who won the toss and batted on a grass-less Sheikh Zayed Stadium pitch, were bowled out for a below-par 153 in 66.3 overs at the stroke of tea.

The day saw 12 wickets fall as Pakistan closed at 59/2, having lost both their openers Imam-ul-Haq (six) and Mohammad Hafeez (20) before Haris Sohail (22 not out) and Azhar Ali (10 not out) stopped the rot.

Pakistan need 94 more to take a lead and enforce a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Imam was first to go as he edged Colin de Grandhomme's delivery to the slip while Hafeez miscued a pull straight to short



Yasir Shah celebrates after dismissing Kiwi batsman in first innings AFP

mid-wicket — both caught by Kane Williamson.

New Zealand skipper Williamson, declared fit after missing last Sunday's third one-day international due to a groin injury, top-scored with 63 before falling softly to medium pacer Hasan Ali, who finished with 2-38.

Williamson's 112-ball knock had five boundaries and he added 72 for the fourth wicket with Henry Nicholls who made 28 with four boundaries.

In the same over Hasan trapped De Grandhomme for a first-ball duck before Sohail dismissed Ish Sodhi (four) and

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BJ Watling (four) — both were trapped leg-before.

Mohammad Abbas, who has figures of 2-13, had removed Nicholls, caught behind by Sarfraz soon after lunch.

Pakistan dominated the first session as New Zealand were 81-3 at lunch, with leg-spinner Yasir Shah taking the first of his two wickets in his opening overs.

Yasir had derailed New Zealand's progress in the first session with the wickets of opener Tom Latham (13) and Ross Taylor (two) in his first spell.

New Zealand handed Test debut to 30-year-old left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel, leaving out experienced pacer Tim Southee. The second Test is in Dubai (November 24-28) and third in Abu Dhabi (Dec 3-7).

## Du Plessis to retire after T20 World Cup

AFF ■ BRISBANE

South African captain Faf du Plessis said on Friday the Twenty20 World Cup in Australia in two years' time will be his last.

The 34-year-old, who has led his country in two World T20 campaigns, in 2014 and 2016, is keen to play a third but will then step aside.

"The T20 World Cup in

T20 STATISTICS						
M	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100/50	4/6
41	1237	119	35.34	134.02	1/7	114/40

2020 is something I'm really looking forward to. I think right now that will probably be the last tournament for me," he said in Brisbane ahead of a one-off T20 against Australia on Saturday.

Du Plessis, who is skipper

across all three formats, made his T20 debut in 2012 and has played 41 times, scoring 1,237 runs at an average of 35.34.

The 2020 World Cup takes place between October 18 and November 15 across eight Australian cities.