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Irked at CBI leaks, SC defers hearing

Publication of CBI DIG's affidavit, Verma's reply to CVC upsets court; hearing on Nov 29

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed serious displeasure over the purported leak of CBI Director Alok Verma's reply to the CVC's findings against him over corruption allegations as also the publication of sensational charges levelled by the agency's DIG Manish Kumar Sinha and told their lawyers none of the parties "deserved" any hearing.

The court was apparently irked over the publication of contents of Sinha's petition in newspapers and Verma's reply to a questionnaire to the CVC in a news portal. The court had earlier directed all the parties to maintain the practice of submitting report and replies in sealed cover in order to protect the credibility of the institution

of the CBI.

The Bench that included Justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph vent its ire at the start of the hearing and reminded the parties that its earlier order asking them to maintain confidentiality of the CVC's preliminary enquiry report and Verma's response to it was intended to ensure "respect" and the integrity of the CBI.

As soon as the hearing commenced, the Bench referred to an article published by a news portal and solicited response from senior advocate Fali S Nariman, representing Verma, by saying, "It is only for you Mr Nariman and not as a counsel for Alok Verma. We have given this to you as you are one of the most respected and senior members of the institution. Please help us."

After going through the news report, Nariman asserted it was totally "unauthorised" and he was very "disturbed and shocked" by the "leak". He also questioned the move by lawyer Gopal Shankaranarayanan, who is also representing Verma, to mention the matter in the court on Monday to seek additional time to file the reply on behalf of the CBI Director.



■ CJJ heard the matter twice during the day and said it would not hear any party, including the CVC, and confine itself to the purported leak and publication of Sinha's allegations in the media

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the news report to Nariman, the Bench adjourned the hearing to November 29 on Verma's plea challenging the Centre's decision to divest him of duties and sending him on forced leave, saying, "We do not think any of you deserve any hearing."

Nariman, however, re-entered the courtroom after a few minutes and mentioned the case seeking re-hearing which was allowed.

When the hearing re-commenced, Nariman told the court that the news article in question was published by the portal on November 17 and it was related to Verma's reply given to the CVC during the

preliminary enquiry proceedings. The SC order asking the CBI chief to respond to the vigilance probe's finding was passed only the previous day, Nariman contended.

During the first round of hearing of the day, Nariman while referring to the media report said, "This gives a new twist to the word responsible press and freedom of press." Nariman also said the news portal and its journalists concerned be summoned by the court.

"How can this come? It's a leak. I myself am shattered the way it has been done," he said.

The Bench also referred to Nariman about the news arti-

cles published based on the allegations levelled by CBI's DIG Sinha in his separate plea challenging his transfer to Nagpur following the shake-up in the agency after Verma and his deputy Rakesh Asthana were benched.

"Yesterday, we had refused the mentioning (seeking urgent listing of Sinha's plea) and we had expressed that highest degree of confidentiality was to be maintained. But here is a litigant who mentions it before us and then goes out to distribute the petition to everyone," miffed Gogoi said.

"Our efforts to maintain the respect of this institution are not shared by these people. They are giving it to everybody," the CJJ added.

When Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CVC, stood up to argue, the Bench tersely told him, "We will not hear anything. We will not hear anybody."

The Bench then told Nariman about the news articles on Sinha's plea and said, "This is yesterday's article. We want to know what is going on. This court is not a platform for people to come and express whatever they want. This is a place where people come for

adjudication of their legal rights. This is not a platform and we will set it right."

When the matter was being re-heard, Shankaranarayanan referred to the arguments advanced by Nariman and said that he wanted to "clear his name" which has come under the "cloud".

Shankaranarayanan said Nariman has submitted that he was not authorised to mention the matter and seek time for filing Verma's reply without the consent of the senior lawyer.

"We are not prepared to hear Mr Gopal Shankaranarayanan. We are prepared to hear Mr Nariman only. We want this place clear. As far as this court in concerned Mr Shankaranarayanan, nobody is under any cloud," the CJJ said.

Sinha on Monday dragged the names of National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Union Minister Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary and CVC KV Chowdhary over alleged attempts to interfere in the probe against CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana.

The Union Minister named by Sinha has termed the allegations as baseless and malicious.

Sushma: Won't fight elections

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Citing health reasons, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday made a major announcement saying she will not contest next Lok Sabha polls.

The senior BJP leader told reporters at Indore that she has "made up her mind" not to contest the elections.

"It is the party which decides, but I have made up my mind not to contest the next (Lok Sabha) elections," she said in Indore. Sushma, 66, has been elected to the current 16th Lok Sabha from Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh. She represented Vidisha in the 15th Lok Sabha as well.

Until 2014, Sushma was one of the contenders for the Prime Ministerial post and even skipped the Parliamentary Party meeting when Narendra Modi's name for the Prime Minister's post was about to be announced by the party ahead of the 2014 elections. She was Leader of Opposition in the 15th Lok Sabha in place of Lal Krishna Advani and retained this position till May 2014.

Though inducted as External Affairs Minister in



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Modi's Cabinet at the Centre, she was seen to be on the margins in terms of decision making, with the PMO itself playing lead role in the matter of foreign affairs.

According to sources, if the party puts its seal of approval on Sushma's decision to retire from the Lok Sabha contest, she may still be brought to Parliament through the Rajya Sabha route.

Man throws chilli powder at Kejriwal, arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had a narrow escape on Tuesday after a 40-year-old man threw chilli powder at him outside the Chief Minister's chamber on the third floor of the high security Delhi Secretariat when the CM was leaving for lunch.

The man, Anil Kumar, was detained, said police, adding that he was later handed over to IP Estate police station of Central district.

Addressing the media immediately after the incident, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader termed the attack as politically motivated. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said it would not be cowed down by these petty tactics by the BJP.

Delhi BJP unit president Manoj Tiwari said, "Such incidents cannot be tolerated or justified by anybody and called for a high-level probe."

Kumar was targeting the bespectacled CM's eyes, officials said. His spectacles broke but his eyes seemed to have been spared any damage, they added.

Kumar, whose Aadhaar card has been recovered,



Police detain Anil Kumar, who threw chilli powder at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at Delhi Secretariat in New Delhi on Tuesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

brought the chilli powder to the secretariat in packets of 'khaini' (chewing tobacco), they said. After throwing chilli powder at Kejriwal, Kumar threatened to shoot him after he comes out of jail, an official recounted.

AAP's national spokesperson Raghav Chadha, who was behind Kejriwal when the incident took place, tweeted, "Was right behind CM @ArvindKejriwal at the Secretariat when he was suddenly attacked on 3rd floor right outside his office.

Shocking lapse of security. Is this Delhi Police's incompetent effort to protect an elected CM?

"While today just the CM's glasses fell to the floor and broke, an unacceptable security lapse nonetheless. Imagine if attacker were to be wielding a more dangerous weapon. Who were to have prevented a tragedy from occurring?" Sisodia told reporters.

"Recently BJP Delhi chief Manoj Tiwari reached near stage during the inauguration of signature bridge.

Serial child rapist confesses to his killing spree

PRAVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

A 19-year-old hardened criminal who had raped and murdered nine minor girls in Delhi, Gurugram, Gwalior and Jhansi has been arrested by the Gurugram Police after they found his involvement in the brutal rape and murder of a three-year-old girl in Sector 66 on November 11. The girl's body was dumped in Gurugram Sector 66.

The accused confessed to raping and killing three minor girls in Gurugram, four in Delhi, one in Gwalior and Jhansi each.

The accused identified as

19-year-old Sunil Kumar, a casual labourer, was hiding in his native village in Jhansi district. Meticulous investigation by a 15-member police team tracked his movements and nabbed him on Monday, said a senior police official.

He was produced before a local court on Tuesday and sent to eight days of police custody.

Kumar had lured the child with sweets, took her to an empty room at a labourers' colony in Sector 66. The autopsy report revealed that she was subjected to brutality during rape causing severe injuries to her private parts.



Serial rapist-killer Sunil Kumar in custody of the Gurugram police. Pioneer photo

Court awards first death in 1984 riots probed by SIT



Family members of victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots celebrate outside the Patiala House Court in New Delhi on Tuesday after the pronouncement of the first death punishment in the case. PTI

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Justice delayed is justice denied" goes the saying and it was amply manifested on Tuesday when a city court pronounced first ever "death sentence" in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case probed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT). A Delhi court awarded death penalty to Yashpal Singh for killing two men during the riots. Additional Sessions Judge Ajay Pandey awarded life-term

to co-convict Naresh Sherawat in the case.

On November 1, 1984, Hardev Singh and Avtar Singh were attacked and killed by a mob in Mahipalpur in South Delhi. It is the first conviction in the cases reopened by the SIT of the Central Bureau of Investigation. The Delhi Police had closed the case in 1994 for want of evidence. However, a SIT reopened it.

The verdict was pronounced on Tuesday in Tihar

Jail after the local police moved a petition in the High Court citing security reasons and possibility of attack on the convicts on the premises of the Delhi court, said police.

The SIT is investigating nearly 60 cases related to the riots, while it has filed "untraced report" in 52 cases. While this is the first death penalty after the SIT was formed, one Kishori was earlier given the death penalty by a trial court in a related case.

CAPSULE

4 TERRORISTS KILLED, SOLDIER MARTYRED
Srinagar: Four terrorists and a soldier were on Tuesday killed in an encounter between ultras and security forces in Shopian district of Jammu & Kashmir.
DEMO BITTER MEDICINE FOR CORRUPTION: MODI
Jhabua/Rewa: PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he used the "bitter medicine" of demonetisation to give "proper treatment to corruption system" in the country.

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Big B pays off loans of 1,398 UP farmers

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has claimed that he has helped 1398 farmers from Uttar Pradesh by paying off their loans.

In a late night blog post on Monday, the 76-year-old actor revealed he has personally arranged for 70 selected farmers to travel to Mumbai and receive their bank letters.

Bachchan had earlier helped 350 farmers from Maharashtra by paying off their loans.

"Gratitude leans across to the desire of removing some of the burdens that farmers continue to suffer from... It was Maharashtra first, when over 350 farmers loans were taken care of... Now its UP and 1398 of them that had out standings of loans on banks has been done with an outlay of 4.05 crore.

"And the inner peace it generates when the desired is completed," he wrote.

72% turnout in Chhattisgarh poll; Cong, BJP claim victory

PNS ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh recorded 72 per cent polling on Tuesday in the second and concluding phase for 72 Assembly seats across 19 districts amid allegations of EVM tampering and malfunctioning in several areas. Amid higher turnout, BJP, Congress and JCC-BSP alliance claimed victory ahead of results on December 11.

The Election Commission said that polling percentage could go up to 76-78 per cent as it was still in the process of compiling data. The EC rejected the allegations of widespread malfunctioning of the voting machines and asserted that faulty EVMs were promptly replaced without any disruption to the voting process.

Tuesday's polling has sealed fate of nine Cabinet Ministers of Chhattisgarh's BJP Government and four chief ministerial contenders from the Congress. Chhattisgarh's Chief Electoral Officer Subrat Sahoo told reporters that polling was peaceful and from



Voters stand in a queue at a polling station to cast their votes for the 2nd phase of Chhattisgarh Assembly elections in Raipur on Tuesday. PTI

first-time voters to centenarians, people from all walks of life queued up to cast their votes at 19,336 polling booths.

Among the oldest of 1.54 crore voters eligible to exercise their franchise were 106-year-old Samudri Patel from

Baikunthpur in Korea district and 102-year-old Raj Kunwar from Boriyakala in Raipur district.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh who is heading the BJP Government in the mineral-rich State since December 2003, claimed that the BJP would form Government for the record fourth successive term.

"Voters are coming out in large numbers from their houses to exercise their franchise to keep the BJP in power to spur growth in the State," Singh remarked at Kawardha town after casting his vote along with his spouse Veena Singh.

The Congress which is desperate to return to power, too claimed that people voted against BJP regime to get rid of corruption. A Congress delegation led by Congress national general secretary PL Punia met the EC in the national Capital over the alleged "attempts to misuse and tamper with EVMs in Chhattisgarh".

Punia said the BJP "wary of losing the polls, was trying to influence the polling process through malpractices".

"People want a Congress

Government. There are reports coming in from majority of areas about heavy polling against the BJP Government, Congress is all set to form the next Government," remarked Charandas Mahant after casting his vote with family members in Korba. The former Union Minister Mahant is one of the top contenders for the chief ministerial post if the Congress is voted to power.

Meanwhile, the former Chief Minister Ajit Jogi, who made the 2018 polls a three-way fight in Chhattisgarh after having an alliance with the BSP, announced that people have cast votes in bulk only to see him as the next Chief Minister.

"Don't be in confusion the JCC-BSP alliance is going to produce shocker for the Congress as well as for the BJP on December 11 when results to be announced" Jogi told reporters.

Chhattisgarh has total 90 Assembly seats and polling for 18 seats was held on November 12.

"India is safe only when people continue living in Himalayas", says Pranav Pandya

Late Union minister's ashes immersed in Ganga



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

CM attends ritual, recalls Kumar's attachment for U'khand

The ashes of the late union minister Ananth Kumar were immersed in the Ganga river at Har ki Paudi in Haridwar on Tuesday. Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat and cabinet minister Madan Kaushik among others were also present during the immersion of the ashes. Remembering Kumar on the occasion, the chief minister said that he was a true well-wisher of Uttarakhand. He wanted to allot for Uttarakhand. Kumar had said that he would be extremely happy in giving approval to the proposals sent to his ministry by the Uttarakhand government. While recalling his visit to Uttarakhand, Rawat said that in July, CIPET was inaugurated by Kumar in Doiwala.

CIPET is something big given by him to Uttarakhand. Giving 833 acres land of IDPL free of cost to Uttarakhand, a plastic recycling unit in Doiwala, approval of plastic medical devices park in Sitarganj and approval for 100 additional centres for generic medicines in Uttarakhand, reflects his special attachment with Uttarakhand. Kumar will always remain in the hearts and memories of people of Uttarakhand, added Rawat.

RADHIKA NAGRATH

Head of All World Gayatri Pariwar, Pranav Pandya has established branches of the Gayatri Pariwar in 80 countries with headquarters in Haridwar. He was honoured by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the American space centre, in 1996 as a distinguished scientist and reformer for worldwide dissemination of scientific aspects of Indian culture. The Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya started by him aims to disseminate tenets of Indian culture and blend science with spirituality.



Gurudev Shri Ram Acharya. This mission has emerged as a mass movement for transformation of era. Regarding Ganga, the river is our lifeline, we live for the holy river and still drink water from the Ganga only. It is our commitment to the world to make Ganga clean along its entire stretch from Gaumukh to Gangasagar by 2026.

You initiated watershed development scheme for harvesting rainwater. This scheme has been extended all over the country. How has Haridwar district benefited from this? Please pinpoint the areas.

In Sharanherwala area near Bhogpur village on the route from Dehradun airport to Rishikesh, about 30 kilometre stretch of land has been used as rain water harvesting area. In the last five years this project has been continuing and with arrangements made for holding of rain water, the water table of the area has risen due to these efforts. At Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, regular demonstrations for rain water harvesting are given for visitors.

What are the major research projects and findings of the Brahmavarchas Research Institute of which you are the director?

Latest research is on Yajna therapy - we have made 150 types of Havan Samagri and have conducted 90 per cent successful trials on patients with blood pressure problem and even cancer. The patient has to perform for three to six months depending on the ailment. About 30,000 scientists from all

over the country are associated with us. They undertake diverse projects and report back to us. All the studies are properly documented. On November 21-22, a meeting has been called in which over 2000 scientists from Delhi shall be coming to Shantikunj for deliberations on their findings.

A gold medalist in medicine, you qualified for US medical services in 1975 but chose to work for your mentor. Why so?

As per directions from my mentor, I quit offer of US\$ 25,000 - a very lucrative offer at that time in 1976. Pandit Shri Ram Acharya's concern was who would work for propagation of Indian culture if everyone will go to the US. We are spreading from here. Recently our devotees have acquired 640 acres land in North California in the US for which I did ground breaking a few days ago. This is besides Los Angeles where a training centre and laboratory shall be started just like here in Haridwar.

What does your organisation plan to do during the Kumbh Mela?

Currently in Allahabad, we

shall be holding camp for dissemination of ideas of Shantikunj. Detailed plan for the Kumbh Mela to be held in Haridwar later shall be made soon. For Haridwar, I wish to point out to district administration and state government authorities, providing road, infrastructural facilities must begin from now. By-pass bridges and roads must be planned two years in advance.

Being the chancellor of Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, what new educational projects do you plan for the students?

Nearly 10 new educational projects are on the cards for students including projects on artificial intelligence. In association with Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) across the country, we are charting some projects so that India ranks number one in education in the world. The main focus is to stop brain drain as most of the innovative intelligence in India goes to developed countries.

Your message to the students?

I teach students wherever I go to live the life explicated in the Bhagwad Geeta. Acceptance is the way of life. Do your duties

well and leave the rest to God. Any major future projects you wish to announce?

Mission 2026 is the major project for Ganga cleanliness and in 2021, golden jubilee of Shantikunj will be observed for a full year in which several humanitarian projects shall be undertaken.

What are the major challenges facing Uttarakhand and the nation and your suggestions for tackling these?

Migration of people from the mountains to the plains in search of employment is the major challenge which the state of Uttarakhand is facing. India is safe only until the mountain folk remain there. If migration to plains is not stopped, India will face threats from outside.

What is your view on the burning Ram Jannabhoomi issue?

It can be worked out if judiciary, people and saints come together. With mutual talks, a solution can be sought for this Ram Jannabhoomi-Babri Masjid issue. One thing for sure is there that temple must be made only when the people are ready in their minds. It must be the people's choice.

In an exclusive interview with The Pioneer, he shared his views on various issues. Being director and head of All World Gayatri Pariwar, what are your major contributions to humanity and Ganga river? Our main contribution to the society is man-making odyssey, since without man making, nothing can be achieved. That super consciousness which abides in us must be realised and we strive for rise of latent divinity in humans as per guidelines of

We have sufficient funds, plans and volunteers for making the Ganga clean and serene. About 10 lakh volunteers are being prepared for this mission of Ganga under Ganga Prayga Mandal programme under which people are made aware not to dispose waste in the river. By 2026 which is centenary year of birth anniversary of Mataji Bhagwati Devi Sharma, mission 2026 of Ganga will be complete whether it is removal of waste or installation of bio digester toilets on the river banks.

Pak pilgrims throng Piran Kaliyar shrine

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

With the stream of pilgrims from Pakistan pouring in, 91 pilgrims from the neighbouring country arrived here on Tuesday to participate in the 750th annual Urs (death anniversary) fair being held at the fabled Piran Kaliyar shrine near Roorkee which started on Monday. Nearly 20 km away from Haridwar, the religious congregation held on the bank of the Ganga Canal sees a huge throng of pilgrims every year. Revered as a shrine visiting which the desires of the devout are fulfilled, Kaliyar Sharif which is the burial place of a Sufi saint Alla Uddin Ali Ahmad Sabir sees hundreds of Pakistani

Zaireens gathering at the place every year.

This year being no exception, the local police and administration have put into place elaborate security arrangements to ensure that the fair passes off peacefully. The pilgrims from Pakistan say that they come here after shedding the animosity involving the two neighbouring countries haunting the bilateral relation for years, a gesture which the people here warmly reciprocate through large-hearted hospitality. The same picture was visible on Tuesday morning. The locals welcomed the group of 91 Zaireens warmly with garlands once it reached the Piran Kaliyar Sharif by Amritsar Express. The pilgrims have



given the same message as they say that they have come here with message of brotherhood

from the people of Pakistan. Among those who welcomed them were the joint magistrate Nitika Khandelwal and the mela in-charge Manoj Semwal. A beaming Abdul Gaffar Farooqui who is leading the group of the pilgrims said that they were happy being here. Meanwhile, the district administration has completed all arrangements for the mega religious congregation. To facilitate the pilgrims, the district administration has put up shelters, shops, toilets and tents aside from lighting the mela area. "All arrangements have been put into place to ensure that the people coming here do not face the least of difficulty while on the pilgrimage," said a

senior district officer who is monitoring the arrangements. Adequate number of buses for Pakistani Zaireens along with the currency exchange facility at the banks has been made, he added. The locals who welcomed the pilgrims said that they were elated over the guests emanating the same sentiment of love, peace and brotherhood. "It is difficult to imagine that the relation between the

two neighbours remains bitter and people are dying because of the animosity involving the two countries," said one of them. Mohammad Shah Hasan, a pilgrim from Pakistan said while talking to The Pioneer that the common man (awam) has been searching for the Aman and Mohabbat (peace and love) over the past seven decades. "We are impatiently waiting for the time when the

two neighbours would live in peace. This is what the shrine embodies" Another pilgrim from Lahore said that his long-nurtured dream of having a darshan of the revered Piran Kaliyar has been fulfilled. "I am overwhelmed. Besides, the warm welcome we have received here we would never forget," he added. They said that they would return after spending a week in Roorkee.

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International conference – NGCT 2018 begins at UPES

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The two-day 4th International Conference on Next Generation Computing Technologies (NGCT2018) being hosted by School of Computer Science, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES) will commence at the Bidholi campus of the university on Wednesday. The conference is being co-sponsored by UCOST,

CSIR India, DRDO, Elsevier and Sumeru Infrastructures. In its fourth version, the conference offers an opportunity to researchers and academicians to discuss and share the cutting edge research issues and ideas on the theme 'Computational Intelligence', the organisers said and added that in all, 115 research papers of the researchers from the reputed national and international Institutes across the world have been selected after rigorous review process.

Dr Manish Prateek, Dean - School of Computer Science Engineering & Conference Chair-informed that Rajendra Dobhal, director general, UCOST, Dehradun, would inaugurate the conference. Other eminent persons who would address and share their thoughts with the audience include Durgesh Pant, director, USERC; Marcin Paprzycki, associate professor at the Systems Research Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences; E G Rajan, founder president of the Pentagram Research Centre (P) Ltd., Hyderabad, India; Deepak Bhaskar Phatak, recipient of the "Excellence in Teaching" award and Anurag Mishra, associate professor at University of Delhi.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice(s) on the dates mentioned below, calling upon the below mentioned borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned herein below within 60 days from the date of notice/ date of receipt of the said notices. The below mentioned borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned below in the table. The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank, for the amounts mentioned herein below beside future interest and other charges/expenses. In case borrower/guarantor do not pay back the dues within 30 days of this publication, the property shall be sold as prescribed, to recover the dues.

Name of Borrower/Mortgagor, Guarantor & Name of Branch	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice & Amount	Date of Possession
Sh. Sandeep Mittal, Sh. Saurabh Mittal Both are S/o Sh. Vinod Kumar Mittal All are R/o 15, Rajputana Roorkee Distt. Haridwar. All are R/o 32-Chowk Bazar Roorkee Distt.-Haridwar. Branch : B. T. Ganj Roorkee	Immovable Property having area 9671 Sq Ft. i.e. 898.47 Sq mt bearing house tax receipt no.68 situated at Mohalla Rajputana West, Pargana & Tehsil- Roorkee District Haridwar.	02.07.2018 Rs.1,88,63,228.59/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty-Eight Lakh Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight and paise Fifty-Nine only) with further interest and other expenses w.e.f 01.07.2018	19.11.2018 (Symbolic)

Date: 21.11.2018 Place : Roorkee Authorised Officer

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Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 0001977 of Dehradun Branch) Ritesh Kumar Saxena (Borrower) Vineeta Saxena (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 507651/- (Five lakh Seven thousand Six Hundred Fifty One) NPA (01-08-2018)	Prt Of Kharsa No 913 Min Thdc Plot No 6 Phase 1 Mauza Dehradun Pargana Central Doon, Dehradun-248001
(LC No. 00005095 of Dehradun Branch) Piyush Bhardwaj (Borrower) Saumya Gaur (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 1558091/- (Fifteen lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Ninety One) NPA (01-09-2018)	Kharsa No- 123 Std At Mauza Danda Noorwala Pgn- Kendriya Doon Dehradun, Dehradun - 248001
(LC No. 00005535 of Dehradun Branch) Suresh Kumar Sahni (Borrower) Anuradha Sahani (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 886541/- (Eight lakh Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty One) NPA (01-07-2018)	Kh N 5ta min, Srauted At Mauja, Pthuwala Parana Parwa, Dehradun, Dehradun- 248001
(LC No. 00007381 of Dehradun Branch) Hardeep Kukreja (Borrower)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 1044756/- (Ten lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six) NPA (01-07-2018)	Kharsa No 126 Mi Mauza Gram Rudrapur Pachwadoon, Dehradun, Dehradun- 248001
(LC No. 00000513 of Haldwani Branch) Babu Lal (Borrower) Suneeta Sarakar (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 756470/- (Seven lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy) NPA (01-01-2018)	Prt Of Kharsa No.668 Min Of Village Vijaynagar Tehsil Gadarpur, Kalinagar Rudrapur Distt Us Nagar, U.K., Rudrapur, Udhamsinghnagar- 263153
(LC No. 00000758 of Haldwani Branch) Shyam Babu Sharma (Borrower) Ajay Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 1177211/- (Eleven lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eleven) NPA (01-09-2018)	Part Of Khet No. 27 Kha Min, Vill. Lalpur Tehsil Kiccha, Pargana Rudrapur Distt Udharn Singh Nagar, Rudrapur, Udhamsinghnagar- 263153
(LC No. 00001604 of Haldwani Branch) Ramesh Tiwari (Borrower) Neelam Tiwari (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 924884/- (Nine lakh Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four) NPA (01-09-2018)	Part Of Khet No 24/1 Min Pvt Plot No 69, Dream Land City Chhatrapur, Rudrapur, Udhamsinghnagar- 263153
(LC No. 00001780 of Haldwani Branch) Sandeep Kumar Mishra (Borrower) Sita Mishra (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 1595177/- (Fifteen lakh Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven) NPA (01-09-2018)	Part Of Kharsa No 1470 Min Village Sanarkhera, Kashipur, Udhamsinghnagar - 244713
(LC No. 00001850 of Haldwani Branch) Suneeta Sarakar (Borrower) Babu Lal (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 816197/- (Eight lakh Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven) NPA (01-02-2018)	Part Of Kharsa No 668 Min Village Vijay Nagar, Kalinagar Teh Gadarpur, Gadarpur, Nainital- 263153
(LC No. 00002055 of Haldwani Branch) Ashutosh Agarwal (Borrower) Anita Agarwal (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 622432/- (Six lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two) NPA (01-09-2017)	Part Of Kharsa No 126 Min Vill. Khadakpur Agarwal Near Shiv Mandir, Kashipur, Udhamsinghnagar-244713
(LC No. 00002576 of Haldwani Branch) Shiv Kishore (Borrower)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 2883861/- (Twenty Eight Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty One) NPA (01-07-2018)	Part Of Kharsa No. 212 Min Pvt Plot No. 14 Village Neeljhara, Kashipur, Udhamsinghnagar - 244713
(LC No. 00002855 of Haldwani Branch) Babu Lal (Borrower) Suneeta Sarakar (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 270542/- (Two lakh Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Forty Two) NPA (01-08-2018)	Part Of Kharsa No.668 Min Village Vijay Nagar Kalinagar, Pargana Rudrapur, Rudrapur, Udhamsinghnagar - 263153
(LC No. 00002922 of Haldwani Branch) Meetu Goswami (Borrower) Prakash Van Goswami (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 3913353/- (Thirty Nine lakh Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Three) NPA (01-08-2018)	Part Of Kharsa No. 14 Min Village Manpur East, Haldwani, Nainital- 263139
(LC No. 00003826 of Haldwani Branch) Gurpreet Singh (Borrower) Harpreet Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 2447737/- (Twenty Four lakh Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven) NPA (01-07-2018)	Part Of Kharsa 306 Min Pvt. Plot No. A32, A33, A36 & A37 Village Bindukhera, Rudrapur, Udhamsinghnagar - 263153
(LC No. 00000019 of Haldwani Branch) Vinay Kumar Singh (Borrower) Lalman Singh (Co Borrower 1)	30/10/2018/ ₹ 1342106/- (Thirteen lakh Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Six) NPA (01-02-2014)	Flat Bearing No. C-121/G, Ground Floor, Type- Alaknanda, Samiah Lake City Rudrapur Kashipur Road, Rudrapur, Udhamsinghnagar- 263153

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 21-Nov-2018 Place: UTTARAKHAND Authorised Officer Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Independent candidates dominate polls to posts of ward members



Personnel of election duty count ballot papers at the venue in Dehradun on Tuesday.

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Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party candidates winning one seat each according to the results officially declared by the State Election Commission. Similarly, the trends at the time also showed the independent candidates leading on 54 seats followed by BJP candidates leading on 38 seats, Congress candidates on 20 seats and BSP candidate on one seat.

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Counting of votes polled in the urban local body elections sprung a surprise as by late evening independent candidates had won on more seats of councillors/ward members than candidates of the two national parties combined.

Till the time of this report being filed, results had been officially declared for 795 seats of councillors/ward-members out of total 1064 seats.

Independent candidates had won on 450 seats, while the BJP candidates had won on 212 seats followed by Congress candidates who had won on 128 seats.

The Aam Aadmi Party candidates had won on two seats

with Uttarakhand Kranti Dal, Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party candidates winning one seat each according to the results officially declared by the State Election Commission. Similarly, the trends at the time also showed the independent candidates leading on 54 seats followed by BJP candidates leading on 38 seats, Congress candidates on 20 seats and BSP candidate on one seat.

When it comes to the seats of mayors and municipal council/Nagar Panchayat chairpersons, out of the total 84 seats, the SEC had declared results for 66 seats till the time of this report being filed.

Of these, the BJP candidates had won on 27 seats followed by independent candidates who had

won on 20 seats and Congress candidates who had won on 19 seats.

According to the trends at the time, both the BJP and Congress were leading on six seats each with independent and BSP leading on one seat each.

While the BJP cited the performance of the independent candidates as a sign of the voters rejecting the Congress, the Congress cited the same fact to substantiate its claim of the BJP performing poorly in the local body elections.

Observers opined that the voters preferred to vote for independent candidates contesting for posts of councillors/ward-members based on their familiarity and image instead of favouring a party candidate.

BJP wins Mayoral seat

Counting continues for other seats

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Even as the local body election results came up with some unexpected developments, the attention of candidates, political parties and others was fixed on the counting of votes for the mayoral posts in six municipal corporations after BJP candidate Anita Mangai was declared elected as the first mayor of Rishikesh.

According to the State Election Commission (SEC), Mangai secured 26403 votes followed by independent candidate Veena Deep Sharma with 15235 votes and Lakshmi Sajwan of Congress with 12057 votes.

AAP candidate Manju Sharma got 317 votes while 306 voters opted for NOTA.

Counting of votes for the remaining six mayoral positions was continuing till the time of this report being filed and was expected to be completed late in the night.

As per the trends made available by the SEC, in the municipal corporation of Dehradun, the BJP mayoral candidate Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' was leading by 13,736 votes ahead of Congress candidate Dinesh Agrawal.

For the mayoral post in Haldwani, the Congress candidate Sumit Hridayesh was leading by 2319 votes ahead of BJP candidate and previous mayor Jogendra Pal Singh Rautela. In the municipal corporation of Rudrapur, the BJP mayoral candidate Rampal Singh was leading by 1318 votes ahead of the Congress candidate Nand Lal whereas in municipal corporation of Kashipur, BJP mayoral candi-



BJP mayoral candidate for Dehradun, Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' with supporters during counting of votes.

Pioneer photo

date Usha Chowdhry was leading by 5034 votes ahead of the Congress candidate Mukta Singh.

In the municipal corporation of Kotdwar, the Congress candidate Hemlata Negi was leading by 2532 votes ahead of independent candidate Vibha Chauhan whereas in Haridwar, the Congress mayoral candidate Anita Sharma was leading by 2323 votes ahead of the BJP candidate Anu Kakkar till the time of this report being filed.

Nilesh Shah to hold 'She Talks' session for FICCI Flo members

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Nilesh Shah, the managing director of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Co Ltd, would conduct a talk session titled 'She Talks' with the women of FICCI Flo on November 22. The session would focus on financial empowerment for women, informed the chairperson FICCI Flo Shilpi Arora. Nilesh has over 25 years of experience in the capital markets and market-related investments. He has managed funds across equity, fixed income securities and real estate for local and global investors. This is the first time he is coming to Uttarakhand and we are pleased to welcome him," Arora added. The session is being held by FICCI Ladies Organisation in association



with Kotak Life Insurance and Balaji Investment & Consultant. Ruchi Jain, director Balaji Investment and the committee member FLO Uttarakhand, would also be present during the session. Informing

about 'She Talks', Ruchi Jain said that the session would be held at Four Points by Sheraton and it is meant to boost financial empowerment of and impart knowledge to the women at large.

Counting held for Haridwar civic body

Congress leads at mayoral poll, neck and neck in wards

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

As per the schedule announced by the district administration, the counting of votes for Haridwar municipal corporation and Shivalik Nagar municipal council started at Panna Lal Bhalla Inter College amid tight security at 8 am on Tuesday. Zero zone was declared in the radius of 1 km from the counting centre.

The polling had been held on Sunday. For the first time, the seat of the mayor of Haridwar municipal corporation has been reserved for the women. The contest is straight here between the BJP candidate Anu Kakkar and the Congress candidate Anita

Sharma.

However, the fight for the post of the chairperson of the newly made Shivalik Nagar municipal council is expected to be triangular involving BJP, Congress and independents.

Speaking to The Pioneer on Tuesday, SP city Mamta Vohra said,

"The counting for the mayoral post and the ward members of Haridwar municipal corporation is being held in 10 phases across 10 tables while the same for the chairperson of Shivalik Nagar municipal council is being held across six tables. Fool-proof security arrangements have been put into place to ensure glitch-free counting. Besides, adequate parking arrangements have been made a little away from the counting centre, added Vohra.

Media banned to enter counting centre

Following a tiff between the BJP and Congress supporters outside the counting centre, police stopped the entry of the media persons in the centre. The heated argument between the supporters of the rival parties followed the BJP demand for recounting of votes polled for ward 11. The BJP workers said that the early lead for the Congress in areas deemed to be the saffron strongholds was unbelievable.

Till 2.30 pm, the Congress was leading in areas where BJP is supposed to be strong. The Congress supporters, however, rubbished the BJP demand for recounting. "The saffron party activists are on edge following the lead taken by the Congress candidate Anita Sharma over BJP's

Anu Kakkar in the mayoral election of Haridwar municipal corporation. The lead of the Congress candidate in ward no 11 has made further deepened their frustration," said a Congress supporter. In ward number 11, the Congress candidate Rajeev Bhargava won. BJP's Shriti Khewadia won from the ward 7 while Congress's Manju Garg won from the ward number 8. Besides, Congress's Ram Kishan won from ward number 9 and BJP's Vineet Jolly won from the ward number 10. The counting was going on at the time of filing the report. The state election commission officers said that the final announcement of the results might be made around midnight.

Assembly Speaker greets candidates elected in local body polls

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

After results of the urban local body elections in the state were declared on Tuesday,

the Vidhan Sabha Speaker Prem Chand Agrawal greeted all the victorious candidates.

In his message on the occasion, the Speaker said that all the

victorious candidates would provide impetus to development works in the local body areas.

He also said that the elected public representatives should

work according to and meet the expectations of the public. All of them should work on public issues while serving among the people, added Agrawal.

BJP emerges as largest party in ULB polls, voters have rejected Congress- Ajay Bhatt

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata Party state president Ajay Bhatt claimed that the BJP had emerged as the single largest and strongest party in the urban local body elections while the Congress had been rejected by the public.

Expressing happiness at the victory of party candidates contesting for posts of mayors, chairpersons of municipal councils and Nagar Panchayats and councillors before the final results for all the posts were officially

declared, Bhatt thanked the public and greeted the party workers.

The BJP state general secretary and election committee coordinator Naresh Bansal also thanked the public for victory of party candidates.

Averring that the BJP had emerged strong in the local body polls, he said that the public was not duped by the misinformation spread by Congress due to which the Congress had been relegated to the third position whereas indepen-

dent candidates had come second.

The public believes that only the BJP can facilitate the desired development of the state.

He also assured the people that under Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, the state government will cooperate fully for development of all local bodies and strengthen them contrary to the stance of the previous Congress state government which had treated non-Congress boards with partiality.

CS reviews Kedarnath Dham reconstruction works

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The chief secretary Utpal Kumar Singh reviewed the progress of the reconstruction works being done at Sri Kedarnath Dham while chairing a meeting of the empowered committee at the Secretariat through video conferencing on Tuesday.

The Rudraprayag district magistrate Mangesh Ghildiyal apprised the chief secretary of the progress of the development works now on and around the shrine.

It is also learnt that the chief secretary would himself inspect the reconstruction works now on at the shrine in the first week of December.

The proposal of Rs 262.71 lakh for the construction of the residences of six Tirath Purohiths at the shrine has been

Chief secretary informed that the government has released ₹50 crore

approved in course of the meeting. Besides, the proposal of entrusting the public works department with the work has also been given a nod during the meeting.

The additional chief secretary Om Prakash informed that the government has released Rs 50 crore for the ITIs for skill development and self-employment under the special planned help in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

He also said that the remaining amount of over Rs 3 crore would be transferred to tourism department soon for infrastructure development works.

Badrinath shrine closed to public for winter

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand came to an end on Tuesday with the portals of Badrinath shrine being closed to the public for the winter. Pilgrims will be able to pay their obeisance to lord Badrinath at Joshimath during the winters.

According to the Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC) officials, 5237 pilgrims visited Badrinath on Tuesday when its portals were closed ceremoniously at 3:21 PM.

During the entire Yatra period, a total of 1058490 pilgrims visited Badrinath this year. While the portals of Badrinath shrine were closed ceremoniously on Tuesday, the other deities, Uddhav, Kuber and Adi Shankaracharya's seat will be taken to the presiding deity's winter abode on Wednesday.

The portals of Mata Murti temple and Bhavishya Badri



temple at Tapovan were also closed to the public for the winter on Tuesday. Meanwhile,

Badrinath township was resounding with tunes played by the army band on the occa-

sion. A feast was also organised for the public during the closure of the shrine.

Among devotees and members of the religious fraternity, Swami

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The closure of Badrinath shrine also marks the end of the Char Dham Yatra season this year with the other shrines-Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri being closed to the public earlier.

However, devotees can pay their obeisance to the presiding deities of these shrines in the temples at various locations where they are ceremoniously worshipped during the winter months.

Police working on various aspects

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The pieces of jigsaw puzzle over the Amritsar grenade attack seems to be falling in place as the investigation agencies are looking for the common factors in the targeted killings of various prominent socio-religious leaders in Punjab during 2016-17, and the Sunday's incident.

The preliminary investigations, pointing that the grenade used in Adliwala village's Nirankari Bhawan was similar to one manufactured in Pakistan Ordinance Factory and also the one used during attack at Maqsdun police station in September this year, was enough to indicate that terrorism is once again trying to raise its head in Punjab with help from across the border.

Time and again, the intelligence agencies had warned about the "plans" to revive terrorism in Punjab with the backing of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) to the pro-Khalistan leaders and organisations. And Sunday's attack has further strengthened the fear that Khalistani supporters are becoming active in the state once again.

Three persons had lost

their lives while 20 others suffered serious injuries in the grenade blast, for which the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been roped in.

Initial investigation has pointed the needle of suspicion towards Khalistani supporters, and ISI. Acting on the same lines, the Punjab police on Tuesday raided students' hostels, paying-guests (PGs), houses of hardliner leaders in Bathinda and Amritsar, and detaining several of them.

Probing the murders of eight RSS workers in Punjab in 2017, NIA had uncovered the plot to target religious organisations in the state. During the investigation, it was found that the killings were part of a major conspiracy, hatched by the senior leadership of the Khalistan Liberation Force, primarily aimed at destabilising Punjab's law and order situation and to revive the fledgling terrorism in the state — a theory which is being probed now also by the investigating agencies.

To further support the theory, the intelligence agencies had recently shared inputs regarding a meeting between a Khalistan supporter Gopal Singh Chawla and Lashkar-e-Taiba chief Hafiz Saeed.

It has been learnt that Chawla is using social media to gain supporters, and posting provocative posts from his personal handle.

In an apparent attempt to find a common link between

crowded places ahead festival season — similar to what happened in Adliwala on Sunday.

Letter pads of 'Khalistan Gadar Force' and other terror outfits, were also seized from his possession.

Amritsar grenade attack

both the incidents aimed at hitting the peace and security prevailing in the state, the police is suspecting Pak-based Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) leader Harmeet Singh 'PhD' alias Happy — the main suspect in planning the targeted killings — to be the main conspirator behind the grenade attack.

A senior police official told The Pioneer that it may also question Patiala-lad Shabnamdeop Singh alias Maninder Lohoria, it arrested recently on November 1 along with a hand grenade and a pistol.

Shabnamdeop had "confessed" to the police that he was asked by his Pakistani handlers to target the police posts and

"We are finding lot of similarities between Amritsar grenade attack and what Lohoria had been asked to do...He told us that he was asked by his Pak-handlers to spread terror in Punjab during festive season by attacking with grenade on crowds," the senior police official said.

During the questioning, Lohoria also revealed that the Punjab youth are being targeted, primarily via social media, to lure them.

HARDLINERS, STUDENTS DETAINED

Punjab police on Tuesday raided the student hostels, and houses of Sikh hardliners, while detaining several of them for questioning in link with the

Sunday's grenade attack at Nirankari Bhawan.

As per available information, the police has arrested two students from a paying guest house in Bathinda after they failed to show their identification proofs.

The police has detained Dal Khalsa's Gurjant Singh, while it has asked Sikh Youth of Punjab president Paramjit Singh Mand, Damdami Taksal's Ranjit Singh Damdami Taksal, among others were asked to appear before it.

On the other hand, the Sikh hardliner organisations have alleged the police of detaining its leaders and youngsters without any evidence. They demanded that the police and investigative agencies should probe this attack thoroughly without any prejudice or the foregone conclusion of seeing it only from the prism of Sikh-Nirankari clash of 1978.

Dal Khalsa spokesperson Kanwar Pal Singh said that he would support the police for questioning, but they should behave responsibly. "You can ask them to come to police station for questioning, but not raid their house during the wee hours," he said.

Amarinder flays Sukhbir over politically-motivated allegations

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Lashing out at Sukhbir Badal for his totally unwarranted and politically-motivated allegations against him on the Amritsar grenade attack incident, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday accused the SAD president of playing with the religious sentiments of the people for promoting vested interests.

Reacting sharply to Sukhbir's "blatantly false and unsubstantiated" accusation that Capt Amarinder was responsible for the grenade attack, the Chief Minister said that the SAD chief, in his desperate bid to divert attention from the SIT probe against him in the Bargari sacrilege case, was resorting to cheap and petty politicking.

Pointing out that Bargari was the creation of the Badals-led SAD, Capt Amarinder said that his Government was trying to clean up the mess and the SIT formed by it was investigating the matter thoroughly.

"Clearly cornered by these investigations, Sukhbir was indulging in frivolous political games," said the Chief Minister, lambasting the SAD president for his "thoughtless and frivolous" statements on a serious issue, which had the potential of once again plunging Punjab into the dark days of terrorism.

Capt Amarinder expressed shock at the repeated attempts of the Badals to exploit religion to divide the people of the State, unmindful of the devastating effects this could have in the long term.

"While the Government is going all out to fight radical and extremist elements, which are trying to destabilize the State at the behest of ISI-backed Khalistani and Kashmiri terrorist groups, the Akalis are indulging in politics over the

serious issue," he lamented.

He said that it was typical of the Badals to use religion to further their personal and political ambitions. "And this trait had assumed grave proportions since they were unceremoniously ousted from power by the people of Punjab, who had seen through their deceitful games and voted en masse against them," he added.

Capt Amarinder also came down heavily on Sukhbir for targeting the Gandhi family and seeking to hold them responsible for the recent incidents involving terrorist forces in Punjab. "It is ridiculous to even contemplate that the Gandhis, who had been the worst victims of terrorism in the country, could think of promoting or encouraging radical forces in any way," said the Chief Minister.

Sukhbir's allegations against the Gandhis smacked of sheer desperation and frustration at the complete alienation of the Badals, not just at the hands of the people but also by senior Akali leaders, he added.

The Chief Minister warned Sukhbir against playing with fire by undermining the growing threat of revival of terrorism backed by cross-border forces. "This is not the time for any political party or leader to play politics over the issue but to join hands with the government in fighting the menace and protecting Punjab from the renewed threat of revival of terrorism," he stressed.

SPEAKER CALL FOR RESTRAINT ON TERROR ATTACK

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP Singh on Tuesday urged all the political parties to exercise restraint on the issue of the Amritsar terror attack.

He appealed to all the politi-

cal parties across the board to let the investigation agencies do their job.

"It is a serious matter and any attempt to make political capital out of this situation will not only be unfortunate but disastrous for the State," he said.

Expressing displeasure over the way certain leaders of various political parties were trying to politicize the event, he said: "This is reflective of the overall decline and degradation in the political discourse that we have seen over past several years."

"This is a fight we have to fight together against the enemies of the State and the country and there must not be any blame game against anyone," Rana said, while hoping that the political leaders across the board will show their sagacity and realize the gravity of the situation.

The Speaker pointed out that Punjab was yet to heal the wounds of the dark era of terrorism of 1980s and 90s. "The scars are still there as we lost about 30,000 innocent lives to that dark era," he observed, while adding that the disastrous economic situation the state was facing was the result of that era only.

He said that although the challenge was serious, yet it was not difficult to defeat the designs of those behind such incident. "Their aim is to sabotage the hard-earned peace and we must not do anything that will help our enemies in sabotaging our peace," he said.

Rana said that Punjab has always been at the forefront to defend the nation against all the enemies and Punjabis have always laid down immense sacrifices for the same. "And we are faced with yet another challenge and we will face it successfully for which the need of the hour is unity and restraint," he remarked.

AAP asks Capt to look into State affairs rather than wasting money on buying new cars

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Criticising Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh for his disinterest in the state affairs, the Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday accused him of abandoning the State and its people who are waiting for the promises made by him before elections to be fulfilled.

"Rather than wasting money on buying new cars for the Ministers and his advisers, Capt Amarinder must look into the state affairs," said AAP's state core committee chairman Principal Budhram.

He also criticised the Congress Government of ignoring the rights of the people of the state, in the wake of government's financial instability and

stalling salaries and pensions of the employees. "The present condition is the outcome of bad economic policies of the Punjab Government," he said.

Budhram said that as per the reports, the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) is short of fund to pay even the salaries and pensions of employees for month of November. "The Board needs ₹ five crore for the purpose of paying salaries and ₹ 4.5 crores for pensions, but at present, the Board has just Rs three crores in its account," he pointed.

He said the Board is unable to provide free books and uniforms to the children. The education system of state has failed due to the State Government's apathy.

Himachal to impart skill training to 2000 specially abled persons

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Government would provide training to 2000 specially abled persons and provide them employment opportunities, state Technical Education, Labor & Employment and Industries Minister Bikram Singh said on Tuesday.

Addressing a workshop organized for specially abled persons by HP Kaushal Vikas Nigam here, Singh said the state is implementing Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project through Asian Development Bank in collabo-

ration with the Government of India.

Under the project there was a mandate to provide training to 2000 specially abled persons and provide them employment opportunities.

The minister said there are 1.55 lakh persons with special abilities in the State and 90,000 had been issued disability certificates.

He said that apart from the state, various industrial training institutions (ITIs) were providing training to 200 such persons in different trades to make them employable.

Ajay Chautala's new party to contest 2019 Assembly, LS polls in Hry

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After being expelled from the Indian National Lok Dal, former Haryana Chief Minister Om Parkash Chautala's elder son Ajay Chautala on Tuesday said that his yet to be formed party will contest both Lok Sabha and assembly polls scheduled next year in the state.

"The new party will contest on all 10 Lok Sabha seats from Haryana as well as the next year's assembly elections," said Ajay Chautala while talking to the mediapersons in New Delhi, just before his parole ended.

Ajay, who is facing a 10-year jail term along with his father OP Chautala since 2013 in a teachers recruitment scam, was out on parole for 15 days.

His new party will be formally launched on December 9 at Jind following a split in the Indian National Lok Dal, a result of the power struggle between him and his younger brother Abhay Chautala.

Abhay is Leader of opposition in Haryana Assembly and INLD's MLA from Ellenabad.

The announcement to float the new party was made by Ajay at Jind on November 17

days after INLD patriarch OP Chautala had expelled three family members from the party—first his grandsons Hisar MP Dushyant and Digvijay, and then Ajay—for alleged "anti-party activities".

Ajay's wife and Dabwali MLA, Naina Chautala, who dared the party to have her expelled as well, has been spared from any disciplinary action as of now.

The INLD is Haryana's main opposition party. Dushyant and Digvijay Chautala are the great-grandsons of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal.

Ajay Chautala told the mediapersons that the name of the new party will include 'Jan Nayak', an apparent reference to the Chautala brothers' grandfather and former deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal.

Ajay said that it's time to follow the path shown by Chaudhary Devi Lal.

The name of the party will be announced at the rally on December 9 at Jind.

Ajay also hinted at attending the December 9 rally.

"I have given directions to the party workers to gear up for the rally. I will meet them all on December 9 now," he added.

Ajay also said the new outfit is likely to contest the bypoll

BJP alleges LoP-CM link in Odisha; House stalled

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Assembly on Tuesday witnessed frequent adjournments and could not conduct normal businesses as BJP members protested in the House alleging that the democratic system has been paralysed in the House due to a secret link between the opposition Congress and the ruling BJD.

As the House met, BJP members rushed into the Well of the House and shouted slogans like "Vidhanshabhare ganatantra hatya kala kie, BJD-Congress au kie" and "BJD-Congress hai hai".

Even as Minister Surjya Narayan Patro was replying to a question of Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati, he was not clearly audible due to the BJP members' sloganeering.

Unable to run the proceedings, Speaker Pradeep Kumar Amat adjourned the House at 10.35 am till 11.30am.

The BJP members too continued the protest when the House reassembled, shouting slogans. This time, the speak-

er called for an all-party meeting and suspended the proceedings for 10 minutes at 11.34 and then for two times till 3 pm.

During afternoon hours, Leader of Opposition Narasingha Mishra said the BJP's allegation is a non issue and for that the valuable time of the House should not have been lost. "In this House, the Congress supported the BJP and the BJD and vice versa when State issues have been raised against the Union Government and the State Government. It doesn't mean that the Congress joined the two parties," Mishra said, remarking that the BJP's allegation was a nonissue.

He said the BJP supported the issues raised by the Congress vis-à-vis increase in paddy MSP in the House. Does it mean that BJP joined hands with the Congress, wanted to know Mishra. "I treat leaders as friends. As the Leader of Opposition, I also stood by the Brajarajnaraj MLA who was once humiliated by none other than a Minister in this house," said Mishra.

Punjab tehsils, sub-tehsils to install display boards depicting registration

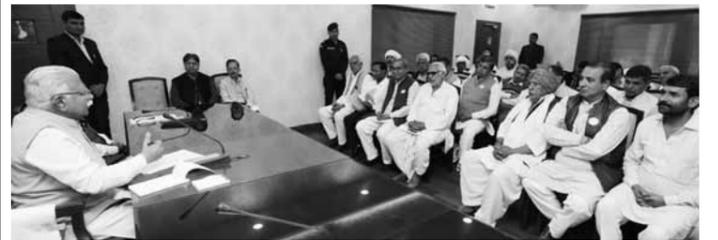
PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To further streamline and increase efficiency in the working of Punjab Revenue Department, the Minister in-charge Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria on Tuesday directed the officers to install display boards depicting fee for the drafting and registration of documents outside the offices of deed-writers in all Tehsils and Sub-Tehsils.

Sarkaria, holding a high-level review meeting with the Additional Chief Secretary-Financial Commissioner Revenue MP Singh and other officers, stressed on the need of updating the Punjab Stamp Manual and Punjab Registration Manual.

Putting the people's convenience and transparency high on the agenda, he directed the revenue officers to go out into the field and resolve the difficulties faced by the people. He said that inspection would be held in field offices and he would also hold meetings with the revenue officers at the Divisional level very soon. Revenue Minister reviewed the Revenue Court Management System (RCMS), which had been implemented in the Revenue Courts of Fatehgarh Sahib district as a pilot project. The possibilities to implement it across the State were also discussed.

BKU delegation meets Haryana CM Khattar



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A delegation of Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) on Tuesday met Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal here to express their gratitude to him for providing relief to farmers with the decision of reducing the power tariff to almost half.

The BKU delegation under its president Rattan Mann also supported the Mhara Gaon, Jagmug Gaon Scheme, 2815 villages are getting 24 hours power supply at par with urban areas and soon villages of two more districts would also be added in the series.

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CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STEALTH FRIGATES

India, Russia ink \$500-mn deal

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As regards the two frigates to be built here, officials said here the agreement for the project was signed between GSL and Russia's state-run defence major Rosoboronexport under the government-to-government framework for defence cooperation.

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In another development, Russia emerged as the lowest bidder for a 1.5 billion dollar deal for supplying very short range air defence systems to the Indian Army.

The firming up of the agreement to build two frigates here came nearly six weeks after India signed an agreement with Russia to buy a batch of S-400 air defence missile systems at a cost of

around 5 billion dollars.

India is going ahead with mega defence deals with Russia disregarding warnings by the US of sanctions.

Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA). The US said countries engaged with Russia's defence firms

may also face actions under CAATSA. India has been hoping to get a waiver from the US on the deals it was signing with Russia.

Russia is time tested strategic and defence partners of India and is the largest weapon supplier to the Indian forces.

Army chief to visit Vietnam

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Army Chief General Bipin Rawat will hold delegation-level talks with his counterparts on military-related issues during his four-day visit to Vietnam starting November 22.

Incidentally, the Army Chief's visit to Vietnam comes two days after President Ram Nath Kovind paid a three-day visit to that country.

During the bilateral visit, Rawat will also interact with senior military hierarchy of Vietnam besides visiting key military formations and estab-

lishments.

The Army Chief is scheduled to meet and interact with Defence Minister General Ngo Xuan Lich and Deputy Chief of General Staff Senior Lieutenant General Pham Hong Huong, Deputy Chief of the General Staff during the visit.

During the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Vietnam in 2016 the relation-

ship between the two countries was upgraded to comprehensive strategic partnership. Defence cooperation has increased exponentially over the last few years amongst all services including exchange programmes, training assistance and cooperation on various service specific issues.

Rawat's visit will be yet another milestone in giving impetus to the strategic partnership between India and Vietnam and taking forward the military to military cooperation to the next level, they said.

Writing very clear on wall, SC's final warning to Amrapali Group

New Delhi: "Writing is very clear on the wall", the Supreme Court warned the embattled real estate firm Amrapali Group on Tuesday over its repeated non-compliance and "hood-winking" of the court's order.

The top court asked the realty firm to reveal by December 3 the details of all its properties in the name of directors, their family members, relatives, Chief Financial Officers and statutory auditors

in India and abroad.

It gave one last opportunity to Amrapali Group and its directors and promoters to comply with each and every direction passed by the court since May last year.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and U U Lalit said that Amrapali Group will have to disclose each and every detail and activity including financial transactions by which home-buyers' money was transferred.

"We make it very clear that Amrapali Group should disclose each and every activity in clear terms it took since 2008 onwards related to the construction of residential, commercial, personal, official and financial where the money was transferred. If all the disclosures are not made by Amrapali Group and its directors then the writing is very clear on the wall," the bench said.

Govt OK's ₹74K cr for 2,400 sanitation projects

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 2,400 projects worth ₹74,000 crore pertaining to sewerage, drainage and water supply have been approved under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). Under the scheme, 10 railway stations including Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomatnagar, Kota, Thane New, Ernakulam Jn. and Pudukkottai will also be developed.

The AMRUT scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015 with a focus to establish infrastructure that could ensure adequate, robust sewage networks and water supply for urban transformation by implementing urban revival projects.

As per Ministry's data, 963 projects worth ₹2008 crore have been completed. "At least 3,123 projects worth ₹50,350 crore are under progress." The detailed project report (DPR) of 487 projects worth ₹7,999 cr

has been approved," it said.

Addressing the gathering at the National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Innovation Summit, Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri said under AMRUT, over 2,400 projects worth ₹74,000 crore, targeted towards ensuring an improved water supply, sewerage, and drainage, have been approved under the state annual action plans for 2015-2020.

"The Government is providing various platforms to

display, promote and recognise innovations happening across the nation," Puri said. The summit is organised by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in association with Elets Technomedia Private Limited.

According to officials, Odisha has been ranked second among States in implementation of the projects under the AMRUT. As per the national level rating framework assessment up to October 26 2018, Andhra Pradesh topped the list while

Madhya Pradesh was placed third. "The majority of projects under this scheme is related water supply and to improve drainage system," said officials.

The summit is being held to create a platform for entrepreneurs, including startups, to showcase their innovative products and solutions in the area of water, sanitation and hygiene, and provide momentum to the innovation ecosystem, besides contributing to resolve the pressing issues in the WASH sector.

INSHORT

PCI FORMS PANEL TO PROBE SCRIBE MURDER

New Delhi: Four weeks after the murder of Jharkhand-based journalist Chandan Tiwary, the Press Council of India has constituted a fact-finding team to look into the matter, the media watchdog said in a statement on Tuesday.

PAK ISSUES OVER 3,800 VISAS TO SIKH PILGRIMS

New Delhi: Pakistan has issued visas to over 3,800 Sikh pilgrims to participate in the birthday anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev there from Nov 21-30.

INDIA, BHUTAN DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES

New Delhi: Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale was on a three-day visit to Bhutan from Sunday, during which he told the Bhutanese leaders that India attaches the highest priority to further expand its cooperation with Thimphu. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), both sides discussed a plethora of bilateral, regional and other issues of mutual interests during Gokhale's visit.

RAILWAY VARSITY WILL BE SMART CAMPUS

New Delhi: India's first Railway University in Vadodra, which will be the third in the world after Russia and China, will be a "smart campus" complementing the transport-related education, multidisciplinary research and training programs. A Net-Zero Campus, the project to be designed by CP Kukreja Architects, will foster the concept of energy efficiency for the University. There would be a designated area to accommodate solar farms to meet the energy demands within the campus.

CBI officer's corruption charges crime thriller episode: Rahul

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The Congress on Tuesday said CBI DIG M K Sinha's allegations of corruption against senior Government officials in his affidavit to the Supreme Court are the latest episode of a crime thriller 'Chowkidar is thief' playing out in Delhi. Congress president Rahul Gandhi again used the "chowkidar" jibe to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi which he has been doing for past many months.

"A crime thriller titled 'Chowkidar is thief' is playing out in Delhi. In the new episode, a CBI DIG has levelled serious charges against a Minister, the NSA, Law Secretary and Cabinet Secretary," the Congress president said on Twitter. "On the other hand, his partner from Gujarat is busy collecting crores..." he added.

The party alleged that Prime Minister as usual has maintained a 'Maun Vrat' on the entire petition. "Officers are tired, trust is broken and democracy is crying," the Congress president said, a day after Sinha dragged the names of several officials, including National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Union minister Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary and CVC K V Chowdhury, over alleged attempts to interfere in the probe against CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana. Asthana has been divested of his duties and sent on leave along with CBI director Alok Verma.

Congress spokesman Abhishek Singhvi said that a

naïve Modi Government which is a master in enforcing the 'Gujarat Model' to deal with bureaucrats, senior officers and treat them as their puppets, did not realise their deliberate denigration in undermining the authority of CBI—would now reach the doorsteps of the Prime Minister.

"The turmoil created by a despotic Modi government within the CBI when reached the Supreme Court, has now unleashed a 'Corruption Tsunami' which has hit the top most powers of the country. The plank of anti-corruption on which the Modi Sarkar came to power lies in tatters. The prima facie inference of Manish Kumar Sinha's affidavit in the Supreme Court points out to a 'Corrupt Cabal' being in-charge of premier institutions like - CBI, NSA, ED, RA&W & the PMO," Singhvi, also a Rajya Sabha member, said.

The party questioned what the PM has to say about a Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, in-charge of the PMO, being involved to 'settle' a matter for MOS Haribhai Choudhary. It also asked who

was the person in the PMO who "fixed things" for Samant Goel of RA&W, post which CBI officers were transferred in the Midnight Coup.

"There are only two Ministers in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, one the PM himself and then a Minister of State, in either case this is corruption of the highest degree as its at the doorsteps of the PM himself. Ajit Doval in his capacity as NSA has not only interfered in matters such as the Rafale negotiations, but has almost derailed the integrity of the investigation in the CBI. Why is NSA Ajit Doval even involved in this matter? What constitutional or legal authority does he have," queried Singhvi.

"The protracted silence of the current dispensation is an insult to our democracy which mandates a government to be transparent in its dealings. This silence of the BJP, broken only by outlandish blog posts or Press Conferences by their Union Ministers who are in no way connected to the matter at hand, is an affront to the collective intelligence of the nation," Singhvi said.

Institutions like CBI, RBI loosing credibility because of NDA Govt: Sharad Yadav

New Delhi: Opposition leader Sharad Yadav on Tuesday alleged that institutions like the CBI and RBI are losing their credibility because of the NDA dispensation's "stubbornness" and "wrong intention". He said it was "very unfor-

tunate" that people have started saying that the high ups in the key institutions on which they have confidence have been witnessing battles within and levelling charges of corruption, resulting in losing of their credibility.

Vijayan Govt treating Ayyappa devotees as Gulag inmates: Shah

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BJP president Amit Shah on Tuesday hit-out at the Pinarayi Vijayan Government's handling of the situation in Sabarimala as "disappointing" and charged it with treating pilgrims as "Gulag inmates" in the forced labour camps in the erstwhile Soviet communist regime.

"If Pinarayi Vijayan thinks he can rise against people's movement to preserve

Sabarimala by arresting K Surendran, our Thrissur District president and 6 others, then he is mistaken. We stand firmly with every Ayyappa devotee, who holds the Sabarimala tradition close to his heart," Shah said in a series of tweets.

The BJP president said his party will not let the LDF "crush people's faith with impunity".

"If several reports of flushing resting places for devotees and them having to spend

nights next to pig droppings & dustbin are true, then Pinarayi Vijayan must realise that he can't treat Ayyappa devotees like inmates of Gulag. We won't let LDF crush people's faith with impunity", he said.

Gulag was a system of forced labour camps established during Communist leader Joseph Stalin's rule in the Soviet Union who ruled Soviet Union after the death of leader of Soviet revolution V I Lenin.

Shah has been extending open support to devotees in Kerala protesting the State Government's move to implement a Supreme Court order lifting the bar on women of menstruating age from visiting the temple. The Left Democratic Front (LDF) has accused the BJP of politicising the court order with the Chief Minister asserting that it is the job of a Government to implement the apex court's order.

EC junks EVM tempering charges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday rejected the allegations of widespread malfunctioning of the electronic voting machines (EVMs) and asserted that the faulty machines were promptly replaced without any disruption to the voting process.

Earlier, on a day when polling for the second phase was underway in 72 constituencies of the 90-member Assembly, a Congress delegation led by PL Punia submitted a memorandum and video evidence to the poll panel.

The party demanded a probe into the recovery of three EVMs from Ved Prakash Mishra, a Government high school headmaster in Chhimiri in Korea district. "After seeing the trends of the first phase of polling (November 12) and realising that people are determined to bring the Congress to power, the ruling BJP is indulging in malpractices," said Punia.

Rejecting the congress allegations, the EC spokesperson said that at the 19,336 polling stations being used in second phase using 25,640 Ballot Units (BUs), 19,336 Control Units (CUs) and 19,336 VVPATs, only 47 BUs, 37 CUs and 131 VVPATs have needed replacement during the polls. "Given

sufficient reserves available, the said replacements were handled swiftly by the local polling personnel," EC spokesperson said.

Punia said the BJP "wary of losing the polls, was trying to influence and affect the polling process through electoral malpractices". "Can any officer whether he is on election duty or not on election duty, can take away EVM machines, which is the property of the Election Commission of India and keep it in his house. But it has happened in Chhattisgarh," the Congress said in its complaint. There were reports of EVMs

malfunctioned in several booths across Dhamtari, Jashpur, Raipur, Ambikapur and Korba constituencies, with the Congress accusing the state's ruling BJP of indulging in "electoral malpractices" and "attempting to disrupt" the poll process.

"The recovery of EVMs is a matter of grave concern, especially when the EC has maintained that the integrity of the EVMs is beyond reproach. "This points to a larger intention to subvert the outcome of the ongoing State Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh," said Punia seeking the EC's intervention.

71.93% polling in C'garh

New Delhi: A turnout of 71.93 per cent voting was recorded till 6 pm in the second phase of Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday and polling remained incident-free.

Addressing a press conference here, Deputy Election Commissioner Umesh Sinha said the polling percentage is likely to rise further as a number of people were still in the queue for voting. He said the polling percentage for this phase is slightly higher than that recorded during 2013 which was 71.13 per cent. Polling for as many as 72 seats were conducted in the second phase.

Sinha said Tuesday's election was peaceful and incident-free as elaborate security arrangements were made. He added that a number of old voters, including those over 100 years of age, also exercised their franchise and the Commission had made arrangements for them. The EC said with Tuesday's polling percentage the total average turnout for Chhattisgarh has been 74.17 per cent, which may go up further. During the first phase of voting on November 12 for 18 seats in the Naxal-affected areas of the state, a total of 76.42 per cent polling was recorded. PNS



Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu confers Capital Foundation's Life Time Achievement Award on Dr MM Joshi in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public service during the 104th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Justice VR Krishna Iyer in New Delhi

NAGROTA ARMY CAMP ATTACK CASE

NIA files chargesheets against JeM deputy chief, Masood's brother, 13 others

New Delhi: The NIA on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against Maulana Abdul Rouf Asgar, deputy chief of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist group and brother of Maulana Masood Azhar, and 13 others in connection with a case pertaining to the attack on an Army camp in Nagrota in Jammu & Kashmir in November 2016, officials said.

The spokesman of the NIA said in a statement that the charge sheet was filed under various sections of Ranbir Penal Code (substitute of IPC in Jammu & Kashmir), Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Foreigners Act against the accused.

"Investigation conducted by the NIA revealed that four local Kashmiri JeM members, namely Mohd. Ashiq Baba alias Mohd. Ashaq, Syed Munir-Ul-Hassan Qadri, Tariq Ahmad Dar and Ashraf Hamid Khandey (all arrested by NIA) had facilitated a group of three heavily armed Pakistani terrorists and transported them from International Border in Samba-Kathua sector to Hotel Jagdamba in Jammu and subsequently to Nagrota in their vehicles for the attack on the November 28, 2016 on Officers'

Mess Complex, 166 Medium Regiment of Indian Army in Nagrota Cantonment (near Jammu)," the spokesman said.

The three Pakistani JeM terrorists — Khalid alias Abu Hissam, Numan and Aadil, who were highly trained and equipped with AK-47 rifles and explosives carried out the attack in which seven Army personnel were killed and three were injured. All the three terrorists were killed.

The NIA said the probe showed that Maulana Abdul Rouf Asgar, Deputy Chief of Jaish-e-Mohammad and brother of Jaish chief Maulana Masood Azhar, was the mastermind of the Nagrota attack. "He worked out the plan of Fideyen (suicide) attack and provided training to above three Pakistani JeM terrorists. He also directed Mufti Asgar (launch commander of JeM in Kashmir region) to provide training, funds, equipment and mobile and other logistics to local JeM member Mohd. Ashiq Baba.

Mohd Ashiq Baba had visited Pakistan many times and met JeM terrorists Waseem (Operational commander of JeM), Abu Talha alias Doctor (deputy commander in Jammu

region) and Qari Zazar (launch commander of JeM for Jammu region).

He was taken for a meeting with Mufti Asgar at Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. On reaching there he was received by Abdullah alias Al Hijama and Tariq Mir, both JeM terrorists who are close associates of Mufti Asgar.

"During meeting with top leadership of JeM commanders Mufti Asgar chalked out a detailed plan including the modus operandi to be adopted for infiltration of JeM terrorists and he asked Ashiq to activate local JeM network in Jammu & Kashmir for Jehadi cause. Ashiq Baba was given training at Manshera in Pakistan and handed over money for arranging logistics along with a GPS enabled Huawei mobile phone for communication with JeM leaders in Pakistan," the spokesman said.

The NIA has collected evidence on the basis of disclosure of the accused, detailed social media analysis, digital evidence through requests under Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and analysis of data extracted from the seized digital devices. PTI

Indian Army retaliates to Pak Army attack

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Pakistan Army on Tuesday provoked strong retaliation from the Indian Army after it targeted its Poonch based Brigade headquarters for the second time in last one month.

Earlier, Brigade headquarters was targeted after a gap of 21 years on October 23, 2018. According to ground reports, "between 7.35 and 7.45 am, at least two shells exploded in the close vicinity of the empty store inside brigade headquarters in Poonch". Pakistan army had earlier used recoilless gun with a calibre of 105/106 mm shells to target the vital army installation on October 23.

Another shell landed in army area close to the Brigade headquarters spreading panic in the Poonch town.

The district administration immediately ordered shut down of educational institutions along the line of control to prevent any loss of life in cross border shelling. After a brief gap Indian army is learnt to have retaliated strongly in Deegwar sector and reportedly inflicted heavy damages on the Pakistani side of the line of control. The exact nature of damages were not known immediately.

SABARIMALA ROW

Resentment on curbs against Kerala Govt

□ Kerala Police asks pilgrims not to recite Ayyappa hymns, devotional songs
□ They have been also asked to complete the trekking to the shrine and return to the base camp in six hours whether they get the chance to worship or not

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Ayyappa devotees en route to Sabarimala shrine have been asked by the police not to recite Ayyappa hymns and devotional songs. They have been also asked to complete the trekking to the shrine and return to the base camp in six hours whether they get the chance to worship or not at the Sabarimala temple. This is the sum total of the series of guidelines issued to the devotees by the police since Tuesday.

The situation in Sabarimala and nearby areas got aggravated as Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan blamed the BJP and the RSS for the current unrest in Sabarimala. "The RSS and BJP has entrusted hundreds of criminal elements to foment troubles at Sabarimala. The persons who have been arrested from Sabarimala during the last two days are leaders of the BJP and RSS with criminal records," said the Chief Minister while addressing a specially convened media meet at Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday.

The Police continued its crackdown in devotees who recite Ayyappa hymns and devotional songs in the temple premises. Though the Kerala High Court had on Monday expressed its displeasure over the cruelty committed on devotees, there was no let up in brutalities by the cops on Tuesday. Monday night itself saw police throwing out devotees who were reciting hymns and did not allow them to perform the



Devotees at Sabarimala Sannidhanam in Sabarimala

customary Abhishekam (sacred offering to the deity). Hundreds of disappointed Ayyappa bhakts including women and children who had thronged the shrine from all over the country came out of the temple premises sobbing uncontrollably because of the police brutality. Devotees on their way to the temple have to sigh in police stations at Nilackel

/Pampa and are given a set of printed regulations and restrictions as per the directives of the Director General of Police. As per the guidelines formulated by the police (a copy of which is in possession of *The Pioneer*), devotees have to come back to the base camp within six hours of their signing the register. They have to perform the pilgrimage in silence and are not

allowed to recite Ayyappa hymns. The pilgrims have been told not to speak to the media. "Those reciting hymns and Ayyappa songs were taken by the police to closed toilets which were overflowing with human waste and asked us to recite the hymns standing there," said Jagannathan, a devotee from Tamil Nadu who had to suffer the humiliation. Former Chief Minister Oommen Chandi led a delegation of Congress leaders to the Sannidhanam on Tuesday challenging the Section 144 slapped by the police in the temple premises.

"These restrictions is a ploy to cover up the failures of the Government to provide basic amenities to the devotees. The September 28 Supreme Court verdict which allowed the entry of women of all ages to the shrine was a result of the changes made by the present Government in the earlier affidavit submitted by us. The CPM is responsible for the impasse in Sabarimala," said Chandi while addressing a

meeting at Pampa. Though the police officials told the former Chief Minister that he would not be allowed to address the meeting because of Section 144, the Congress leaders reminded him about a verdict by the apex court that banned the imposition of Section 144 in temple premises which made the police to make a hasty retreat.

K Ramkumar, senior lawyer and an authority on human rights told *The Pioneer* that he would move the High Court on Wednesday challenging the Section 144 as well as the restrictions slapped by the police. "Their actions will not stand scrutiny in any court of law," said Ramkumar.

T G Mohan Das, another lawyer, said that the High Court had given directions to the Government that they should ply buses between Pampa and Sabarimala at the rate of a bus per minute, the Government by Wednesday cancelled more than 60 schedules.

Congress, BJP up ante against CPM



BJP Member of Parliament from Karnataka Nalin Kumar Kateel (R), along with party leader Muralidhar Rao, visits Lord Ayyappa Temple while undertaking a tour of Sabarimala on Tuesday

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Government doctors and medical professionals describe Sabarimala shrine as a ticking time-bomb which may explode anytime causing pandemic diseases like cholera, typhoid, jaundice and chicken pox. "This is because the entire network of sanitation, sewage system, toilets and other basic amenities have gone haywire in the holy shrine and nearby areas," said a medical doctor who did not want his name to be quoted for fear of reprisal from the authorities.

There is a drastic fall in the number of devotees undertaking the pilgrimage this year because of the uncertainties and tense atmosphere prevailing at Sabarimala. "Usually, there will be 600 devotees packing their Irumudykettu (the sacred bag in which offerings to deity are packed under the supervision of a priest) from our temple every day. This time the number has not crossed the 200 mark," K Ashok, executive member,

Mahalingapuram Ayyappa Temple at Chennai, told *The Pioneer*. He said the tense situation at the Sabarimala has frightened the devotees. Scathing attack on the CPI-M came from Amit Shah, the BJP chief who reminded Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan of the repercussions created by the Stalinist policies of the Communist parties. "The way Pinarayi Vijayan's Govt is handling the sensitive issue of Sabarimala is disappointing. Kerala police is treating young girls, mothers and aged inhumanly, forcing them to take the arduous pilgrimage, without even basic facilities like food, water, shelter & clean toilets," tweeted the BJP national president on Tuesday.

Responding to reports about police high handedness at Sabarimala, Shah said: "If several reports of flushing resting places for devotees and then having to spend nights next to pig droppings & dustbin are true, then Pinarayi Vijayan must realize that he can't treat Ayyappa devotees like inmates of Gulag. We won't let LDF crush people's faith with impunity." The charge by Chief Minister Vijayan that the "trouble makers" (those reciting hymns and songs) at Sabarimala were RSS and BJP "criminals" was shattered when the rally by the UDF leaders led by former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy at Sabarimala echoed with hymns and songs praising Lord Ayyappa sing by devotees as well as the UDF leaders. PS Sreedharan Pillai, Kerala chief of the BJP, told reporters that his party would stand by the devotees irrespective of the issues for which they are agitating.

"The CPI-M Government has a hidden agenda over the Ayyappa temple as well as other places of worship. We will not allow their evil designs to seize places of worship," said Pillai. V Muraleedharan and Nalin Kateel, Members of Parliament, visited the shrine on Tuesday and found to their astonishment the thoroughly inefficient basic amenities at Sabarimala. "The Kerala Government has banned devotees from reciting Ayyappa slogas and hymns. How is it possible to complete the pilgrimage without reciting the devotional songs and hymns?" asked Muraleedharan.

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1	GURUGRAM METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER SUPPLY GURUGRAM, "SUPPLY OF PAC (POLY ALUMINIUM CHLORIDE) INCLUDING CARRIAGE LOADING, UNLOADING AND STACKING IN THE STORE AT WTP BASAI & WTP CHANDU BUDHERA, GURUGRAM FOR THE PERIODS OF 12 MONTHS" + 4 OTHER WORK	16.11.2018 04.12.2018	748.07 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in Tender No. Job No.16/2018, 17/2018,18/2018,19/2018,20/2018	0124-2746617 xeni.gmda@gov.in
2	CBLU,BHIWANI	OUTSOURCING OF SERVICES/ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEKEEPING ROUND THE CLOCK SECURITY, COMPLETE SANITATION, SECRETARIAL & GARDENING WORK	23.11.2018 12.12.2018	1.50 LACS	cblu.ac.in Tender No.CBLU/Est./18/Dated: 19-11-2018	01664-274218
3	XEN,HSVP, DIVISION NO.II, PANCHKULA	P/F OF WOODEN PARTITION, WOODEN PANELING, TOUGHENED GLASS DOOR AND OTHER WORKS AT SITE COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT AT TRIBUNAL OFFICE BUILDING OF TOWN & COUNTRY DEPTT.	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	EMD-25600	etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No.HSVP/DIV.1/2018-19/237	9914683874 xenhuda2@gmail.com
4	HSVP HISAR	SPECIAL REPAIR OF BALANCE ROAD IN SECTOR-184 HISAR, "SUPPLY, LAYING AND CONSOLIDATION OF 50 MM BITUMINOUS MACADAM PATCH WORK 25MM THICK PREMIX CARPET WITH B-TYPE SEAL COAT WITH MECHANICAL PAYER ON EXISTING BLACK TOP SURFACE AND NEW WBM SURFACE AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERE TO" (INCLUDING 3 YEARS MTC. AND DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD FREE OF COST)	30.11.2018	85.95 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenhisa1@gmail.com 01662-247381
5	DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, CH. BANSHI LAL UNIVERSITY, BHIWANI	SUPPLY OF VLIFE MDS SOFTWARE	20.11.2018	6 LACS	www.cbliu.ac.in https://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No.CBLU/PHARMA/15/566	acranad@yahoo.com 01664-245290
6	HSIIDC	CONSTRUCTION OD PRIMARY CENTRE (PPC) BUILDING (CIVIL+PEB WORKS) AT HSIIDC IE KARNAL	22.11.2018 18.12.2018	175.34 LACS	https://hsiidc.haryanaprocurement.gov.in	0184-2221175 hsiidckarnala@gmail.com
7	HSIIDC	CLEANING OF METALLED ROADS AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FOR ONE YEAR IN PHASE-I AT IMT BAWAL	22.11.2018 17.12.2018	52.70 LACS	https://hsiidc.haryanaprocurement.gov.in	0184-2221175
8	HSIIDC	PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGG. PROCUREMENT, S&I, TESTING, COMMISSIONING, TRIAL-RUN OF REAL TIME ONLINE EFFLUENT QUALITY MONITORING SYSTEM AT 0.5 MLD CETP AT IE AMBALA CANTT.	22.11.2018 11.12.2018	23 LACS	https://hsiidc.haryanaprocurement.gov.in	0171-2821969
9	HSIIDC	WORK OF REPAIRING/RESURFACING OF ROADS AT PHASE-VI, UDOYG VIHAR GURUGRAM	22.11.2018 12.12.2018	130.31 LACS	https://hsiidc.haryanaprocurement.gov.in	0124-2398418

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1	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, GHARAUNDA	COMPLETE SANITATION INCLUDING DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE, SANITATION, SWEEPING, IN M.C. GHARAUNDA. FOR QUIRY.	16.11.2018 29.11.2018	1.64 CRORE	https://haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No. Secy/MCG-Tender/Door To Door/2018-19_105566	secymc.gharavunda@hry.nic.in
2	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, DHARUHERA	PROVIDING 01 TRACTOR TROLLEY WITH DRIVER, FUEL CHARGES & MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND 05 HELPER FOR ONE YEAR FOR CATCHING THE STRAY CATTLE IN MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES DHARUHERA.(RETENDERS) + 1 OTHER WORK	19.11.2018 26.11.2018	30000	http://www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105661_105662	secv.mc.dharuhera@gmail.com 01274-242692
3	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMBALA	SETTING UP OF REHRI MARKET NEAR BUS STAND IN AMBALA CITY. + 3 OTHER WORKS	16.11.2018 26.11.2018	37 CRORE	http://www.mcambala.gov.in Tender No.MCA/ME/2018/5020 Dated 15.11.2018	0171-2443747
4	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	LETTING OUT ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS ON UNIPOLES, TOILETS, PARKS, BUS Q-SHELTERS AND PIERS OF ELEVATED ROAD OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ROHTAK	19.11.2018 03.12.2018	NIL	www.mcrohtak.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.ADVIT	xenmrohtak@gmail.com
5	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	MONKEY CAPTURING TENDER NOTICE	19.11.2018 26.11.2018	25000	https://haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.Monkey Capturing Tender Notice	8295500940
6	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	CONST OF CEMENT CONCRETE STREETS FROM H/O KRISHAN LAL TO H/O SUMIT IN MASHAD MOHALLA WAR 15 M.C SONIPAT + 17 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 01.12.2018	231.34 LACS	https://haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No. 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412	semsonapat@gmail.com
7	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	DEVELOPMENT OF REHRI MARKET IN SECTOR-19, PANCHKULA	16.11.2018 07.12.2018	144.09	https://haryanaprocurement.gov.in	mcpanchkula@gmail.com 0172-2583695, 2583794
8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR JAGADHRI	PROVIDING AND FIXING PVC PIPE IN BOTH SIDE STREET BEHIND PYARE JI MANDIR IN NARAYAN COLONY WARD NO. 4 JAGADHRI + 7 OTHER WORKS	19.11.2018 03.12.2018	75.84 LACS	https://mcyvr.haryanaprocurement.gov.in	9818656867 xenmcyvr@gmail.com
9	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR JAGADHRI	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF (1 NO) 9 MTR MINI HIGH MAST AT INDRA GARDEN PARK WARD NO.16, M. C. YAMUNANAGAR + 4 OTHER WORKS	19.11.2018 28.11.2018	11.6 LACS	https://mcyvr.haryanaprocurement.gov.in	Assistant Engineer, M.C
10	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	INVITATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT TO CARRY OUT CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CARCASS UTILIZATION PLANT AT HISAR, INDIA.	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	2.54 CRORE	mchisar.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105679_105684	xenmchisar@gmail.com
11	UHBVN	CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SHED AT DIVISIONAL OFFICE STORE BUILDING UHBVN SAMALKHA	16.11.2018 30.11.2018	3.12 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in Tender No.29/CCB/2018-19	senchiv@hbvnrohtak@gmail.com
12	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHARKHI DADRI	SUPPLY & ERECTION OF 7 MTR POLE WITH LED LIGHTS IN VARIOUS PLACES IN WARD NO 3 CHARKHI DADRI. + 16 OTHER WORKS	19.11.2018 30.11.2018	1.70 LACS	secymc.dadri@gmail.com Tender No.SPL/Light	9416355963
13	THE HISAR JIND COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD, VITA MILK PLANT, JIND 126102	RICE HUSK FOR MILK PLANT, JIND & MILK PLANT ROHTAK	22.11.2018 14.12.2018	3 CRORE	vitaindia.org.in www.vitaindia.org.in	9996366441 vitaind@gmail.com
14	DHBNV HISAR	PROCUREMENT OF WORK STATION FURNITURE (COMPUTER TABLES & CHAIRS) FOR THE OFFICES UNDER IPDS TOWNS AND REMAINING NON R-APDRP AREAS OF DHBNV & UHBVN UNDER IPDS AS PER SPECIFICATION AGAINST TER-32/NOR R-APDRP/IT PHASE-II/FURNITURE/2018 DATED 15.11.2018	16.11.2018 04.12.2018	93 LACS	01662-223194 seradp@dhbnv1@gmail.com, ctodhbnv@gmail.com	
15	RGTPP, HPGL, KHEDAR, HISAR	NIT NO.251/RGTPP/MM-I/TOE-12334 DT 15.11.2018, SUPPLY OF CASTABLE REFRACTORY AT 2X600 MW RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISAR	15.11.2018 05.12.2018	15,150	https://haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105279	9355084358 xenmm1@rgtp@gmail.com
16	GENERAL MANAGER, HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEAR RAILWAY ROAD, FOREST COMPLEX, KARNAL	SUPPLY OF PLYBOARD, MICA&VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS REQUIRED FOR FURNITURE MAKING	04.11.2018 03.12.2018	50 LACS	hfd.gov.in Tender No.GM/HFDC/KNI/10/2018-19	0184-2241545 gm.karnal@hfdc.gov.in
17	GENERAL MANAGER, HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEAR RAILWAY ROAD, FOREST COMPLEX, KARNAL	MANUFACTURING OF FURNITURE, POLISHING, CUSHIONING, SAWING, LOADING, UNLOADING & STACKING RELATED ITEMS IN WORK-SHOP UNDER HFDC KARNAL	03.11.2018 02.12.2018	50 LACS	hfd.gov.in Tender No.GM/HFDC/KNI/09/2018-19	0184-2241545 gm.karnal@hfdc.gov.in
18	HVPNL PANIPAT	RAISING OF HEIGHT OF 220 KV PTPS-SEWAH CKT 3 & 4 LINE AT RAILWAY CROSSING.	17.11.2018 07.12.2018	38.69 LACS	www.hvyn.org.in Tender No.TS/Dvsn/PNP/SS/2018-19	0172-2583789 pro@hvyn.org.in
19	HVPNL	PROVIDING TRENCHES & TRENCH COVERS AT 66 KV S/STN RADAUR, REPAIR OF FENCING IN PLACE OF DISMANTLED PORTION AT 220 KV S/STN SALEMUR & REPAIRING OF ROAD AT 66 KV S/STN LADWA	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	5.01 LACS	www.hvyn.org.in Tender NO.13/TSYNR/2018-19	0172-2583789 pro@hvyn.org.in
20	HVPNL	EXECUTION OF WORK FOR CLEANING OF DISC INSULATOR OF 220KV PEHOWA-DHURALA LINE & KAITHAL LINE	CLOSING DATE 03.12.2018	2.37 LACS	www.hvyn.org.in Ref No.105500 Tender No.39/EG-70/2018-19 Dt.16.11.2018	0172-2583789 pro@hvyn.org.in
21	HARYANA TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED	REMODELING OF FRONT BOUNDARY WALL, EXTERIOR PAINT, CONFERENCE HALL RENOVATION AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS AT TOURIST COMPLEX, RAI	20.11.2018 10.12.2018	30 LACS	haryanatourism.gov.in Tender No.2018_HBC_72018	9216400446 haryanatourism@gmail.com
22	HARYANA POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION, PANCHKULA	VARIOUS WORKS AT CHANDIGARH, AMBALA, JIND, KARNAL, KAITHAL, FARIDABAD,SONEPAT, DADRI AND REWARI DISTRICTS	21.11.2018/ 28.11.2018/ 21.10.2018/ 03.12.2018	1595.76 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in & www.hhbc.org.in Tender No. HHBC/2018/27	gpanchkula@yahoo.co.in 0172-2861052

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Didi Minister resigns citing personal reason

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Key Mamata Banerjee aid and Bengal Fire and Emergency Services and Housing Department Minister Sovan Chatterjee on Tuesday resigned from his posts for personal reasons, sources at State secretariat Nabanna said adding Chatterjee was also likely to resign as Kolkata's Mayor following instructions from the Chief Minister.

The resignation comes following months of widening distance between the Trinamool Congress chief and the Minister who was allegedly been so "pre-occupied" with his personal issues that he was unable to discharge his official responsibilities.

The ex-Minister-cum-Mayor who was entangled in a marital suit with his wife Ratna Chatterjee had earlier been relieved of his key organisational posts in the party. He was divested from the post of Trinamool Congress district president of South 24 Parganas and Kolkata.

The Minister who was on Tuesday seen being rebuked by the Chief Minister at a public programme of Fire Department and the State Assembly tendered his resignation hours later expressing his inability to discharge his responsibility on account of personal grounds.

Banerjee reportedly pulled up the Minister for failing to discharge his duties properly, sources said adding the Minister subsequently went to the Chief Minister's cabin and offered to tender his resignation. He submitted his resignation with Gautam Sanyal Principal secretary to the Chief Minister which was summarily accepted and forwarded to the Governor.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
No. 7 PUB/LED DISPLAY/VIDEOWALL/2011 Date: 20.11.2018
Open Tender for Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens (Video Walls) of 5x4 meters at New Delhi, Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin and Anand Vihar Terminal Railway Stations over Delhi Division, Northern Railway for a period of five years.

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ Coaching, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed Tenders up to 15:00 hrs on 14.12.2018 for allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens (Video Walls) of 5x4 meters at New Delhi, Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin and Anand Vihar Terminal Railway Stations over Delhi Division, Northern Railway for a period of five years from the date of award, which will be opened soon thereafter in the Commercial Branch of DRM's office, State entry Road, New Delhi.

Detailed Tender document alongwith Notice Inviting Tender, Tender form, Terms & conditions along with detail of stations is available on the Web site of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in. and the same can be downloaded from there. It can also be obtained from the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ Coaching, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi on any working day during working hours up to 13:00 hrs of 14.12.2018 on payment of prescribed (non-refundable) Cost of Bid Document. 3032/18

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Online E- Tenders in B-1 Form for the following work are invited by the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, PWD, 2nd floor Bandhakam Bhavan, 25 Murzban Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001 (Tel. No-22016975/22016977) from contractors registered in appropriate class of the Public Works Department. Right to reject/accept of all or one tender is reserved by the undersigned.

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1	Providing and renovation of offset Department, Max Division and CTP Division with New Modern Amenities at New Govt Press Building Mumbai	86,28,781/-
2	Renovation & upgradation of commissioner staff office of State Excise on 2ND Floor of Old Custom House Building Mumbai (Conference Meeting Hall)	71,74,428/-

Issued Date :- 20.11.2018 to 15.12.2018
Opening Date :- 17.12.2018

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All the detail Information is available on following websites
1) www.mahapwd.com
2) www.mahatenders.gov.in

No.PD/TC/12488
Office of the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, P.W.D., 2nd floor, Bandhakam Bhavan, 25, Murzban Road, Presidency Division, Mumbai.
Fort, Mumbai 400 001
Date: 15.11.2018

Sd/-
(Sanjay D. Indurkar)
Executive Engineer
Presidency Division Mumbai.

DGIPR/2018/2019/4449

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
The Dy. Director (Hort), South, PWD (GNCTD), R.R.Line Ring Road Dhaula Kuan Near Metro Pillor No-63, New Delhi-110010, invites "Expression of Interest" upto 28.11.2018 at 3:00 P.M. in a sealed envelope from interested Companies/Agencies for Plantation and maintenance at Central verge and U turn space on Nelson Mandela Marg (Munirka to MM road Flyover).

The eligibility criteria of the interested Companies/Agencies for consideration shall be as under:-

- The interested Company/ Agency must be Indian Business entity (Company / Proprietorship) firm / Company.
- The Company/Agency must be eligible and competent to enter into contract under the Indian contract Act 1872.
- The Company/Agency should have no business interest in maintenance of the said location.

Terms & Conditions are also available on website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> ID No. 2018_PWD_161924)_1
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Bihar ex-Minister Manju Verma surrenders

Muzaffarpur shelter home case co-accused Madhu also surrenders

FAIZAN AHMAD ■ PATNA

Tuesday was the day of much awaited surrenders in Bihar. First it was high-profile Kumari Manju Verma, a former Minister, who surrendered in a court at Manjhaul in Begusarai district and then in Muzaffarpur the highly-connected Madhu appeared before the CBI. Both of them are somehow connected to the infamous Muzaffarpur shelter home sex scandal.

Verma went missing when CBI team laid hands on illegal ammunitions at her ancestral home in a Begusarai village. She had to resign from the Nitish Kumar Cabinet in which she was Minister of Social Welfare department after the name of her husband Chandeshwar Prasad Verma cropped up in the shelter home

case. He allegedly was in contact with main accused Brajesh Thakur and had been visiting the shelter home.

Madhu, said to be a close confidante of Thakur, went underground soon after the FIR was lodged for then sexual exploitation of minor girls on May 31. Thakur was arrested and now lodged in Patiala jail but she could not be traced for almost six months.

A warrant had been issued against Verma for keeping ammunition of different bores, some of them not allowed to be used by civilians. Her husband surrendered in the same court over a fortnight back. The MLA from Cheria Bariarpur was sent in judicial remand for ten days and the hearing of the case for the couple will be held on December 1.

The Supreme Court had harshly admonished Bihar Government, its DGP and Chief Secretary for the failure in arresting her and even summoned the two top officials to

explain the reasons. This had caused great embarrassment for the Nitish Government.

Despite its failure for which the apex court lashed out at Bihar police and administration, the police tried to take credit for the surrender of Verma. ADG (headquarters) SK Singhal claimed, "Due to constant police pressure and raids she had to surrender as she had no other option." He said raids were conducted at several places in and outside Bihar. "Her movable assets and bank accounts were seized and immovable assets were also going to be attached. We made all possible attempts to arrest her," he added.

Manju Verma reached the Manjhaul court in an auto and wearing a burqa to conceal her identity. After surrender she complained of illness but the doctors after tests found her healthy. She did not speak to the media people.

In Muzaffarpur Madhu denied having anything to do with shelter home run by Seva Sankalp evam Vikas Samiti and said she was associated only with the press run by Thakur. The CBI is bringing her to Patna for interrogation. She said, "I was not named in any case. But the CBI was inquiring about me from my children. When I came to know through media that the agency wanted to ask me I have come here." She was accompanied by her lawyer.

Four terrorists, paratrooper, Hurriyat activist killed in Kashmir

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Four local Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists and an Army paratrooper were killed in a fierce gun-battle in Nadigam village of south Kashmir's Gulgam district while a separatist worker was shot dead by unknown assailants in Anantnag region. The violent incidents occurred on a day when polling was held in several districts of the Valley in the second phase of the panchayat elections.

A police spokesman said that security forces had "credible input" about the presence of militants in Nadigam area of district Shopian before a cordon and search operation was launched in the predawn hours on Tuesday. "As the search operation was going on, the search party was confronted with bullets fired by the hiding militants. The fire was retaliated leading to an encounter. In the initial exchange of fire one army jawan identified as HC Vijay of 23 Para sustained injuries and was evacuated to the hospital for medical treatment where he succumbed," police said.

During the encounter four terrorists were shot dead and the bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter. The slain terrorists were identified as Abid Nazir Chopan, Basharat Nengroo, Mehrajuddin Najjar and Malikzada Inamul Haq, all local cadre of banned Hizbul Mujahideen outfit.

Rohingyas resisting data collection fearing deportation from Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Under pressure from different quarters to gather details of exact number of Rohingyas — illegal immigrants from Myanmar — settled in and around different pockets of Jammu, the Jammu & Kashmir police has initiated special drive to collect their personal details in a proper format.

The drive was launched on the directions of the Central Government to gather 'biometrics' of Rohingyas ahead of their deportation to their native country. According to the State Home Department record, "a total number of 6523 Rohingyas are settled across 39 different locations across five districts of Jammu region".

Most of these settlements are located close to the vital security installations in and around Jammu.

While collecting personal details of these Rohingyas the State policemen are facing lot of resistance from these immigrants on ground zero. "Majority of Rohingyas are not willing to come forward to share their personal details. We are coming here for last two three days to convince them to share their personal details in a proper format but they are reluctant to do so" a senior police officer supervising the special drive told *The Pioneer* at one such location in Narwal Bala area of Bhatindi on Tuesday.

BJP to support sugarcane farmers' protest in Karnataka

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

The day after sugarcane farmers surrounded IT city Bengaluru demanding Minimum support price for their crop, the issue now has become political. The blame game also started between the coalition Government and the Opposition BJP. State BJP president BS Yeddyurappa extended his party's support to the farmers' protest but also blamed Kumaraswamy for insulting farmers in the State. At a Press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday Yeddyurappa attacked both Chief Minister Kumaraswamy and his father farmer Prime Minister HD Devegowda as opportunists.

He also called for a State wide agitation on Wednesday against the apathy of the Government in dealing with the farmers. He also hit out against Chief Minister for insulting a woman farmer who was protesting demanding support price for sugarcane at Belagavi. He came down heavily against JDS-Cong coalition govt and alleged that the State Govt has failed to fix FRP for sugarcane even after the Union Govt announcing Fair Remunerative Price (FRP) three months back. He said the State should fix State Advisory Price (SAP) but Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy has failed to take the issue seriously.

6 killed, 10 hurt in ammunition depot blast at Pulgaon

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

At least six persons were killed and 10 others injured when a massive explosion rocked the Central Ammunition Depot (CAD) at Pulgaon in Wardha district of eastern Maharashtra on Tuesday morning.

The explosion took place between 7-7:15 am at Sonegaon destruction area near the CAD-Pulgaon, when staffers of the Ordnance Factory Kharamaria (OFK) from Jabalpur, were disposing off non-serviceable ammunition.

Official sources that the explosion took place when the OFK staffers, along with the hired casual labourers, were disposing of vintage shells of 23 mm Schilka air defence ammunition.

The exercise to dispose of the expired ammunition began on November 19 and is scheduled to continue till December 8.

Spread over 9,000 hectare area, the CAD-Pulgaon is considered one of the biggest ammunition depots in Asia. A wide range of ammunition ranging from bullets to shells and rockets to missiles are stored here.

Those killed in the mishap comprised one employee of OFK and five casual workers hired by the authorised contractor for digging the pits and placing sand bags on the explosives.

Muslim MLAs demand reservation, create ruckus in Maha Assembly

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Devendra Fadnavis Government's decision to accord reservations to Marathas had its first major backlash on Tuesday, as aggressive Muslim MLAs from different political parties created ruckus in the Maharashtra Assembly, clamouring for reservations to their community and even tried to spirit away with the Speaker's mace.

The State Assembly plunged into turmoil, as Muslim MLAs from the Congress, MIM and Samajwadi Party rushed to the well of the House and raised vociferous slogans against the BJP-led saffron alliance Govt for not granting quota to the Muslim community.

The protesting MLAs, a few of whom carried placards demanding reservations to Muslims, disrupted the proceedings in protest against the Maha Government's failure to address the genuine concerns of the Muslim community in the State. Mocking at Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' recent statement asking the Marathas to prepare themselves for celebrations on December 1 over reservations, the placards that two of MIM MLAs read: "Ami Kadhi celebration karache, Mukya mantri Tariq saangha (When should we celebrate, please tell us the date)".

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001

PROCLAMATION OF SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 52(C) OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH SECTION 25(A) OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1953.

RC No. 493/2018 Dated: 16.10.2018
IN THE MATTER OF:-
ICICI Bank
Versus
1. Natcon Engineering Pvt. Ltd. Through its Director (Borrower), Having its office At: A-209, Second Floor, Arcadia Commercial Complex, South City-II, Gurgaon- 122001

whereas the execution of recovery certificate no. 493/2018 in OA. no. 84/2015 dated 17.05.2018 ordered by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal-III DELHI for recovery from defendants recoverable and whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of movable property mentioned in schedule property for satisfaction of the said recovery certificate Notice is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement the said property shall be sold by Shri Sukhdev Limbhore, Authorized Officer, Mobile No. 9561087522, who has been appointed as Court Auctioneer by this Forum through public auction between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm on 5/12/2018 at site for further details Shri Sukhdev Limbhore Authorized officer can be contacted on the aforesaid Mobile No.

The sale will be of the movable property of the above named applicant Company subject to the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property if any if the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion, of the Property the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder.

The sale will also be stopped if before any lot is knocked down the arrears mentioned in the said certificate interest costs (including costs of sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate along with the interest and costs has been paid to the undersigned.

At the sale the public generally are invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent No officer or other person having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, either directly or indirectly bid for acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

The property is being sold "As is where is basis" The sale shall be subject to the condition pre subscribed in the Second schedule to the income tax act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the following further conditions:-

The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the under signed, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or commission in the proclamation.

Hypothecated vehicle i.e. commercial Hypothecated vehicles namely,
(i) **CONCERT BATCHING PLAT, Reg. No. 10468391, Model ST-30-TS-IB-CN, engine no. AF827, Chassis No. AF827.**
(ii) **BATCHING PLANT, Reg. No. 10468391, Engine No. AF827, Chassis No. AF827.**

Reserved Price for (i) Rs. 3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)-EMD Rs. 35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand Only) for (ii) Rs. 6,50,000/- (Rupees Six Lacs Fifty Thousand Only)- EMD Rs. 65,000 (Rupees Sixty Five Thousands Only).

1. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale, in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to bidder, the lot shall at once be again put to auction.

2. Intending bidders shall be required to deposit an earnest money as mentioned above for each by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favor of Recovery Officer-II, DRT III Delhi. The said deposit shall be adjusted in the case of unsuccessful bidders; the same shall be refunded without interest, on the date of sale.

3. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale proceeds by way of pay order/demand draft favoring the Recovery Officer-II, DRT III, Delhi immediately at the fall of hammer, after adjusting the earnest deposit stated above, failing which the earnest deposit shall be forfeited.

4. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds along with poundage fee@2% upto Rupees 1,00,00/-@1% of the sale price exceeding Rupees 1,00,00/- by 4.00PM on the next working day. The poundage fees shall be deposited through a demand draft payable in favor of the Registrar, DRT-III, DELHI.

5. In the case of default the amount earlier deposited by the bidder, if the undersigned considers fit, after defraying the expenses of the sale shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part thereof or of any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

6. The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

(VIKASH JAITLEY) RECOVERY OFFICER-II DRT-III Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Surender Pal S/o Darshan Lal R/o: C-49/50, Chandan Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) offence case FIR No. 357/18 U/s 302 IPC, has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Surender Pal cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Surender Pal absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Surender Pal of case FIR No. 357/18 U/s 302 IPC, at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.12.2018.

By Order
Sh. Manoj Kumar
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 268, 2nd Floor,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/1585/OD/18

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Rameshwar, S/o Jagat Ram, R/o Hut of Delhi Jal Board, Village Nilothi, Delhi, is involved in case FIR No. 244/15 U/s 323/341/325/34 IPC, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi, has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rameshwar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rameshwar has absconded. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rameshwar accused of FIR No. 244/15 U/s 323/341/325/34 IPC, has been registered at PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on date 22.12.2018.

By Order
Sh. Manoj Kumar, Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 268, 2nd Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1598/OD/18-(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a girl **Namely: Sheelu, D/o Raj Kumar, R/o: RZ-S-297, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5'0", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: White Shirt-Khaki Jeans Paint and Hawai Chappal in feet,** has been missing from the area of PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi, since 12.10.2018. In this regard **FIR No. 645/18 U/s 363 IPC**, dated 13.10.2018, has been lodged at **PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform the undersigned.

SHO
PS, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/1543/OD/18 Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Daya Kishan @ Daya Kishor, S/o Randhir Singh, R/o 203, V.P.O. Ranhola, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR/CC No. 9203/16, P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Daya Kishan @ Daya Kishor** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Daya Kishan @ Daya Kishor** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Daya Kishan @ Daya Kishor** of **FIR/CC No. 9203/16, P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi** are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.01.2019**.

By Order
Sh. Anurag Thakur,
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)-02,
Room No. 113, 1st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/1591/OD/18(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

It is publically informed that, one male dead body namely Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age 65 years, Complexion Sallow, Height 5'5", Wearing white & blue checked T-Shirt and red colour Half Pant has been found dead at Footpath Near Nepali Park, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi. In this regard a D.D. No. 36-A, Dated 13.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to identify the dead body but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this male dead body please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi
DP/9372/N/18 Ph.: 011-23968730

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that an unknown male person was found dead at LNJP Hospital, Delhi on dated 10.11.2018. In this regard a **DD No. 9-A** on Dated 10.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. IP Estate, Delhi.

The description of the dead person is given as under **Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: About 35 yrs., Height: 5'5" Complexion: Sallow, Built:Medium, Face: Long, Hair: Black, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt, Maroon Colour Pant.** The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the Mortuary of Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi for identification.

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

SHO
P.S. IP Estate, Delhi.
Ph.: 011- 23370928,
DP/5865/CD/18 23378387, 23232294, 8750870426

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unknown dead body of male name & address unknown, Age: about 23-24 yrs., Height: 5'4" approx, Wheatish Complexion. Wearing cream colour shirt-blue jeans pant-white sandow baniyan-Kessriya Gamchaa was found dead at Divider Peera Garhi Chowk, Paschim Vihar, Delhi on 03.11.2018.

In this regard **D.D. No. 20-A** dated: 03.11.2018 has been lodged at **P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi**. Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform the following.

S.H.O,
P.S., Paschim Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25263471, 25267286

DP/1610/OD/18

CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BM-III), PALIKA PARKING, NEW DELHI-110001

e-Procurement Tender Notice

I.D. No. 2018_NDMC_162099_1
Name of Work : Development of Public Space for Happiness area during 2018-19
SH: Construction of Security Cabin in NDMC area, New Delhi
Estimated Cost : 9,87,063/-
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 17.11.2018
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 26.11.2018 at 4.00 pm
Further details can be seen at site www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BM-III)
To be The Global Benchmark for a Capital City

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mrs. Poonam who is purchasing the Property being Land measuring 100 sq. yds., out of Kharsa No. 570 Min Property No.1690 situated at Village Mouspur in the abadi of Vijay Park Ilaqa Shahdara Delhi from Mr. Ram Kumar and further will be mortgaging against the financial assistance from VASTU HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. To comply the requirements of bank/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 05days from the date of this notice, at below address.

Lucem Legal LLP
269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ext. II, New Delhi-49
Contact # 011-40046316

DELHI JAL BOARD (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NE) III G.T. ROAD SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032 E-mail: eeniii.ee@gmail.com Ph No.22596645

NIIT NO.45(18-19)

S. No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender Rs.	Tender/ Fees (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	P/L DI/MIS water line from Gautampuri Shastrji Park UGR-1 to Ghonda Chowk in . AC-65 NE-III Tender I.D.No.2018_DJB_162011_1	47,14,248/-	500/-	95000/-	16.11.18	10.12.18

Further details in this regard can be seen at <http://delhi.govtprocurement.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt No. J.S.V. 525/2018-19 Sd/- EX. ENGINEER (NE-III)

ROAD-V DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
ROOM NO. 229, S.B.S. PLACE, GOLE MARKET, NEW DELHI

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender ID No. : 2018_NDMC_162187_1
Name of Work : Repair and Maintenance of Infrastructure Assets in R-V Division during 2018-19.
SH : Providing & Fixing M-30 grade RCC ducts at Bangla Sahib Road.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 7,46,687/-
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 19.11.2018
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 30.11.2018 upto 4:00 PM.
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
Note :- To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering Sd/- system, Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. Executive Engineer (R-V)

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

बाहन विक्रय हेतु विविधा

Sealed tenders are invited on behalf of Chief Executive Officer, Noida for sale of following vehicles "as where is basis" on dt 11.12.2018 between 11.00 am to 3.00 pm & same will be opened on 3.30 pm in the office of undersigned. The vehicle may be inspected during the office hours.

Sl.	Particulars	Registration No.	Model	Earnest Money
1.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6426	2010	10000/-
2.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6427	2010	10000/-
3.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6428	2010	10000/-
4.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6429	2010	10000/-
5.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6430	2010	10000/-
6.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6431	2010	10000/-
7.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6434	2010	10000/-
8.	Gypsy	UP-16AC-6435	2010	10000/-
9.	Ambassador	UP-16R-7686	2007	10000/-
10.	Ambassador	UP-16X-0371	2009	10000/-
11.	Ambassador	UP-16Z-1400	2009	10000/-
12.	Ambassador	UP-16Z-2410	2009	10000/-

Terms & conditions:

- Enclosed the D.D./FDR of value as shown against the vehicle of any scheduled bank in favour of NOIDA
- The earnest money will be forfeited in favour of NOIDA if tenderer makes any changes or refuses after receiving of tender. The earnest money will be also forfeited in favour of NOIDA if success for tenderer fails to take over the vehicle within 10 days after acceptance letter.
- Conditional tenders will not be entertained.
- The right for acceptance/rejection of any tender is reserved to accepting authority without assigning any reason.
- The GST/other taxes which are applicable has to be paid extra. The responsibility will of the tenderer for transfer of vehicle in his name.
- The tenders are valid for three months. (S.K. Gupta) Dy. G.M., (E/M) Noida

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

An armistice

The Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry of Finance have declared a truce. The Government is the winner



A century ago this month, an armistice was declared between the Allied Powers and the Central Powers, an armistice that ended the first 'war to end all wars'. And a couple of days ago, an armistice was declared between the Union Finance Ministry and the technocrats at the helm of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The distrust between New Delhi and Mumbai has never been greater. The Government is desperate for funds after the crunch that recently hit the non-banking financial company (NBFC) sector. The RBI, on its part, made it harder and harder for small and medium companies to access funds from banks as it sought to repair the damage after years of 'phone banking' by previous regimes, wherein loans on favorable terms were doled out to industrialists close to the powers-that-be. The problem is that while the RBI is taking extreme measures to repair the damage to public sector banks, the fact is that many Indian firms are still scrambling to access working capital requirements.

The Government did have a point that the RBI was tightening the rules far too much. But its threats to go nuclear, as it were, and use a provision of the law that allowed the Government to effectively take over the RBI just because the Government needed more money, would have been the last nail in the coffin for the independence of India's institutions. That would have been a complete over-reaction. The fact that the RBI stood up to the Government is a sign that it remains independent and the fact that it isn't under the control of a pliant Governor, who does the Government's bidding right, is evident. Opposition leaders, particularly Rahul Gandhi and P Chidambaram, were keen for the RBI to show some 'spine' since more liquidity in the economy ahead of elections can only be beneficial for the incumbent Government.

There is no doubt that this Government inherited an economy that had been laid waste by years of bad loans and crony capitalism. The public banking sector remains in a state of disrepair, some banks are just slightly better off than others. While the Narendra Modi Government has done some good things — it chose not to use all the political capital at its disposal to make fundamental changes to the Indian economy and instead chose to go down the curious path of demonetisation does raise eyebrows. And the move two years ago might have had a role to play in the current crisis, with the RBI unable to pay the Government the dividend it thought would be coming its way because of the costs imposed by demonetisation. However, this armistice is more in the nature of a temporary truce, with contentious issues put on the back-burner until the next Board meeting of the RBI in December. After all, the war to end all wars did not stop Europe from erupting again two decades later dragging the world down into a conflagration. What happens next remains to be seen. But ahead of the election in 2019, the outcome of the December meeting and the decisions of the committees that have been set up to look into the issues of contention may yet lead to a nuclear winter for the Indian economy.

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Joining forces

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's nearly two-hour meeting with his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Monday is significant not only because the Trinamool Congress chief's original interlocutor in aid of a 'federal front' from South India, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, is busy campaigning for the Assembly election in that State and not currently in the thick of Opposition confabulations nationally, but also because it is an attempt by regional leaders to ensure that regardless of immediate priorities in their respective States, there are enough strong regional leaders wedded to the idea of a forming a *mahagathbandhan* (grand Opposition alliance) to unseat the BJP from power. But while the focus is, naturally, on trying to ensure one-on-one contests against the BJP in upwards of 350 Lok Sabha seats for the 2019 General Election first mooted by Mamata-KCR at their meeting earlier this year, there is also, now that we are approaching the business end of the election cycle, an effort to shore up the alliance between all powerful regional parties so they can negotiate as a single entity the terms on which this grouping will join forces with the only pan-India political party in the Opposition's ranks, the Congress. That the Congress will have to play a major role in a putative *mahagathbandhan* is not seriously questioned by any regional player, whatever the public posturing. But, parties like the Trinamool Congress, Telugu Desam Party, Telangana Rashtra Samithi, Aam Aadmi Party and the like do have genuine concerns about Congress ambitions in their respective States.

The reason for this are not far too seek. Unlike, say, in States such as Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar where the DMK, Samajwadi Party-Bahujan Samaj Party alliance and the Rashtriya Janata Dal are the dominant players in the Opposition space and the Congress seems to have accepted that its renewal will have to be a long-term project, to put it politely, with its immediate concern being limited to ensuring that a handful of their frontline leaders contesting the Lok Sabha poll from these States are assured support by the regional behemoths, in States such as Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Delhi, for example, it believes that its support base is still large enough for it not to have to concede an overwhelming number of seats to the anti-BJP regional parties dominant there. West Bengal, though, with Mamata's ascendancy seemingly unstoppable, seems to have slipped from latter to the former category of States for the Congress. Where the regional parties and the Congress are in concord, however, is on the need to sharpen their line of attack on the ruling dispensation which is trying to paint them as political opportunists out to oust Narendra Modi at any cost. To that end, the Mamata-Naidu meet highlighting the BJP's alleged undermining of institutions and promotion of the politics of division is likely to be the combined Opposition's campaign template.

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The Afghan quagmire

On the battlefield in Afghanistan, the Taliban has the upper hand. The stalemate will prevail at least till the presidential elections. India would do well to scale up its military assistance



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There is no respite from Taliban assaults in the killing fields of Afghanistan, from Kandahar in the east to Farah in the west. On the battlefield, the Taliban has the upper hand. The killing, in October, of the most powerful Afghan police chief in Kandahar, Lt Gen Abdul Raziq, also the most formidable political voice in the Taliban heartland, while he was holding a meeting with the new US Field Commander, Gen Scott Miller, who miraculously escaped the attack, reflects the ascendancy of the Taliban. That Taliban suicide bombers could penetrate the concentric rings of the US and Afghan security around his stronghold affirms their military superiority.

But it also reflects the worst ever security situation in Afghanistan, 17 years after the Taliban was ousted from Kabul. Today, they hold/control and have influence over nearly half the country's space. The drubbing the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) are taking is unprecedented, averaging daily killings of 62 to 80 ANSF. That they are holding out under such attrition is remarkable. When the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction in 2014 gave his report on the combat capability of ANSF, just before US troops ended their combat mission, it gave ANSF sufficiency in capability to independently withstand Taliban offensive, but added that it would require US Air support and logistic assistance. It ruled out any strategic collapse. Then, Konduz, a provincial capital, fell in 2015 and since then, district and provincial capitals have been overrun by the Taliban. In the August attack on Ghazni, Pakistan-based terrorists were involved, prompting Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to call it Pakistan's unprovoked war against his country.

US President Donald Trump's warning to Pakistan, repeated several times by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and the famous "last chance" missive by Defence Secretary Jim Mattis, demonstrate the failure of the US' military strategy. It is a miracle that the ANSF is holding out despite desertions. The US focus is, therefore, now on reconciliation and kick-starting the peace process after Taliban supremo Mullah Akhtar Mansour, who let down the US on talks, was droned down in an attack in 2016. The Trump team stepped up the tempo of talks, and for the first time, engaged in direct talks with the Taliban's Qatar office at Doha at two levels: With US Assistant Deputy Secretary of State, Alice Wells in July; and with Special Envoy of the State Department on Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, in October. The Taliban rejected outright talks with the Kabul Government, which they call US stooges.

The Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process is only notional despite offering unconditional talks. The Taliban has indicated it will continue talks with the US



on terms and conditions for a full and final withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan.

Surprisingly, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor has said that Pakistan does not want foreign forces to leave Afghanistan till peace is restored. This is a sharp contradiction of the Taliban's stand, and one which Rawalpindi cites to prove that the Taliban is not under its influence, leave alone control.

So far, the Americans have called the shots on dialogue with the Taliban. Their *diktat* has prevailed with Kabul. This month, Russians jumped in for the second time this year with a conference to kick-start talks. Kabul had turned down Russia's earlier attempt to begin a dialogue. Russians are keen that they have a key role in dousing the fires in Afghanistan. China has also dabbled in orchestrating talks which will inevitably end with too many cooks spoiling the broth.

The most visible change is in China's policy towards Afghanistan which until recently, was circumscribed by four Noes: No boots on the ground; No interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs; No criticism of the US; and No use of northern distribution network. Policy shift is from development to security.

China worries about access from Afghanistan via the Wakhan panhandle to its Xinjiang Province by Uighur (ETIM) militants. For the first time Beijing is training and equipping an Afghan Brigade

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be deployed in the mountainous reaches of Wakhan Corridor with joint patrolling in the area. China has signed an MoU with Afghanistan to connect Kabul with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as well as some joint Afghanistan-Pakistan energy projects.

Kabul is extremely disappointed that the joint India-China project for Afghanistan is merely training diplomats instead of being a big infrastructure project. While Beijing is pound foolish in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in Kabul, it is seen as being penny wise in holding back its investments.

For Trump, his Afghanistan-Pakistan strategy is in tatters. Still, Pompeo hopes that the reset in US-Pakistan relations will lead to Rawalpindi cooperating in acting against Taliban sanctuaries on its soil.

According to Afghanistan expert Barnett Rubin, there are limits to the use of US military force against a nuclear-armed Pakistan. He added that as long as the US and Nato troops are deployed in Afghanistan, the Karachi-Kabul lifeline will render Washington hostage to Rawalpindi, especially after the US sanctions against Russia and China, which make the use of the northern distribution network untenable.

Pakistan Army Chief, Gen Qamar Bajwa is upset that Trump is encouraging India to acquire strategic depth in Afghanistan at Pakistan's cost. This had never happened before because the US always looked at Afghanistan through

Pakistan's prism.

The prevailing theory is that the US will not leave Afghanistan in order to monitor activities of Iran, Pakistan, Russia and China from its strategic bases in Afghanistan. The stalemate on the ground in which the Taliban has a clear upper hand, will prevail not the least till after presidential elections in Afghanistan in April 2020. The campaigning season will soon come to a close but already, the Taliban has inflicted fatal damage on ANSF and the reputation of US forces in preventing wholesale attacks across the country.

India has focussed so far on economic assistance and capacity-building with an investment of two billion dollar, coupled with a commitment to another one billion dollar. This has earned it considerable goodwill and popularity in Kabul but not the scale of influence that Pakistan enjoys with contiguous borders. It is time that New Delhi scales up its military assistance, including supply of military hardware and more specialised training. India will not put boots on the ground — on which Trump queried Modi — but it can forward deploy at its Aynee Air base in Tajikistan, a full-fledged training centre as well as a field hospital. Both are urgently needed by the ANSF with its back to the wall.

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SOUNDBITE

Court is not a platform for people to express whatever they want, but a place to adjudicate legal rights.

Chief Justice of India —Ranjan Gogoi



India attaches highest priority to further expanding its unique ties of friendship and cooperation with Bhutan.

Foreign Secretary —Vijay Gokhale



There is no point making documentary films. Sorry to say, but nobody reacts to them. People like to see a commercial film.

Actor —Akshay Kumar



Dissent is agreeable but not disintegration. Debate, discuss, dissent; don't disrupt. This applies to parliamentarians also.

Vice President —M Venkaiah Naidu



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Never-ending debate

Sir — The Sabarimala row has become a cause for concern. While the State is piling police forces in and around the temple, political leaders on the other side of the divide appear to be trying to gain political mileage. They are hell-bent to ensure that the situation becomes more volatile. It appears to be a case of who will blink first. Adding to this is the 'call' by certain social activists to visit the temple by surprise. The Supreme Court needs to take cognizance of the situation and ensure that the issue is settled soon.

Sravana Ramachandran Chennai

Exercise in futility

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Quota question" (November 20). Bringing more castes into the reservation category will only take the development clock backwards. Even as the previous regime in Maharashtra, headed by the Congress-NCP, brought in an order to extend reservation to the Marathas and Muslims, it was

summarily rejected. It could not stand the scrutiny of the court. The present BJP-Shiv Sena Government, too, promised quota to the Marathas for vote-bank. But this is an exercise in futility as it would meet the same fate as met by the previous regime. In fact, Marathas do not need reservation because they are a progressive community. The Government, knowing it

Merit matters in quota debate

This refers to the editorial, "Quota question" (November 20). Undoubtedly, reservation is not an absolute solution to uplift the downtrodden. The fundamental reason for quota is indigence and this is a global phenomenon that exists in every human race, irrespective of religion, caste etc. Therefore, religion/caste wise segregation of citizens for preferential treatment in Government jobs and admission to premier educational institutions, compromising their academic qualifications, is a brazen violation of the secular clauses of the Constitution.

Employing mediocre personnel solely on caste/religion related grounds and ignoring genuine meritorious candidates will jeopardise the bonafide development of the country. Incidentally, political parties are primarily concerned about their unassailable ascendancy. Security or progress of the people and the country is only a secondary issue. This is an era



of competition, and in the global arena, India is bound to struggle against world giants of science and technology. We cannot expect any form of compromise from the opponents. Unfortunately, our political intelligentsia, including the Opposition and apex judicial highbrows, are well-aware of this blatant controversy and yet neglect such key issues or feign ignorance ostensibly for vested interests.

TKM Kumbalamchuvattil Muvattupuzha

Jeopardising merit

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Quota question" (November 20). There should be no provision of this unequal system named reservations. Only meritocracy, based on academic qualifications and performance, should be allowed to flourish in all sectors of society.

KR Srinivasan Secunderabad

Poverty is a burning issue in India. Those who are financially not well-off miss opportunities for higher education despite the fact that they are no less inferior than their privileged counterparts in terms of quality or merit. So, the cases of the underprivileged should be undertaken with utmost compassion.

But poverty is not the sole bastion of any particular demographic group. Underprivileged children should be facilitated with free education, coaching services and study materials so that they can be brought at par with the privileged ones to compete with them.

Not only does meritocracy gets assaulted through these discriminatory system, Indian society is also getting psychologically disintegrated, following the muscle-flexing between the reserved and the unreserved leading to a caste war. If a crucial sector like education gets tarnished by caste factors, can unity ever be achieved? The answer is known to all.

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FIRST COLUMN

Look beyond politics on N-issue

Nuclear weapons cannot be a panacea for tackling security challenges to India's sovereignty



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More than 2,000 years ago, Aristotle remarked, "One swallow does not a summer make." Obviously, Prime Minister Narendra Modi didn't give this proverb the thought it deserves; otherwise he would have been far more circumspect before waxing eloquent about the successful deployment of India's nuclear 'triad' — the capability to launch nuclear weapons from land, air and sea. For the uninitiated, if nuclear weapons were to act as a deterrent against any adversary, the capability to launch them from land, air and sea would be inescapable. However, given the proliferation of surveillance devices, land-based missile sites and air bases — from where suitably armed aircraft can operate — are extremely vulnerable to being targeted in a pre-emptive attack. This makes sub-surface capability vital as it is difficult to locate or target. It, thus, provides the ideal platform to launch retaliatory strikes, which in the parlance of "mutually assured destruction", are referred to as second strike capability.

Amongst various classes of submarines, nuclear-powered ones are ideal platforms for this task as they are far more difficult to detect than conventional diesel-electric ones. They are far more silent and can remain submerged and at sea for a much longer duration. The nuclear-powered and indigenously developed submarine, *INS Arihant*, does, therefore, provide us with this capability; though at a very nascent stage as only a handful of nations have this capability. While there is much to be proud of, the truth is that one submarine, equipped with a missile of limited range, will have very marginal impact on our deterrence capability, something our adversaries, nuclear-armed states, are fully conversant of. To be effective, as Admiral Arun Prakash, former Chief of Naval Staff, had suggested, there is a need for three additional submarines with far superior capabilities if we are to deploy one submarine on deterrence patrol at all times. This is something that is presently at least a decade away given the delays the 'Advanced Technology Vessel' (ATV) project has faced over the years.

Add to that the necessity for a far more sophisticated and robust command and control system, which if our higher defence management is any indication, has a long way to go. The very fact that we have not yet been able to put in place joint theatre commands or appoint a Chief of Defence Staff, not forgetting the disastrous state of our civil-military relations, doesn't do much for our credibility. It is, therefore, inconceivable that the Prime Minister was unaware of the implications of the induction of the *INS Arihant*. Obviously, his reference to the subject was clearly aimed at a domestic audience and an attempt to show himself off as a strong and decisive leader. One cannot help but get the impression that this is just another attempt to use the military to advance his and the BJP's political agenda, just as he had done earlier during the run-up to the Uttar Pradesh State elections when he used the so-called 'surgical strikes' to his party's advantage.

Any Government that wishes to emphasise its strength of purpose or leadership against inimical actions by an adversary, has the option to respond with conventional force, especially if it finds itself under extreme public pressure due to an adverse political climate. Nuclear weapons, however, are a completely different kettle of fish and cannot be treated to threaten an adversary, unlike what Pakistan has been attempting to do over the years. Whatever analysts may suggest, the use of nuclear weapons spells utter disaster and implies a last desperate attempt to deliver a death blow when faced with an existential crisis. The fact is that even our most well-trained and elite units are unlikely to be able to continue fighting cohesively if they suffer around 30 per cent casualties. What to talk of the country's condition having to deal with millions dead in the event of a full-scale nuclear war? Nuclear weapons are the last resort and should only be used in time of emergency, when our very survival is at stake. It will certainly leave no winners.

The last thing we would need is our nuclear capabilities being used to gain brownie points with a domestic audience. In any case, the ATV Project commenced in the 1980s and can hardly be claimed as an achievement of this Government, though mistruths in such matters are hardly uncommon. More importantly, politicians in general and this Government in particular, must understand that nuclear weapons are not a panacea for tackling security challenges to our sovereignty. Conventional military has to be given the necessary support if it is to be successful in its mission. Unfortunately, this Government, like the previous ones, has been grossly negligent in this regard, primarily out of a lack of self-confidence to provide governance and an unsubstantiated fear that a strong military may push it aside and take control.

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SABARIMALA IS BEING USED FOR POLITICAL GAINS BY THE SANGH. THE CONGRESS HAS ALSO FALLEN FOR IT. IDEOLOGY SHOULD BE FOUGHT IDEOLOGICALLY.

—KERALA CHIEF MINISTER
 PINARAYI VIJAYAN

POINT COUNTERPOINT



WE ARE NOT HERE TO DISRUPT PEACE. VIJAYAN SHOULD NOT GENERALISE ALL PILGRIMS TO SABARIMALA AS TROUBLE MAKERS.

—LEADER OF OPPOSITION
 RAMESH CHENNITHALA

India begins galloping

Reforms undertaken by the Modi regime have helped India improve its ease of doing business rankings. Modinomics has unlocked our infrastructure potential



SANJU VERMA

The World Bank's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) ranking, that saw India's spectacular rise by 65 places from 142 in 2014 to 77 in 2018, has been one of the highest points of the Narendra Modi dispensation. The ranking is further buttressed by the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA), which in its 2018 report said that 100 per cent electrification of all villages in India is the biggest success story this year in terms of providing universal energy access. Undoubtedly, India's dramatic jump in global rankings in the last four years is a manifestation of holistic improvement on the ground. For instance, till April 2014, under the erstwhile Congress-led coalition, the average construction rate of highways stood at barely 11.67 km per day. The current BJP-led regime, however, more than doubled the rate to a solid 27 km per day in fiscal 2017-18. The Modi Government built 9,829 km the last fiscal; 8,231 km in 2016-17; 6,061 km in 2015-16; 4,410 km in 2014-15.

For 2018-19, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is set to achieve an ambitious target of 45 km per day by building more than 16,400 km of roads. It is worth noting that the first four years of the Modi dispensation saw 73 per cent more highways being built, versus the last four years of an inept Congress-led UPA-II. With close to 200 road projects worth more than ₹1.5 lakh crore heading towards completion by mid-2019, the BJP-led coalition has given infrastructure push a whole new dimension. Again, 416 ongoing and residual projects worth ₹3.26 lakh crore that are being implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and are in various stages of completion, will boost the GDP numbers dramatically in the next few years. Around 28 ongoing projects in Rajasthan worth ₹21,292 crore and 26 projects in Madhya Pradesh worth ₹16,245 crore stack up the numbers.

The Indian cement industry expects a robust volume growth of eight to nine per cent in the current fiscal, thanks to projects from the Railways, like the mega station development initiative worth one lakh crore rupees, dedicated freight corridor projects, Mumbai metro rail, Bullet Train project, among others. Work on the re-development of 400 railway stations into world-class facilities at a cost of ₹96,000 crore has already started with the commissioning of work on Gomti Nagar Station; while work on other stations, like Thane, Lucknow, Kota, Nellore, Ernakulam, Madgaon, Delhi Sarai Rohilla and Pudukcherry among others will be taken up soon.

In May 2014, when the BJP dispensation took charge, highway projects worth over one lakh crore rupees were languishing for either want of funds or failure to get regulatory clearances. Under the Congress regime, trust deficit, policy paralysis, cost and time over-runs, flawed risk sharing practices, poor governance, stark misuse of funds and failed supervision led to a complete collapse of public-private partnership (PPP), which relied largely on build operate transfer model.

True, while the old PPP model has not been entirely discarded due to past contractual obligations, in a clear and decisive break from past haphazard economic conventions, Modinomics largely opted for Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model to fast-track infrastruc-



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ture projects. EPC is a far more efficient model with better supervision, single nodal point of responsibility, guaranteed price, timeline, delivery schedules, higher accountability and in the long run, more value for money.

Again, steps to revive commercial vehicle and truck segments, streamlining the exit policy, easier land acquisition norms, as also the 'hub and spoke' model of distribution, that is now being followed by more businesses in the consumption-driven sectors due to the new GST law that came into effect in July 2017, are factors that have all combined to create a virtuous cycle that has fostered a blistering pace of speedy project execution in the last four years.

In October 2017, in what can generate 142 million man days of employment, the Modi Government approved the ₹6.92 lakh crore 83,677 km ultra mega road and highways plan that includes 34,800 km of Bharatmala Pariyojana, that will cover 500 districts from the current 300, thereby aiming to raise the number of corridors to 50 from the current six, moving 80 per cent of the freight traffic to national highways from the 40 per cent currently, by connecting 24 logistics parks, 66 inter-corridors, 116 feeder routes and seven North-East multi-modal waterway ports.

That Modinomics has walked the talk in terms of unlocking India's infrastructure potential can be gauged by the commissioning of the country's first ever multi-modal terminal on the Ganga river in Varanasi as part of a larger plan to build multi-modal terminals in Sahibganj and Haldia too. November 12, 2018, will go down in the history of India as a landmark day that saw the country's first inland voyage after India gained independence in 1947. For the first time ever in post-independent history, after 70 long years, a container ship on India's very own inland vessel, *MV Rabindranath Tagore*, carrying 16 containers of

PepsiCo, successfully docked in the holy city of Kashi.

What a pity that the Congress, that ruled India for much of the last 70 years, left India's rich 7,500 km coastline completely underdeveloped, with the share of goods transported via India's inland waterways, at less than one per cent. In sharp contrast, the 1,390 km Ganga water course is only one of the 111 waterways spanning 20,276 km that the Modi Government is either planning to revive or build.

Ditto goes for Sikkim that became a State in 1975 but got its first airport, the Pakyong airport spread over 201 acres, at a height of 4,500 km above the sea level, only in 2018. Thanks to the vision of the current BJP-led Modi dispensation. To cut to the chase, it is undeniable that the spectacular push to India's infrastructure story under Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for India scaling 10 per cent GDP growth.

As a rule of thumb, to achieve 10 per cent GDP growth, India's tax-to-GDP ratio would have to rise by at least another three to four per cent, public investment to GDP would need to go up from the current 32 per cent to 40 per cent and infrastructure investment ratio would need to rise to eight per cent. Is this possible? Of course, yes! Demonetisation has not only led to financialisation of savings but widened the tax base meaningfully in the last four years, with the number of tax filers going up by 80.53 per cent from 3.8 crore to 6.86 crore between 2014 and 2018. Equally, GST collections of ₹6.8 lakh crore between April-October 2018, translating into a monthly run rate of a solid ₹97,143 crore, is great news.

Tax collections always see a disproportionate spike in the last quarter of ever fiscal year and if the Government collects ₹6.2 lakh crore between November and March 2018, chances of which look very bright, on the back of a laudable ₹1.01 lakh crore collected in October 2018

alone, the budgeted target of ₹13 lakh crore for fiscal 2018-19 will be easily met.

For example, tax to GDP ratio at 11.9 per cent in fiscal 2017-18 was the highest ever since fiscal 2007-08. A target of 12.1 per cent in fiscal 2018-19 may again well be exceeded. In the next four to five years, even at the current run rate, getting to a tax to GDP figure of 18-20 per cent is pretty much par for the course, with the number of direct tax payers likely to double to almost 14 crore, maybe more. Speaking of public investment, getting to 40 per cent of GDP is possible only if more resources are made available, which in turn mean banks have to be willing to lend to investible projects.

The ₹2.11 lakh crore bank recapitalisation plan announced last October, which includes ₹1.35 lakh crore of recapitalisation bonds, ₹18,000 crore of budgetary support and ₹58,000 crore of share sales, coupled with the pathbreaking Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, will go a long way in recoveries and upgrades for the banking sector, besides, of course, boosting credit inflow into commercially viable infrastructure projects.

Last but not the least, recent measures to empower India's 36 million odd MSMEs, the backbone of Indian economy, including a turnover based classification, mandatory 25 per cent procurement by PSUs and Government agencies, in-principle approval for a one crore rupee loan in flat 59 minutes, compulsory onboarding of CPSUs and corporates with a turnover in excess of ₹500 crore, on the trade receivables and e-discounting system platform and, increase in interest rebate for MSMEs from three per cent to five per cent, in both the pre shipment and post shipment periods, are all measures which will set the stage for a 10 per cent GDP growth for India, which is there for the taking.

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How digitalisation tears economies apart

Digital technology is leading to a global crisis in productivity, market monopolies and higher debts. While the supposed game-changer is boosting profits for big firms, it has hit poorer countries and deepened inequities



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The most coveted digitalisation and hyper-globalisation have come for severe criticism by the UN. This phenomenon helps big firms, big countries and leads to concentration of financial and economic power. Worst sufferers are poor emerging economies. Trade wars and monopolisation are creating mammoth and distorting markets. Digital technology is prying into smaller economies and tearing them apart. Digitalisation leads to decline in demand for physical goods, ongoing decline in their price, long-term decline in the demand fixed capital formation as a share of GDP and jobless growth, said the UN Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its 2018 report.

The global trade war is running towards a deeper economic malaise' at

a time when many countries are growing below their potential, even as the BRICS nations are doing better, thanks to domestic demand. Among them, only Russia is doing better than others because of rising oil prices. The US and China have indulged in a bitter trade war, with both the countries slapping higher tariffs on each other's imports. This year is unlikely to see a change of gear, the report said. The US Government will gain \$280 billion in tariff revenues.

Digitalisation affects production through computer-aided design and any other 3-D software or artificial intelligence, which creates digital models. Jobs are being outsourced to low-wage regions. This has caused stagnation of wages and hit job creation. The report said: The world economy is again under stress. The immediate pressures are building around escalating tariffs and volatile financial flows but behind these threats to global stability is a wider ipsis, accoe global financial crisis, accos and volatile financial flows. Behind these threats to global stability is a wider failure, rding to the

report, the five largest exporting firms on an average accounted for 30 per cent of a country's total exports and the 10 largest exporting firms for 42 per cent. Since 2008, global debt has soared from \$142 trillion to \$250 trillion, which is three times the combined income of every nation. Situation is worse than expected as global incomes failed to keep pace with rising debt levels. The situation looks so familiar in the Indian conditions even though the country is yet to realise that digitalisation is not the solution.

The report even quoted IMF's 2018 observation that said that available evidence suggests that the digital sector is still less than 10 per cent of most economies if measured by value added income or employment. It found that the ratio of global debt to GDP is one-third higher than before the 2008 crash. Situation is worse in the developed countries that have borrowed heavily in recent years from Western banks that offered cheap short-term loans.

It quotes anns anns another estimate of digital economy being just five per cent of the global output and three

per cent of the global employment. The growing mountain of debt, more than three times the size of global output, is symbolic of that failure. "Private debt has exploded, especially in emerging markets and developing countries, whose share of global debt stock increased from seven per cent in 2007 to 26 per cent in 2017," the report said.

Over the same period, the ratio of debts, racked up by non-financial businesses in the emerging markets, increased from 56 per cent in 2008 to 105 per cent in 2017. While the public sector in advanced economies has been obliged to borrow more since the crisis, it is the rapid growth of private indebtedness, particularly in the corporate sector, which needs to be monitored closely. The growing corporate debt syndrome has almost bust into a political crisis. It also calls for a rethinking on the bankisation of society.

The UNCTAD said developing countries will not be able to digitally leapfrog on their own. "While many developing countries are striving to develop their national e-commerce policies for linking their domestic

producers and consumers to the e-commerce platforms, there is a need to reduce the associated risks." This reduces the domestic markets and poor economies lose out on valuable data. This forces flooding of goods from mighty powers and helps thrive unethical corporates.

The UNCTAD was critical of WhatsApp and Google. It cited how the European Commission fined Google Euro 2.42 billion for abusing its market dominance as a search engine by demoting shopping service of its competitors and denying European consumers a genuine choice of service and benefits of innovation. Is India not falling prey to Google and monopolisation of groups like Amazon?

The corporate rent seeking is leading to market concentration. The UNCTAD wants a break-up of the large firms to prevent the concentration. The US had applied the anti-trust law to break monopolies, including the giant AT&T. The UN wants a check on national data transfer and wants the WTO to restrict the Government's outflow of data of their producers and con-

sumers. It is propagating for a strong regulatory regime, lack of which is creating global disparity. Gains from e-commerce for developing countries can become a reality only if they protect national e-commerce platforms. This will improve the domestic and international market access of their producers. A Chinese e-commerce platform, Kikuu, operates in six African countries, selling only Chinese goods.

The UN does not support robotics and artificial intelligence. Robots are concentrated in a few countries, including China, but does not invalidate the role of industrialisation as a development strategy. The use of computers and telecom is estimated to be less than one per cent for most countries between 2000-2014. Strong regulations are needed in a digital world to create anti-trust laws. Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines have introduced regulations, but they are not wide. This is leading to a global crisis in productivity, market monopolies and high debt. A supposed game-changer is bestowing the world with untold difficulties.

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BREXIT: WHAT NEXT FOR MAY?

By deliberately running the negotiations so close to the wire, Theresa May has limited everyone's options, including her own. The key to resolving her dilemma would be movement by the EU on the issue of the Irish backstop. Under the deal, the UK could be locked indefinitely into a set of arrangements without ever being able to unilaterally withdraw from them.

(The Telegraph editorial)

Renault, Nissan prepare to turn page, heat rises on Ghosn

AFP ■ PARIS
 French and Japanese officials scrambled on Tuesday to reassure investors about the stability of the Nissan-Renault-Mitsubishi alliance, after fresh claims emerged following the arrest of auto industry titan Carlos Ghosn on financial misconduct charges.
 Nissan and Mitsubishi shares plunged Tuesday after Ghosn, chairman at both carmakers, was arrested in Japan for allegedly failing to report all his Nissan pay and for inappropriate use of corporate assets.
 Ghosn has not been heard from since his arrest, though sources confirmed he was being held by Tokyo prosecutors.
 Nissan's board has already said it will seek to oust the architect of the three-way alliance, which combined sells more cars worldwide than any other automaker.
 Sources told AFP in France that Renault too intends to strip Ghosn of his CEO title and hand over control to his number two, Thierry Bolloré, in tandem with the board's lead independent director.
 In a statement Tuesday, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire and his Japanese counterpart Hiroshige Seko reaffirmed their "strong support" for "one of the greatest symbols of Franco-Japanese industrial cooperation."
 Le Maire had told French radio earlier that Ghosn was "de facto no longer in a posi-

tion to lead the group".
 Yet investors have been unloading shares in the three carmakers since the charges emerged against Ghosn, the architect of an alliance he has held together since 1999.
 The three companies are joined through a series of cross-shareholdings and share factories in order to benefit from economies of scale.
 Nissan shares dropped 5.5 per cent in Tokyo and Mitsubishi was off 6.8 per cent, while in Paris Renault was down a further 3.1 per cent after tumbling 8.4 per cent on Monday.
 Ratings agency Standard and Poor's said Tuesday that Nissan is facing a downgrade after Ghosn's arrest, since "rebuilding its management culture swiftly will not be easy".
 Andre Spice, a business professor at City University of London, told AFP that "with him out of the picture, old differences between the companies could come to fore. The alliance could fall apart."
 The arrest of 64-year-old Ghosn, the superstar executive credited with rescuing both Renault and Nissan and then fusing them into a behemoth which sold 10.6 million cars last year, sent shockwaves through the auto industry and beyond.
 Japanese prosecutors have said Ghosn is being held on suspicion of under-reporting his income by around five billion yen (USD 44.5 million) over five years.
 Nissan CEO Hiroto

Saikawa said a months-long investigation prompted by a whistleblower had uncovered years of financial wrongdoing, including the misuse of company assets.
 Public broadcaster NHK reported that Nissan had provided Ghosn with houses in four countries "without any legitimate business reason," paying "huge sums" for residences in Rio de Janeiro, Beirut, Paris and Amsterdam.
 It was a stark indictment of the Brazilian-born executive known as a hard-nosed workaholic willing to take drastic measures, including shuttering factories and cutting thousands of jobs.
 Nissan's representative director Greg Kelly, who was arrested along with Ghosn, reportedly ordered other executives to "hide salaries", the Yomiuri Shimbun said.
 It also reported that some compensation due to other executives ended up going to Ghosn, without specifying how the process had worked.
 Local media reported that prosecutors had negotiated a plea bargain for only the second time since Japanese law changed this year, potentially allowing Nissan executives who are cooperating to receive lesser charges or lighter penalties.
 In France, Le Maire said officials had found no evidence of wrongdoing by Ghosn, though the government has clashed with him before over what it termed "excessive" pay.

Expert committee to examine ECF of RBI soon, say sources

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
 The committee proposed by the RBI Board for examining the Economic Capital Framework (ECF) to determine the appropriate levels of reserve the central bank ought to hold will be constituted soon, official source said on Tuesday.
 After a day-long meeting, the Central Board of the RBI had decided on an expert committee to look into the ECF.
 It was also agreed that the membership and terms of reference of the panel will be jointly determined by the Government and the Reserve Bank of India.
 Currently, the capital base of the RBI is ₹9.69 lakh crore, and independent director and Swadeshi ideologue S Gurumurthy and the finance ministry have been wanting it to be lowered in line with global practices. The sources further said that guidelines for restructuring of loans for the medium, small and micro enterprises (MSME) will also be released shortly with a view to help the cash-starved sector.
 The central board headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel, which met amid the on-going tussle between the Finance Ministry and the central bank over various issues, also discussed the Basel regulatory capital framework, a restructuring scheme for stressed MSMEs, and bank health under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework.

I-T dept does away with mandatory quoting of father's name for PAN applications

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
 The income tax department on Tuesday said quoting of father's name in PAN application forms will not be mandatory in cases where mother of the applicant is a single parent.
 The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) through a notification amended the income tax rules and said the application forms would give an option to the applicant as to whether mother is a single parent and the applicant wishes to furnish the name of mother only.
 Currently, furnishing father's name is mandatory for the allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN).
 The new rules would come into effect from December 5.
 Nangia Advisors LLP Partner Suraj Nangia said that through the notification, the tax department has addressed the concerns of those persons whose mother is a single parent and, hence, would want to get their mother's name printed on PAN cards instead of the estranged/ deceased father.
 The notification has also made it mandatory for entities that have made financial transactions worth ₹2.5 lakh or more in a financial year to apply for a PAN card. The application has to be filed on or before May 31 of the assessment year for which such income is assessable.
 Nangia said that now, the resident entities shall have to obtain PAN even if the total sales/ turnover/ gross receipts are not or are not likely to exceed ₹5 lakh in a financial year.
 "This will help the income tax department track financial transaction, broaden its tax base and prevent tax evasion," Nangia added.

Business Corner

NTPC SIGNS MOU WITH ELECTRIC VEHICLE AGGREGATORS



NTPC signed MoUs with Vehicle Aggregators Ola, Lithium, Shuttli, Bixie, Bounce, Electric and Zoom Car for development and utilization of public charging infrastructure Tuesday. This collaboration with Aggregators, having presence in the entire spectrum of e-mobility across India, will lead to development of charging infrastructure for the various vehicle segments as well as effective utilisation of public charging infrastructure. The arrangement would thus provide a win-win situation for all stakeholders. Senior leaders from IOCL and HPCL were also present during the event.

ICAI SIGNS MOU WITH CPA CANADA



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) on November 17, 2018 in Toronto, Canada. Signing of the MoU between ICAI & CPA Canada would facilitate mutual recognition of each other's qualification and admit the members in good standing by prescribing a bridging mechanism between the two Institutes.
 While signing the MoU, CA Naveen ND Gupta, President, ICAI mentioned "Canada is one of the most favoured destinations for Indian professionals looking to explore global opportunities. The MoU will lead to greater mobility of professionals at either end and herald a new dimension of professional opportunities for Chartered Accountants of both the countries thus benefiting more than 1000 Indian CAs in Canada and other ICAI members in India who wish to get International qualification."

₹ gains for 6th straight session, rises 21 paise

PTI ■ MUMBAI
 The ₹ rose by 21 paise to end at 71.46 against the US dollar on Tuesday on increased selling of the greenback by exporters amid softening crude oil prices, and persistent foreign fund inflows.
 This is the sixth straight session of gains for the domestic unit as the US dollar weakened against some currencies overseas. In the last six trading sessions, the rupee has gained 143 paise.
 "Domestic currency strengthened for a sixth day after RBI's OMOs supported rupee rise that has been set off by declining oil prices and

continued capital inflows. The appreciation has happened even as Dollar fell to a two week low following Fed's cautious comments over a potential global slow down," Anand James, Chief Market Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said.
 The Reserve Bank Monday said it will inject ₹8,000 crore into the system through purchase of government securities on November 22.
 At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex), the rupee opened on a firm note at 71.39. It gained further ground to hit a high of 71.27, following dollar selling by exporters.

VOLKSWAGEN ESTABLISHES MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WITHIN THE SKODA-LED 'INDIA 2.0' PROJECT

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
 As part of the 'INDIA 2.0' project, the Volkswagen Group plans to sustainably strengthen its position in the Indian market. The Volkswagen Group in India is restructuring its management in order to use the existing synergies more efficiently in the development of this important growth market.
 Gurpratap Boparai, currently Managing Director of SKODA AUTO India Private Ltd., will also become Managing Director of the Volkswagen India Private Limited (VWIPL) with effect from 1 January 2019.

Iran to cap petrol sales to curb smuggling

AFP ■ TEHRAN
 Iran is reintroducing fuel cards that will cap petrol purchases in a bid to combat rampant smuggling, state media reported on Tuesday.
 Smuggling has boomed in recent months as the rial has plummeted against the dollar in the face of the reimposition of crippling US sanctions following Washington's withdrawal from a landmark 2015 nuclear deal between major powers and Tehran.
 The Islamic republic has some of the most heavily subsidised petrol in the world, with a pump price of around USD 0.08 per litre (less than two US cents per gallon).
 Low fuel prices have led to

high consumption, with Iran's 80 million population buying an average of 90 million litres (20 million gallons) per day, according to state news agency IRNA.
 They have also fuelled very high levels of smuggling — estimated at around 10 to 20 million litres (2.2 million - 4.5 million gallons) per day, IRNA said. Much of it heads across the border to Pakistan, where petrol costs 10 times, and diesel around 40 times, as much as in Iran.
 Fuel cards were first introduced in 2007 with a view to reforming the expensive subsidies system. High limits were set — 180 litres (40 gallons) per day for the average driver — since the focus was on curbing large-scale smuggling.

Samsung launches world's first Quad-Camera smartphone

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
 Samsung on Tuesday launched Galaxy A9 in India, with the world's 1st rear quad camera, stunning, dual tone, reflective gradient design, vibrant colours, scratch-resistant durable glass back, flagship infinity display and unmatched performance.
 Galaxy A9 comes with a larger and wider 6.3 Super AMOLED infinity display for immersive viewing experience which is further enhanced by Dolby Atmos surround sound making an ultimate entertainment device. The smartphone is powered by Octa-Core Snapdragon 660 processor and a large 3800 mAh battery with fast charging capability that



gives you the high speed performance you need, all day, every day. Galaxy A9 is packed with Samsung's latest, path-breaking camera innovations that enable consumers to do more, experience more and unlock more possibilities, every day. Galaxy A9 is the perfect companion for Instagram hungry millennials, letting them shoot in ways they could never do before.
 "As a leader in smartphone technology, we are all about meaningful innovation. For the first time ever, we have brought the rear quad camera with Galaxy A9. With ultra-wide, optical zoom, low light capabilities and live focus, Galaxy A9 has a camera designed for every moment in the life of the young millennial," said Aditya Babbar, General Manager, Mobile Business, Samsung India.

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DEMAND NOTICE
 Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00007365 of Maysuru Branch) Harish S (Borrower) Shinappa Nayaka B (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 815522/- (Eight lakh Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Two) NPA (01-09-2018)	Site No.5 1st Block Bychanahalli Village Kushalnagar, Somwarpet, Kodagu-571235
(LC No. 00003645 of Lucknow Branch) Shailesh Shukla (Borrower) Vimla Shukla (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 1045458/- (Ten lakh Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight) NPA (01-09-2018)	Plot Of Land Gata No 526, Village-Sarvanpur, Pargana Tehsil & District, Amethi, Sultanpur- 227405
(LC No. 00001109 of Delhi Branch) Vikas Prashar (Borrower) Raj Bal Sharma (Co Borrower 1) Poonam Prasher (Co Borrower 2)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 5238467/- (Fifty Two lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven) NPA (01-09-2018)	Flat No- 5061, 6th Floor, Tower- 5, Parker Residency, G T Road Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana, Sonapat- 131101
(LC No. 00002940 of Varanasi Branch) Shailesh Shukla (Borrower) Vimla Shukla (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 745449/- (Seven lakh Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty Nine) NPA (01-09-2018)	Gata No 527, Gram Sarvanpur, Pargana & Tehsil Amethi, Near S D M Awash, Amethi, Sultanpur- 227405
(LC No. 00001854 of Karnal Branch) Manju Bala (Borrower) Gautam Pathwa (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 3815034/- (Thirty Eight lakh Fifteen Thousand Thirty Four) NPA (01-06-2018)	Property No. 168 Block-B, Pocket- 6 Sector- 11 Rohini, Delhi, New Delhi-110085
(LC No. 00002743 of Karnal Branch) Rahul R (Borrower) Anju A (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 763251/- (Seven lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One) NPA (01-05-2018)	Killa No. 126/51, 126/4, 119/24/1/2 Rakha Panchi Gujran, Ganaur Sonapat, Sonapat - 131101
(LC No. 00005076 of Karnal Branch) Ashok Gupta (Borrower) Pushpa Devi (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 3207092/- (Thirty Two lakh Seven Thousand Ninety Two) NPA (01-07-2018)	Flat No.- 602, Tower No. V-3, Tdi Kingsbury Towers, Tdi City, Kundli Near Vill. Nangal Kalan, Sonapat, Sonapat-131001
(LC No. NOD36031 of Delhi Branch) Tanvi Infosolution Pvt Ltd (Borrower)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 3737810/- (Thirty Seven lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ten) NPA (01-08-2018)	H/ Flat No. T02/1508, Paras Seasons, Sector. 168, Noida-201301
(LC No. 00000540 of Delhi Branch) Namita Sharma (Borrower) Shravan Devi (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 2084724/- (Twenty lakh Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four) NPA (01-09-2018)	Property No. C-103, 3rd Floor, Back Portion, With Roof Right, Block-C Khasra No. 102/22, Vishwas, Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi, New Delhi- 110059
(LC No. 00001660 of Haridwar Branch) Sumit Negi (Borrower) Mamta (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 1647186/- (Sixteen lakh Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Six) NPA (01-09-2018)	Plot No.-100 & 101 Khasra No.- 2022, Krishna Nagar Colony Salempur Mehdood-2 Jawalapur, Haridwar, Haridwar-249407
(LC No. 00001935 of Haridwar Branch) Madhu Patnayak (Borrower) Soumendrapatnayak (Co Borrower 1)	24/10/2018/ ₹ 956258/- (Nine lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight) NPA (01-07-2018)	Plot No- 37 & 38, Khasra No- 2181, Hari Nagar, Gram-Salempur Mehdood-2, Pargana- Roorkhee, Haridwar, Haridwar-249402

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 21-Nov-2018
 Place: DELHI
 Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
 Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

DAKSHIN HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM
 Corrigendum No.1

Sr. No.	Name of Department	Name of Work/ Notice/ Tender with NIT No.	Opening Date/ Closing Date	Amount (Approx.)	Website of The Department	Nodal Officer/ Contact Details/ e-mail
1.	DHBNV	Supply of material, erection, testing & commissioning of 2 No. 33 KV S/Stn. (including civil works) consisting of 8 panel set of 11 KV Breaker along with associated 33 KV lines (31.00 Km) and 11 KV lines (18.15 Km) i.e. 33 KV S/Stn. Sandli & Budha Khera in 'OP Circle Jind respectively under the jurisdiction of DHBNV. TED-327/PD&C/ 2018	16-11-2018 (13:00 Hrs) 05-12-2018 (15:00 Hrs)	79452551.50/-	www.dhbnv.org.in	CE/PD&C DHBNV, Hisar Ph. No. 01662-223216 cepd@dhbnv@gmail.com

For further information kindly visit www.haryana.procurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
 Chief Engineer/ PD&C, DHBNV, Hisar.
 RO NO. 73651 Dt. 20-11-2018

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
 Open Tender for Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens at Railway Stations over Delhi Division, Northern Railway for a period of five years.

No. 7 PUB/LCD/TN/NZM/2011 Date: 20.11.2018
 For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ Coaching, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed Tenders up to 15:00 hrs on 12.12.2018 for allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens at Railway Stations over Delhi division for a period of five (05) years from the date of award, which will be opened soon thereafter in the Commercial Branch of DRM's office, State Entry Road, New Delhi. Detailed Tender document alongwith Notice Inviting Tender, Tender form, Terms & conditions along with detail of stations is available on the Website of Northern Railway www.nrdnraailways.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there. It can also be obtained from the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi on any working day during working hours up to 13:00 hrs of 14.12.2018 on payment of prescribed (non-refundable) Cost of Bid Document. 3033/18
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TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1	PWD B&R, KARNAL	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING WITH WBM + BM+PC AND RELAYING OF CC BLOCKS AND NEW CCB ON (I) LANDORA TO SHAHPUR (ROAD ID - 7256) (II) BIBIPUR JATTAN APP (ROAD ID - 7261) AND DHANAURA APP. ROAD (ROAD ID - 7211) IN KARNAL DISTRICT	19.11.2018 10.12.2018	283.36 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-eepdkarnal@hry.nic.in 0184-2251029
2	PWD B&R, PANIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF 5'-11/2" HIGH 9" THICK BOUNDARY WALL FOR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, ISRAMA IN PANIPAT DISTT.	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	65.26 LACS	https://pwdbnr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	1802638652
3	PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA	PROVIDING AND ERECTING OF OVERHEAD GANTRY CANTILEVER BOARD ALONG ROAD SAFETY FURNITURE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY - 01 CSR FOR SWACH AND DIVYA KURUKSHETRA.	16.11.2018 04.12.2018	12.40 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in http://haryanapwd-bandr.org	01744-238066
4	PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH	DEVELOPMENT OF I/O HYDRICULTURE WORK OF PWD REST HOUSE SECTOR -1 AT PANCHKULA - 2 OTHERS WORKS	20.11.2018 04.12.2018	24.24 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	0172-2560590
5	PWD B&R, AMBALA	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING ON LINK ROAD FROM MSN ROAD TO BHURANGPUR IN AMBALA DISTRICT (KM 0.00 KM TO KM 0.350) (ROAD ID 84).	20.11.2018 04.12.2018	18.14 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-eepd1-ambala@hry.nic.in 9813137118
6	PWD B&R GURUGRAM	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF DPR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVATED 30M ROW ROAD ABOVE PATAUDI ROAD FROM HERO HONDA - PATAUDI JUNCTION TO GLOBAL CITY SITE IN GURUGRAM DISTRICT.	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	15 LACS	https://pwdbnr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in INDEXES/ TENDER DETAILS /MTA1MDIY	eeedgurugraon@gmail.com 7988662397
7	PANCHAYATI RAI, SIRSA	COMPLETION/ RENOVATION OF GVN + 12 OTHERS WORKS	20.11.2018 27.11.2018	56.36 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	01666-2474979
8	PANCHAYATI RAI, GURUGRAM	RECALL CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE KALAWASH +10 OTHERS WORKS	19.11.2018 25.11.2018	2.27 CRORE	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in TENDER NO 102635,102640,102644,102651,102654,102661,102689,102691,102693,102920,102921	prexeengr@hry.nic.in 0124-2221122
9	IRRIGATION DEPT., NARNUL	REHABILITATION OF 2 NO. 150 CS VT AXIAL FLOW PUMP (P-3 & P-6) AT PUMP HOUSE NB-3 NARNUL BRANCH HAVING LIFT 28.09".	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	71.02 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 5579-93/9-A DATED 16.11.2018	01282-251353
10	FOREST DEPT., HISAR	NEW PLANTATION WORK IN HISAR BLOCK / BHANDOOD GAUSHALA HISAR + 4 OTHERS WORKS	20.11.2018 29.11.2018	39.68 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	dfchisar4@gmail.com 01662-259232
11	FOREST DEPT., PANIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE QUARTER SAMALKHA (AT BHAPRA ROAD SAMALKHA) (1 NO)	21.11.2018 26.11.2018	2.16 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	dfopanipat04yaho.co.in 01802650331
12	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	G.I PAD LOCKS 75 MM SHOULD HAVE 6 LIVERS. SPECIFICATION NO 15275-2002(SUPERSEDEDING IS-275) + 15 OTHERS WORKS	07.12.2018 24.12.2018 20.12.2018	101.81 CRORE	http://dsnd.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in,dsndharyana.gov.in	0172-257021-124, 2584125, 2585125 supplies@hry.nic.in

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Sensex, Nifty snap 3-day rally on global selloff

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Breaking its three-day rising streak, the BSE Sensex Tuesday fell over 300 points on heavy selling by market participants, in step with a global selloff despite strengthening rupee and easing crude prices. Besides, profit-taking in recent gains too fuelled the downward trend. The 30-share Sensex, after starting off lower at 35,730.77, continued to slide as selling pressure picked up momentum and hit a low of 35,416.18, before settling 300.37 points, or 0.84 per cent, down at 35,474.51. The index had risen 633 points in the last two sessions on the back of increased foreign fund inflows. The 50-share NSE Nifty too dropped by 107.20 points, or 1 per cent, to 10,656.20. Intra-day, it traded between 10,640.85 and 10,740.85.

According to Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management, European indices opened lower as investors continued to monitor developments on Brexit. "Technology companies had been leading the charge in the US and concerns about slowing growth and regulatory overhang, along with concerns around energy sector

profitability, alongside rising interest rates led to the sell off in the US," he said. Markets are reacting to slowing US economic growth and all eyes remain focused on commentary out of the Fed, he added. Reflecting the bearish mood, all the sectoral indices, led by metal, tech and healthcare, ended in the negative zone. Yes Bank shares saw the sharpest fall among Sensex components, tumbling 6.10 per cent after independent director Rentaala Chandrasekhar resigned from the board Monday. Other big losers were Tata Steel falling 3.21 per cent, Vedanta 2.89 per cent, NTPC 2.42 per cent, Bharti Airtel 2.09 per cent, SBI 1.79 per cent, HDFC 1.31 per cent, ICICI Bank 1.24 per cent and Maruti Suzuki 1.18 per cent. Also, ONGC fell 1.17 per cent, RIL 0.95 per cent, Sun Pharma 0.95 per cent, PowerGrid 0.90 per cent, Coal India 0.83 per cent, Bajaj Auto 0.71 per cent, Tata Motors 0.54 per cent, Hero MotoCorp 0.50 per cent, HUL 0.43 per cent, Asian Paint 0.40 per cent, Axis Bank 0.37 per cent, L&T 0.24 per cent and ITC 0.11 per cent. Stocks of software services exporters also bore the brunt on stronger rupee, with TCS,

Infosys and Wipro falling up to 2.59 per cent. Sectorwise, the BSE metal index dropped 2.82 per cent, followed by IT 1.74 per cent, followed 1.58 per cent, healthcare 1.57 per cent, PSU 1.15 per cent, consumer durables 1.08 per cent, power 1 per cent, auto 0.83 per cent, bankex 0.78 per cent, FMCG 0.71 per cent, infrastructure 0.62 per cent, capital goods 0.37 per cent and oil & gas 0.35 per cent. Broader markets, too, reflected a similar trend. The BSE mid-cap index fell 0.92 per cent while the small-cap shed 0.86 per cent. Meanwhile, the rupee continued its rising spree for the sixth straight day, and strengthened by another 20 paise to trade at nearly three-month high of 71.47 against the dollar in late afternoon trade after the outcome from Monday's RBI board's meet removed uncertainty over a growing rift over policy decisions between the government and the central bank. Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index plunged 2.13 per cent, Hng Kong's Hang Seng fell 2.01 per cent, Japan's Nikkei down 1.09 per cent and Singapore index down 1.24 per cent. Korea's KOSPI and Taiwan index fell 0.86 per cent each.

RBI board decision 'credit negative': Moody's

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service on Tuesday said RBI board's decision to extend the timeline for banks to implement Basel 3 guidelines is 'credit negative' for public sector lenders. Also, the decision to restructure stressed micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) loans of up to Rs 25 crore also has the potential for having negative implications for the credit profiles of Indian banks, the US-based rating agency said in a statement. Amid growing tension between the government and the central bank, the RBI board met Monday and discussed issues to boost funding to MSMEs and ease capital pressure on banks. At the nine-hour long marathon meeting, the board advised that the RBI should consider a scheme for restructuring of stressed standard assets of MSME borrowers with aggregate credit facilities of up to ₹25 crore, subject to such conditions as are necessary for ensuring financial stability. "While more details are awaited, this approach has the potential for negative implications for the credit profiles of Indian banks," Moody's Investors Service Vice President (Financial Institutions Group) Srikanth Vadlamani said in a statement. The RBI board, while deciding to retain the capital adequacy requirement for banks at 9 per cent, agreed to extend the transition period for implementing the last tranche of 0.625 per cent under the capital conservation buffer (CCB), by one year - up to March 31, 2020. CCB currently stands at 1.875 per cent and remaining 0.625 per cent

to be met by March 2019, as per the deadline fixed by the RBI. "The decision to extend the timeline for the full implementation of Basel 3 guidelines by a year is a credit negative for Indian public sector banks," Vadlamani said. It expects that all public sector banks would have a core equity tier 1 (CET1) ratio of at least 8 per cent by the end of March 2019, based on the government's commitment that it would capitalise all these banks to a level sufficient to meet the minimum regulatory capital norms. "With the regulatory timelines now extended, it may be a case that at least some of the rated public sector banks' CET1 ratios over the next 12 months would be lower than what we currently expect," he said. On restructuring of stressed MSME loans, Moody's said the track record of such asset classification, when seen over the last few years in India, has shown that they have "largely been unsuccessful in addressing the underlying stress". On the contrary, keeping stressed loans in the standard category has led to an underestimation of the extent of underlying asset quality issues by bank managements, and consequently the severity of the actions that they need to take to address the issue, Vadlamani added. The RBI central board, headed by RBI governor Urjit Patel, comprises 18 directors, including 4 RBI deputy governors. It also has two government nominees - Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg and Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Kumar - and 10 independent directors including S Gurumurthy and Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran.

BUSINESS CORNER

MARUTI RAMPES UP PRODUCTION OF VITARA BREZZA

New Delhi: The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) Tuesday said it has ramped up the production of its compact SUV Vitara Brezza to reduce waiting period of the model. The company has increased production of the vehicle by 10 per cent to 94,000 units during April-October period of the current fiscal as compared with same period of 2017-18. "With the Suzuki Motor Gujarat plant operational at its full capacity of 2.5 lakh units annually in Gujarat, we are able to increase the output," MSI senior executive Director (Marketing and Sales) RS Kalsi said in a statement. At present, the model has a waiting period of four-six weeks. The auto major is confident that with the reduced waiting period, it will be able to enhance the car buying and ownership experience of its customers, he added. Last fiscal, MSI sold over 1.48 lakh units of Vitara Brezza. During the first seven months (April-October) of 2018-19, the company has clocked sales of around 95,000 units of the compact SUV. The company has sold over 3.57 lakh units of Vitara Brezza cumulatively since its launch in March 2016.

INDIA SLIPS TWO PLACES TO 53RD POSITION ON GLOBAL TALENT RANKING; SWITZERLAND ON TOP

New Delhi: India has slipped two places to rank 53rd on a global annual talent ranking released by IMD Business School Switzerland on Tuesday, while the top slot has been retained by the Alpine nation itself. Within Asia, Singapore has topped the charts with a global 13th place on the list that ranks 63 countries in developing, attracting and retaining talent. China is ranked lower at 39th "because of its difficulties in attracting foreign skilled workers paired with a level of public expenditure in education that is below the average of other advanced economies". Regarding India, the renowned business school said its position has declined from 51st in 2017 to 53rd this year. "On one hand, the country performs above the average in terms of the quality of its talent pool (Readiness factor, 30th position). On the other, the quality of its educational system and the lack of investments in public education heavily penalise the talent potential of the country (Investment and Development factor, 63rd)," it said. The rankings are based on three factors: Investment and Development, Appeal, and Readiness. These factors include indicators that capture the resources invested in developing local talent, the extent to which a country attracts and retains talent, and the quality of skills available in the talent pool. While Switzerland has topped the global ranking for the fifth year in a row, it is followed by Denmark, Norway, Austria and the Netherlands in the top-five. At 6th place, Canada is the only non-European nation in the top-ten, which also includes Finland (7th), Sweden (8th), Luxembourg (9th), and Germany (10th). The Slovak Republic (59th), Colombia (60th), Mexico (61st), Mongolia (62nd), and Venezuela (63rd) are the last countries in the ranking. Among BRICS nations, Brazil is ranked 58th, South African 50th and Russia 46th.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP CHANGE
NIFTY 50	10740.10	10740.85	10640.85	10656.20 -107.20
GAIL	338.05	346.00	337.70	344.05 -9.35
ADANI PORTS	349.85	357.55	347.00	355.50 -4.95
INDUSINDBK	1535.00	1569.90	1528.35	1552.85 14.90
BAIFINANCE	2365.00	2392.95	2345.75	2374.00 13.05
ZEE	44.80	45.15	44.75	44.90 0.20
M&M	780.00	792.40	773.35	782.00 0.65
HDFCBANK	2013.00	2019.60	1999.05	2012.75 -1.15
INFRAEEL	260.00	261.25	257.90	259.30 -0.65
BPCL	325.20	329.95	321.10	322.00 -0.95
ITC	285.00	286.65	281.80	283.50 -1.00
TITAN	919.00	925.20	908.85	917.30 -3.25
ASIANPAINT	1317.00	1331.05	1304.70	1307.20 -4.90
HINDUNILVR	1701.00	1709.90	1685.05	1695.00 -6.40
HINDPETRO	246.00	252.50	241.60	243.25 -1.05
LT	1410.25	1423.10	1407.70	1410.80 -0.40
TATAMOTORS	184.05	188.30	183.20	183.75 -0.85
BAJAJ-AUTO	2679.65	2679.65	2655.00	2666.30 -13.35
KOTAKBANK	1170.00	1178.30	1162.15	1169.20 -6.05
HEROMOTOCO	2988.90	2994.95	2941.00	2965.50 -17.15
BAJAJFINSERV	5715.00	5746.70	5648.00	5673.10 -50.85
POWERGRID	191.10	191.10	187.50	187.90 -1.80
ONGC	154.55	155.60	152.65	153.00 -1.55
AXISBANK	614.70	619.60	609.55	609.95 -6.35
HDFC	1890.00	1904.00	1872.05	1878.80 -20.55
COALINDIA	264.00	265.60	261.00	261.20 -2.90
RELIANCE	1145.00	1155.90	1130.00	1137.00 -13.00
TCS	1902.00	1902.00	1874.20	1880.00 -22.45
MARUTI	7411.65	7444.50	7311.65	7323.60 -88.05
SUNPHARMA	530.00	532.60	521.30	524.70 -8.85
EICHERRMOT	2897.10	2935.00	2450.55	2450.00 -347.10
GRASIM	847.70	863.00	832.30	837.50 -11.90
ICICIBANK	362.00	365.45	354.60	357.15 -5.25
CIPLA	528.00	529.85	518.65	520.10 -8.15
ULTRACEMCO	4033.00	4046.50	3960.00	3966.25 -65.70
INFY	651.70	656.00	640.70	640.60 -11.10
UPL	771.00	772.80	747.00	760.50 -14.70
SBIN	285.90	288.55	282.50	282.60 -5.55
BHARTIARTL	333.10	339.45	328.30	329.85 -7.00
IOC	143.80	144.90	138.00	139.00 -3.55
JSWSTEEL	334.00	334.25	327.00	328.25 -8.40
NTPC	152.40	153.10	148.50	148.90 -4.05
HCLTECH	1035.00	1035.00	1003.30	1011.65 -28.45
TECHM	732.50	732.50	700.30	711.60 -20.95
VEDL	210.25	210.90	200.00	205.10 -6.25
TATASTEEL	577.00	578.00	562.00	565.25 -9.15
WIPRO	330.90	330.90	320.30	321.90 -9.05
DRREDDY	2520.10	2520.10	2437.55	2438.25 -10.35
BULHSGFIN	725.55	743.90	700.00	706.80 -27.80
HINDALCO	233.85	233.85	220.40	220.60 -13.85
YESBANK	198.00	199.75	191.00	192.50 -12.30

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	2740.25	2750.45	2712.75	2716.15 -348.15
OIL	200.00	204.50	199.50	202.50 -8.10
DLF	169.90	175.65	169.90	174.20 1.45
COLPAL	1150.00	1170.60	1149.85	1158.95 8.30
HDFCLIFE	382.00	388.70	380.05	383.30 1.30
SHREECAM	15990.00	16149.15	15775.90	15901.00 9.20
PGHH	946.10	948.95	940.15	948.00 1.35
NHPC	26.10	26.25	26.00	26.10 0.00
CONCOR	669.15	685.90	667.00	673.55 -0.05
GICRE	307.85	309.20	305.65	307.00 0.00
MOTHERSUMI	152.00	155.00	150.00	152.80 -1.00
PIDILITIND	1120.00	1133.00	1115.00	1121.25 -1.35
MARICO	353.00	354.20	349.40	351.70 -0.80
NIACL	205.00	208.00	202.15	202.90 -0.65
BOSCHLTD	18790.00	18950.00	18505.10	18633.60 -73.25
PETRONET	2100.00	2190.00	2130.00	2150.00 -8.05
DMART	1412.00	1437.40	1397.65	1404.85 -7.70
MRF	66200.00	66330.00	65713.20	65800.00 -390.30
LICHSGFIN	454.60	466.50	452.30	455.00 -2.75
SHILIFE	572.00	572.00	562.00	565.00 -3.70
ICICIG	836.00	839.75	822.05	830.50 -5.75
SIEMENS	945.80	945.80	925.15	934.90 -6.75
INDIGO	1036.50	1050.00	1027.15	1035.00 -7.65
ICICIPRULI	325.00	326.90	319.10	320.90 -2.35
ABB	1348.00	1350.00	1336.90	1340.00 -10.70
LUPIN	854.55	861.45	843.00	848.60 -6.90
BHEL	67.90	68.05	66.95	67.40 -0.60
IDEA	42.90	43.85	41.10	42.30 -0.40
ASHOKLEY	108.00	110.25	108.05	107.60 -1.20
HINDZINC	266.00	268.50	262.90	263.20 -2.95
BEL	93.95	96.00	92.30	92.80 -1.10
HAVELLS	683.90	685.50	675.05	676.10 -8.40
NMDC	101.10	101.40	98.55	99.50 -1.30
ONFS	3499.00	3499.00	3426.00	3442.90 -46.60
SUNTV	614.40	625.00	606.50	607.10 -9.60
AUROPHARMA	791.00	792.65	777.00	778.50 -14.25
BRITANNIA	5970.00	6095.90	5840.85	5880.00 -109.55
L&T	132.10	134.00	130.20	131.30 -2.45
ACC	1491.00	1498.30	1467.30	1470.00 -10.00
CADILAHC	361.80	364.05	352.05	355.20 -8.65
AMBUJACEM	219.25	219.25	214.05	214.75 -5.65
GODREJCP	728.35	728.35	705.10	707.00 -21.35
ABCAPITAL	115.65	115.75	112.75	112.75 -3.40
BIOCON	625.90	637.85	615.20	615.10 -18.55
SRTANSFIN	1229.50	1229.50	1182.00	1184.00 -36.40
SAIL	64.25	64.25	62.15	62.35 -1.90
PEL	2322.05	2374.40	2266.85	2283.25 -78.00
DABUR	406.00	406.45	393.10	394.20 -14.30
BANDHANBANK	475.25	475.25	460.00	460.80 -17.40
MCDOWELL-N	651.00	652.00	623.25	624.75 -26.20
BANKBARODA	113.20	115.60	109.25	110.00 -5.35

BSE 500

Script	Last Traded	Abs Change	Change %
CROMPTON	224.75	1.55	0.76
CUB	167.05	0.90	0.54
CUMMINSIND	784.40	-1.50	-0.19
CYIENT	637.95	5.60	0.89
DABUR	394.45	-13.05	-3.20
DALMABHA	2253.05	0.15	0.01
DBCORP	178.60	-1.10	-0.61
DBL	479.30	-8.35	-1.71
DCBBANK	156.50	-1.80	-1.14
DCMSHRIRAM	386.60	-17.40	-4.51
DEEPAKFER	166.85	-8.30	-4.74
DEEPAKNI	261.80	6.60	2.59
DELTAORG	240.70	1.35	0.56
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DENABANK	16.55	-0.55	-3.22
DHANUKA	441.70	-8.40	-1.87
DHFL	225.05	-7.10	-3.06
DISHTV	37.85	-0.90	-2.32
DIVISLAB	1532.25	-25.85	-1.66
DLF	174.85	2.20	1.27
DMART	1413.35	0.70	0.05
DRREDDY	2450.25	-76.90	-3.04
ECLERX	1099.70	-20.40	-1.82
EDELWEISS	171.45	-5.30	-3.00
EICHERRMOT	24597.60	-286.15	-1.15
EIDPARRY	227.70	-4.30	-1.85
EIHOTEL	168.15	4.05	2.47
ELGIEQUIP	232.10	-1.05	-0.88
EMAMILTD	444.30	-11.35	-2.49
ENDURANT	1105.40	-18.95	-1.69
ENGINEERSIN	116.95	0.70	0.60
EQUITAS	108.50	-0.10	-0.28
ERIS	612.65	0.15	0.02
ESCORTS	659.70	-11.25	-1.68
ESSELPRO	86.60	-1.65	-1.87
EVEREADY	208.00	-0.25	-0.12
EYEINDX	238.70	-4.85	-1.99

China slams Dalai Lama for 'separatist activities'

Beijing: China on Tuesday hit out at the Dalai Lama who is on a visit to Japan, saying that countries should not facilitate the Tibetan spiritual leader's "separatist activities". On the Dalai Lama's reported comments that China and Tibet should co-exist and prosper together, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said here that the Tibet issue is an internal matter of Beijing. **PTI**

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
 No.: 7PUB/New Proposal/TN/Q7/2018 Dated: 20.11.2018
NIT regarding Open Tender for Commercial Advertisement Rights through Installation, Operation & Maintenance of PET/Plastic Bottle Crushing & Shredding Machines at Railway stations over Delhi Division for a period of five (5) years.
 For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed Tenders up to 15.00 Hrs on 12.12.2018 for allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement Rights through Installation, Operation & Maintenance of PET/Plastic Bottle Crushing & Shredding Machines at Railway stations over Delhi Division for a period of five (5) years from the date of award, which will be opened soon thereafter in the Commercial Branch of DRM's office, State entry Road, New Delhi.
 Detailed Tender document alongwith Notice Inviting Tender, Tender form, Terms & conditions along with detail of stations is available on the Website of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there. It can also be obtained from the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi on any working day during working hours up to 13.00 hrs. of 12.12.2018 on payment of prescribed (non-refundable) cost of Bid Document. 3035/2018
Serving Customers with a Smile

NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM NO. 1 Dated: 19.11.2018
 E-Tender No. 4VEHICULAR USFD ON 'B, C, D Spl. and D' ROUTES/NR/2018 dated. 02.11.2018. Name of work: "Ultrasonic flaw detection of rails/welds using vehicular system and verification/markings of defects as per 'Indian Railway Standard specification for ultrasonic testing of Rails/Welds using vehicular system, (Provisional)-2009' for 24170 TKM over 'B, C, D Spl. and D' routes of Northern Railway."
 3. The said e-tender which was scheduled to be opened on 04th December, 2018 (04.12.2018) will now be opened on 11th December, 2018 (11.12.2018) at 15.00 hrs. All other Terms and Conditions of the tender will remain unchanged. 3025/2018
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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
 The Executive Engineer, 'G' Division, CPWD, East Block-II, Level-II, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 on behalf of the President of India invites online percentage rate tenders from the approved and eligible contractors of CPWD for the following work:
 1. NIT No.-36/EE/G-Divn./2018-19, Name of work: Providing and fixing grill doors in Staircase of GPRA DII, DI & CII Flats at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi during 2018-19. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 7,88,974/-. Earnest Money:- Rs. 15,779/-. Period of completion:- 02 (Two) Month. Last date and time of submission of tender upto 03.00 PM on 03.12.2018
 The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

 General public is hereby informed that one person **Publicly**: Ashok Kumar, S/o Kanhaiya Sharma, R/o H.No. B-544A, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi, Age: about 28 Years, Height: 5'4", Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Sky blue shirt, black colour Jeans Pant and Sports Shoes, has been missing since 08.07.2018 area of P.S. Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 40-A, dated 11.07.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.
 SHO
 E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
 Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Sangam Vihar, New Delhi
 Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 011-26044546, 8750870831
 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/4871/SD/18

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
 Whereas complaint has been made before me that (1) Radhey Shyam S/o Goli (2) Manoj S/o Radhey Shyam both R/o D-204, Tripathi Enclave, Prem Nagar-II, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 160/14 U/s 323/324/34 IPC at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Radhey Shyam (2) Manoj can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Radhey Shyam (2) Manoj have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person (1) Radhey Shyam (2) Manoj of FIR No. 160/14 U/s 323/324/34 IPC at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 02.02.2019
 By Order
 Sh. Anurag Thakur
 Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)-02
 Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

 General Public is hereby informed that a male namely **Deepak Asrani**, S/o Shri Mukesh Asrani, R/o H No. K-44G, Pocket-K, Sheikh Sarai, Ph-2, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi has been missing since 28.10.2018 from the area of PS Malviya Nagar. In this regard a DD No. 29A dated 28.10.2018 has been lodged at PS, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:
 Name: Deepak Asrani, Father's Name : Shri Mukesh Asrani, Age : 38 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Round, Built : Fat, Wearing : Grey Polo T-Shirt, Dark Blue Jacket, Blue Colour Jeans and Green Colour Shoes in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.
 SHO
 Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 e-mail : cic@cbi.nic.in
 Fax : 011-230111334
 Ph. : 011-23014046, 30115229, 23015218, Extn. 210
 DP/5074/SD/18
 P.S., Malviya Nagar, New Delhi
 Ph.: 011-26691861 26691862

US migrant caravan: Judge halts Trump's asylum ban

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

A federal judge on Monday put a temporary halt to a Trump administration order denying the possibility of asylum to people who enter the US illegally.

President Donald Trump issued the proclamation earlier this month as a matter of what he called national security as a caravan of thousands of Central American migrants made its way through Mexico toward the US border.

US District Judge Jon Tigar in San Francisco issued a temporary restraining order against the Trump proclamation, thus granting a request from human rights groups who had sued shortly after the order was announced.

Under the proclamation, Trump said only people who enter the US at official checkpoints — as opposed to sneaking across the border — can apply for asylum. Judge Tigar wrote that the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 states that any foreigner who arrives in the US, "whether or not at a designated port of arrival," may apply for asylum. "The rule barring asylum for immigrants who enter the country outside a port of entry irreconcilably conflicts with



the INA and the expressed intent of Congress," Tigar wrote. "Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," Tigar added.

White House imposes curbs on reporters after Trump's confrontation with CNN scribe

Washington: Though the White House lost the legal fight with the CNN over the suspension of the press credentials of its journalist Jim Acosta, it has used the opportunity to rein-in the media from raising more than one question to President Donald Trump or senior officials at

The judge's restraining order remains in effect until the court decides on the case. Trump's administration has argued that he has the executive power to curb immigration in the name of national security — a power he invoked right after taking office last year with a controversial ban on travelers from several mostly Muslim countries.

The final version of the order was upheld by the US Supreme Court on June 26 after a protracted legal battle.

When the new policy was announced by the Department of Homeland Security on November 8, a senior administration official said it would address what he called the "historically unparalleled abuse of our immigration system" along the border with Mexico.

future press conferences. The White House on Monday restored the press credentials of CNN's chief White House correspondent Acosta, less than two weeks after withdrawing them over a testy exchange with President Trump during a news conference on November 7. **PTI**

Xi visits Philippines to cosy up to historical US ally

AFP ■ MANILA

Chinese President Xi Jinping called his visit on Tuesday to long-time US ally the Philippines a "milestone", as he aims to boost blossoming ties on the promise of billions of dollars in backing for mega-projects.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has proven a willing recipient of Beijing's attentions, declaring shortly after his election in 2016 his nation's "separation" from former colonial master the US.

Since then Beijing, which is competing with Washington for supremacy in the Pacific, has promised \$24 billion in investment and infrastructure loans that the developing nation of 105 million deeply needs. But over two years later, only a trickle of funding has arrived, prompting critics to question whether Duterte has been duped into pivoting toward China and giving too much ground on the South China Sea dispute.

Xi landed in Manila to a

red-carpet welcome for the first state visit from a Chinese president in 13 years, which Manila hopes will finally net those investment deals.

"For the Philippines, this is more than a reciprocal visit. It is an historic occasion," Duterte said in welcoming Xi to the presidential palace for the two-day visit.

The Chinese leader offered similarly sweeping remarks, saying: "My visit will be a milestone in the history of exchange between our two countries." Few details were released on the deals inked on Tuesday, including an agreement to cooperate on oil and gas development.

China has disbursed tens of billions of dollars in loans since 2013 as it expands its political influence globally, countering the American hegemony that characterised the post-World War II order, especially in Asia. However, even before Xi's arrival, hundreds of protestors descended on the Chinese embassy to voice opposition to closer ties with Beijing.

Would be 'good' for Musharraf to return to Pak to face trial: IHC

Islamabad: It would be "good" for Pervez Musharraf if he returns to Pakistan to face the high treason trial, the Islamabad High Court has observed as it directed his lawyer to submit the former military dictator's travel itinerary at the next hearing.

General Musharraf, 75, who has been living in Dubai since 2016, is facing the treason case for suspending the Constitution in 2007. The former military ruler left for Dubai in March 2016 for medical treatment and has not returned since.

The former Army chief has been declared an absconder due to his persistent failure to appear before a special trial court set up to try him in the case.

A two-judge division bench heard the petition filed by Musharraf against the constitution of a judicial commission by the special court for recording his statement. **PTI**

Suicide bomber targets clerics in Kabul, 50 killed

AP ■ KABUL

A suicide bomber targeted a gathering of hundreds of Islamic scholars in the Afghan capital on Tuesday, killing at least 50 people as Muslims around the world marked the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.

Public Health Ministry spokesman Wahid Majroh said another 83 people were wounded in the attack, with 20 of them in critical condition and the toll likely to rise. The suicide bomber was able to sneak into a wedding hall in Kabul where hundreds of Muslim religious scholars and clerics had gathered to mark the holiday.

No one immediately claimed the attack, but both the Taliban and a local Islamic State affiliate have targeted religious scholars aligned with the government in the past.

"The victims of the attack

unfortunately are all religious scholars who gathered to commemorate the birthday of Prophet Muhammad," said Basir Mujahid, spokesman for the Kabul police chief. He said police had not been asked to provide security for the event, and that the bomber had easily slipped into the hall. Most wedding halls have private security.

Mohammad Muzamil, a waiter at the wedding hall, said he had gone into the back to fetch water for the guests when he heard the explosion. "Everything was covered with smoke and dust," he said. "There were dead bodies all around on the chairs, in large numbers."

Police sealed off roads leading to the scene of the attack. Hundreds of family members and relatives gathered at local hospitals, looking at lists of those killed and wounded that were posted outside.



A man injured in a suicide bombing is brought into a hospital for treatment, in Kabul, Afghanistan on Tuesday **AP**

GLOBE TROTTER

SPAIN PM THREATENS BREXIT OVER GIBRALTAR

Madrid: Spain's Prime Minister warned on Tuesday that Madrid would vote against the Brexit deal agreed between London and Brussels if it does not guarantee Madrid's veto over Gibraltar's future status. Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May is due to sign a treaty with EU leaders to leave the bloc on Sunday, but Spain's warning over the contested British territory on Spain's southern tip may add another complication.

SAUDI, UAE ANNOUNCE \$500 MN IN AID TO YEMEN

Riyadh: Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which lead a military coalition against the Huthi rebels in Yemen, announced Tuesday \$500 million in aid to the country on the brink of famine.

DOCTOR, ASSISTANT AMONG 4 DEAD

Chicago: Mercy Hospital has identified two members of its staff killed in a shooting that left four dead, also including the gunman and a police officer. Emergency room physician, 38-year-old Tamera O'Neal, was described as a fascinating, hardworking person.

3 HELD OVER ALLEGED OZ CITY TERROR PLOT

Melbourne: Three men who allegedly plotted "chilling" terror attacks in Melbourne were arrested early Tuesday, less than two weeks after a stabbing rampage inspired by the Islamic State group left two dead in Australia's second largest city, police said. The trio, all Australian nationals of Turkish descent, were nabbed in overnight raids.

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TENDER NOTICE
 Date:- 14/11/2018
 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-1066	Purchase of Medicine	30.11.2018 at 11 am. Bidders have to submit their queries through email or hard copy before meeting.	From 22.11.2018 10.00 am to 14:00 hrs.	17.12.2018 at 14:01 hrs.
2.	E-1067			13.12.2018 up to 14:00 hrs.	

 For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> For e-tendering help/ information, please contact. Website: - <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
 Contact No. 1800-233-7315, 91-7878107985, +91-7878107986, +91-7878007972 and +91-7878007973 Email - eproc.support@maharashtra.gov.in
 Sd/-
(Dr. R.M. Kumbhar)
General Manager-1,
Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., (Procurement Cell), Mumbai.
 DGIPR/2018/2019/4421

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Limited
 Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007, Gujarat.
 Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051
 Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi- 110055
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. 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 symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower 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 ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgage/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Vineet Sood/ Kuldeep Chander Sood/ Predominant Engineers & Contractors Pvt Ltd/ Reseta Sood/ LBGUR00001356211 & LBGUR00002006321	Plot No. 2, Poorvi Marg, Dlf City Phase II Gurgaon/ November 16, 2018	May 29, 2018/ Rs. 1,26,94,564/-	Delhi/Ncr

 The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
 Date: 20-11-2018
 Place: Delhi/NCR
 Sd/-
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE
 This is for Notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of "Bhartiya Vikash Dal United" (Name of the party). The office of the party is located at From- Bhartiya Vikash Dal United, Bhartiya Vikash Dal Main Office- House No. SM.011-0425, Vill- Chhota Bariyarpur, Ward No. 38, Post- Motihari Court, P.S.- Chhatauni, Distric- East Champaran, Bihar- 845401
 This party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India New Delhi for its registration as political Party under section 29A of the Representation of people Act, 1951- Names/address of the office- bearers of the Party are as follows:
 President/Chairman: Subodh Kumar Thakur, Vill- Chhota Bariyarpur, Ward No. 38, Post- Motihari Court, P.S.- Chhatauni, Distric- East Champaran, Bihar- 845401.
 General Secretary/Secretary:- Neelam Kumari Husband Name- Subodh Kumar Thakur Vill- Chhota Bariyarpur, Ward No. 38, Post- Motihari Court, P.S.- Chhatauni, Distric- East Champaran, Bihar. Treasurer: Subodh Kumar Thakur Vill- Chhota Bariyarpur, Ward No. 38, House No. SM.011- 0425, Post- Motihari Court, P.S.- Chhatauni, Distric- East Champaran, Bihar. If any one has any objection to the registration of "Bhartiya Vikash Dal United" (Name of the proposed party) they may send their objection with reasons there of to the secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvanchan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi- 110001, within 30 days of the publication of this Notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
 [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale Notice for sale of immovable property
 E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable 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 where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	Ensol Power Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Loona Chakarabarti, Narayan Chakarabarty (Co-Borrowers)/ LBDEL00002007805, LBDEL00002021341	Entire First Floor Flat, without roof rights, Plot No 07, Block D, Residential Colony Lakewood City, Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad. Covered Area 180.39Sq.mtr	2,30,88,478/- (as on Sep 05, 2018)	1,50,00,000/-	15,00,000/-	Dec 14, 2018 From 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM	Dec 31, 2018 From 11.30 AM To 12.00 Noon

 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 29, 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 29, 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 : November 20, 2018
 Place : Faridabad
 Sd/-
 Authorised Officer
 ICICI Bank Limited.

'RETAINING GOOD FACULTY IS THE CHALLENGE'

DR H VINOD BHAT, Vice-Chancellor, Manipal University, talks to MUSBA HASHMI about how the university got the status of Institution of Eminence, it's advantages and what are the milestones in Indian education system

How did Manipal University get the status of Institution of Eminence?

The Institutions of Eminence scheme which was announced by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development in September 2016, aimed at selecting 10 institutions, each in public and private sector, on the basis of their overall performance and other factors. More than 110 institutions had applied. The committee, headed by former Chief Election Commissioner Gopal Swami, asked us to make a presentation with a looking forward vision of 15-year for the university in terms of academic, financial and expansion. Three universities were selected in the private and three in the public sector. So, that's Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) got the status.

What does this translate into?

There is a lot of liberty given to us. Universities will be deregulated from University Grants Commission (UGC) and they will also have the autonomy to create their own content for curriculum based on what is needed for the university. They will have the freedom to hire international faculty and set-up scientific method of the fee structure that is very open and transparent but not governed by any agency of State Government. They will also have the autonomy to take 30 per cent of their students as international students.

How will the students benefit?

One of the advantages is that it will make a need-blind admission process for the student which means any student, who meets the merit criteria set by the university, is admitted into the programme irrespective of his ability or inability to pay the fees. There should be a robust scholarship programme in place to enable admitting every student who meets the criteria. Thus, any student, who wishes to join Manipal, money should not be a constraint.

Second, making the curriculum contemporary. Earlier, the regulatory body gave us a schedule that this subject should be taught for this much of time period and so, there was no way we can innovate and go outside the framework of what is regulated. But now we can make the course contemporary, value-creating and centered around recent happenings across the world so that the students will be globally employable.

Every year, a large number of students go abroad for higher education...

Students need not have to go



abroad for any kind of education, be it schooling or higher education because there are enough opportunities here. Every year, institutes in India are getting better and new institutes are introduced. So it depends a lot on the mindset of the people. Having said that, the focus on research that is laid in abroad is much more than our country.

So, Indian universities have been lagging behind in research which perhaps is a deterrent for serious students who are looking at masters and PhD and not just first degree and jobs. So, the students, who want to take their degrees in research, are the ones who are likely to go abroad and we can see it happening unless Indian universities invest in research.

How does MAHE plan to achieve the goals set up by the Center?

Our 15-year-old goals are well laid out. We are looking at building three more campuses — two in India and one overseas. We are looking at consolidating our research even more. Although we have set up the target of publications by our faculty to 500 by 2028, I'm confident that we will be able to do it by 2022.

What are the challenges faced by private universities in India?

The challenge is how to have the right faculty. The best of students don't become teachers, researchers or academicians. Instead they go for corporate jobs with high pay package. If we correct this, we can retain the skilled

26TH CONVOCATION

MUSBA HASHMI ■ NEW DELHI

The 26th convocation of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), at its campus, saw a total of 5,084 students receiving their UG, PG, and PhD degrees. The university also awarded Dr TMA Pai Gold medals to 11 of its students for excellence in their fields and their overall performance throughout the year.

This three-day gala ceremony was graced by the chief guests Dr H Sudarshan Ballal, chairman, Manipal Health Enterprises on day one; Prof Souvik Bhattacharya, VC, Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, on day two and Krishnakumar Nataraja, co-founder and executive chairman, Mind Tree, Bengaluru, on day three.

While addressing the graduating students, Ballal said: "You, as the future generation, need to tackle several issues that are plaguing the country and make it a better world. We, as a society, has to change



and there should be unbiased education for all, irrespective of their gender or economic status. Nowadays, even the toddlers have to go through interviews for admission, this system should be modified."

It is payback time, he told the students, adding: "Please give back something to the society in return for what the society has given you. One great idea is to give quality education to the youngsters, who will be our future. It would be a great idea to set up an endowment at the university to help the less privileged."

people in teaching. Moreover, a good researcher is a good teacher, though there are exceptions that non-researchers are good teachers and good researchers are not good teachers. Teaching and research go hand-in-hand.

How difficult is to retain a good faculty?

For private universities, it is not that hard, especially for us because the kind of environment we create for our teachers is perhaps unique, empowering and liberal. Our teachers are paid reasonably well. We have made the Government pay structure as a benchmark but we don't follow that pay scale. Our teachers get a quality life and

healthcare for their parents and education for their children in the campus itself which can't be replicated anywhere else, especially in Delhi and Bengaluru where it takes almost six hours a day to come and go back from work but here it is about three-five minutes.

What are the milestones in Indian education system?

A few things that the Government has to change is to deregulate the universities, now it's six, they need to do 20 and then 120. There are other institutions that also deserve to be freed and liberated. Second, to try and get international universities in India. This is a Government Bill that has not been passed in the last 10 years. So, no two successive governments have failed to do this. There is a strong need to do that because you bring in more university opportunities at no cost of the country and second, you also bring good practices and import them into the country so the quality of others with healthy competition increases and so it will improve the quality of education.

What is your take on the trend of the foreign exchange programme?

First, a student gets a passport of his own, this is a stamp of empowerment which makes them a global citizen and give them the liberty to travel anywhere in the world. Secondly, these programmes give the students an opportunity to study in abroad and be a part of a different culture. I don't say whether it is good or bad but all the students have been brought up in one set of principles and it is important for them to experience cultural diversity. They get to study abroad and do an internship in an overseas company which can subsequently.

What advice would you like to give to the students who often get confused in choosing a career?

This is something that has changed in the last 20 years. People are thinking beyond medicine, engineering, law and a few others that their child would pursue in future. There are so many opportunities in researching, science and humanities and all of them are equally important and they all seem to come together. Now there is no longer an oddity to see a student graduating in one specialisation, taking a masters degree in another specialisation and doing a PhD in third specialisation. The interdisciplinary approach to learning has become a norm and this is what we wanted.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm
— Winston Churchill

MASTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH

The IIMHR University, in cooperation with the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, offers a degree in Master of Public Health (MPH).

The three-fourths of terms will be taught in India, and one term at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA. The MPH degree will be awarded by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and will have same and equal credentials as that in the USA.

This two-year full-time programme will offer a total number of 30 seats.

Eligibility:

■ Bachelor's degree with a background in Mathematics and Biology.

■ Valid GRE, MCAT, GMAT, or LSAT scores. (Scores are waived off for applicants who possess a degree beyond the baccalaureate level or MBBS, provided they have the requisite quantitative skills)

■ A minimum of two years of full-time health-related work experience is desirable for candidates who do not have a medical degree/PhD.

Career opportunities: Students get placed as public health physicians, state/district consultant NHM, epidemiologists/surveillance medical officers, oral health physicians, public health nutritionists, health economists/health insurance consultants, senior/research officers in projects, data analysts in pharmaceutical companies, National and International NGOs, monitoring and evaluation officers, health management information specialists, and environmental health scientists demonstrators (MPH college).

Fees structure: This MPH programme is highly subsidised for the students from low and middle-income countries of WHO SEARO with a tuition fee of US \$22,000 only. The fee also



includes travel to USA and lodge during their stay at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), Baltimore, USA.

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES

The University of Sheffield, UK, is inviting applications for MSc Sustainable Agricultural Technologies course starting in September 2019. This 12-month course is designed to give students a breadth of understanding of the agri-food system as a whole.

Students will learn about the major issues in sustainable agriculture and receive training in how to apply cutting-edge techniques used in crop and soil science. Topics that students will cover include issues in global food security, the origins of agriculture and agricultural ecology in a changing world.

The biggest part of the course is the individual research project. Here students will spend three months over the summer in Sheffield's P3 centre for translational plant and soil biology, working with world-leading researchers. The centre is developing tools to increase the sustainability of agricultural ecosystems and your project will contribute to the positive impact that these tools have on global food security.

Eligibility: Sixty per cent or first class in biological science or related subject. Overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component, or equivalent.

Fee: The fee for overseas students for 2019 entry is yet to be confirmed. For 2018, it was £23,450.



Act to empower

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The Sarthak Educational Trust, a non-profit organisation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, organised the 5th National Conference on Disability 2018 in New Delhi. Supporting its theme 'Act to Empower', chief guest Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shakuntala Gamlin, said: "Nearly 2.67 crore children in the country are in need of institutional support for rehabilitation, inclusive education, skill development, reducing intensity of disability and optimisation of abilities. The Department has taken several steps and welfare measures to empower the disabled in the country and there is a need to scale up the efforts to enlarge the scope. We need to change our attitude and perception towards the most marginalised section of society."

Dr Jitender Aggarwal, founder-CEO of Sarthak Education Trust, said: "Till date, we have placed over 14,000 PwDs with the support from 1050 hiring part-

ners. As per 2011 census, the number of PwDs was nearly three crore people in seven types of disability and now the Government has added 14 more types of disability. Hence, with 21 types of disability, the number of PwDs is expected to go beyond eight crore and we need to scale up measures, schemes and efforts."

Highlighting the role of Sarthak, Dr Aggarwal further said that through skill development, 11,000 persons with disability have been trained till date in its 15 centres. "Training is designed with due consideration to individual's disability, educational qualification, and job requirements in mind. Under its inclusive education, the organisation identified nearly 425 disable students in 20 Delhi Government schools of West Delhi. To bring them at par with their fellow classmate children were provided with support in terms of remedial classes and medical rehabilitation through the right kind of therapy and stimulation. Sarthak encompasses job fairs wherein, a single platform is provided to persons with disability and companies to aid the process of employment."

Fellowship programme

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The Tata Trusts and Social Alpha have launched its fellowship programme—the Social Alpha Entrepreneurs for Impact (E4i) Programme and invites application by January 6, 2019. The E4i programme is a 12-month immersive fellowship that equips passionate entrepreneurs-in-the-making to leverage India's deep science, innovation and entrepreneurship environment.

The first cohort of the E4i programme will focus on finding solutions across a few high priority areas like water, sanitation, health, agriculture, energy and environment. From observing the problems on-ground, validating and refining their theory of change, converting prototypes into viable solutions, to developing preliminary business plans—finalists will undergo a practical and hands-on learning experience encompassing all the strategic ins-and-outs of running an enterprise. All the finalists will be getting a monthly stipend of ₹60,000. To apply, log on to www.socialalphachallenge.org.

'Rise in ease of doing business'

reforms over the past four years have metamorphosed the economic and business scenario in a way that there is a legal structure in place, the regulatory mechanism is functioning and in order, and yet none of them is suffocating.

While the doing business index covers the initiation of business to the resolution of insolvency and everything in between, the idiom 'Well begun is half done' is taken quite seriously. Single forms for company incorporation Permanent Account Number (PAN), Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number (TAN) and Document Identification Number (DIN) to online single window for obtaining construction permits come across as some of the biggest contributors towards reducing the time taken, the cost involved and hence, the riding up in the global ladder of achievement.

Talk of international business and what matters or rather holds utmost significance is the value of time, timely deliveries and minimal procedural and transit legalities. Reduced inspections, e-filing of documents, electronic sealing of containers have all played their part in simplifying international trades and strengthened bonds basing them on trust and self-governance in the



CS Makarand Lele
President ICSI

business and corporate arena.

That coupled with introduction of laws like Goods and Services Tax (GST), continuous amendments in the Company Law, pan-India coverage of reforms, a hands-on approach to understand the World Bank ideologies and ways and areas of improvement have each played a fetching part in remodelling the entire business culture and ethnicity.

The words of Alvin Toffler, an American writer, futurist, and businessman, "The great growing engine of change - Technology" find relevance and absolute relativity if the 'dramatic' change in the Indian ranking is to be studied, observed and pondered over. The elimination

of personal interface, online single windows, online registrations, mandatory e-payments, digital filings, have all made the delivery of public service at the touch of a few buttons and clicks.

Though the process of easing of doing business seems like a completely Government and regulator-oriented activity, the hidden roles of professional bodies in providing realistic feedback, the practical issues and difficulties facing the corporates, the possible corrective measures and their appropriate implementation, can't be left aside. If the role of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is to be mentioned, not only is ICSI, the nation's GST partner, but is a constant support in national reformative endeavours on a variety of fronts.

The ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals (IIP) has been acting as the perfect ground for developing and training Insolvency Professionals covering an area which has witnessed a 28 point improvement in the last two years on the index, that is, Resolving Insolvency.

The ICSI has been continuously striving to analyse and address the issues faced by corporates in the incorporation related activities. It is understandable

that any regulatory authority, while putting across a legislative structure, requires the comfort of the fact that such laws, rules and regulations are adhered to and the intended purpose of such laws is accomplished. And it is for this impetus that the role and responsibility of professionals like Company Secretaries pursuing the role of Governance Professionals is heightened.

Understanding the true intent of the lawmakers and policy framers, Company Secretaries, along with other professionals, not only have been playing but shall continue to pursue a noteworthy role in strengthening the nation and its various pillars.

Irrefutably, with a target of 50, as present by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the road yet to be travelled further is equally long and demanding. What matters and is required for this 27 point ascend is a combined effort from not just the law making bodies or the professional bodies alone but the corporates and businesses as well to play their part and adhere to the legal structure in true letter and spirit, thus strengthening the governance scenario and paving way for a simplified legal gastronomy.

The writer is CS Makarand Lele, president ICSI

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Visiting faculty at VIT

As part of its endeavour to invite some of the most brilliant minds in the areas of education and research, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has recently appointed Dr Bruno D'Aguzzo as a visiting professor at the Centre for Nanotechnology Research. Dr Aguzzo will not only deliver lectures but also conduct joint research on nano devices, systems and materials for thermal energy storage by collaborating with members of the centre. The collaboration will enrich scientific and technical cooperation and implementation of joint research activities between VIT and leading European Universities and



Dr Bruno D'Aguzzo, visiting professor at the Centre for Nanotechnology Research, VIT

Research Institutions. At present, Dr Aguzzo is a member of the European Energy Research Alliance on CSP and Energy Storage. He is also a coordinator for many research and industrial projects and principal investigator of three active H2020 research projects. A former scientific director of CIC Energigune, the new energy research centre in Spain to generate knowledge & develop technology through research, Dr Aguzzo is also an expert adviser of the Solar Energy Research Centre of the Southeast University at Nanjing, China.

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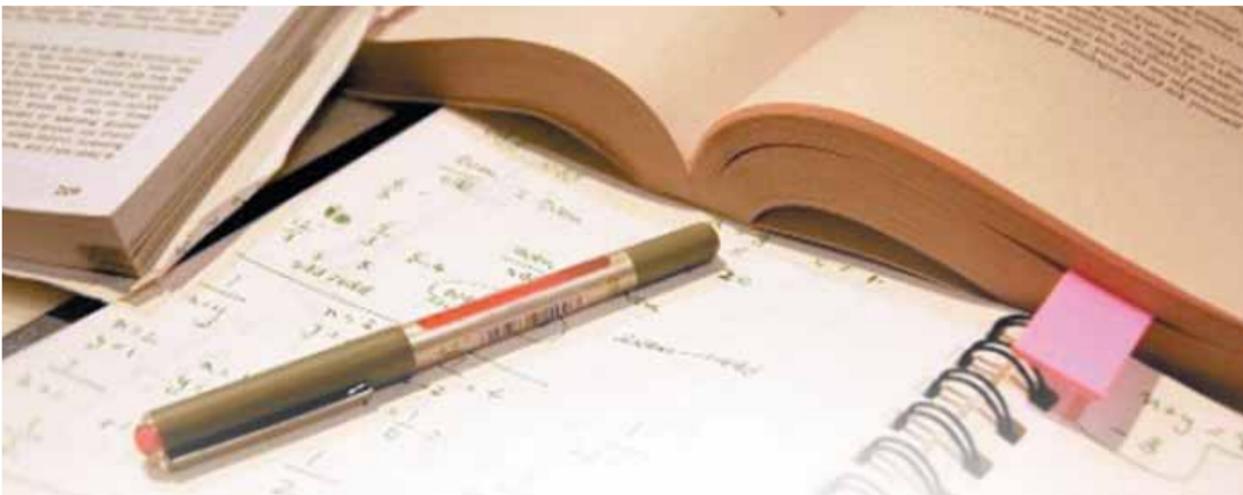
Future of learning

Cognizant has released a Future of Learning report based on a global survey of 601 top business executives at leading companies and 262 higher education institutions. The research reveals the following key trends, the impacts of which will soon ripple throughout businesses and across the higher education industry: ■ **Preparing the workforce for future jobs is a matter of survival for both businesses and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs):** Businesses and HEIs in India estimate that 50% and 52% of their total staff and students, respectively, will be prepared to handle new types of work driven by emerging digital technologies in the next five years. However, a whopping 83% and 50% of Indian HEIs and businesses are present-

ly unable to deliver. ■ **Businesses are beginning to bear the burden of learning:** Skills have become like mobile apps that need frequent upgrades. While 42% of businesses in India currently update their learning content on an annual or biannual basis, 65% of HEIs only update their curriculum every two to six years. Globally, businesses are intent on speeding the pace of curriculum updates, with 75% planning to move to a one- to five-month or even continuous refresh schedule in the next five years. In contrast, only 30% of HEIs plan to increase update frequency, from today's two- to six-year cycle to an annual one by 2023.

■ **The work ahead means working together.** Preparing the current and future workforce for the work ahead cannot take place in a vacuum. Three-quarters of both businesses and HEIs globally view collaboration as critical to successfully managing the transformative and disruptive impact of the new machine age. Both businesses and higher education in India seem less confident to prepare workforce and students to handle new work driven by emerging digital technologies—only 60% of businesses see collaboration as critical compared to 75% of HEIs. ■ **Emerging technologies such as AR/VR and AI will supercharge learning by focusing on "how to learn" over**

"what to learn". New modes of education delivery will emerge, with Netflix-style, on-demand digital assets allowing for anytime, anywhere self-learning. AI-driven learning platforms will personalise learning, and AR/VR systems will become mainstream, with a 220% increase in the take-up of the technology by HEIs and businesses globally in the next five years. It requires the following elements of change: ■ **More accurate skills identification to align with actual workplace needs.** ■ **Overhauling the approach of curriculum and training to be more immersive and personalised.** ■ **Provide an environment supportive of self-learning, with access to multiple content sources like open educational resources.**



PRE-BOARDS PREP

For most schools, pre-Boards will either be by end December or beginning of 2019. RAJSHEKHAR RATREY shares a few last minute tips for the students

If you are a student who is gearing up to appear for Board exams next year, chances are, your school has organised pre-Board exams in December or January. Most schools advise that you should take these pre-Board exams extremely seriously, despite the fact that these marks are not counted anywhere in the future. This is true as these exams are important. They provide a Board exam like setting and help you manage your stress and time. Pre-board exams also show you where you stand. Depending on your marks, you know whether you should buck up, or continue at the same pace. If you are someone who hasn't started planning for these exams, here is a strategy to help you.

Manage competitive exams and board exams: At this point, you have a fair idea whether you will be attempting any competitive exams or Olympiads. If you are keen on scoring well in these exams, you should start preparing these subjects beforehand. Give them more importance than others.

Focus on subjects that need practice: If you are not studying for any competitive exam, you should focus on subjects that need extensive practice. These usually include subjects with numericals or diagrams like Maths, Science, Accounts, and Computer Science. Use this excess time to prepare each type of numerical and practice your diagrams at length.

Use other interesting subjects to your advantage: Don't forget that you have other subjects to study as well. If you like studying the languages or enjoy Social Studies, study these subjects between the practice-heavy subjects. In short, if you have spent almost six hours studying Maths, try giving yourself a break with English or Hindi.

This also has a lot to do with the fact that you're using your left brain for calculations and your right brain for languages and art. This saves you from overloading yourself and feeling fatigue since you have been studying just one subject for days on end.

Study what is left: If you have

PRE-BOARD EXAMS PROVIDE A BOARD LIKE SETUP. THIS HELPS A STUDENT TO MANAGE STRESS AND TIME. MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT SHOWS YOU WHERE YOU STAND IN TERMS OF MARKS

time till January for your pre-Boards, the second month is when you study what you have left of the other subjects like Languages, Environmental Studies and Social Studies. Here's what you need to know and do:

Use the power of flashcards: For any memory-based subject, start with making notes and flashcards of important dates, movements, and events. For example, you can create a timeline for the Indian freedom struggle on a chart paper and put it up.

Don't forget what you studied earlier: Just like last month, introduce breaks in your schedule by solving questions from subjects that you have already studied. This will not only refresh your mind but also give you a fair idea of how much you remember.

Keep calm and keep studying: This time can get very stressful for you. You probably have three different sets of exams to take — pre-Board, Board and competitive.

Taking healthy breaks, continuing your hobbies, and maintaining a good sleep cycle will help

you study with a fresh mind. Don't feel demotivated or intimidated, but just focus on giving it your best shot.

During your pre-board exams: Ideally, you should have finished your exam portion by now. If you have, then spend the days of your pre-boards solving previous years' question papers and mock tests. After solving each test, go back to your mistakes and make notes about where you had gone wrong.

If you have not finished your exam portion, don't fret: Remember that you still have time before the Boards. Before every pre-Board paper, try to read and understand the portion that you haven't studied yet, even if you don't memorise it 100 per cent. This will help you when you start studying it for Boards.

Keep your mind calm, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and always be motivated. Focus on your syllabus and previous year question papers and put in as much effort as you can.

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'Go for virtual internship'

Today, internship adds value to the CV. If you can't find a full-time internship, SARVESH AGRAWAL lists five virtual profiles which can be pursued to make resumes stand out

Students who find it hard to find and pursue full-time internships can go for virtual internships and add the value of work experience to their resume. This not only make their resumes stand out to the employers when they are applying for full-time jobs in future but also, help with the application process when they decide to pursue higher education. To help understand about the internship opportunities you can take up, below are five popular profiles in which you can pursue a virtual internship.



Sarvesh Agrawal
Founder-CEO, Internshala

Content writing: Content, being an immense part of almost every business, is high in-demand. This brings a profusion of opportunities for students in content writing. To do this internship, all you need to have are good research and writing skills since as a content writer, you have to research on the concerned topics and write content in a creative and comprehensive manner. Also, with billions of topics to write on, learning opportunities are abundant in content writing like in Abhipsa's case, she got to learn about various interesting topics while writing articles on them.

Social media marketing: In the last one decade, social media has seen a significant boom. People across demographics are actively using various social media platforms to communicate with their friends and family, to make new friends and connections, and to convey their messages to the world. Scaling on the same, businesses have found an effective way of marketing over time, called social media marketing. This opens up a considerable number of exciting opportunities for the students. As a social media intern, you are expected to think of creative and feasible ideas to market a company and engaging its customers over various social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat.

Graphic designing: In this era of high competition between companies, customer experience is prioritised rather high. And, since most of the companies are serving through their online products, a substantial part of good customer experience is through a quality user experience of the product thus putting graph-

ic designers high in-demand. So, if you have a knack for creativity, then you can do an internship in graphic designing. As a graphic designer, you might get to work on different aspects of design like UI design, UX design, logo designing, and website designing.

Programming: From the continuous technological advancement in different areas like mobile technologies and web technologies, it is clearly evident that the field of computer science and information technology is constantly on a rise. This provides the students who have an interest and aptitude for coding with a bunch of opportunities in diverse areas ranging from software development and web development to mobile app development.

Volunteering: There are several NGOs aiming to help with a diverse number of societal issues and make a change. Creating numerous volunteering opportunities for students, these NGOs provide them with a chance to give back to the society by working for environment conservation, teaching the underprivileged, and helping the elderly. Volunteering internships can help you develop your soft skills, try your hands on different tasks, and most importantly, give you a sense of achievement while you give back to the society.

Most of us spend our time and energy on achieving goals, isn't it? But even the same goal can be reached with different costs by different people. It happens because all of us have different personal effectiveness. Our effectiveness depends on our innate characteristics - talent and experience accumulated in the process of personal development. Talents first are needed to be identified and then developed to be used in a particular subject area (science, literature, sports, politics, etc.). Experience includes knowledge and skills that we acquire in the process of cognitive and practical activities. Knowledge is required for setting goals, defining an action plan to achieve them and risk

assessment. Skills also determine whether real actions are performed in accordance with the plan. If the same ability is used many times in the same situation, then it becomes a habit that runs automatically, subconsciously. In this way you will make yourself ever ready for success.

The seven mantras of success:

Determination: It allows you to focus only on achieving a specific goal without being distracted by less important things or spontaneous desires. It may be developed with the help of self-discipline exercise.

Self-confidence: It appears in the process of personal development, as a result of getting aware of yourself, your actions and their consequences. Self-confidence is

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manifested in speech, appearance, dressing, gait, and physical condition. To develop it, you need to learn yourself and your capabilities, gain positive attitude and believe that by performing right actions and achieving the right goals you will certainly reach success.

Persistence: It makes you keep moving forward regardless of emerging obstacles - problems, laziness, bad emotional state, etc. It reduces the costs of overcoming obstacles. It can also be developed with the help of self-discipline exercise.

Managing stress: It helps combat stress that arises in daily life from the environment and other people. Stress arises from the uncertainty in an unknown situation when a lack of information creates the risk of negative consequences of your actions. It increases efficiency in the actively changing environment. It requires problem-solving skills.

Problem-solving skills: They help cope with the problems encountered with a lack of experience. It increases efficiency by adopting new ways of achieving goals when

obtaining a new experience.

Creativity: It allows you to find extraordinary ways to carry out a specific action that no one has tried to use. It can lead to a decrease or an increase of costs, but usually the speed of action is greatly increased when using creative tools. It requires the ability to generate ideas.

Generating ideas: It helps you achieve goals using new, original, unconventional ideas. The idea is a mental image of an object formed by the human mind, which can be changed before being implemented in the real world. For generating ideas you can use a method of mental maps, which allows you to materialise, visualise and scrutinise all your ideas, which in turn contributes to the

emergence of new ideas.

The most important success skills are your intrinsic desire to succeed; recognition of the real talent inside you. Do you know who is hiding inside you, you always knew but with the hard breeze of time and social pressures you forgot the real talent which you have which each one is born with. Friends the only difference between success and failure is the status of the person inside you. If you let him come out, nobody can stop you from being successful and by practicing above mentioned tips you will be always success ready.

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STUDY CENTRES

The University of Sheffield, UK is delighted to offer 50 International Undergraduate Merit Scholarships in 2019. The scholarships are competitive awards worth 50% of the tuition fee for an undergraduate degree programme starting in September 2019. The scholarship is available for new international (non-EU) students who meet the eligibility criteria.

You will be able to apply for a scholarship via Muse for applicants. You must have received an offer by 19 April 2019.

Eligibility: Your programme must be scheduled to commence at the University of Sheffield in September 2019. For tuition fee purposes you must be self-funded and eligible to pay the overseas tuition fee. You must not be a sponsored student.

For more terms and conditions visit: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/enquiry/money/ugmerit>

Application deadline: The last date to apply for scholarship applications is 16:00 (UK time) on Friday 26 April 2019.

Scholarship results will be announced by 16:00 (UK time) on Friday 31 May 2019.

Newcastle University, UK, is offering scholarship support to exceptional students from India for 2019-20 entry includes 13 50 per cent tuition fee discounts and two full tuition fee discounts as well as partial tuition fee scholarships with a value of £1,500 to £5,000. Scholarships are available to applicants applying to study at undergraduate and Master's level for almost all subject areas.

This announcement builds on increased activity in a range of areas, including partnership with universities and institutions like IIT-Delhi and IIT-Mumbai, research collaboration, corporate engagement, and alumni relations.

In addition to the scholarships schemes the University participates in the Commonwealth and Chevening Scholarships schemes which are also available to Indian applicants.

Interested applicants are encouraged to check the application details and eligibility criteria through the below link: <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/country/india/#feesandfunding>

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AT DELIVERY

Location: Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad
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Application deadline: November 29, 2018

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Application deadline: November, 25, 2018

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Application deadline: November 29, 2018

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Application deadline: November 29, 2018

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Application deadline: November 30, 2018

■ Fairfield Institute of Management and Technology, New Delhi. Course: MBA Product and Brand Management
■ Velankanni Institute of Management Studies, Nellore. Course: MBA Product and Brand Management
■ Doraha Institute of Management and Technology, Ludhiana. Course: MBA Product and Brand Management
■ Indian School of Business Management, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai and Mumbai. Course: Advanced Diploma in Brand Management
■ International Institute of Retail Management, New Delhi. Course: Post Graduate Diploma in Brand Management
■ Institute of Management Studies, Ghaziabad. Course: Post Graduate Diploma in Brand Management

IN BRIEF

ART AND DESIGN WORKSHOP ON ORIGAMI

The Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) organized a special creative workshop on Origami — Japanese paper folding art at their Okhla Campus. Students from Communication Design, Fashion Design and Interior Architecture & Design programmes participated in the workshop conducted by the co-founder and Design Director Hexagramm Design, Ankon Mitra.

During the workshop, the students went on to create an assortment of 3D objects from textured paper. The major learning outcome was to help students explore the innumerable avenues of incorporating the art of Origami to infinite design problems they might face as designers. This traditional technique of paper folding not just unleashes the creative aspect of an artist but is also widely known to augment hand-eye coordination, logical reasoning, spatial skills and synchronisation ability.

100% UG PLACEMENT AT NU

The NIT University (NU) has achieved 100% placement in B.Tech — CSE, ECE, Biotechnology and M.Tech — GIS, five years in a row.

Owing to the excellent performance of NUTons during their industry practice, 56% of the batch received pre-placement offers from their organisation. The highest domestic salary offered this year was Rs 14.3 lakh per annum (LPA) while the highest international salary was Rs 26 LPA. The average CTC for the batch was Rs 5.57 LPA, which is a 20% increase from the previous year.

With 519 industry partners, NU is dedicated towards building strong industry linkages ensuring best connectivity.

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

KIIT World School organised a fancy dress competition for the pre-nursery, nursery and kindergarten students. The theme of was — Community Helpers. The Competition was not only for fun but also to develop confidence in students by giving them opportunity to get on the stage and speak in front of audience.

Children displayed their talents on the theme and dressed up as engineers, captains, policemen, teachers and farmers among others. Students explained their character through poetry and skit. A short video was also shown to the students explaining the importance of community helpers in their daily life. Students were also introduced to the school helpers like security guards, gardeners and house helper and were told them about their importance in daily life.

Rashmi Srivastava principal of KIIT World School said: "This is a great opportunity for the children to show their talent and face stage fear. They also got to know about the importance of community."

DEBATE BY OSA

The Old Students' Association (OSA), Hindu College organised — The 6th Clash of the Titans Invitational Debate. The alumni of Hindu College, Miranda House, Lady Shri Ram College, Sri Ram College of Commerce, Indraprastha College participated in this debate. The topic: Freedom of Speech is a Luxury India Cannot Afford.

Bollywood director Imtiaz Ali was the guest of honour & Justice Manmohan, judge, Delhi High Court was the chief guest. The Winning Team (The Best Team) Trophy was awarded to the Hindu College team comprising of Saket Jha Saurabh and Rohit Hari Rajan. The best Speaker Awards went to Radha Kumar from Miranda House and Saket Jha Saurabh from Hindu College.

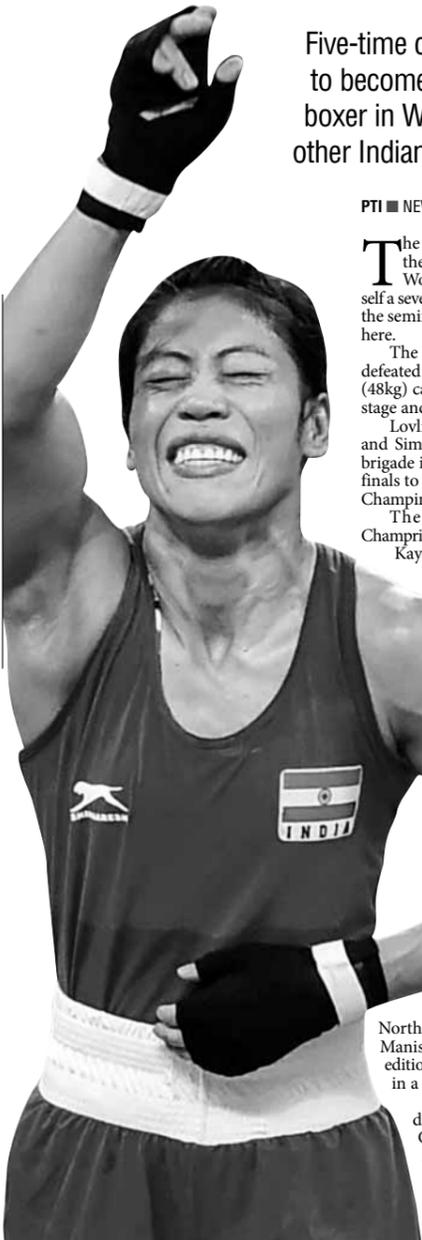
The OSA of Hindu College was established in 1958 and since then it has been active in bringing the eminent alumni of the Hindu College, Delhi on one platform.

MEDICAL CODER TRAINING

Currently in its 5th year since inception, Omega Medical Coding Academy (OMCA) plans to have an intake and training for 1,500 students over the next six months, across Chennai, Trichy and Bengaluru. It was set-up to provide a certificate course in medical coding to life sciences graduates who are willing to make a career in the field of medical coding. The 45-day course is conducted by certified instructors who have rich industry knowledge.

Along with training in medical coding, the OMCA also provides counselling and placement support to students to provide them seamless entry into the industry.

MARY'S PUNCHES PERFECT



Five-time champion enters semifinal to become most successful women boxer in World Championship; three other Indians also make into last four

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The celebrated Mary Kom on Tuesday became the most successful pugilist in the Women's World Championships history by assuring herself a seventh medal while three more Indians reached the semifinals to be assured of their maiden medals here.

The 35-year-old Mary, a mother of three, defeated China's Wu Yu 5-0 in the light flyweight (48kg) category quarterfinals to enter the last-four stage and be assured of at least a Bronze.

Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Sonia Chahal (57kg) and Simranjit Kaur (64kg), part of India's young brigade in the boxing team, also reached the semifinals to be assured of medals in their debut World Championships.

The 21-year-old Borgohain, an Asian Championships Bronze medalist last year, beat Scott Kaye Frances of Australia in the quarterfinals in a unanimous decision while Sonia, also 21, was a 4-1 split decision winner against Maecela Yeni Castenada of Colombia.

Simranjit, 23, had a difficult fight against Amy Sara Broadhurst of Ireland but eventually won the quarterfinal bout 3-1. In fact, the Punjab boxer lost the first and third rounds while winning the second. She, however, won in overall points which read 27-29, 28-28, 29-27, 30-26, 29-27.

E i g h t Indians took the field on Tuesday but four of them lost their bouts. Pinki Rani lost her 51kg quarterfinal bout against Pang Chol Mi of North Korea in a unanimous decision while Manisha Maun was beaten by top seed and last edition's Silver winner Stoyka Petrova of Bulgaria in a 4-1 decision in 54kg.

Kachari Bhagyabati (81kg) lost 3-2 on split decision against Jessica Sinisterra of Colombia. The Indian was leading in the first round but the Colombian fought back to do better in the next two to clinch the bout.

Seema Poonia (+81kg) was the last Indian to take the ring but she was no match for her formidable opponent from China, Yang Xiaoli, who was the defending champion as well as 2014 Gold winner.

With less number of boxers competing in the weight category, Seema was directly competing at the quarterfinals in her first bout of the tournament but she lost in a unanimous decision.

With four medals assured, India's performance is set to be the best in recent times. The country's best performance ever was the eight medals, including four Gold, it won in 2006.

After that, India won four medals in 2008, two in 2010, one in 2012, two in 2014 and one in 2016.

Mary Kom entered the event with a remarkable tally of five Gold medals and a Silver to her credit. She last won a world championship medal in 2010 — a Gold in the 48kg category.

"It was a tough bout. Not very tough but not very easy also. There are a lot of good Chinese boxers who keep coming. I have faced a lot of them but this opponent I have not faced earlier," the diminutive star boxer said after her bout.

"But once I got her game I thought out what to do and I had not much of a problem after that," she added.

The Olympic Bronze-medallist next faces North Korea's Kim Hyang Mi in the semi-final on Thursday. The Indian had beaten her in the Asian Championships last year.

"So, I am confident of winning but not overconfident," she said.

In a bout which saw little action, Mary Kom was the better boxer with clean punches. More importantly, the local favourite rarely allowed Wu to get a clean shot at her. The five judges ruled in her favour with the elaborate scoreline reading 30-27, 29-28, 30-27, 29-28, 30-27.

Mary Kom was tied with Irish legend Katie Taylor on the number of medals won before this edition.

But with Tuesday's win, the Manipuri became the most successful boxer in the marquee tournament. Taylor now plies her trade in the professional circuit.

Borgohain from Assam produced a dominating performance to beat her Australian opponent, who won a Silver in the 81kg category in the 2016 edition but competing in the 69kg here.

Scott also won a Bronze in the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 69kg.

"It was a tough fight but I think I handled my opponent well. I am happy to be assured of a medal in my first World Championships," Borgohain said.

"I want to win a Gold and that is my target. I will not be satisfied less than a Gold," she added.

Borgohain next faces Chen Nien-Chin of Taipei in the semifinals on Thursday.

"I had faced her once earlier and I lost. But at that time I was younger and inexperienced. But I am confident I can beat her this time," she added.

Sonia began with a solid first round but seemed to be in the backfoot in the second. With coach Rafaela Bergamasco yelling at the ringside, she went on an attacking mode in the final round and clinched the bout.

"Rafaela sir told me you are leading and why you are stepping back. He told me to attack in the third round which I did and won the bout. A medal is assured but I want to win the Gold," she said.

Sonia next faces Son Hwa Jo of North Korea in the semifinals on Friday while Simranjit takes on Dan Hou of China in the last four stage on the same day.



Lovlina Borgohain in action against Kaye Scott during the quarterfinals at AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships

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AIBA WITHDRAWS FORMER WORLD CHAMP'S ACCREDITATION

NEW DELHI: Former Gold-medallist Stanimira Petrova had her world championship accreditation revoked by the International Boxing Association (AIBA) on Tuesday after the world body ruled that her allegation of corruption by judges was not backed by evidence.

The Bulgarian, a 54kg Gold-medallist in the 2014 edition, accused the judges of corruption after losing her 57kg world championship pre-quarterfinal bout to India's Sonia Chahal on Monday. Sonia won the bout in a 3-2 split decision.

AIBA's decision to revoke Petrova's accreditation came a day after her coach Petar Yosifov Lesov, a former flyweight Olympic Gold-medallist, was barred from the corner for throwing a water bottle inside the ring after the bout.

Loss of accreditation will deny Petrova access to the competition area.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the AIBA said that by her conduct, Petrova has disrespected her opponent, the judges, the referee, the event organisers and the world body itself.

It said the incident will also be forwarded to AIBA Disciplinary Commission for a review.

"Ms Petrova has made false and misleading statements regarding the AIBA officials. So, AIBA has decided to extend the removal of the accreditation to the Bulgarian boxer Stanimira Petrova (57kg) due to her unacceptable and unprofessional conduct," AIBA Executive Director Tom Virgets said.

"She has shown inappropriate behaviour at the conclusion of her event. Her actions are reflective of her coach who disrespects and tries to damage the credibility of the sport," he added. Virgets said any allegation should be supported by proof, which was not done by Petrova.

'India will be among top medal winners at 2028 Olympics'

PTI ■ PANAJI

Union Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore on Tuesday said India will be amongst the top medal-winning nations in the 2028 Olympics.

The minister also said that 2018 has turned out to be the best year for India in terms of sporting achievements.

"I have tremendous hope and belief in the Indian youth and their ability to dominate the world. We have begun the process. The wheels are turning," said the former Olympic Silver medalist.

"The 2020 (Tokyo) Olympics is very close. We will do our level best there. We will exactly know even before entering the playing arena, how many medals we will win.

"My target is Olympics of 2024 and 2028. The way we are progressing now, India would be amongst the top medal winners at the 2028 Olympics," said Rathore.

The 2024 Summer Olympics is scheduled to be held in Paris and the 2028 quadrennial games will be held in Los Angeles.

He said Indian players have left their mark on



various sporting events in the present year.

"Every single international competition...Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Para Asian Games, Youth Olympic Games...In each of these games, India has created history by winning the largest ever number of medals.

"In the Para-Asian Games, our medal tally more than doubled from 30 to 72. In the Youth Olympics, we went 400-500 per cent up from two medals to 13. All this is happening because the youth have tremendous potential," he said.

According to Rathore, sports has become a full-fledged career for youngsters, many of whom have won Commonwealth and Asian Games medals, and are aspiring Olympic medallists.

"They (athletes) have sponsors, they have endorsements. Many corporate (houses) are now getting into sports. The mega push has been given by the government itself in terms of 'Khelo India' as well as the 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)," he said.

Van Dijk fires Dutch into semis

AFP ■ AMSTERDAM

Virgil van Dijk sent the Netherlands into the Nations League semi-finals after completing a dramatic comeback from two goals down with a 91st-minute equaliser that saw the Dutch snatch 2-2 draw away to Germany on Monday.

The Dutch advance from the tough three-team Group A1 at the expense of world champions France after scoring twice in the final six minutes in Gelsenkirchen as Germany were punished for not being clinical enough in the second half.

Liverpool defender Van Dijk fired home to complete the Dutch fight back after Quincy Promes pulled one back on 85 minutes following Timo Werner and Leroy Sane's first-half goals for Germany.

"It was very difficult for us, the Germans were sharper and faster in the first half," admitted Dutch coach Ronald Koeman.

"We fought to come back in the second half and pressed.

"They had their chances to finish it off, but the fight and belief we showed was enough for the point."

The draw was enough to send the Dutch into the Nations League knockout



stages as Group One winners, with France second, while bottom side Germany were already relegated to the 'B' league ahead of Monday's clash.

Koeman's side showed plenty of heart against the Germans, who were 2-0 up after just 20 minutes.

"I'm certainly disappointed with the result, but over the whole season I've seen more positives than negative," said Germany head coach Joachim Loew.

"We were punished and that's bitter.

Thomas Mueller reached the milestone of 100 Germany appearances as a second-half replacement, but Van Dijk dampened any celebrations for the hosts.

Germany needed just nine minutes to land the first blow in the clash of the European heavyweights.

There was little on when Gnabry's pass found Werner on the edge of the area, but the 22-year-old showed ice-cold finishing by hitting the bottom corner of the net past Jasper Cillessen.

Werner ended his barren run of eight internationals without a goal and Sane added the second, with the help of a deflection, 11 minutes later to seemingly floor the Dutch.

Again, there was little on when Toni Kroos floated in a long pass to Sane, who stumbled slightly, but managed to win the ball and fired home a shot which clipped the boot of a defender as it sailed past Cillessen.

The Dutch scored from their first real attack when Promes curled his shot home on 85 minutes after sustained pressure from the hosts. The scene was set for Van Dijk to complete the fairy tale comeback when he produced a thumping finish to delight travelling fans just before the final whistle.

Dembele should be more responsible: Suarez

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Luis Suarez, a three-time biter of opposition players, on Monday said that Barcelona teammate Ousmane Dembele should be "more responsible" after he reportedly missed training following a marathon nocturnal video gaming session.

Dembele was dropped by the Spanish champions for last week's shock 4-3 home defeat to Real Betis following what coach Ernesto Valverde called a "sporting assessment".

But sports daily As reports that the Catalans are worried not only that he might be addicted to gaming, but also that it might ruin his career at the club.

And Suarez, no stranger to disciplinary issues himself, says that the 21-year-old France international, signed for an initial fee of 105 million euros, needs to follow the more virtuous example set by some of his Barca colleagues.



Luis Suarez celebrates with Ousmane Dembele after scoring against Real Madrid

AP

"Ousmane knows that football is a privilege for every player, maybe he should concentrate more and be more responsible regarding certain things," the Uruguay striker told reporters ahead of his country's clash with France at the Stade de France on Tuesday.

"There are examples of professionalism at Barca that he can draw inspiration from. He'll continue to learn, with that self-confidence that will enable him to succeed at Barcelona."

Ramkumar, Myneni out in 1st round

PTI ■ PUNE

Local favourite Arjun Kadhe stunned second seed Ramkumar Ramanathan for the biggest victory of his career while fast-emerging Sasi Kumar Mukund knocked out last week's runner-up Saketh Myneni at the KPIT-MSLTA Challenger here on Tuesday.

This is the best win for Kadhe in terms of beating a higher-ranked player as he sent packing world number 130 Ramkumar 6-3, 6-2 in the opening round of the \$50,000 hard court tournament.

Prior to Tuesday's win, the most significant win for the 370th-ranked Kadhe was against world No 200 Pedja Krstin.

It has been a tough season for Ramkumar and it ended with a whimper. Kadhe who is playing his second season after returning from US Collegiate circuit, was fluent



with his strokes, especially the deep returns.

Ramkumar served big but unforced errors did not help his cause. Kadhe, to his credit, was well prepared for his opponent.

"I was on top of my

game. I knew him from junior days and had practised with him during the Serbia tie. I knew I can beat any Indian player," said Kadhe.

Sasi Kumar Mukund, who has a stiff back, pulled off a big win over Myneni, beating his big-serving opponent 6-4, 7-6(1) after saving a set point in the opening game.

While Myneni was fluent with his strokes, it was Mukund who stood out with his court coverage and sharp returns.

"It was a close match but I played well on crucial moments. I kept getting better. There is nothing special that I did. I have not been trying to blast the ball but try to keep the ball in wait for my chances. That's why I am having decent results," said 21-year-old Mukund.

He is now up against sixth seed Briton Jay Clarke. Prajesh Gunneswaran, the new number one player of the country, had a tough first round in which he prevailed 6-4, 6-4 against Taipei's Tsung-Hua Yang.

While it was yet another first round defeat for Sumit Nagal, who went down fighting 5-7, 2-6 against top seed Radu Albot.

We're prepared to handle pressure in India: Rizwan

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan have "learnt" their lessons from the 2014 Champions Trophy controversy and are prepared to handle the crowd pressure in the hockey World Cup in India, said captain Muhammad Rizwan senior.

Four years ago, some Pakistani players had gone overboard with their celebrations after their semifinal win over India in the Champions Trophy, triggering a major controversy.

"It was not a pleasant experience, we have learnt from that," Pakistan skipper said.

"We have discussed that incident and it is behind us now. This time we know we need to be totally focused on our game and nothing else.

"If we can beat India in India great, but our main



objective is doing well in the World Cup not about just one match."

The World Cup will begin in Bhubaneswar from November 28 and Rizwan said his team is well prepared to handle the pressures during the prestigious tournament.

"We have trained hard for this mega event and since it is in India we have been having talks and discussions and have mentally

prepared ourselves to give our best under any pressure situation in India," Rizwan said on Monday.

He said his players can deal with the crowd pressures.

"Obviously we know the Indian crowds will generally not be supporting us in matches. In the end it is all about hockey and both teams will want to win and that should produce a good contest," he said.

India start as favourites against Aussies

Filled up with confidence after mauling World champions, Men in Blue eye another series win



'We don't start anything but will stand up for self-respect'

PTI ■ BRISBANE

India captain Virat Kohli on Tuesday said his team has never been the one to start "anything" but will stand up for itself if the line is crossed by the opposition, while defining aggression ahead of the much-anticipated Australia tour's opening game.

"Aggression depends on how the situation is on field. If the opposition is aggressive towards you then you counter it. India is not a team that starts anything but we always draw a line of self-respect. If that line is crossed we stand up to that," Kohli said.

Ahead of a long summer of cricket, India will start as favourites against a weakened Australian side that is missing Steve Smith and David Warner desperately.

Kohli said that he expected Australia to challenge on their home soil nevertheless.

"We all saw what happened. I don't know exactly what happened before those decisions were taken, but someone in Cricket Australia did make those decisions and honestly it is not my place to comment on it.

"Missing out on two of their best batsmen is not an ideal thing for any team. There is no denying the quality they have in their sides and still have world-class cricketers.

"This Australian team still has the quality to make an impact despite missing their two best batsmen. We will have to be at our best to beat Australia in Australia," he said.

When asked about the kind of atmosphere he is expecting, the skipper said his team will not take anything for granted "regardless of any situation".

"You can never underestimate any side, and we have come here to compete against the whole Australian team. We haven't played Australia after everything that has happened so I cannot really say what the atmosphere is going to be on the ground like.

"We are not thinking about this is the last opportunity to win here. I don't think that's the right mind set to have. Our limited overs form has been good so we want to continue that..." "We don't want to be a team that wins odd Tests here or there."

'Radical mistakes will be cut down'

BRISBANE: India captain Virat Kohli on Tuesday said his team made some "radical mistakes" during the disappointing tour of England and will look to ensure they are not repeated in the assignment against Australia.

India have been battling the tag of poor travellers and the 1-4 Test series loss to England earlier this year only added to that reputation. Reflecting on the performance in England, Kohli said, "Our mistakes in England were very radical. The quality of cricket was very high but our mistakes were as radical and that's why we lost the games."

The explosive batsman said that India would look to show themselves to be better at dealing with setbacks during the Australia series.

"...We are focussing on cutting down our mistakes, and if a situation goes bad for us, then how to plug that situation as soon as possible and also come out of that situation as a team. "We played good exciting cricket last time but we didn't win games, we definitely want to change that and definitely every team should be looking to win Tests and series as a whole, and we believe that we have the quality to do so. "But it will boil down to how we think in each match and moments in every game on this tour," he added.

PTI ■ BRISBANE

An Australia in turmoil both on and off the field has made India the firm favourites in the compelling rivalry's latest battle which begins with a T20 International series here on Wednesday.

In a bid to assert themselves as favourites for the Test series, which starts December 6 in Adelaide, India would be hoping to dominate the three T20Is.

The touring side has won its previous seven T20I series dating back to November 2017, and its last defeat in the format was against West Indies in July last year.

Not to mention, on their last visit here, the Men in Blue won the T20I series 3-0. So, they will be riding high on a wave of confidence and eager to make an early mark on this trip.

Australian cricket, in contrast, has been dogged by structural reform in the wake of the ball-tampering saga in South Africa in March and it has resulted in turbulence on the field as well.

Only on Tuesday, Cricket Australia ruled out reducing the bans of Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft in reply to a plea submission from the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA).

In the absence of Smith and Warner, Australia's results have fallen off a cliff.

Since the ban, they are yet to win a T20I series against an opposition of note since March.

They lost to England in a one-off game in June, then lost to Pakistan in the T20I tri-series final in Zimbabwe, lost 3-0 to Pakistan again in the bilateral series in the UAE, and then lost to South Africa in a rain-curtailed one-off match on Saturday.

It remains to be seen whether being on home turf would raise the spirits for the once invincible Aussies.

The one significant change for India ahead of this series is the return of skipper Virat Kohli, who was rested for the three-match contest against West Indies at home.

While it undoubtedly strengthens the visitors, all eyes will be on how the Aaron Finch-led Australian side deals



Indian skipper Virat Kohli and his Australian counterpart Aaron Finch pose with the trophy ahead of 1st T20

with the best batsman in world cricket at the moment.

While there are calls from all quarters for Australian cricket to keep a check on aggression and play the game in right spirit, Kohli has always garnered attention whenever he has visited here.

On his early trips Down Under, he has never quite been the Australian fans' favourite.

But starting 2014, his batting exploits have taken centre-stage. He scored 199 runs in three innings during that 2016 T20I series' whitewash.

South African skipper Faf du Plessis has professed a "silent treatment" to Kohli and it remains to be seen if the Australian cricketers and the public can ignore him at all.

Kohli's return to the side means that

PERFORMANCE IN TWENTY-20 CRICKET						
Team	P	W	L	T	N/R	Success%
India	107	68	36	1	2	64.95
Australia	111	57	51	2	1	52.70
Ind v Aus	15	10	5	-	-	66.66

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'T20s our best chance of upsetting India'

APTI ■ BRISBANE

Skipper Aaron Finch on Tuesday reckoned the T20 Internationals will be Australia's best chance to challenge an upbeat India in the absence of leading batsmen Steve Smith and David Warner.

The three T20 Internationals will open what will be a string of big-ticket clashes between the two rivals. Finch said that the shortest format allows the hosts to be aggressive and more competitive against a strong Indian side.

"Although we lost to Pakistan in the UAE, we are a very good T20 side. I think we played some good cricket in Zimbabwe and before that in the tri-series against New Zealand and England last year. We are very confident in this format," Finch said.

"India have been in great form in all formats over a long time now. But it is going to be a great opportunity for us to come out, play aggressively and express ourselves. We can take the game on and really try to take it to India."

"T20s are fast-paced short games obviously. At times it can take one bit of brilliance with bat or ball, or even in the field, and it can change the



Aaron Finch plays a shot against India during the second T20 clash in January 2016

dynamics of the match or even the whole series.

"So it is a great advantage to be able to start off against India in this format. They have been so dominant in this format that people forget where they are playing at times," he added.

Australia fielded an all-pace attack in their one-off T20I against South

Africa on Saturday. That is expected to change with a lone spinner to come to the playing eleven.

"That will be in the calculations. With the size of this ground and how good our spinners have bowled here, while they haven't been huge wicket-takers, they have bowled well. We have options in Ashton Agar and Adam Zampa.



Indian players bat during nets session ahead of first T20 against Australia in Gabba

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one front-line batsman will have to make way.

In England, the skipper batted at number four, allowing KL Rahul to bat at number three in light of his stupendous form in the 2018 Indian Premier League.

Rahul's current form though is nothing to write home about. He managed only 16, 26 not out and 17 against the West Indies in the recent T20I series but has been retained.

Dinesh Karthik and Rishabh Pant, both of whom have proven to be more consistent and explosive in recent times compared to Rahul, have also been included in the final 12.

The team has instead left out Manish Pandey, continuing his run of limited opportunities of late.

Pant will don the keeping gloves, something that was amply clear during the net session as well. He practised glove-work under the watchful eyes of coach Ravi Shastri, while Karthik only did some out-fielding.

The bigger concern for India is to find a balance in their bowling attack in Hardik Pandya's absence.

With ample bounce anticipated on the Gabba pitch, three pacers — Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah and Khaleel Ahmed — are certain starters.

Washington Sundar, who played the

last T20I against West Indies, has expectedly made way for Bumrah.

The spin duo of Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal have been retained in the final 12 but remains to be seen if both make the playing XI on Wednesday.

Krunal Pandya was the all-rounder against West Indies, and is expected to continue playing after making the final 12.

Australia are also considering fielding a spinner, after taking the field against South Africa with a full-pace attack on Saturday.

Glenn Maxwell was the lone spinner then, but it is understood that the hosts will alter their plans keeping in mind the conditions and bigger dimensions of the ground here.

Starting off with the aggressive shortest format is Australia's best bet to upset India's plans for this summer of cricket, wherein unlike their prior trips here, the visitors are already considered the better side in all departments.

TEAMS:

India (Final 12): Virat Kohli, Shikhar Dhawan, Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Dinesh Karthik, Rishabh Pant, Krunal Pandya, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Khaleel Ahmed.

Australia: Aaron Finch, Ashton Agar, Jason Behrendorff, Alex Carey, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Chris Lynn, Ben McDermott, Glenn Maxwell, D'Arcy Short, Billy Stanlake, Marcus Stoinis, Andrew Tye, Adam Zampa.

CA UPHOLD BANS ON SMITH, WARNER

PTI ■ BRISBANE

Steve Smith and David Warner will not be available for Australia's upcoming Test series against India after the year-long ball-tampering bans on them were upheld by Cricket Australia on Tuesday after a review.

In recent days, owing in no small measure to the Australian team's poor on-field performances, there was a clamour for the bans to be reduced, which might have made them available for the four-Test series against India starting December 6 in Adelaide.

It would have allowed the two players, as well as batsman Cameron Bancroft, who was given a nine-month ban, to return to competitive cricket earlier than stipulated.

"The Cricket Australia Board has carefully considered all elements of the ACA submission and has determined that it is not appropriate to make any changes to the sanctions handed down to the three players," interim chairman Earl Eddings said in a statement.

The Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) even made a submission favouring a reduction in the bans,



to which Cricket Australia responded in negative.

The Australian Cricketers' Association asked for a rethink on the suspension of the trio following the Longstaff review.

The ACA said that the review provided new and compelling evidence that CA - and not just the players involved - contributed to the atmosphere that prompted the events of the Cape Town Test in March.

Smith and Warner are eight months into their one-year bans, while Bancroft will be eligible to return in December.

RANJI TROPHY

BOWLERS HELP TN DOMINATE ANDHRA

Ongole: A four-wicket haul by medium-pace M Mohammed and two late strikes by spinner R Sai Kishore helped Tamil Nadu reduce Andhra to 198 for 8 at stumps on the opening day of the Group B match. Sent into bat by the visiting team, Andhra lost the openers early as Mohammed and comeback man T Natarajan struck in the fifth and sixth overs. Jyothisakrishna (58) and Ricky Bhui (22) strung together a partnership of 40 runs for the third wicket to revive Andhra. However, Mohammed removed Bhui and captain B Sumanth (1) to peg back the home team. Jyothisakrishna and Girinath Reddy (69 batting) were involved in a half century partnership before Mohammed got the wicket of the former. Natarajan sent back Shiv Charan Singh for the addition of one run to leave Andhra at 142 for 6. Reddy then added 53 runs with Shoab Mohammed Khan (26) to lend respectability to the score. Lanky left-arm spinner Sai Kishore castled Khan and K V Shashikanth (0) off successive deliveries to hand the advantage to Tamil Nadu. He will look to complete a hat trick when he comes on to bowl again on Wednesday.

SIDDHARTH'S 104 BOOSTS KARNATAKA

Belagavi: Rookie Krishnamurthy Siddharth hit his maiden first class hundred, an unbeaten 104, to guide Karnataka to 263 for 4 against Mumbai on day one of the Elite Group A match. In the absence of mainstays Karun Nair and Manish Pandey, 25-year-old Siddharth stood up and shouldered the responsibility to help Karnataka recover after the loss of their openers. In his 184-ball stay at the wicket so far, the batsman has struck 13 boundaries and two sixes. Electing to bat, the hosts lost both their openers Dega

NISCHAL (27) AND SHISHIR BHAVANE (5) CHEAPLY TO

Mumbai's right-arm medium pacer Shivam Dube, who grabbed all four wickets that fell to end the day with fine figures of 4 for 32. Karnataka were struggling at 2 for 59 when one-down Mir Kaunain Abbas (64) and Siddharth (104 not out) rallied the innings. The duo stitched an important 104-run stand for the third wicket to frustrate the visitors with Abbas hitting 10 fours in his 154-ball knock to play the ideal foil to Siddharth.

BHATIA, RAWAT TONS RESCUE UK

Bhubaneswar: Rajat Bhatia and Saurabh Rawat led Uttarakhand's rearguard action with fighting centuries, taking their team to 290/5 against Sikkim in a top of the table Plate Group match. Bhatia made 121 off 156 balls (15x4, 1x6) before becoming Ishwar Chaudhary's (3/81) third victim of the day. Rawat remained unbeaten on 115 off 246 balls with the help of seven fours and three sixes as he along with the skipper shared 208 runs together to revive their innings from 38/4 in 12.5 overs. Opting to field at their adopted home venue, KIIT Stadium, Sikkim got the early breakthrough with Chaudhary dismissing Uttarakhand opener Karanveer Kaushal (4) in the fifth over. Bipul Sharma (1/67) then accounted for the experienced Vineet Saxena (19) followed by the wickets of Kartik Joshi (8) and Vaibhav Singh (5) as the Uttarakhand found themselves in a spot of bother in their first away match of the season.

JHARKHAND SKITTLE RAJASTHAN

Ranchi: Speedster Varun Aaron grabbed a five-wicket haul as Jharkhand bundled out Rajasthan for 100 on the opening day of their Elite Group C

game. In response, Jharkhand were 92 for 5 at

stumps, trailing Rajasthan by eight runs. After Jharkhand opted to field, 29-year-old Aaron, an India discard, wreaked havoc as he returned with exceptional figures of 5-22 in 12 overs. Aaron had powered Jharkhand to a nine-wicket win in their last game against Haryana at Rohtak, when he bagged 6-32 in the second over. The right-arm fast bowler continued his brilliant form and was ably supported by medium pacers Ajay Yadav (3-35) and Rahul Shukla (1-22). Spinner Anukul Roy (1-8) also played his part to perfection. Jharkhand also lost their four wickets early, but then Ishank Jaggi (44 batting) and Virat Singh (18) steadied the ship. The duo compiled a crucial 58-run stand for the fifth wicket, which has taken Jharkhand on the cusp of a first innings lead.

KERALA TAKE DAY ONE HONOURS

Kolkata: Bengal batsmen cut a sorry figure on home turf to be bowled out for 147, giving Kerala an upperhand in their Elite Group B match at the Eden Gardens. Young Basit Thampi returned with career-best first class figures of 4 for 57 as Kerala's three-pronged pace attack shared nine wickets between them to dismiss the hosts in 56.2 overs after deciding to bowl on a greenish wicket. Seven of Bengal batsmen failed to get to double digits scores and capped five ducks, including that of opener Koushik Ghosh and number three Sudeep Chatterjee. At stumps on day one, Kerala were 35 for the loss of one wicket with Jalaj Saxena (14 not out) and Rohan Prem (14 not out) holding the fort for the visitors. Mohammed Shami bowled with raw pace and trapped opener Arun Karthik LBW with his second delivery.

Brathwaite ready for B'desh challenge

AFP ■ DHAKA

West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite says he expects Bangladesh to put up a tough fight on home turf when they kick off a two-Test series in Chittagong on Thursday.

The visitors start the series as favourites having thumped Bangladesh in back-to-back Tests during their tour of the Caribbean in July.

But Brathwaite exercised caution ahead of this week's series opener, saying Bangladesh could exploit their home advantage against the visiting side.

"There will be few challenges, we have to expect that," he told reporters after a two-day warm-up match in Chittagong on Monday ended in a draw.

"It won't be so easy. Obviously they are very good at home. But we are ready for the challenges."

Bangladesh have upstaged Test giants England and Australia on home soil in the past two years, but then struggled against weaker sides Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in 2018.

They managed a series draw against Test minnows Zimbabwe last week after their spinners salvaged a 218-run win in the second match after



a shock 151-run defeat in the opener.

Brathwaite, who is standing in for Jason Holder, acknowledged the threat posed by Bangladesh seamers, who will reap the return of star all-rounder and skipper Shakib Al Hasan from injury.

"(We are) expecting (a) slower type of pitch. Normal surfaces here, let's see now what happens," said Brathwaite.

The opening batsman was happy with preparations for the tour, despite it following quick on the heels of a thrashing from India.

"We have come from India, and that I think was very good preparation for us before the first Test," Brathwaite said.

"Quite similar conditions, so that will be good."

Bangar send to Sydney to help Test specialists

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The T20 series is starting from Wednesday, but Indian team management has decided to send its batting coach Sanjay Bangar to Sydney to help Test specialists prepare for the five-day rubber starting December 6.

India will be playing their opening T20 match in Brisbane on Wednesday but Bangar will be helping out the likes of Prithvi Shaw, Hanuma Vihari, who will be having their net session in Sydney for the next five days.

"Our batting coach Bangar has reached Sydney with one of our throwdown expert Nuwan and a logistics manager. The Test specialists have also arrived from New Zealand. They will train under Bangar ahead of the first class match on November 28," a BCCI official privy to development said.

The decision was taken primarily because among the ones who are not playing the T20s, there is one teenage opener (Prithvi Shaw), one rookie middle order batsman (Hanuma Vihari).

"Both Prithvi and Hanuma are on their first tour of Australia. Till November 25, they would be training under Bangar along with Ajinkya Rahane, Murali Vijay and Parthiv Patel," said the official.

"Ravi (Shastri) is there and with seniors like Virat (Kohli) and Rohit (Sharma) around, it's only better that Sanjay helps the first timers with inputs about Australian conditions."

However, pace duo of Mohammed Shami and Ishant Sharma are expected to arrive after a few days and the Test team members will be facing net bowlers from New South Wales grade cricket.