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CBI DIG bares Govt underbelly

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

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

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

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

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

Asthana, he heard an officer telling "things have been managed and everything is fine".

In his affidavit, the CBI DIG also accused the Cabinet Secretary and the Law Secretary of even intervening to scuttle the CVC's probe which is monitored by the Supreme Court. Sinha also detailed the pressure he faced in arresting Manoj Prasad, who is co-accused with Asthana for allegedly accepting bribe from businessman Sana Satish Babu, associate of controversial meat exporter Moin Qureshi.

"On the morning of October 16, 2018, accused Manoj Prasad was intercepted at Delhi Airport on his arrival from Dubai and brought to the CBI Headquarters. During the first few hours of his arrival on CBI Headquarters, Manoj was garrulous and arrogant, both at the same time and in equal measure. He was interviewed by the applicant (DIG MK Sinha) and others. He tried his best to ward off the investigation by dropping names of 'high and mighty' and mentioning his 'top contacts' to create fear in our mind.

"As per Manoj Prasad, Dineswar Prasad, father of Manoj and Somesh, who retired as RAW Joint Secretary, has close acquaintance with the National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. This was one of the first things Manoj claimed on being brought to the CBI HQ as he expressed complete surprise and anger as to how the CBI

INCRIMINATING details

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- Affidavit also claimed that Minister Haribhai took "a few crores" to help a businessman under investigation
- In the morning of October 17, 2018, a call came from the DCP of Special Cell of the Delhi Police on the mobile of Investigating Officer AK Bassi, DSP, CBI, who did not take the call. Later another Inspector of Special Cell called up and sought to know if Manoj has been arrested. Enquiries revealed that the query had originated from the Cabinet Secretariat, says the affidavit

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

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

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Verma files his reply to CVC charges in SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Benched Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Kumar Verma on Monday filed his response to the findings of the CVC's preliminary probe report on corruption charges against him in a sealed cover in the Supreme Court. Verma's reply came after the SC told him to do so "as quickly as possible" as the scheduled Tuesday hearing would not be deferred.

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

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

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Naidu, Mamata meet to form anti-BJP front

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

and Income Tax Department to harass and malign them.

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

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

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

Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, National Conference's Farooq Abdullah, DMK chief MK Stalin and others.

Meanwhile, the Bengal BJP on Monday staged road blockades in Kolkata and district headquarters protesting alleged attacks on State BJP president Dilip Ghosh and senior leader Joy Banerjee. The two leaders were attacked allegedly by Trinamool workers in Hooghly district while they were returning from a meeting.

Blockades were staged at Midnapore, various places in Kolkata, Hooghly, Asansol and elsewhere, sources said.

Last stretch opens KMP e-way to public

Modi also inaugurates Ballabgarh-Mujesar Metro rail link project

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

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

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

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

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

Addressing a public gath-



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

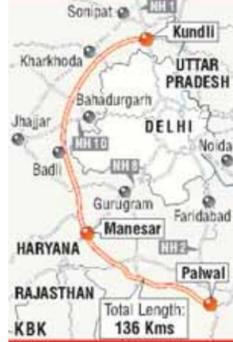
ering in Sultanpur later, Modi said with the inauguration of the KMP project, Ballabgarh-Mujesar rail link and the foundation stone of the skill varsity being laid, Haryana has taken one more step towards all-round development.

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

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

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

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Four killed in laundry fire in Karol Bagh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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Expert panel to look into capital surplus issues: RBI Board

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

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

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

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

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CAPSULE

MALDIVES TO PULL OUT OF CHINA FREE TRADE DEAL
Male: The Maldives Government will pull out of a free trade agreement with China because it was a mistake for the tiny nation to strike such a pact with Beijing, the head of the largest party in the ruling alliance said. P12

NISSAN CHIEF GHOSH ARRESTED FOR GRAFT
Tokyo: Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn was taken into custody in Tokyo on Monday as his firm accused him of "significant acts of misconduct" and said it would seek to oust him. P10

AIR QUALITY LIKELY TO IMPROVE TODAY
New Delhi: Air quality in Delhi and the adjoining areas worsened further to the "very poor" category on Monday. However, pollution is expected to decrease from Tuesday due to favourable winds and a "significant drop" in stubble burning in neighbouring States, officials said.

Dubai court orders Christian Michel extradition to India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A top Dubai court on Monday ordered the extradition of British national and alleged middleman Christian Michel, who is wanted by the Indian investigative agencies in the ₹3,600 crore AgustaWestland VVIP choppers deal case.

Michel, 54, is currently in jail in Dubai since he was arrested and sent to custody pending the legal and judicial procedure in the UAE.

The Court of Cassation upheld on Monday a lower court order which ruled that Michel could be extradited, dismissing appeals filed by his defence lawyers, PTI quoted *Khaleej Times* as having reported.

Judge Abdelaziz Al Zarouni, who headed the bench, pronounced the decision in the presence of member judges Musabeh Thaaloub, Mostafa Al Shinawi, Mahmoud Sultan and another judge, report said.

On Monday, Michel's

lawyer Abdul Moneim submitted documents showing that courts in Switzerland and Italy had ruled not to extradite his client.

"The judicial authorities there concluded that there was no criminal element in the case," the lawyer argued. Earlier, he argued at Dubai's highest court that the extradition request procedure of Michel would be a "violation" of the international treaty signed between the UAE and India.

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HC raps Kerala Govt for excesses on Ayyappa devotees

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The Kerala High Court on Monday came down heavily on the State Government while hearing a series of petitions filed by various Hindu organisations challenging the restrictions imposed at Sabarimala, the holy shrine in the Western Ghats.

Justices Ramachandra Menon and N Anil Kumar lambasted police for "blatant violation of human rights" against women devotees and children who were taking rest at the covered walkway at the shrine on Sunday night by spraying water to make them leave the spot.

The State had a sleepless night on Sunday following the crackdown by police on devotees who were taking rest at the walkway and were reciting hymns and Ayyappa devo-

tional songs. Police arrested 69 devotees, threw down their holy "Irumudikettu", (the bundle containing offerings to the deity which could be opened only inside the sanctum of the temple) and assaulted them for reciting Ayyappa hymns.

They were taken to a court in Pathanamthitta, and were remanded in 14 days custody under non-bailable sections of the IPC on Monday and sent to Central Jail at Thiruvananthapuram. This led hundreds of Ayyappa devotees to undertake Nama Japa Yatra (rallies in which the participants recite hymns and devotional songs in praise of Lord Ayyappa) at police stations across the State.

The rallies concluded peacefully but not before some of them were assaulted by police. The devotees staged a Nama Japa Yatra in front of Cliff House, the official resi-



Police block the devotees who were staging 'Nama Japa' protest at Sannidhanam in Sabarimala on Sunday night

dence of the Chief Minister in the Capital city.

The High Court while hearing the petitions filed by Hindu organisations on Monday took police to task for their actions which were not in synch with a pilgrimage centre.

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Scurrying man stuck in exit, dies with 3

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Four people, including two women, were killed and one injured in a fire incident at a laundry factory in Beedanpura area in Karol Bagh of National Capital on Monday after a solvent used for laundering clothes spilled out on the floor accidentally and caught fire, said police.

People died after one of them, a heavily built man, got stuck at the exit door while escaping the building and blocked the route for others, said officials, adding that the Delhi Police has registered a case and has arrested as Ajay Khurana (45) — owner of the illegal unit.

The deceased people have been identified as Bagan Prasad (55), RM Naresh (40), Aarti (20) and Asha (40). A 25-year-old man, named Ajeet, was injured and is still undergoing treatment in the hospital. "We received a call around 12:23 pm regarding the fire incident in a house at street number-3 in Beedanpura area near Karol Bagh following which fire ten-

LAUNDRY BLAZE



Firemen at work in Beedanpura area where a fire had killed four people on Monday

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ders were rushed to the spot," said Atul Garg, Chief Fire Officer at Delhi Fire Service

(DFS) adding that two fire tenders brought the fire under control by 12.50 pm.

"The victims were rushed to the nearby hospital where four were declared brought

"The victims were rushed to the nearby hospital where four were declared brought dead while one injured is undergoing treatment"

dead while one injured is still undergoing treatment," said the Chief Fire Officer.

"Initial probe suggested that the victim, Ajeet, was about to steam iron clothes and was putting solvent in a container when it spilled on the floor and came in contact with the steam iron triggering the fire," said a senior police official. "The owner identified as Ajay Khurana (45) is arrested. The bodies were handed over to family members after post-mortem examination was conducted. We have registered a case under section 304 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Karol Bagh police station and further investigation is going," said Amit Sharma, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central District.

Illegal factories in congested areas death trap for workers

"These illegal hubs are not a part of the conforming industrial areas and hence do not follow labour laws or fire-safety norms. The workers here also sleep inside"

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Beedanpura in Central Delhi is home to hundreds of illegally running units and narrow passages and serpentine lanes are virtual death traps for the poor labourers working there. On Monday in one such incident, four workers lost their lives after a fire broke out in a laundry unit that was being run illegally in a house at central district of Karol Bagh. What is even more painful is the fact these lives could have been saved, had the civic authorities sealed this illegal unit.

"This is not the only illegal unit in the area. Gali (street) number-30 — cramped, dirty and jumbled — at Beedanpura area in Karol Bagh of national Capital have several small illegal factories running just stone's throw away distance from zonal office of North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC)," said a resident pleading anonymity.

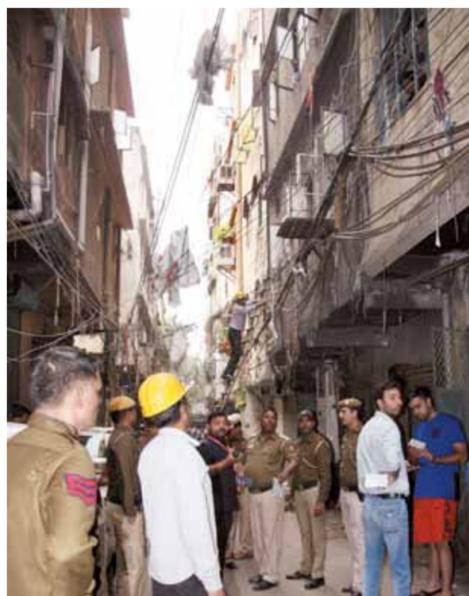
All these units exist in extremely small premises, which are mostly stuffed with goods, not allowing any ventilation into the room. Most of the buildings do not have a sanction plan and have illegally added a third or a fourth floor to the already existing structure.

According to a senior north corporation official, most of these unregulated industry hubs have emerged in low-middle class residential areas, unauthorised colonies and slum clusters.

"These illegal hubs are not a part of the conforming industrial areas and hence do not follow labour laws or fire-safety norms. The workers here also sleep inside," said a senior official of NMC. The official further said that in an intensive survey carried out in different residential areas by the north corporations, thousands of polluting and non-polluting units for producing plastic bags, rubber or chemicals and others found running in non-conforming areas such as Karol Bagh, Mundka, Kamruddin

DEATH IN FACTORY FIRES OF 2018

- January 20:** 17 workers were killed in a fire that broke out in an illegally running firecracker unit in the Bawana Industrial Area. Of these, nine who died were women
- February 10:** One worker died after a cloth manufacturing unit caught fire in Karol Bagh
- April 7:** Two labourers were killed in a fire that broke out in a footwear manufacturing unit at Narela Industrial Area
- April 9:** Four workers, of which two were minors, died in a blaze that occurred in an illegally-run shoe manufacturing unit in Sultanpuri
- April 17:** Two workers were killed in a fire at a utensils factory in Nawada
- April 23:** Two workers killed in a fire at a cloth manufacturing unit in Gandhi Nagar
- May 29:** A massive fire broke out at an illegal rubber factory in Malviya Nagar. The fire could not be doused by fire tenders and Indian Army choppers were called in for help next morning



Police personnel inspect the site at Beedanpura near Karol Bagh in New Delhi on Monday

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Nagar, Nilothi, Swarn Park and Tikri Kalan. The licensing team of corporation had already sealed 516 factories in Shahbad Daulatpur, Prahadpur and Pooth Khurd for running factories in non-conforming areas, he said. The action would be initiated against all these units soon, he said.

Action was taken on the basis of a list of 51,837 industries provided by the Delhi State Industrial & Infrastructure

Development Corporation (DSIDC) to three municipal corporations in June this year.

Farhan, a worker in the area told *The Pioneer* he had been working here in a denim factory in the area for last five years. "I work on daily basis and earn Rs 400 per day. This incident is shocking for us and I agree there is no provision for us to escape if there is some tragedy or a fire incident but for living we have work," said Farhan.

710 fresh cases of dengue reported last week in city

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With 710 fresh cases of dengue reported over the last one week in the national Capital, the total number of people diagnosed with dengue this season has reached to 5,623, according to the latest report released by Municipal



According to municipal health officials, most of the breeding detected in waste products left in open. Domestic breeding of mosquitoes is one of the main reasons responsible for people contracting these diseases, he said.

Noticing increasing cases of vector-borne diseases, all three civic bodies had issued an advisory on prevention and control of vector-borne diseases and called for prevention of breeding at the source and made it clear that taking precaution is the only effective tool for prevention and control of these diseases.

Dengue and chikungunya are caused by the bite of Aedes aegypti mosquito, which breeds in clear water, while Anopheles mosquito, which causes malaria, can breed in both fresh and muddy water. In one of the worst outbreak, a total of 12,221 chikungunya cases were reported in Delhi till December 24, 2016, out of which 9,749 were confirmed.

holds during the inspection and served 181970 legal notices for developing the favourable atmosphere for breeding in their houses or premises.

According to the data released by all three corporations, which are grappling with rising number of cases of the vector-borne diseases, the areas falling under the three municipal corporations, the cases of breeding reported were 71552 in areas of North Corporation, 94208 and 62058 cases under areas fall under south and east corporation respectively.

Further, the three civic bodies have also launched 25731 prosecutions after breeding was found, the report said.

Man arrested for smuggling foreign currency at IGIA



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Customs officials on Monday claimed to have arrested a 45-year-old man at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport for allegedly trying to smuggle foreign currency worth nearly ₹96 lakh into the country. According to customs official, the accused was intercepted on Saturday when he was proceeding to board a flight to Dubai.

"The man was stopped by customs official and a detailed baggage and personal search of the passenger resulted in the recovery of \$58,400 and Euro 65,100 equivalent to ₹96.2 lakh which the passenger had concealed in the falls of sarees (being carried by him)," said the custom official.

"We have seized the forex and the accused is arrested under the provision of section 104 of custom act. The accused had disclosed that he had smuggled foreign currency amounting to ₹80 lakh during his past two visits adopting the same modus operandi," said the custom official.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
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IIT students develop pee-safe device for women

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to provide a safe health and sanitation for the women, a group of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-Delhi) student has created a cheap and affordable device — Sanfe- stand and pee' for the women to have a nature's call in the public toilets.

Marking the World Toilet Day, the IIT-D incubated start-up launched this device on Monday called Sanfe. The device will protect the women from diseases such as Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) cause due to poor sanitation and unhygienic condition of the public toilets.

"Dirty public toilets any-



where in the world are a big problem especially for women. In emergency one use the unhygienic public toilet and many suffer from Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) by using public toilets. Witnessing the problems faced by our own mother, sister and female friends, we thought to create a product to help and protect them from facing such painful problems," said Archit Agarwal, co-founder of Sanfe, is also a final year B.Tech student, IIT.

The device was developed by the two B.Tech final year students Archit Agarwal, Harry Sehrawat including Srinivas Venkataraman from the Department of Design. The pee-safe device which was tested and approved by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) will be available for just ₹10 With launching the device the team has also launched a campaign -

'Stand Up For Yourself' to aware the women about safe pee and sanitation.

"Lack of hygiene in public washrooms exposes one out of every two women to Urinary Tract Infection (UTI). With this female stand and pee device one can maintain a safe distance from the toilet seats and protect themselves from the possibility of getting infected. Also, around 100,000 free samples will distribute to women across the country," said Harry Sehrawat.

The product will be further very useful for pregnant women, women with arthritis, physically disabled at public toilets at railway stations, trains, bus terminals.

"Innovation needs to be accessible, affordable and sustainable. It's high time for women to stand up and improve their hygiene level," said Professor Srinivasan Venkataraman.

Police nab 9, claim Jahangirpuri doc's murder-robbery cracked

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of nine people, including a juvenile, the Delhi Police has solved the murder and robbery case of a 57-year-old medical practitioner Dr Iqbal Qasim in Jahangirpuri, police said Monday.

Police said the murder was the result of a well-planned conspiracy where the families of the key conspirators were also involved.

On November 12 last, Dr Iqbal Qasim was strangled to death and he was robbed of more than ₹5 lakh in cash and ₹5-6 lakh worth jewellery.

Part of the cash ₹5,50,000 and 70 per cent of the jewellery were recovered by police.

The incident occurred when his daughter, a school teacher left home at around 7.30 am last Monday. On

"While Mohammad Ammar and a juvenile played the role of informer, Rizwan, alias Nesty, and Vishal Rawat, alias Bunty, executed the robbery-cum-murder at the doctor's residence"

Friday, one of the accused Vishal Rawat was arrested. During his interrogation, the whole plan was uncovered.

"While Mohammad Ammar and a juvenile played the role of 'informer', Rizwan alias Nesty, Rizwan alias Rijju and Vishal Rawat alias Bunty executed the robbery-cum-murder at the doctor's residence," Deputy

Commissioner of Police (Northwest) Aslam Khan stated.

"After executing the murder, the trio distributed the 'booty' among them and handed over the same to their parents and acquaintances for safe custody," said the DCP.

Following which, the trio planned to visit Shimla and Kashmir.

When put to sustained interrogation, they disclosed the names of all connected with the crime including the receivers of the robbed property.

"Legal action is being taken against all of them which include parents and friends of accused.

The family and friends involved were identified as Sandhya Rawat, Raju Rawat, Riyasat and Afroz," said the DCP.

2 criminals, cop hurt in Ghaziabad encounter

SP SINGH ■ GHAZIABAD

The Ghaziabad Police have arrested two criminals in an encounter on Sunday night. Police said the culprits identified as Suraj and Ranvir tried to flee the spot during the vehicles checking conducted jointly by crime branch and Sihani

Gate police.

The suspects opened fire at the police team after a team followed them. In retaliation, police also opened fire in which both sustained of bullet injuries, police said. A police constable also sustained bullet injuries in cross firing.

He was admitted in nearby Kailash hospital and his con-

dition is said to be stable.

SP City Shlok Kumar said both were taken to the MMG Hospital and stable now.

During screening it was found that they were involved in over dozen criminal cases of dacoity, loot and murder in different district of Sonapat, Baghpat and Ghaziabad.

IN BRIEF

PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED AT MOTI BAGH
New Delhi: Member of Parliament Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurated a public library at North-West Moti Bagh in New Delhi area on Monday. The library is equipped with 10,000 books with modern infrastructure.

CONG TO HOLD CANDLE VIGIL AGAINST POLLUTION
New Delhi: In wake of rising pollution in the national Capital, the Delhi Congress has decided to hold a candle march on November 22 to protest against lackadaisical attitude of the Centre, Delhi Government and BJP-run Municipal Corporations to contain air pollution.

ONLINE CAUSE OF DEATH CODING AT AIIMS
New Delhi: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on Monday inaugurated the online cause of death coding platform for Registrar General of India (RGI) Office under Ministry of Home Affairs to provide Sample Registration System (SRS) based verbal autopsy. A MoU was signed between AIIMS and RGI office last year.

MAN ABDONCING FOR 4 YEARS ARRESTED
New Delhi: A 32-year-old man absconding for the past four years has been arrested by Southeast district's Govindpuri police station, police said on Monday. The accused identified as Shanu was involved in half a dozen cases, including attempt to murder and dacoity. A country made pistol and two live cartridges were recovered from him.

Redress public complaints on priority: CM to HoDs

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Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has directed all the heads of departments (HoDs) of the Delhi Government to redress public grievances on "top priority". Kejriwal issued the directives while he held a review meeting with the HoDs on the functioning of the Government's Public Grievance Monitoring System (PGMS) on Monday.

According to an official release from the CM office, "The CM will hold meetings with the HoDs twice a month to personally review the functioning of the PGMS. The department heads have been asked to review the cases of those individuals who are unsatisfied with the grievance redressal done by the respective department", it said.

No complaint should be left unattended and it must be resolved within the time limit (15 days) specified by the department, it stated.

The government shared department-wise complaint data according to which 39,449 complaints were received against the Delhi Police between February 2015 to November 16 this year at the



PGMS. Of which, 1,937 complaints were overdue which could not be resolved within 15 days of receiving the same.

A total of 2,59,512 complaints have been received in government departments during the same period.

It stated that 94,205 complaints were received at all the three municipal corporations ruled by the BJP.

"The chief minister will hold meetings with the HoDs on 15th and 31st (or whichever will be the last working day of the month) to personally review the PGMS functioning," the statement said.

In the meeting, Kejriwal told the HoDs, "Since the government stands committed towards public welfare, it is important that individual grievances of the residents of

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Delhi are duly addressed within the specified time limit given by each department."

The chief minister also said, "It has to be the top priority of all the HoDs to ensure that no grievance remains unattended and after a grievance is resolved there should be no dissatisfaction of the citizens with the concerned department."

According to the statement, the CM told the officers that figures of those not satisfied with the redressal of their grievances must be brought down by the Delhi government departments.

"Priority of the government and its officers has to be towards the public and their grievances cannot be left unresolved at any cost," the statement quoted Kejriwal as saying.

Slow wind speed, high humidity turn air very poor

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Delhi's air quality remained 'very poor' on Monday due to slow wind speed and high humidity, authorities said. According to the Centre-run System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting (SAFAR), the overall air quality index (AQI) was recorded at 326, which comes under 'very poor' category.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data said 20 areas in Delhi recorded 'very poor' air quality and 13 recorded 'poor' air quality.

On Monday, the PM2.5 - particles in the air with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometres - level was recorded at 174, while the PM10 level was recorded at 320, the CPCB data said.

The air quality in Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Greater Noida was 'poor' while Gurgaon recorded 'moderate' air quality, it said.



Govt receives 15,621 documents for doorstep delivery scheme

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30 MORE SERVICES MOOTED

In two months span, Delhi Government has received a sizeable number of documents pertaining to different schemes under its flagship Doorstep Delivery (DSD) scheme. Importantly, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) is mulling to add 30 more services into its ambit.

According to Delhi Government's official database, the total number of 15,621 documents have been received till date. It may be recalled that the Delhi Government on September 10 of this year, had launched DSD to ensure to end the nexus of touts to earn money from people by being mediator. During the initial days of DSD launched, the total number of calls connected was 71,637.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had directed that no case submitted by the 'Mobile Sahayaks' to any of the departments be rejected by the department without the approval of the Minister-in-charge.

The present Government feels that various cases are rejected at the lower levels on the pretext of one or the other 'discrepancy' in the application for the purpose of taking bribe in lieu of getting the job done



or getting the case/application approved," the Delhi Government statement quoted. Kejriwal also directed that time limits prescribed for the delivery of the services under the scheme must be adhered to in totality and strictly. Rthe Chief Minister had also made

it clear that no violation of time limits would be tolerated at any cost. The Government feels that some corrupt officials delay a particular application or request intentionally to force the applicant to pay in lieu of getting the job done quickly.

24x7 helpline for service

DSD is a 24x7 helpline and any citizen of Delhi can dial 1076, the call centre takes all details and inform about the required documents for further procedure. By paying ₹50, an appointment would be booked.

A Mobile Sahayak carrying a biometric machine and

camera visits home, and this is how a delivery process starts, the applicant gets a confirmation text.

DSD includes certificates for marriage, birth, caste, income and disability, besides driving licences, ration cards, domiciles and water connections.

Escorts Mujesar-Ballabgarh Metro opens

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Extension of the Violet Line from Escorts Mujesar to Ballabgarh was finally thrown open to the public by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi via remote control on Monday. With the opening of this two elevated station Sant Surdas (Sihni) and Raja Nahar Singh, the Delhi Metro network has now become 317 kilometres long with 231 stations.

The passenger services commenced for the passengers from 5 pm on wards. Now, the entire Violet Corridor will connect till Raja Nahar Singh from Kashmiri Gate. The DMRC estimates that around 2.14 lakh of people residing in the Central, south east, Faridabad and other nearby parts will be benefitted with operational of these two stations.

"All trains, which till now were operating till Escorts Mujesar, will go up to Raja Nahar Singh. A total of 40 trains will be operational on the entire Kashmiri Gate — Raja Nahar Singh corridor," said a



Metro service between Raja Nahar Singh (Ballabgarh) and Escorts Mujesar commences after it was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi via remote on Monday in New Delhi

Delhi Metro rail Corporation (DMRC) official.

The official further added that the Delhi metro also made another foray into the National Capital Region (NCR).

Ballabgarh will become the fourth city in Haryana to get metro connectivity after Gurgaon, Faridabad and Bahadurgarh.

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Line-6 will become 46.6 km. currently, the 25.8 km of metro lines are operational across Haryana. After the opening of this section, the total length of the network in the state has become 29 km. All trains running on this section have been manufactured in India, according to the DMRC.

The Raja Nahar Singh Metro station of this section will be integrated with the Ballabgarh Railway station and the interstate bus terminal of Ballabgarh directly with a foot over-bridge, which is currently under-construction.

"A peak hour frequency of six minutes and 48 seconds will be maintained on this section between Badarpur and Raja Nahar Singh on weekdays," the DMRC said.

AAP defends Phoolka's remark on Amritsar attack

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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) defended its Punjab leader HS Phoolka who waded into a controversy with his remarks on a grenade attack in Amritsar, saying he has already regretted it and should not be defamed.

Commenting on the grenade attack in Amritsar that claimed three lives, Phoolka had on Sunday told news channels that "the Army chief came and made a statement. To prove his statement, he could have orchestrated the attack."

However, the AAP MLA on Monday regretted his statement, saying it was "inadvertent". "Please see the whole video. An inadvertent statement made standing on road is being blown out of proportion. I have stated that history is evidence of that fact that Governments in the past have



caused violence to further their interest (sic)," he had tweeted.

He said one should not reach a conclusion without detailed, impartial inquiry and regretted his remark. "Like in last year's Maur blast, no one should reach a conclusion without detailed impartial investigation. Even a moderate person like me who has always been against Khalistan-think so. I regret statement that may have purported to be against the Army Chief (sic)," he said in another tweet.

The army chief had earlier

this month said that attempts are being made through "external linkages" to "revive insurgency" in Punjab and Assam and if early action is not taken, it will be too late.

Senior AAP leader and Raja Sabha member Sanjay Singh defended Phoolka, emphasising his role as a lawyer who fought for 1984 anti-Sikh riot victims.

"HS Phoolka has regretted his statement. He should not be commented upon and defamed. He should be given credit for fighting the anti-sikh riots cases for 35 years," Singh said.

Phoolka had resigned as the Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly last month, protesting over the state government's alleged "failure" to initiate action against former chief minister Parkash Singh Badal and retired DGP Sumedh Singh Saini in sacrilege incidents.

CM to visit Sonipat to give ₹1 crore to family of martyred BSF jawan Narender

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will go to Sonipat on Wednesday to give ex-gratia of ₹1 crore to the family of BSF jawan Narender Singh, who was brutally killed by Pakistan forces on the IB near Jammu in September.

It came days after the AAP Government approved a proposal to amend a rule on giving ex-gratia of ₹1 crore to the kin of slain security personnel to include those who have settled in the national Capital after joining service. AAP's Haryana convener Naveen Jaihind said, "The chief minister will go to Sonipat on November 21 to give ex-gratia of ₹1 crore to the kin of slain BSF jawan Narender Singh." In September 21, Kejriwal had also visited the native village of Singh, who was brutally killed by Pakistani troops along the International Border (IB) near Jammu.

Two cases of pick-pocketing reported at IITF

SUGANDHA ■ NEW DELHI

During the first five days of the 38th India International Trade Fair (IITF)-2018, only two cases of pick-pocketing and minor thefts were reported.

The cases were registered during the business days of the fair, the Delhi Police officials told *The Pioneer* on Monday.

"Two FIRs were registered during the business days against three women. The first FIR was registered against a woman for pick-pocketing of ₹4,000 and the other one was against two women for minor theft of at various cosmetics stalls," said a senior Delhi Police official. The accused were detained immediately in both the cases he added.

"The woman in the first case belonged to Jahangir Puri and was caught red-handed by police while trying to steal ₹4,000 from a visitor's wallet. In the second case, the women belonged to Rohini Sector-24. They were also detained," he said.

This year, no case of eve-teasing has been reported so far, said the official. As per the official, last year, more than 55 reports were registered during the Trade Fair out of which two were for eve-teasing. The rest were registered for minor thefts, he added.

"The size of the fair has been reduced to 25 per cent of its capacity this year due to

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some construction work. Only 25,000 people per day are being allowed inside which could be a reason behind the less number of crime this year," he said.

Apart from that, the effective measures to tackle the crime are also being taken, he said.

"The staff has been deployed in shifts, so nobody gets tired and everyone is alert. Also, we have several police officers patrolling in civil dress. Also, we have all the information about the people who were arrested in previous years, so if they enter, our eyes are on them and we are keeping an eye on all such suspects," he said.

Besides this, measures like SWAT teams, Anti terrorist measures, Bomb Detection Teams (BDT), Observation Towers, Morchas, patrolling parties are there. CCTV cameras have also been installed everywhere in the area for surveillance, he added.

Inter-State train robbery gang busted, 5 wanted criminals held

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The Delhi Police crime branch have arrested five people and busted a gang of inter-State train robbers who were wanted in a case of criminal assault and robbery where they had stabbed a person multiple times to rob him of ₹20,000 on a running train. The accused persons were arrested from Mukarba Chowk on Sunday.

Police revealed that ten cases of train robbery and theft were worked out with their arrest. The accused were identified as Vikram (46), Vicky (23), Rajinder (43), Sonu (25) and Mustakim (52).

"Information was received on Sunday that the gang members would be coming to

Mukarba Chowk. Under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Dr Joy Tirkey, a trap was laid and the five were arrested. Three of the accused were found carrying sharp paper cutters they used to commit crimes on trains," Additional commissioner of Police (Crime) Rajiv Ranjan stated.

"During interrogation, all five admitted to their involvement in the Sarai Rohilla railway station case on September 16 this year where they stabbed a person multiple times and robbed him on a running train. The gang members further disclosed involvement in nine other cases registered at various police stations of Railways, Delhi," Ranjan said.

The gang members mentioned that they usually targeted women passengers traveling alone or careless male travelers and rob them. The gang members surround and often intimidate the victim before robbery. Immediately after robbery the gang members would jump of the moving train.

The gang also revealed that in the year 2016, they had a scuffle among the group and one member Vikram was brutally beaten up by the rest of the gang.

A case of attempt to culpable homicide had been registered on Vikram's complaint at Punjabi Bagh police station. However, the gang members resolved their issues and started working together again.

Buy machines for sewer cleaning, civic bodies told

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Delhi Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) president Manoj Tiwari asked party-ruled municipal corporations on Monday to purchase machines for cleaning of septic tanks and sewers to prevent deaths due to manual scavenging in the city.

Speaking at an event organised by Sulabh International here on World Toilet Day, Tiwari said although sewer cleaning comes under the Delhi government but municipal corporations need to equip manual scavengers.



order as soon as possible purchase of machines for cleaning of septic tanks and sewer to prevent deaths due to manual scavenging," he said.

A machine purchased by

"Mayors of the three municipal corporations should order as soon as possible purchase of machines for cleaning of septic tanks and sewer to prevent deaths due to manual scavenging"

Sulabh International for mechanical cleaning of sewers and septic tanks was launched on the occasion.

Founder of Sulabh International Bindeshwar Pathak said the machine will be

Court directs Lalu to appear before it on December 20

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Monday directed RJD chief Lalu Prasad to appear before it on December 20 through video conference in connection with the IRCTC scam case.

Special judge Arun Bharadwaj passed the directions after he was told that the accused could not appear before the court, as per earlier direction, owing to his ill health.

The court directed the CBI and ED to ensure Lalu's presence from video conference from the hospital, if he is still lodged there, or from jail. The ED, meanwhile, opposed the bail application of Prasad's wife Rabri Devi, son Tejaswi Yadav and others on the grounds that they were influential persons who could hamper the probe if granted the relief.

Kejriwal accuses BJP of deleting voters' names from electoral roll

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Upping the ante on the issue of deliberate omission of names from the voters' list in South Delhi, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Monday accused the BJP of getting voters' names deleted from electoral rolls in Delhi as a "last resort" to avoid defeat in the next Lok Sabha elections.

Hitting back at the AAP, Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari said it was expressing "hopelessness" by mounting an attack on the Election Commission over alleged deletion of names of 15 lakh voters.

Kejriwal's attack on the BJP came a day after his party leader Raghav Chadha termed the EC's enquiry into the alleged deletion of names from the voters' list in Tughlaqabad as "farical".

The EC had conducted a door-to-door survey in Lal Kuan and Harikech Nagar areas of the Tughlaqabad Assembly segment to verify the AAP's claims that "over one lakh voters were deleted in South Delhi since the last assembly elections in 2015".

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tion of names. Delhi BJP chief Tiwari claimed the AAP is starting at defeat in the Lok Sabha polls and is now attacking the EC which proves its "anarchic" nature.

"Terming the EC's verification exercise farical and hogwash proves the AAP's anarchic nature. The commission should ensure action against them," Tiwari said.

An AAP delegation had met the chief election commissioner earlier this month, alleging that names of over 10 lakh voters, mostly supporting the AAP and the Congress, were deleted in Delhi since the 2015 Assembly elections.

The District Election Officer of South East Delhi termed the AAP's charge "baseless" and said the verification exercise on the complaint of the party was conducted in a transparent manner.

The officer also denied the AAP's charge that a list of deleted votes was not provided to political parties in Delhi.

Opp suffering from Modi phobia: Shah

Narsinghpur/Betul/Dewas (MP): BJP chief Amit Shah on Monday trained his guns at the saffron party's political rivals, saying they were suffering from 'Narendra Modi phobia', and sought votes for the ruling party to throw 'infiltrators' out of the country.



others," Shah said.

Addressing a series of rallies ahead of the November 28 Assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh, where campaigning has picked up momentum, Shah said Congress president Rahul Gandhi was raising a hue and cry over the issue of identification of "infiltrators" in Assam, but ignoring the rights of martyrs. Speaking at Narsinghpur, he asked the Congress to give an account of what did the four generations of the Nehru-Gandhi family do when they ruled the country.

"The Opposition is suffering from Narendra Modi phobia. They just want to get rid of Modi from the Prime Minister's post, while we want to get rid of poverty, insecurity and air pollution among

He lauded the Centre for the Army's surgical strikes on terror launchpads across the Line of Control (LoC) post the Uri terror attack in 2016.

"When the Uri terror attack took place, the entire country was angry. Modi ordered the surgical strikes and made India the third country in the world after the US and Israel to avenge the killings of its soldiers," Shah said. During the days of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Government, terrorists from Pakistan would sneak into India and escape after carrying out explosions, he added.

At another rally in Betul, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief slammed Gandhi, saying he had created a furor

over identification of infiltrators. "We have done the job of identifying 40 lakh infiltrators in Assam. On this, Rahul and company have raised a lot of hue and cry. They saw in it a violation of their (infiltrators') rights. But they do not care for the rights of the martyred countrymen," he said.

"Should infiltrators be thrown out or not?", he asked the crowd, adding, "Vote for Shivraj (Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan) in 2018 and the Modi Government in 2019. We will flush them out completely from Kashmir to Kanyakumari."

"For us, the nation's security comes first," Shah said.

Taking a jibe at Gandhi for the Congress not declaring its chief ministerial candidate in Madhya Pradesh, he asked, "Who is your commander? Why have you not declared him? How will they do it as they have a raja (king), a maharaja and a tired industrialist." **PTI**

Quashed FIR against BJP MP Anurag Thakur by mistake, says SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said it had quashed an FIR against BJP MP Anurag Thakur and others in a case related to alleged encroachment of land for the construction of the Dharamshala cricket stadium by "mistake".



A bench of justices A K Sikri and S A Nazeer was told by the counsel appearing for former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, who has been arrayed as a respondent in the case filed by the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA), that the November 2 order of the top court should be recalled first.

On November 2, the apex court had quashed two FIRs against Thakur, his father and former Himachal Pradesh chief minister Prem Kumar Dhumal and others in two separate cases — one related to alleged irregularities in granting land on lease for the construction of the Dharamshala cricket stadium and another pertaining to alleged encroachment of Government land.

Senior advocate P S Patwalia, appearing for Thakur and others, told the bench that there was no need to recall the order as the main FIR was already quashed by the court.

The counsel representing Singh said the November 2 order should be recalled as the apex court had by mistake quashed a separate FIR against Thakur and others in connection with a case related to alleged encroachment of land, where staff quarters of the education department of the state was situated.

He said no argument was advanced by them in the second FIR, which was quashed by the court "by mistake". **PTI**

Oz warns Indians against contrived marriage scams

New Delhi: The Australian Government has cautioned Indian nationals who want to live permanently in Australia against organised contrived marriage scams targeting South Asians.

Indian national facing court over his alleged role as the main facilitator.

The warning came after Australian Border Force (ABF) shut down a contrived marriages syndicate operating out of Sydney, with a 32-year-old

Four Australian citizens too are facing charges of convincing individuals to fraudulently marry non-citizens seeking to obtain permanent residency, the Australian High Commission here said in a release titled 'warning about fake marriage scams'.

It said the long running operation by the ABF also resulted in 164 foreign nationals having their applications for a "partner visa" refused after they were linked to the syndicate.

None of the participants in this scam obtained permanent residency. Some of these clients paid significant amounts of money, for no immigration outcome, it added. **PTI**

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"On what ground you passed orders making it illegal for the devotees to stay in the walkway during night hours? How can you pump water and make the walkway wet to keep old devotees and tiny tots away from the walkway? Do you have made alternate arrangements for their stay in the Sannidhanam after the closure of the temple doors every night?" asked the judges to the Government advocate.

The court said it is not content with the explanations given by the advocate general and asked the State Police Chief to file a comprehensive report by Thursday.

K Ramkumar, the septuagenarian senior lawyer, who

represented the devotees said the Court told the Government and police that they have no rights to fix the schedule for the devotees to pray at the temple.

"The judges were taken aback when they were told that devotees were sent back from the temple without permitting them to offer the Irumudyketu at the sanctum. They also asked the Government to implement the apex court verdict permitting women of all ages in the temple peacefully and without upsetting the other devotees," said Ramkumar.

He said there was blatant violation of human rights at Sabarimala.

K P Sasikala, leader of the Hindu United Front told reporters after her darshan at the temple on Monday that the CPI-M led Government has

failed in making any kind of basic arrangements at the temple. "It is to cover up the failure of the Government that police were being used to scare away the devotees. It is pathetic to see that infants have to sleep near heaps of garbage where wild boars and pigs come in search of food," said Sasikala.

But Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said at Kozhikode that the RSS and the BJP were behind all the troubles at Sabarimala. "The Government is duty bound to implement the Supreme Court order allowing women inside the temple. What is important is to protect the rights of the devotees. But the RSS and the BJP are fomenting troubles all over the State," said the Chief Minister while inaugurating the annual meet of the Kerala Union of Working Journalists at Kozhikode.

Dubai court orders Christian Michel...

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Contesting the lower court's ruling, according to which his client could be extradited, the lawyer argued that the Indian authorities did not follow 'the proper procedures' when requesting the extradition, the newspaper reported.

"The request should have been filed by India's Ministry of Home Affairs rather than its Ministry of External Affairs," Abdul Moneim was quoted as saying. He contended that the procedure was 'flawed' since it did not comply with the clauses of the treaty signed on the issue, the paper said. "Accordingly, the lower court order should be reversed," he argued.

Michel filed his appeal before the Dubai Court of Cassation within 30 days after the lower court's ruling. With Dubai's top court upholding the lower court's decision, it

has become final but it will need approval from the UAE Minister of Justice for the extradition procedure to start.

The extradition procedure is executed in coordination with the Interpol and the Criminal investigation Department.

Since the appellate court ruled on September 2 that he could be extradited, in response to a request filed by the Indian authorities to the UAE in connection with corruption-related charges, Michel lost his bail conditions, the paper said.

Michel, whose passport had been impounded by the judicial authorities in Dubai and had been granted release on bail, became 'wanted' on September 2, following the decision issued by the Dubai Court of Appeals.

India officially made the request to the Gulf nation ear-

lier this year for his extradition, based on the criminal investigations conducted in the case by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The ED, in its chargesheet filed against Michel in June 2016, had alleged that he received EUR 30 million (about Rs 225 crore) from AgustaWestland through 'criminal activity' and corruption being done in the chopper deal that led to the subsequent generation of proceeds of crime.

Following allegations of corruption, India on January 1, 2014 scrapped the contract with Italy-based Finmeccanica's British subsidiary AgustaWestland for supplying 12 AW-101 VVIP choppers to the IAF over alleged breach of contractual obligations and charges of paying kickbacks to the tune of Rs 423 crore by it for securing the deal.

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The ED investigation found that remittances made by Michel through his Dubai-based firm Global Services to a media firm he floated in Delhi, along with two Indians, were made from the funds which he got from AgustaWestland through 'criminal activity' and corruption being done in the chopper deal that led to the subsequent generation of proceeds of crime.

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Verma files in SC his...

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Verma's reply will deal with the CVC report, which was categorised into four parts by the apex court as "complimentary, very complimentary, not so complimentary, and very uncomplimentary" for the CBI Director.

The SC on November 16 had directed Verma, Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta --- who were also supplied with the confidential report of the CVC --- to maintain secrecy, saying it was needed to ensure people's faith in the CBI as an institution.

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Last stretch opens KMP E-way to public

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"Development of infrastructure plays a very important role in raising the standard of living of the people of this country. Highways, railways, airways, waterways, as well as electricity-related infrastructure, our focus areas of this Government," the PM said.

During the occasion, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the expressway would lead to more development of the National Capital Region (NCR) here. He also blamed the previous Congress regime of delay in the KMP project.

He said the 83-km Kundli-Manesar section was completed four months ahead of the revised deadline.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari had formally inaugurated the 53-km Manesar-Palwal section of the expressway, which was opened to traffic in 2016.

The expressway will provide an alternative route to vehicles headed for Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and is expected to help ease traffic flow, especially that of heavy vehicles. It is estimated that it will divert 50,000 vehicles.

The total cost of the project is Rs 6,400 crore, 3,846 acre was acquired at a cost of Rs 2,988 crore. The expressway will reduce 30 per cent pollution and ease 40 per cent traffic jam in Delhi.

The significance of the six-lane KMP expressway is that it will connect four major national highways (NH), NH-1 (Delhi-Ambala-Amritsar), NH-2 (Delhi-Agra-Varanasi-Dankuni), NH-48 (Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai) and NH-10 (Delhi-Hisar-Fazilka-Indo-Pak border).

The length of the Kundli to Manesar stretch was over 83 km. The stretch has fourteen major and minor bridges, four railways over bridges, 56 underpasses, 7 intersections, 7

toll plazas 64 pedestrian crossings.

The exact toll rates for various vehicles are yet to be revealed but it will be about 1.25 times more expensive than regular national highways.

Similarly, the Manesar-Palwal stretch is over 52 km long and has 32 underpasses, three intersections and four toll plazas. The design speed of the expressway was 120 kmph for light vehicles and 100 kmph for heavy ones.

Furthermore, commuters travelling on the KMP will pay for the distance they travel and not for the entire corridor.

Seven toll plazas have been set up on the 83-km stretch of the six-lane KMP Expressway, which is access-controlled to charge the commuters according to the distance travelled by them.

Of the seven toll plazas, two of the toll plazas will be in Sonapat district at Abbaspur and Pipli villages, while another two will be in Jhajjar district at Mandholi and Badli. The remaining three toll plazas will be in Gurugram at Sultanpur, Patli-Hazipur and Mokalswas.

There are also weigh-in-motion machines installed at all entry points to stop the entry of overloaded vehicles on the super expressway. Amenities for users include one ambulance, one crane and one police patrolling vehicle with a helpline number has been stationed in every 20km for speedy response in case of accidents or emergencies.

The Haryana Government has announced plans to develop five new cities over an area of 50,000 hectares on each side of the KMP (KMP) expressway.

Apart from this, near the toll plaza, a world-class Art and Culture Gallery has been set up to depict the project development history through 3D Holographic

models. Fountains, historical and cultural monuments connected to Shrimad Bhagwad Gita and Yoga have been placed at various locations to improve the aesthetic look of the expressway.

The expressway, which was conceived in 2002, was to be originally completed in July 2009. However, on account of litigation and various controversies, the project continued to hang fire during the 10-year rule of the previous Congress government led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

The PM was accompanied by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Ministers Rao Inderjit Singh, who is a Gurugram MP, Haryana Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya and PWD Minister Rao Narbir Singh was also present on the occasion.

Khattar said the inauguration of the KMP expressway and extension of Faridabad Metro Rail by PM was the beginning of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Khattar said he was sure the BJP will win as much as 350 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 general elections. He said under the guidance of the PM, the Party would win all the ten Lok Sabha seats in Haryana.

The expressway will provide an alternative route to vehicles headed for Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and is expected to help ease traffic flow, especially that of heavy vehicles. It is estimated that it will divert 50,000 vehicles.

Expert panel...

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The expert committee to be set up will now decide about the adequate size of capital base.

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, discussed the Basel regulatory capital framework, a restructuring scheme for stressed MSMEs, bank health under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework and the Economic Capital Framework (ECF).

Patel and his deputies came face to face with government nominee directors — Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg and Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Kumar — and indepen-

dent members like S Gurumurthy to arrive at a middle ground on some of the contentious issues.

According to sources, no voting on any proposal took place and a detailed presentation was made by Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan to the board. Vishwanathan is the incharge of banking regulation and supervision.

The Board also advised that the RBI should consider a scheme for restructuring of stressed standard assets of MSME borrowers with aggregate credit facilities of up to Rs 25 crore, subject to such conditions as are necessary for ensuring financial stability.

Most of the RBI's 10 independent directors, including Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran, attended the meeting that had drawn intense media and market attention.

With regard to banks

under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA), it was decided that the matter will be examined by the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) of the RBI.

Of the 21 State-owned banks, 11 are under the PCA framework, which imposes lending and other restrictions on weak lenders. These are Allahabad Bank, United Bank of India, Corporation Bank, IDBI Bank, UCO Bank, Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Dena Bank and Bank of Maharashtra. The PCA framework kicks in when banks breach any of the three key regulatory trigger points — namely capital to risk weighted assets ratio, net non-performing assets (NPA) and return on assets (RoA).

Globally, PCA kicks in only when banks slip on a single parameter of capital ade-

quacy ratio, and the government is in favour of this practice being adopted for the domestic banking sector as well.

The Board, while deciding to retain the capital adequacy ratio or CRAR 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, that is up to March 31, 2020.

CCB currently stands at 1.875 per cent and remaining 0.625 per cent was to be met by March 2019, as per the deadline fixed by the RBI.

According to sources, the next meeting of central board of the RBI is scheduled to be held on December 14. Amid growing tensions with the central bank, the Finance Ministry had sought discussions under the never-used-before Section 7 of the RBI Act

which empowers the government to issue directions to the RBI Governor.

RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya had in a speech last month talked about the independence of the central bank, arguing that any compromise could be "potentially catastrophic" for the economy.

In his first public comments since the spat between the RBI and the Finance Ministry came out in the open, Gurumurthy had last week said the stand-off "is not a happy thing at all". Gurumurthy, who was appointed to the board of RBI a few months back, had said the capital adequacy ratio prescribed in India is 1 per cent higher than the global Basel norms. He also pitched for easing lending norms for small and medium enterprises, which account for 50 per cent of the country's GDP.

on November 8, Sana was advised by Law Secretary Suresh Chandra to save Asthana from the Supreme Court monitored CVC probe. He said that IAS officer Rekha Rani met Sana to contact the Law Secretary. The woman IAS officer was owner of Sana's office premises. According to Sana, Chandra told him that he was talking to him on behalf of Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha. "Sana spoke to him on WhatsApp on the evening of November 8. The Union Law Secretary, Suresh Chandra, said he was in London for some work related to the Nirav Modi case, that he was trying to contact him for last 4/5 days in order to convey message of Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha that the Union Government will offer full protection to him, that there will be a drastic change on Tuesday (13th) and that he (Sana) should meet him (Suresh Chandra) on Wednesday (14th)," the petition says.

Responding to the allegation, the Law Secretary told media that the allegations were total baseless. "This is all false. I never went to London, I don't know who Satish Sana or Rekha Rani is. It is complete fabrication," said Chandra.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to general public that my client Sh. Raj Kumar and his wife Smt. Usha Rani R/o Village & Post Office Taj Pur Kalan, Delhi-110036 have debarred and disowned their son namely Ravi Kumar and his wife Shivani Rana from all their movable and immovable properties and also sever their visiting and social relations with them forever w.e.f. 12.11.2018.

And if any person dealing with said son and his wife will be doing so at his/her own risks and consequences and my client shall not be held liable for the same hereafter because their acts are totally uncontrollable.

(B.N. GAUR)
Advocate

SBI

POSSESSION NOTICE
(Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.01.2018, Calling upon the borrower M/s. HIM Steel Pvt. Ltd. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 70,07,37,725.00/- (Rupees Seventy Crores Seven Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice of the following:

- 1) M/s HIM Steel Pvt. Limited (Borrower)-D-9, Udhvay Nagar, Rohtak Road, New Delhi-110041
- 2) Sh. Ashok Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- 3) Sh. S.S. Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- 4) Sh. Meena Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- 5) Abhishek Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- 6) Arvin Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026

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

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

The borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the LARGO CORPORATE BRANCH, First Floor, Sarojini House-6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001. For an amount of Rs. 70,07,37,725.00/- (Rupees Seventy Crores Seven Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Only) and interest cost thereon from 26.01.2018

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1) Extension of first charge on existing UREAN/REM of freshhold land (Msgs.1073.33 Sq.Yd.) and building (Basement + 4 Storey Residential Building) 7/38 stars each (Stitte deeds) of undivided property bearing plot No. 42 on road No. 72, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026

Date : 14.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Authorized Officer
Syndicate Bank

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civil Division, Lucknow invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the work of "Misc Civil Work for proposed IQD at P&T Colony Bijnor". N.I.T.No. 54 / EE / PCDL / 2018-19 / Dated 19.11.18, Estimated Cost : Rs. 5,15,778/-, Earnest Money : Rs. 16,316/-, Period of completion - 02 (Two) Months, Last time and date of submission of bid : 26.11.18 Upto 18:00 hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://dopccivil.eunizaward.com>

6 N-E States ready to implement RERA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

According to HUA secretary Durga Shankar Mishra, the northeastern States have agreed to implement RERA. We are helping them in notifying the



RERA rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WORLD TOILET DAY

PM praises sanitation coverage increase

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Modi took to Twitter to thank women and youth for taking the lead in the sanitation

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

drive. World Toilet Day, celebrated on November 19, is about taking action to ensure that everyone has a safe toilet by 2030.

"Today, on World Toilet Day, we reiterate our commitment towards enhancing cleanliness and sanitation facilities across the nation. We in India take pride at the remarkable speed with which sanitation cover has increased in the last four years," he wrote. He said it is the 130 crore Indians, par-

ticularly women and youths, who have taken the lead in the movement. "I congratulate all those working to fulfil the dream of a Swachh Bharat," he said.

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

"This has been achieved by the construction of nearly 60.53 lakh individual household toilets (against a mission target of 66 lakhs; i.e. 91.7% constructed and under-construction against target)," Mishra said in an official statement.

"In the area of solid waste management, at least 40 per cent of the total waste generat-

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

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

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

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

Shah to visit Mizoram for public meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Amritsar blast: Rajnath reviews security situation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Singh was told that a team

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

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

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

Vora, in his application, had alleged that Swamy was trying to influence the court proceedings with his tweets. He also accused Swamy of using derogatory language against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi often on the social media platform. The



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

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

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

Hope RBI Guv shows Modi his place: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

day.

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

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

INSHORT

CSE TO GET 2018 INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE

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

RAILWAYS GIVES SPECIAL OFFER TO MELA DEVOTEES

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

FOR DEVOTEES OF KARTARPUR SAHIB

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

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

The Government on Monday also announced that a commemorative coin and postage stamps will be released as part of a series of activities planned to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT will install a high-powered telescope in India for the devotees to view Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan, while the Railways Ministry will run a train, which will pass through

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

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

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

Kartarpur Sahib is the final resting place of Guru Nanak.

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

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

FROM SUPREME COURT

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

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

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

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

on November 26".

At the outset, senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing for the SIT, said Zakia's plea was not maintainable and social activist Teesta Setalvad cannot be the second petitioner in the case. The bench said it will look into the application before hearing the matter on making Setalvad as the second petitioner in Jafri's plea.

During the previous hearing, Jafri's counsel had said that notice needs to be issued in the plea as it pertains to the aspect of alleged "larger conspiracy" during the period from February 27, 2002 and May 2002 and had also maintained that after the SIT gave a clean chit in its closure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The plea also alleged that the charges have been framed against Purohit and others by the trial court which had commenced the trial without dealing with the claim on sanction.

Six people were killed and over 100 injured when an explosive device strapped on a motorcycle went off near a mosque in Malegaon, a town about 200 km from north Maharashtra, on September 29, 2008. **PTI**

3-day 'youth against leprosy' festival begins

PNS ■ INDORE

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

Several youths from leprosy colonies across the city have congregated at the festival organised by Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (SILF), an organisation that focuses on creating economic opportunities for leprosy-affected people.

Vineeta Shanker, executive director of the SILF said that idea behind holding the Youth Festival, bringing youth and stakeholders under one roof here, is to make the younger generation aware about the disease. "They have a little idea or understanding on leprosy as a disease. Whatever little they



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

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

Tehseen Zaidi, Communications and Advocacy Manager with SILF informed that the collaborations like Youth Festival provides a platform for

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

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

India led world in reducing malaria in 2017: Report

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

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

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

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

By leading the world in

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

India still accounts for 60 per cent of new cases reported globally.

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

malaria case reductions in 2017, India is no longer among the top three countries with the highest malaria burdens. However, 1.25 billion Indians remain at risk of malaria.

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

Change data collection procedure: CIC to RGI

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

Information Commissioner Yashovardhan Azad, in an important order, issued directives to make changes in the software and practices of the RGI.

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

The information was not provided to him, following which he approached the Central Information Commission (CIC).

During the hearing, the official representing the RGI said the office was a data aggregator.

He submitted that the States were tasked with the overall implementation under

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

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

Azad added that the present controversy was limited only to the practices related to data maintenance and preser-

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

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

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

SABARIMALA ROW

'Kerala Govt treating pilgrims like dacoits'

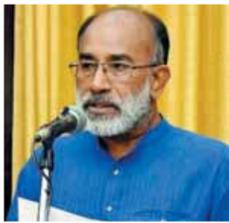
PTI ■ NILACKAL/PAMBA (KERALA)

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUZAFFARPUR HORROR

5 girls, not 2, died in shelter home

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

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

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

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

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

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

The CBI had earlier found human bones at a cremation ground on October 4 following a tip-off. It had also carried out an extensive excavation at the shelter home premises on suspicion that some inmates might have been killed and buried there, but could not recover anything from there.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

My intention was not to hurt anyone. My statement has been misinterpreted by the media. I apologise if the farmers are hurt," Kumaraswamy said. Coalition partner Congress has criticised Kumaraswamy for making such a statement against the farmers. Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said that he would apologise to the farmers for the CM's angry statement. "I don't know in what context he has used the word 'goondas'. But he should not have said that. The Congress party has always been with the farmers and I personally apologise to them," Parameshwara said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Police warn of action against uploading of execution videos

SIANS ■ SRINAGAR

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Former Assam Min Chandan Kumar Sarkar passes away

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1	DHBNV	SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 1 NO. 33 KV S/STN (INCLUDING CIVIL WORKS) CONSISTING OF 8 PANEL SET OF 11 KV BREAKER ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED 33 KV LINES (4.39 KM) AND 11 KV LINES (2.5KM) I.E 33 KV S/STNS SHEKUPUR SOTTER INN "OP" CIRCLE FATEHABAD RESPECTIVELY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF DHBNV.	16.11.2018 07.12.2018	2.53 CRORE	www.dhbnv.org.in	01662-232216 cepdcdhbnv@gmail.com
2	HSAMB BOARD FATEHABAD	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF ROAD FROM VILLAGE, NANDHORI TO GHOTRU (M.C. BHUNA) (ROAD ID-3203), (C.M.ANNOUN.CODE-23690)	CLOSING DATE 04.12.2018	50.67 LACS	https://hsamb.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105550	94163-87518 xenhsambfatehabad2018@ym ail.com
3	HSAMB YAMUNA NAGAR	S/R OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS (GROUP-B) IN SADHAURA CONSTITUENCY (ROAD I.D 2813,2824,2829,2830,2834,2844,2899 & 2901) + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 06.12.2018	2.99 CRORE	www.hsamb.org.in Tender No. 105130 24/2018, 105131 24/2018, 105132 24/2018, 105133 24/2018, 105134 24/2018, 105135 24/2018, 105136 24/2018	xenyhr.hsamb@gmail.com 07132-237822
4	HLRDC LTD	TENDER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LPG GAS CYLINDERS TO THE CONSUMER OF HLRDC BHARAT GAS, HISAR FOR THE YEAR 2018-19.	17.11.2018 30.11.2018	1 LACS	https://hlrcd.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in hlrcd.org.in Tender No. :HLRDC/LPG/TA/2018-19/Hisar-2	caohlrdc@gmail.com, ctohlrcd@gmail.com
5	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE NISSING	PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC GOODS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHT + 2 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	10.09 LACS	https://hlrcd.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in https://mcmnissing.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.49/MCM/2018 49/MCM/2018 SECV/rt/mcm/2018	8684009444
6	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA	CONST. OF INTERLOCKING TILE 80MM THICK ISI MARK IN BAWARIYA WALI GALLI, WARD NO.9, MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, DHARUHERA + 5 OTHER WORKS	16.11.2018 25.11.2018	1.91 LACS	http://haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105468, 105473, 105475, 105479, 105484, 105485	sevc.mc.dharuhera@gmail.com 01274-242692
7	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHARKHI DADRI	CONST. OF AEROBIC COMPOSITION BRICK PTT, CHARKHI DADRI + 1 OTHER WORK	20.11.2018 26.11.2018	22420	sevc.mc.dadri@gmail.com Civil Works	9416355963
8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B. STROM WATER LINE IN MAYUR VIHAR EXTENSION M.C. SONEPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	259.60 LACS	https://haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.1353 recall	semcsonapat@gmail.com
9	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B TILE & STROM WATER LINE IN INDIAN COLONY EXTENSION M.C. SONEPAT + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	679.91 LACS	https://haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.1385, 1386, 1387	semcsonapat@gmail.com
10	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B TILE & STROM WATER LINE IN ANAND VIHAR M.C. SONEPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	31.28 LACS	https://haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.1384	semcsonapat@gmail.com
11	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BAHADURGARH	RENOVATION OF PARK NEAR H. NO 517 SEC-6, IN BAHADURGARH CITY + 15 OTHER WORKS	29.11.2018 30.11.2018	2.52 CRORE	etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No.681, 713, 726, 741, 759, 763, 764, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 780, 766, 440 14.11.2018	mcbgarh@gmail.com 9466279 801
12	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF IP BASED CCTV CAMERAS FOR SURVEILLANCE, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ROHTAK	17.11.2018 30.11.2018	1259	www.mcrohtak.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.1259	xemmcrohtak@gmail.com
13	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	DNIT FOR OVERLAY IN ROAD WITH FIBERCON WITH POLY PROPYLENE FIBRE WHITE TOPPING IN BANDH ROAD SECTOR-15, PART-II, GURUGRAM	17.11.2018 04.12.2018	68.43 LACS	https://mcmgram.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105547	ee7@mcmg.gov.in
14	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	PROPOSAL OF CITY BUS PROJECT IN HISAR CITY	10.12.2018	NIL	mchisar.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105510	xemmchisar@gmail.com
15	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SOHNA	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM HOUSE OF RAJESH SAINI VIA PEER TO VILLAGE BERKA IN WARD NO 2	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	250 LACS	mcsohna@gmail.com Tender No.MCS.2	Municipal Engineer M.C Sohna
16	HARYANA POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED	PHYSICAL VERIFICATION (SURVEY & COMPUTATION) OF COAL STOCKS OF INDIAN & IMPORTED COAL INCLUDING CALCULATION OF BULK DENSITY AT THERMAL POWER STATIONS OF HPCL I.E PANIPAT THERMAL POWER STATION (PTPS), PANIPAT, DEENBANDHU CHHOTU RAM THERMAL POWER PLANT (DCKTPP), YAMUNANAGAR & RAJIV GANDHI THERMAL POWER PLANT (RGTPP), KHEDAR HISAR ON MONTHLY BASIS	14.11.2018 07.12.2018	24300	http://hpgcl.org.in Tender No.e-NIT No. 11/HPGCL/CE/FUEL-254 DATED 14.11.2018	9355084404 hpgcfuel1@gmail.com
17	HARYANA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD, BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILL. NIGANA KHURD TO ALAMPUR (L.D.H. 8980) IN TOSHAM CONSTY. DISTT. BHIWANI + 3 OTHER WORKS	11.12.2018 12.12.2018	7.85 CRORE	http://haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No. : 4761.15.11.2018, 19/2018	9992023030 xenbhiwani2.hsamb@gmail.com
18	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD	OUTSOURCING OF SERVICE FOR ORGANIZATION OF THREE DAYS STATE LEVEL LIVESTOCK SHOW AT ROHTAK + 1 OTHER WORK	18.11.2018 23.11.2018	EMD-1.30 LACS	http://pashudhanharyana.gov.in Tender No. AHD/IS/2018-19/01, AHD/IS/2018-19/02	9463797306 hldb-hry@nic.in
19	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD, KURUKSHETRA	TO PROVIDE 5 NOS LED MOBILE VANS ON DAILY RENT BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV-2018	STARTING DATE 19.11.2018	1 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01744-270187, 294505 kcbkkr@gmail.com
20	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD, KURUKSHETRA	ENGAGEMENT OF AGENCY TO CONCEPTUALIZE, DEVELOP AND EXECUTE MULTIMEDIA SHOW FOR "INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV 2018" AT KURUKSHETRA, HARYANA	STARTING DATE 20.11.2018	10 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01744-270187, 294505 kcbkkr@gmail.com
21	GENERAL MANAGER, HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEAR RAILWAY ROAD, FOREST COMPLEX, KARNAL	MANUFACTURING OF FURNITURE, POLISHING, CUSHIONING, SAWING, LOADING, UNLOADING & STACKING RELATED ITEMS IN WORK-SHOP UNDER HFDC KARNAL	03.11.2018 02.12.2018	50 LACS	hfdc.gov.in Tender No GM/Hfdc/KWL/09/2018-19	0184-2241545 gm.karnal@hfdc.gov.in
22	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	MANPOWER: PROVIDING OF UNSKILLED, SEMI-SKILLED, SKILLED, HIGHLY SKILLED MANPOWER AND OTHER VARIOUS CATEGORIES IN PRODUCTION AND QUALITY CONTROL SECTION OF MILK PLANT AMBALA	22.11.2018 13.12.2018	2 LACS	http://vaidanda.haryanaaeprocurement.gov.in Tender No.0-2	0121-2540614, 9996648121 milkplant@vaidambala.com

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable property/ies)
[Appendix IV under the act - rule 8(1)]

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

Date : 14.11.2018
Place : New Delhi
Authorized Officer
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SPURRED BY QUOTA SUCCESS

Maratha outfit floats political party

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

■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

The significance behind

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ MUMBAI/UJJAIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



and the State Government to arrest me".

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

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

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

On August 28, the Pune

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

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

DELAY IN BUNKER CONSTRUCTION

J&K residents along LoC spending sleepless nights

■ JAMMU

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

In the absence of start of construction work on individual/community bunkers along the line of control and International Border in Jammu division, the border residents are spending sleepless nights.

Over 14,000 community and individual bunkers were approved at a cost of ₹415.73 crore for border residents facing Pakistani shelling in Jammu division.

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

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

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

Confirming the status of construction work of bunkers,

FACTOID

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said despite repeated reminders they have failed to start construction work on ground zero.

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

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

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

■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

Pakistan to hand over body of Indian fisherman

■ MUMBAI

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

Nanubhai Kanabhai Solanki, 45, who was arrested in November 2017 by the Maritime Security Agency of Pakistan for allegedly straying into Pakistani territorial waters, was ailing for some time before his death on September 20.

"Solanki hailed from Una tehsil of Gir Somnath district of Gujarat. His body was kept at Edhi Foundation's morgue in Karachi for couple of months. It is expected to be sent back to India to his family on November 29," Pakistan India Peoples' Forum for Peace and Democracy activist Jatin Desai said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, ROHTAK	ANNUAL REPAIR FOR 1882 SFT. AREA HOUSES OF REVENUE OFFICERS / OFFICIALS AT ROHTAK (H. No. 5 TO 23) FOR THE YEAR 2018-19	08.11.2018 30.11.2018	6.47 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-eepd1-rohtak@hry.nic.in 01262-282871
2	PWD B&R, JIND	RESTORATION OF ROAD CUT NH-709 KM 152.00 IN KARNAL DISTT.	17.11.2018 23.11.2018	4.19 LACS	https://pwdbr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	XEN PROVINCIAL DIVISION 2 (NH) PWD. B&R. JIND
3	PWD B&R, REWARI	IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD BY STG. 40MM BC, SIDE DRAIN ALONG VARIOUS 3 NOS. ROADS (ROADS ID-1339,1352,1354) (GROUP-1-X) IN PROVINCIAL DIVISION REWARI DURING THE YEAR 2018-19 IN REWARI DISTT	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	323.40 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in http://haryanapwd-bandr.org	pwd-eepd1-rewari@hry.nic.in 01274-253703
4	PWD B&R, AMBALA	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE AND EXTENSION OF OLD BRIDGE OVER NALLAH AT VILLAGE CHHIPRI IN KURUKSHETRA DISTRICT. +3 OTHERS WORKS	17.11.2018 03.12.2018	1103.45 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-eepd2-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in pwr-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in 9729017798_9813506501
5	PWD B&R AMBALA	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING ON ROAD FROM BARA TO BABARIH (KM 0.00 TO KM 2.613) (ROAD ID 6) IN AMBALA DISTRICT (3.66 MTR. TO 5.50 MTR.). (NABARD SCHEME) (RE-INVITED) +3 OTHERS WORKS	19.11.2018 03.12.2018	302.73 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-eepd1-ambala@hry.nic.in 0171-2630250_9813517118
6	PWD B&R HISAR	SPECIAL REPAIR OF DOOR MATRY, CHECK POST, ENGINEERING SECTION AND DISMANTLING OF CYCLE STAND IN CIVIL AVIATION AT HISAR IN HISAR DISTRICT	19.11.2018 02.12.2018	9.50 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-eepd3-hissar@hry.nic.in 01662-239887
7	IRRIGATION DEPTT., PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF RCC WALL FOR THE PROTECTION TO TOWN ABADI OF KALKA JHAJURA RIVER. + 3 OTHERS WORKS	CLOSING DATE 10.12.2018	549.76 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 4455-70/6-A DATED 15.11.2019	xenconst1@yahoocom 0172-2570325
8	IRRIGATION DEPTT., HISAR	ESTIMATE FOR CONST. OF WATER COURSE MOGA NO 97750/L K5Bf IN THE LAND OF JAGDESH CHHIMP IN LAND FISSA ROAD VILLAGE SISWAL (UNDER DISTRICT PLAN SCHEME) +15 OTHERS WORKS	15.11.2018 26.11.2018	81 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO CONST DIVN NO 6 15.11.2018	xenconst6shr@gmail.com 01662-235135
9	IRRIGATION DEPTT., SHISA	LINING OF OTTU FEEDER FROM RD 0 TO 24500 OFF TAKING AT RD 109500 TALL ROBI BRANCH + 2 OTHERS WORKS	CLOSING DATE 24.11.2018	1906.25 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	xen-wsgr.rrr@gov.in 9466751554
10	IRRIGATION DEPTT., AMBALA	CARRYING OUT SURVEY, FEASIBILITY STUDY LAYOUT & PREPARATION OF GADES, COLLECTING HYDRAULIC AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA, GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND DETAILED DESIGNING, WORKING DRAWING, DETAILED ESTIMATES WITH BOQ/DNIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE SPAN STEEL BRIDGE AT RD 188000 OF NARWANA BRANCH RD 8.315 KM OF SYL AND RD 4431 OF SYL PARALLEL DRAIN + 6 OTHERS WORKS	CLOSING DATE 10.11.2018 30.11.2018	43.64 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 12088-12103/2A DATED 16.11.2018	xensyambala@gmail.com 0171-2973270
11	IRRIGATION DEPTT., KURUKSHETRA	CARRYING OUT SURVEY, FEASIBILITY STUDY LAYOUT & PREPARATION OF GADES, COLLECTING HYDRAULIC AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA, GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND DETAILED DESIGNING, WORKING DRAWING, DETAILED ESTIMATES WITH BOQ/DNIT MODIFICATION INCLUDING PROTECTION WORK, GUIDE BUNDS APRON, WING WALLS ETC AND SITE VISITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF H.L. BRIDGE ON MARKANDA RIVER INCLUDING APPROACHES IN VILLAGE DAYAL NAGAR SHAHHAD (KURUKSHETRA) + 3 OTHERS WORKS	16.11.2018 27.11.2018	EMD 73400	http://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 8337 47/20-A DATED 12.11.2018	xenwsvdnkrra@gmail.com 01744-239164
12	BPS GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN KHANPUR KALAN, SONENAT	E- TENDER FOR REAGENTS OF BIOCHEMISTRY DEPTT.	19.11.2018 10.12.2018	40000	bpsgmc.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in TENDER NO PUR/18/6298	bpsgmc.purchase@gmail.com
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	CONST OF ROOM IN GURU RAVIDAS BHAWAN WELFARE SOCIETY AT VILLAGE SIRASGARH BLOCK BARARA + 5 OTHERS WORKS	20.11.2018 04.12.2018	93.84 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in 0171-2551368
14	SKILL DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPT. HARYANA	PURCHASE OF PETTY TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	19.11.2018 17.12.2018	2.97 LACS	www.gitimajabad.org.in TENDER NO 105480	majabasad.giti@gmail.com 0124-2270193

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

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Syndicate Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.01.2018, Calling upon the borrower/surety/owner of the property, **Mr. Ashok Raja, Mr. S.S. Raja, Mrs. Meena Raja** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 4,57,49,640.00 (Rupees Four Crores fifty Seven Lacs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only)**, with in 60 days from the date of the said notice to the following

- 1) Sh. Ashok Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026
- 2) Sh. S.S. Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026
- 3) Smt. Meena Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026

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

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

The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Syndicate Bank, Large Corporate Branch, First Floor, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan, Dass Road, New Delhi 110001 for an amount **Rs. 4,57,49,640.00 (Rupees Four Crores fifty Seven Lacs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only)**, interest costs etc. thereon from 26.01.2018.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
UREM of Land And Building at 42/72, West Punjabi Bagh, owned by Mr. Ashok Raja, Mr. S.S. Raja and Mrs. Meena Raja

Date : 14.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

SEARCH FOR MISSING

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

Her physical description is as under-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Build:** Medium, **Clothing:** Wearing blue colour Suit, pink colour Salwar and black Slipper in feet.

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

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cbi@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph.No.: 011-24368638, 24368641

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

DP/9335/N/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

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

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

DP/1609/OD/18

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Assistant Engineer (E)-IV, Electrical Division-1, CPWD, Gate No.6, Jalebi Chowk, North Block, New Delhi (Ph: 23093906 & E-mail: delaeae4e21.cpwd@nic.in) on behalf of the President of India, hereby invites online item rate tenders from "the registered contractors of CPWD in appropriate class of Composite Category" for the following work:-

NIT No.171/AE(E)/WED-1/2018-19, Name of Work: S.I.T.C. of 2.0/2.2 Ton Inverter based Split AC units in Pass Cell, MHA at North Block, New Delhi. Estimated Cost: ₹ 5,69,034/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 11,381/-, Period of completion: 07 (Seven) Days, Last time and date of submission of bid 26.11.2018 up to 3:00 PM.

The bid 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.

Chilling reminder

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



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

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

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

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

Quota question

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



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

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

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

Not a model policy

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



PRIYADARSHI DUTTA

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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“ THE PROFESSED AIM OF THE 'MODEL MOSQUE' PROJECT IS TO SALVAGE ISLAM FROM THE HANDS OF RADICALS AND MILITANTS. PRIME MINISTER HASINA FEELS THAT ISLAM, A RELIGION OF PEACE, HAS BEEN USURPED ”

SOUNDBITE

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



BJP president — Amit Shah

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



India's Deputy Ambassador in China — Acquino Vimal

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



Actor — Arshad Warsi

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



Senior Congress leader — Digvijaya Singh

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restore lost pride

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

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

Bal Govind Noida

Conflicting history in discovery

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

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

Similarly, his championing the issue of



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

M Ratan Via mail

Irreparable loss

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

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

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

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

TK Nandanani Kochi

Rehabilitation challenge

Sir — Despite the Government concentrating on protecting the

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

KR Srinivasan Secunderabad

Big relief

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

Mohd Faheem Mumbai

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FIRST COLUMN

More than meets the eye

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



UTTAM GUPTA

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

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

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

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

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

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

—PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



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

—CONGRESS LEADER MANISH TEWARI

Maker of modern India

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



PRASHANT TEWARI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Australia must up its Asian literacy

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ASHUTOSH MISRA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As per the Australian High

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

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NEEDED: A SOLUTION FOR SRI LANKA

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

(Daily News editorial)

Nissan chief arrested over financial misconduct

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

AFP ■ TOKYO



Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn was reportedly under arrest in Tokyo on Monday, as his firm accused him of "significant acts of misconduct" and said it would seek to oust him.

Japan's public broadcaster NHK and other media outlets said Ghosn had been arrested after being questioned by Japanese prosecutors for various improprieties including underreporting his income.

"The Tokyo District Public Prosecutor's Office arrested Nissan chairman Ghosn on suspicion of violation of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act," NHK said.

In a statement, Nissan said it had been conducting a probe into Ghosn for several months after receiving a whistleblower report and had uncovered misconduct going back several years.

The Tokyo prosecutor's office had no comment on the reports about Ghosn, who also heads an alliance of Renault, Nissan and Mitsubishi.

Nissan said it had launched an investigation into both Ghosn and Representative Director Greg Kelly several months ago.

"The investigation showed that over many years both Ghosn and Kelly have been reporting compensation amounts in the Tokyo Stock Exchange securities report that were less than the actual amount, in order to reduce the disclosed amount of Carlos Ghosn's compensation," the statement said. "Also, in regards to Ghosn, numerous other significant acts of misconduct have been uncovered, such as personal use of company assets, and Kelly's deep involvement has also been confirmed."

The company said it had provided information to Japanese prosecutors and would propose to the board of directors that it "promptly remove Ghosn from his positions" along with Kelly.

The astonishing news first emerged on Monday evening, when the *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper reported Ghosn was being questioned by prosecu-

tors and was likely to face arrest.

Public broadcaster NHK reported that Tokyo prosecutors were raiding Nissan's headquarters in the city of Yokohama.

Renault shares plunged 12 percent in late morning trading in Paris on the shock news, which emerged after the end of the Tokyo session. "If he is arrested, it's going to rock the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance as he is the keystone of the alliance," said Satoru Takada, an analyst at TIW, a Tokyo-based research and consulting firm.

Also, positive cues from other Asian markets and a firm opening in European shares buoyed investor sentiment here.

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Sensex rallies over 300 pts ahead of RBI board meet outcome

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE benchmark Sensex rallied over 300 points Monday to end at over a six-week high of 35,774.88 as investors widened their portfolios ahead of the RBI's board meet outcome amid foreign fund inflows.

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Trair to meet telcos, others next month to finalise 2019 agenda

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Trair is expected to meet telecom industry players next month, to deliberate on the issues that will be taken up during 2019, its Chairman RS Sharma said Monday.

The discussion — now an annual feature — is however expected to entail a wider set of players in the telecom space this time, spanning operators, infrastructure providers and others.

"The meeting will take place next month. We will talk to them and ask them about the items they think, should be taken up in the next calendar year," Sharma told on the sidelines of an interactive session on 'New Regulatory Framework for Broadcasting and Cable Services'.

This time around, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trair) discussion would not be limited to telecom service providers alone but expected to include infrastructure providers and "couple of other stakeholders in telecom space" as well, he noted.

"So it will be a broader consultation to figure out the new areas to be deliberated next year," Sharma said.

He noted that the priority areas for 2018, too, were identified through a prior discussion with players.

"We certainly have our own list of areas too, Sharma said.

Business Corner

QATAR MIN VISITS CISF HQRS

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



AAI SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH USTDA

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



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

NSE LAUNCHES MOBILE APP & WEB PLATFORM FOR RETAIL INVESTORS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

'Need to find out a proper substantive agenda'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu Monday said that discussion agenda of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) must include both old as well as new issues to maintain the relevance of the global trade body.

He said that there were challenges before the global trade and their impact would have implications on the world economy.

"Today, we must agree that without WTO, we will have a problem because we need global trade... We must make sure

that WTO remains intact. WTO has to change and change for the better," he said here at a programme organised by law firm Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan and an industry chamber.

Prabhu said that based on his discussions with other member countries, an agenda was being prepared which will be forward looking, agreeable to all nations and include substantive issues.

"We cannot forget the issues that have been put on the table with an agreement of all the countries and those issues also need to be taken into account... So, we cannot forget the so-called old issues. At the same time, we cannot just forget inclusion of new issues. So, we must find out a proper substantive agenda which will be

encompassing all these important elements," he added.

While developing countries, including India, want issues related to agricultural subsidies to be resolved, developed nations, such as the US, are keen to push forward new matters related to e-commerce and investments.

WTO's relevance is now under question as some countries are taking unilateral measures, which are impacting global trade. The 164-member Geneva-based organisation deals with global trade-related issues.

At its last meeting in Argentina in 2017, the talks collapsed after the US went back on its commitment to find a permanent solution to the public food stockholding issue, a key matter for India.

Govt launches upgraded AirSewa digital platform for all passengers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Air passengers can now seek help of chatbots to resolve their problems and register grievances using social media, with the Government on Monday launching an upgraded version of AirSewa digital platform.

Passengers will also have access to real-time flight status and schedule for both domestic and international flights with AirSewa 2.0, according to the Civil Aviation Ministry.

Besides, the ministry plans to come out with the next generation of AirSewa 3.0 digital platform in the next few months, wherein air travellers can register themselves under DigiYatra initiative.

DigiYatra seeks to promote paperless and hassle-free air travel. It is biometrics-

based digital processing system for passenger entry and related requirements at the airport.

AirSewa 2.0, the upgraded version of the web portal and mobile app, provides chatbot support for faster resolution and personalised traveller experience. Also, passengers can sign up using their Facebook and Google accounts. Generally, chatbots are computer programmes that interact with people through audio or text messages.

Among other features, grievances can be registered using social media with hashtag #AirSewa.

The AirSewa portal and mobile app were launched in November 2016. Since the launch, AirSewa 1.0 has helped resolve significant number of air passenger concerns, as per the ministry.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See provision to rule 8 (6)]

Notice for sale of immovable properties

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is 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 asset with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earned Money Deposit (In ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Auction Date & Time
1.	Gurinder Singh Sahni (Borrower), Rajinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Jot Inpex Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower) (LBDEL00002352381/LBGRU00002380237)	DPT 632 6th Floor, Prime Tower Plot 79 And 80, Okhla Phase I, New Delhi, Delhi 110020 and measuring area 801 Sq Ft.	Rs. 1,04,40,807/- as on Nov 01, 2018.	Rs. 90,00,000/-	Rs. 90,00,00/-	December 15, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	December 28, 2018 From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
2.	Gurinder Singh Sahni (Borrower), Rajinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Jot Inpex Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower) (LBDEL00002352373/LBGRU00002380239)	DPT 633 6th Floor, Prime Tower Plot 79 And 80, Okhla Phase I, New Delhi, Delhi 110020 and measuring area 759 Sq Ft.	Rs. 1,09,30,941/- as on Nov 01, 2018.	Rs. 88,10,000/-	Rs. 8,81,000/-	December 15, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	December 28, 2018 From 02:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shirram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link - https://eauctions.sammil.in). The Mortgagee/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 27, 2018 before 5:00 P.M** failing which, these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055 or our marketing agents Shirram Automall India Ltd having their office at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034 on or before **December 27, 2018 before 5:00 P.M.** The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. **8584874809/9650193259** of ICICI Bank Limited or **9910453434** of Shirram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/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?>

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited.

Date : 20-11-2018
Place : Delhi

LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH

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

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

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Syndicate Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.01.2018, Calling upon the borrower M/s. **OMID ENGINEERING PVT. LTD** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 14,13,63,461.00/- (Rupees Fourteen Crores Thirteen Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice to the following:

- M/s. **OMID ENGINEERING PVT. LTD.** (Borrower) D-9 Udhay Nagar, Rohatka Road, New Delhi-110041
- Sh. **Ashok Raja**, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- Sh. **S.S. Raja**, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- Sh. **Meena Raja**, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026

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

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

The borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the **LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH, First Floor, Sarojini House, 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001** For an amount of Rs. 14,13,63,461.00/- (Rupees Fourteen Crores Thirteen Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One Only) and interest cost etc. thereon from 26.01.2018

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government will next week launch the fourth tranche of CPSE Exchange Traded Fund to garner up to ₹14,000 crore, investment banking sources said.

The Government has already raised ₹11,500 crore in the earlier three tranches of the ETF, which functions like a mutual fund scheme.

The issue will open early next week and investors would get 3.5-4 per cent discount over the issue price, the sources said.

The Government is aiming to mop up ₹8,000 crore, with a green-shoe option to retain either ₹4,000 crore or ₹6,000 crore from the fourth tranche

of CPSE ETF, they added.

The number of scrips in the CPSE ETF has been increased to 11 state-owned companies, as against 10 earlier, with the entry of four new firms namely NTPC, SJVN, NLC and NBCC.

Three existing companies, GAIL, Engineers India Ltd (EIL) and Container Corporation of India, have been removed from the index as the Government holding in these companies has fallen below 55 per cent.

Since the weightage and scrip value of these three companies were higher, four new CPSEs had to be included in the ETF to replace them to keep the CPSE ETF index value at the same level.

The other seven bluechip PSUs in the CPSE ETF are ONGC, Coal India, IOC, Oil India, PFC, REC and Bharat Electronics.

CPSE ETF was set up in 2014 and the Government has so far sold stake in the 10 companies in the basket in three tranches, thereby raising ₹11,500 crore — ₹3,000 crore from the first tranche in March 2014, ₹6,000 crore in January 2017 and ₹2,500 crore from the third in March 2017.

In June 2018, the Government garnered about ₹8,400 crore through follow-on offer of another ETF — Bharat 22 ETF, which comprises shares of 22 companies, including banks.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Nirshi**, D/o: Lt. Sh. Ram Charitra, R/o: 150-D Loco Shed Railway Colony, Kishan Ganj, Delhi has been missing since 10.11.2018 at 6 PM from her residence. In this regard DD No.66A, dated 11.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. DBG Road, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Nirshi, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Pink Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans Pant and Grey Colour Chappal. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. DBG Road, Delhi.

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

SHO
Police Station, DBG Road, Delhi
DP/5860/CD/18 Ph: 011-23537374, 23613252, 8750870429

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

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

By Order
Sh. Anuj Kumar Singh,
Metropolitan Magistrate (South),
Saket Court, Delhi

DP/5076/SD/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Unknown D/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: 32 years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow Colour printed Suit & Salwar** was found near Metro Mall, CBD Ground, vide **DD No. 12A** dated 03.10.2018 PS Anand Vihar, Delhi. She is unable to tell her address so her identification is still unknown. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out her address and parents but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 **PS Anand Vihar, Delhi**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **Ph.:** 011-22146040, 22146101
DP/780A/SHD/18 **8750870621**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **Age : 88 years, Height : 5'4", Complexion : Wheatish, wearing grey colour pant and brown colour shirt**, was found dead on 06.11.2018 near Sheltor Home No. 241, Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 39-A dated 06.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23968730

DP/9360/N/18



Resistant Woes

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



TRADITION ON A PLATTER

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



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

FOCUS ON NUTRITION

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

BACK TO THE PAST

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

PROTEIN MATTERS!

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

PLANTS WIN

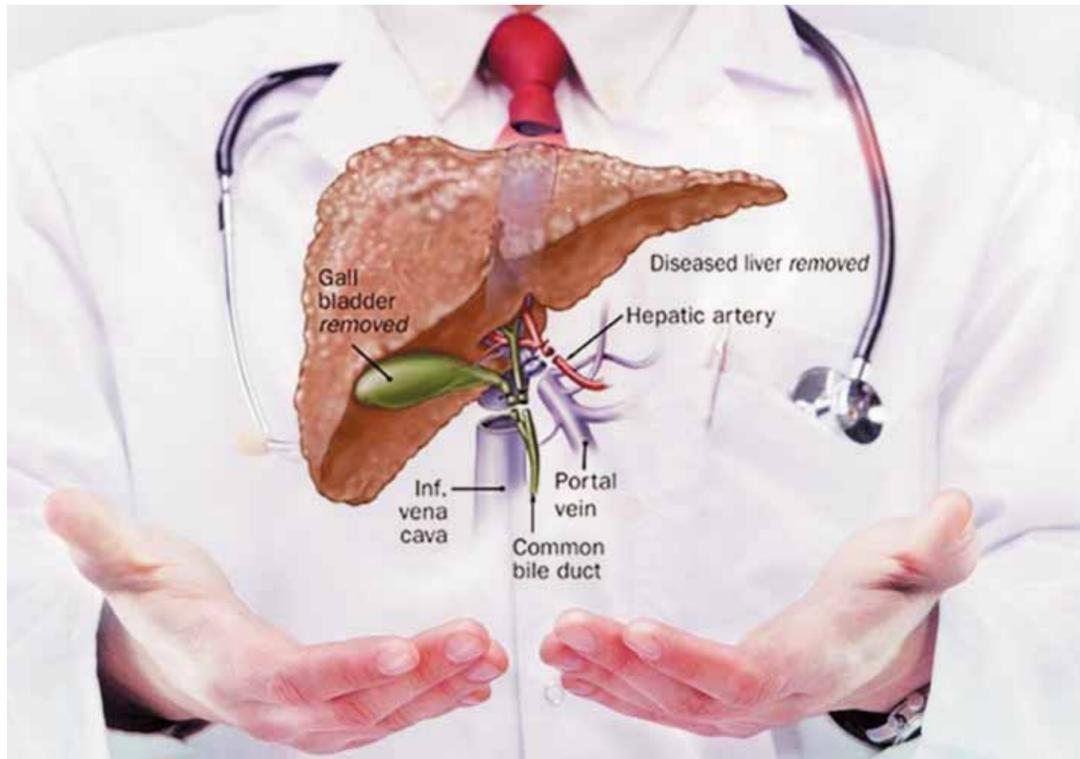
We will see a perceptible shift towards eating a more plant-based diet, and mindless gorging on meat will become a thing of the past. I foresee a rise in the numbers of part-time vegetarians, who will reduce their meat consumption. And that is a good way to eat and live.

EAT LOCAL

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

It's time to slow down a bit and choose how we want to live our life. Our health will become a priority only when we make it a priority.

The writer is a nutritionist and author of Ultimate Grandmother Hacks



The historical surgery

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

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

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

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

to be filled. We have endeavoured to create world-class transplant centres with leading clinicians running the program. Going forward we will expand our services to hitherto unreachable geographies and populations."

Cricketer Gautam Gambhir, a long time proponent of organ donation was also present at the occasion. "Every three minutes a person gets added to the list who need a transplant. Today, over two lakh Indians are on the list while less than 10 per cent get a transplant. We have to work as a nation to increase our organ donation rate. I pledged my organs in 2011 and encourage the youth to raise awareness on organ donation and become donors themselves. This needs to become a national movement," Gambhir said.

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

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



Sanjay Kandasamy with Gautam Gambhir

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

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

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

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

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

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

DadiKaKehna

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



Winters are here and so are many ailments that find their way during this season like a cough, cold, loss of appetite and importantly not drinking enough water. This can lead to many problems especially for the elderly. But here are a few things that they can do to stay fit:

Drink plenty of water. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter. Try and drink at least eight glasses of water a day, if you are not Diabetic, you can drink fresh juice as well.

Eat a healthy and balanced diet. Women need to be extra careful. Eat six to seven small meals instead of three large ones. Ensure that you eat

two-three meals of fruits. For dinner have vegetable soup — no thickening agent to be added.

If you are used to going for a morning walk try using a walking stick even if you don't need it. Winter months tend to affect the limbs and the joints. However, don't give up on your exercise; take up yoga instead. Not only will you keep fit, but it will also keep your limbs and joints fit as well.

Even if it is not very cold always wear socks and shoes especially in the mornings and evenings. These will help you keep warm and protect you from the cold and chances of catching an infection are greatly reduced.



TIPTOP

Brush your teeth for two minutes, twice a day, every day. The Mobile Dental Clinic Project, under the aegis of Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi, and Dr Mahesh Verma, Director-Principal, celebrated National Tooth Brushing Day, an annual campaign designed to reach underserved populations to reinforce the importance of oral health and promote good tooth-brushing habits.

Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease, and the most common disease after common cold. Despite the high rates of oral disease in children, dental health in India is still perceived as a low priority health benefit. The correct method of brushing:

SLIMLINE

To mark World Diabetes Day, Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF) and Novo Nordisk India Pvt Ltd have launched a 1000-day Challenge programme along with leading healthcare practitioners to address uncontrolled diabetes in India. Uncontrolled Diabetes is a serious challenge in India with over ₹63,000 crore incurred in healthcare costs per year due to diabetes. The challenge intends to improve awareness and education amongst 1.5 lakh

- Place your toothbrush at a 45-degree angle to the gums.
- Gently move the brush back and forth in short (tooth-wide) strokes.

- Brush the outer surfaces, the inner surfaces and the chewing surfaces of the teeth.
- Brush your tongue to remove bacteria and keep your breath fresh.
- Don't forget to floss, eat a balanced diet and visit a dentist regularly.

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

practitioners and 10,000 paramedics through over 6,000 medical meetings and continuous medical education programmes.

Dr AK Das, senior Professor, Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, said: "The HbA1c levels will be adopted as the key performance indicator. The India Diabetes Care Index reveals that the current average HbA1c of India is 8.56% against the usually recommended target of <7%.

STUDYCENTRE

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

The NAFLD is usually asymptomatic until advanced stages of liver disease and includes a spectrum of disease severity, with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) being the most aggressive type. Multiple genetic and environmental factors contribute to NAFLD, and certain health conditions, such as obesity and Type 2 Diabetes, can be predisposing factors.

Some signs and symptoms of this condition include enlarged liver, fatigue, pain in the upper right abdomen. When it progresses to cirrhosis, it can cause ascites, enlarged blood vessels and spleen, red palms, and jaundice. Tips from HCFI: Eat a healthy diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthy fats. If you are overweight or obese, reduce the number of calories you eat each day and get more exercise. If you have a healthy weight, work to maintain it. Exercise most days of the week. Try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day.



DOCYARD

DR GANAPATHI BHAT

CONSULTANT MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST & STEM CELL TRANSPLANT PHYSICIAN



JASLOK HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE, MUMBAI



Manage & treat this cancer

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

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

TREATMENT

- Chemotherapy: It is the main treatment for all kinds of leukaemia.
- Stem cell transplant: It is an option for high risk and recurrent acute leukaemia patients.
- Radiation therapy: It is most often used to prevent leukaemia from spreading to, or treat leukaemia that has spread to, the central nervous system (CNS). It is also used to prepare the bone marrow for stem cell transplant.

Targeted therapy is offered for some types of leukaemia. Watchful waiting is a treatment option for some people with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).

Supportive therapy is given to manage the expected complications of the leukaemia and its treatments. Treatment for leukaemia is given with the intent to achieve remission. Remission means when no more leukemic cells can be detected in the blood or bone marrow and the bone marrow is functions normally again.

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

SURVIVAL RATE

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

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

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

WARMFOODS

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

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





BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS IRAN FOR N TALKS
Tehran: British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt visited Iran for the first time on Monday for talks about the nuclear deal and freeing UK nationals held in Iranian jails.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maldives to pull out of China FTA: Senior lawmaker

AGENCY ■ MALE
The Maldives' new Government will pull out of a free trade agreement (FTA) with China because it was a mistake for the tiny nation to strike such a pact with the world's second biggest economy, the head of the largest party in the ruling alliance said.
It is the latest sign of a backlash against China in the Maldives, best-known for its luxury resorts on palm-fringed coral islands.
"The trade imbalance between China and the Maldives is so huge that nobody would think of an FTA between such parties," said Mohamed Nasheed, the chief of the Maldivian Democratic Party, which leads the ruling federal alliance. "China is not buying anything from us. It is a one-way treaty."
On Saturday, as he took office, the new President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih declared the state coffers have been "looted" and warned that the country was in financial difficulty after racking up debt with Chinese lenders.
Former President Abdullah Yameen, who lost the election in September, signed the FTA during a visit to Beijing in December, and the same month his parliament ratified the treaty despite opposition



protests that he had rushed through the 1,000-page document in less than an hour without any debate.
Nasheed, a former president and now an advisor to Solih, said parliament would not pass the law changes required for the zero tariffs agreement to come into force.

that," Nasheed told Reuters in an interview in the capital Male. China's embassy in Male did not respond to a request for a comment on the trade pact.
But China's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Culture and Tourism Minister Luo Shugang, President Xi Jinping's special envoy to the inauguration, told Solih that China paid great attention to developing relations with the Maldives.
The Maldives is among a number of small countries where China has invested billions of dollars building highways and housing as part of its Belt and Road Initiative. Through that initiative, Beijing hopes to improve trade and investment flows with much of Asia and parts of the rest of the world.
China was willing to work with the Maldives to consolidate their traditional friendship, plan their practical cooperation and promote Belt and Road to inject "new impetus" into their future relationship, the foreign ministry cited Luo as saying during Sunday's meeting with Maldivian president.
The statement cited Solih as expressing appreciation for China's long-term support of the Maldives and that he was willing to further deepen cooperation under the Belt and Road framework.

China downplays failure to reach APEC joint statement

Beijing: Beijing on Monday downplayed the unprecedented fall-out from this year's APEC summit, which for the first time ever failed to issue a joint statement after US-China trade tensions boiled over. Clashes between the world's top two economies over the rules of global trade blocked agreement on a formal written declaration by the 21 nations represented at the Port Moresby meeting.
Washington had pressed for leaders to issue what amounted to a denunciation of the World Trade Organization and a call for its wholesale reform — a step too far for Beijing, which would likely suffer in the event of any change to trade rules.
But China on Monday chose instead to focus on the "positive results" of the summit.

EU Ministers agree terms of 'painful' Brexit divorce

Brussels: European ministers signed off Britain's draft divorce deal on Monday as they launched an intense final week of negotiations on future cross-Channel ties.
Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier and the Union's Austrian rotating presidency said the negotiated text would be presented to EU leaders at a signing summit on Sunday.
"The first, difficult step is done," said Austrian minister for Europe Gernot Blumel, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency, after the ministers met.
Meanwhile, detailed discussions continue on a parallel political statement setting out the bloc's ambitions for future relations with post-Brexit Britain — and on a possible extension to the transition period. Britain will leave the Union on March 29 next year, but remain within its single market for a further 21 months as negotiators seek a deal to avoid a potential breakdown in trade between the key economic partners.
If no deal remains in sight within this period, Britain can request a one-off extension. Barnier has suggested that this should expire at the end of 2022, but he admitted that the other 27 member states have yet to sign off on this date.
"I think that during this week we'll have a definitive proposition for this date. The decision will be made jointly between the United Kingdom and the 27," Barnier said.
Neither European member states, who want to protect access to their single market by non-member Britain, nor hard-line British Brexiters, who fear being trapped in a bloc where they don't make the rules, want an endless transition.
Barnier stressed it was Prime Minister Theresa May's

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

Meanwhile, preparations for Sunday's summit, where May and her 27 colleagues will sign the withdrawal agreement, continue apace.
"A painful week in European politics is starting," Blomel said. "We have the divorce papers on the table. Forty-five years of difficult marriage are coming to an end." AFP

Theresa May vows to give Indian software developers fair post-Brexit chance

London: British Prime Minister Theresa May on Monday vowed that Brexit would level the playing field for migrant workers in the UK, with migrants from the EU no longer be able to jump the queue ahead of those from countries like India.
Addressing the Confederation of British Industry annual conference in London, she said the country's post-Brexit immigration system will be based on skills and

talent rather than which country the immigrant comes from. "Once we have left the EU, we will be fully in control of who comes here. It will no longer be the case that EU nationals, regardless of the skills or experience they have to offer, can jump the queue ahead of engineers from Sydney or software developers from Delhi," she said in her speech.
"Instead of a system based on where a person is from, we will have one that is built around the talents and skills a person has to offer," she said, adding that the core of the post-Brexit immigration system will be "skills based" rather than "quota based".
Under the current EU freedom of movement rules, migrant workers from within the economic bloc are free to come in and find work in the UK, while workers from non-EU countries like India have to undergo strict visa application requirements.

IP ESTATE BRANCH
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POSSESSION NOTICE
[Appendix IV under the act - rule 8(1)]

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

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

Date : 19.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

AXIS BANK

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

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

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

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

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

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

Name of Borrower/Co-borrower	Description of Property	1. Date of Demand Notice	2. Date of Possession	3. Amount in Demand (Rupees)
1. Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Chandar Prakesh Gupta R/O House No. 20, 1st Floor, Block E-111, Gali No. 54, H/1/A, 60 Feet Road, Molarband Extn. Badapur, New Delhi-110044	IMMOVABLE ASSET: Entire Ground Floor Flat comprising of three Bedroom one Drawing Cum Dining room, two Toilets & one Kitchen having total covered area 1650 Sq. Ft.	1. 10-07-2017	2. 14-11-2018	3. Rs. 66,50,237/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only)
2. Mrs. Anita Gupta W/o Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta R/O House No. 20, 1st Floor, Block E-111, Gali No. 54, H/1/A, 60 Feet Road, Molarband Extn. Badapur, New Delhi-110044	Approx without roof rights, with rights of front and rear lawn, except the common passage with the rights to inspect and maintain the water, plumbing arrangements, TV, antenna etc. on common stairs and common passage of building/plot constructed upon plot no. 1055, measuring 308.75 Sq. Yards/258.11 Sq. Mtrs.) part of Kharsa No. 80/25 situated in the residential colony known as Green Field within revenue estate of village Sarai Khawaja Tehsil & District Faridabad, Haryana.	1. 24.08.2018	2. 14-11-2018	3. Rs. 9305090.72/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Five Thousand Ninety and seventy two paisa Only)
3. Mr. Anshuk Agarwal R/O-Alexandra, D-704, Grand Omxare, Sector-93B, Gautam Budha Nagar, UP, Noida-201304	Commercial Property Bearing Unit No 1109, Corporate Park, Tower No-A, Plot No 7A/1, Sector 142, Water Tank, Noida UP admeasuring 899 sqft.in the name of Kapil Kumar Agarwal	1. 24.08.2018	2. 14-11-2018	3. Rs. 9305090.72/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Five Thousand Ninety and seventy two paisa Only)
4. Mrs. Lata Agarwal, EH-1/305, ELDECO Utopia, Sector-93A, Gautam Budh Nagar UP, Noida-201304	Commercial Property Bearing Unit No 1109, Corporate Park, Tower No-A, Plot No 7A/1, Sector 142, Water Tank, Noida UP admeasuring 899 sqft.in the name of Kapil Kumar Agarwal	1. 24.08.2018	2. 14-11-2018	3. Rs. 9305090.72/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Five Thousand Ninety and seventy two paisa Only)

The above-mentioned Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) are hereby notified to repay the total outstanding dues before the date of opening of the bid/lot/parcel/plot/land falling which will be auctioned as per Sarfaesi Rules and balances. Any will be recovered with interest, cost and charges thereon.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

Lanka parties agree to form panel to conduct Parl affairs

Colombo: Political parties in Sri Lanka agreed on Monday to form a select committee to conduct parliamentary affairs amid a power struggle set off by President Maithripala Sirisena's controversial decision to remove prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe last month.
Sri Lanka's Parliament, which was convened on Monday for a third floor test against disputed prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, was adjourned just ten minutes after its opening as the lawmakers could not decide on the members of the committee.
The decision to form the select committee came a day after an all-party meeting called by President Sirisena to resolve the crisis ended inconclusively.

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

Islamabad: Pakistan on Monday reacted angrily to Donald Trump's latest tirade against it for not doing "a damn thing" for America in curbing terrorism, saying the US President "suffers conveniently from perpetual historic amnesia".
Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazar's terse remarks came a day after President Trump defended his administration's decision to stop hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid to Pakistan for not doing enough to curb terrorism and criticised Islamabad for offering a hideout to Laden in Abbottabad.

'Will bar 18 Saudis over Khashoggi murder'

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

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

Washington: President Donald Trump said there is no reason for him to listen to a recording of the "very violent, very vicious" killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which has put him in a diplomatic bind: how to admonish Riyadh for the slaying yet maintain strong ties with a close ally.
Trump, in an interview that aired on Sunday, made clear that the audio recording, supplied by the Turkish Government, would not affect his response to the October 2 killing of Khashoggi, a columnist for *The Washington Post* who had been critical of the Saudi royal family.
"It's a suffering tape, it's a terrible tape. I've been fully briefed on it, there's no reason for me to hear it," Trump said.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

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

Ph.: 011-23014046 (Direct), 23015229 & 23015218 Extn. 210
E-Mail ID: c/c@cbl.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
PS, Sadar Bazar, Delhi,
Ph.: 011-23502411

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Notice Inviting e-Tender

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

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

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

In two bid system (Eligibility criteria & Financial bid)

NIT No. 172/EE(E)/SJHED/2018-19 Name of Work: RMO E & M Service at J.L.N. Stadium, New Delhi. SH: Replacement of existing defective gates with electrical operated gates at central AC plant & Sub-station No. 1. Estimated Cost: Rs. 263720/- Earnest Money: 45274/- Period of Completion: 2 Months, Last time & date of submission of bid: 15:00PM on -26-11-2018

Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd or www.eprocure.gov.in

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

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

- NIQ No. 01/EE/SOUTH-EAST (BUILDING)/M/18-19 (3rd Call), Name of Work: C/o Researcher Block and Residential Staff Quarters for Delhi Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. (SH: Structural Design work). Estimated Cost: Rs. 7,85,038/- Earnest Money: Rs. 15,701/- drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD, New Delhi, Time of completion of work: 04 Months, The Last date & time for receipt of Tenders through e-procurement is 27.11.2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No 2018_PWD_161918_1.

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

DIP/Shabdarth/2248/18-19

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TENDER NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.11.2018, Calling upon the borrower M/s. HIM Alloys and Steel Pvt. Limited, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 62,45,37,236.00/- (Rupees Sixty Two Crores Forty Five Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

- M/s HIM Alloys and Steel Pvt. Limited (Borrower) Plot No. 1-4 Industrial Area AMB, District-Una Himachal Pradesh
- D.S. Udhay Nagar, Rajah Road, New Delhi-110041
- Sh. Ashok Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- Sh. S.S. Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- Sh. Meena Raja, 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026
- M/s Him Valves & Regulators Pvt. Ltd (Holding Co.) 42/72, Punjabi Bagh, west, New Delhi-110026

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

UREM of Freehold Land (msq 1073.33 sq. yd.) and Building (Basement+ 4 Storey Residential building), 7/36 share each (5 title deeds) of undivided property bearing Plot No. 42 on Road No. 72, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026

Date : 14.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

ICICI Bank
ICICI Bank Limited

Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakki Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodra - 390 007.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051.
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan, New Delhi - 110055

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

Notice for sale of immovable properties

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the 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-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (₹)	Reserve Price (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Auction Date & Time
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
1.	Manish Kumar Mishra (Borrower) Aparna Mishra (Co Borrower) & Ajit Kumar Mishra (Collaborer) (LBDEL00002240768)	Flat No-D 01/0304, Crescent Parc Royal Greens, 2, 3 rd Floor, Block/Tower-D 01 Sector 92, Gurgaon. Area - 1596.20 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 69,80,621/- (as on 10/9, 2018)	Rs. 4700 000/-	Rs. 47000 0/-	November 27, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	December 14, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. ([https://eauctions.samil.in/](http://URL Link - https://eauctions.samil.in/)). The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues 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, 2 nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055 or our marketing agents Shriram Automall India Ltd having their office at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034 on or before December 13, 2018 before 5:00 P.M. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

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

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

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

Date : November 20, 2018
Place : Delhi Ncr.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited.

Trend Blazer

DeepVeer rituals stoke a row

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



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

—Kangana Ranaut



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

Moore marries Goldsmith

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



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

PRIDE OF THE NATION

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

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



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

goats at an altitude of 14,000ft. These natural, pristine, undyed shawls in both traditional and modern weaves are also embellished with precious stones and pearls. Complementing the shawls is the range of pure pashmina handcrafted knitwear, displaying the most intricate needle craft of cables, tuck knits and intarsia. One can also find products of practical use and grandeur, from coasters in leather, to ornate silverware and handwoven shawls that can be heirloom pieces. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told Shilpu Kumar from PASHMA

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

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

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

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

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



Imtiaz played raconteur to the

Stories are about what we can be

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Despite the November chill

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

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

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

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

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

'Maa you can do it'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Photo: Pankaj Kumar

MAN IS SUPERMAN

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

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

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

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

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

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



Human Pull

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

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

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

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



Hesitant Attempt



Fall

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Ringa Ringa Roses



Conviction

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

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

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

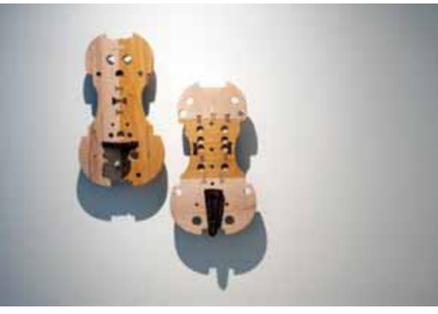
The bronze sculpture titled *Human Pull* displays the figure of a man with one wing. Scaria says, "Human beings do so much effort to reach the top but what if they find nothing at the top. They are sometimes just trying to grasp the emptiness. All these ideas are my own anxieties and my personal issues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

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

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

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

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



No title



Sheet music for table tennis

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

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

ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY IN WOOD

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

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

SENTINELS IN TIME

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

QUIXOTIC TITLES

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

The ball that skips no beat

SKODA award-winner NAVIN THOMAS takes UMA NAIR through an inward-looking journey of his latest collection

What sets Navin Thomas apart is his originality and his ability to keep art lovers guessing about what he will unravel next.

When he won the SKODA Award in 2011 he said, "There are a couple of things which I have been preoccupied with over the last few years — beta-testing on the possible afterlife of salvaged electronic junk, mostly discarded transistors and smaller objects, with a possible audio capacity. I love to observe how pets and smaller species react to magnetic fields."

MELDING MOORINGS

Seven years hence, Navin's exposition at Gallery SKE in Delhi is the stuff of melding and meandering moorings which create corollaries in conversation and complexities of transcending sound in myriad ways through recycled wood. "Out here in the exosphere," he is more than curious, more than quaint and it holds up a host of narratives from the past to the present to the Sappers Band in Madras and the tide of time.

In the past, he has created works by degrees having a penchant for discovering the beginnings of his installations and films in and around the discarded detritus of scrapyards, recycling plants and flea markets. He uses "rough" technology to

construct his poetic and philosophical art from the salvage of rapidly transforming 21st-century economies.

PHANTOM ORCHESTRA

Here at Gallery SKE, it is the brass band instruments, *The Phantom Orchestra*, that catch your gaze. References and memories come floating by, think of Louis Armstrong and eternal enchanting melodies like *What a Wonderful World*, *As Time Goes By*, *La Vie en Rose* and all Navin does is smile because he goes off on a tangent with sound.

"The main work of this show, *The Phantom Orchestra*, is an ensemble of wind instruments, (tuba, french horn, euphonium and so on) which were originally retrieved from the local metal recycling unit when the instruments were cast off by the local military brass band," he adds.

"I have always been known for my sound sculptures in the past. Earlier they were about built architecture and ecology and now, with this new show it's more about aural form and the mechanics of it," he says. "These instruments were reconstructed to become *The Phantom Orchestra* and for this show they are playing a rendition of the *Weather Report*, which is a score that is written in three

Israel to be country of focus

IFFI will be screening 10 films and hosting high-powered delegation



Red Cow



Waltz with Bashir

BREAKTHROUGH

Israeli filmmaker Dan Wolman will be presented with a lifetime achievement award and will give a Masterclass session on November 25. The Country of Focus will be opened with a gala evening dinner, hosted by the Israeli consulate in Mumbai, where the Indian-Israeli singer Liora Itzhak will perform few of her Bollywood-inspired pieces. A short Israeli animation film in Hindi will be launched during the event. The film, *A Revival of a Nation*, depicts 4,000 years of Jewish history. On November 22, the consulate will host a seminar dedicated to discussing opportunities for collaborations between Israeli and Indian cinemas, where renowned Indian producers Apoorva Mehta and Vishesh Bhatt, together with Tanuj Garg, will share from their experiences on their work-visit to Israel. On this occasion, Israel's Consul General in Mumbai, H.E. Mr. Yaakov Finkstein said: "Israel is proud to be in focus at this year's IFFI, and is glad for the opportunity to be able to present to Indian cinema-lovers. We hope the focus on Israel will serve as a good introduction to its cinema but also to the vibrant Israeli society. We believe this festival will promote joint work between Israeli and Indian film artists, as we think that both sides can learn a lot from each other. I invite you all to come and watch the films and then come and visit Israel itself, to enjoy at first hand the Israeli experience, for seeing is believing."

Israel will be the "country of focus" at the 49th edition of the International Film Festival of India in Goa with 10 screenings and a delegation of leading Israeli film personalities, including popular actor Alon Abutbul, will be present.

The opening film is *The Other Story* by Avi Nesher with production by David Silber. It will be screened on November 21 and will be followed by a press conference. Other known films are Academy Award candidates *Footnote*, *Waltz with Bashir* and the internationally well-esteemed *The Bubble*. Newer films that will be screened are *Unorthodox*, *Red Cow*, *Working Woman*, *Longing*, *Redemption* and *Shalom Bollywood: The untold Story of Indian Cinema*.

Film-making in Israel has undergone major developments since its inception in the 1950s. In the last few years, Israeli films

have won reputed awards, including nomination for the Best Foreign Language films at the Academy Awards. Israeli film-makers produce films on themes that appeal to the global market, and Israel, known by many as the Start-up Nation, is home to cutting edge technologies in animation and film production.

India-Israel diplomatic relations, which completed 25 years in 2017, are gathering momentum in various fields such as trade, fin-tech and agriculture and also in the area of cinema and film production. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the galaxy of stars in Mumbai during his trip in January 2018. At the climax of his India tour, he invited Indian

actors and filmmakers to come and make films in Israel. At the same event, India's mega-star Amitabh Bachchan expressed his hope that "May cinema further fortify the strength of ties between India and Israel."

A film co-production agreement between Israel and India, signed during Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's state visit to India in January, has come into effect in September 2018. As per the agreement, a joint selection committee will be set up to consider collaboration proposals submitted by film-makers from both countries. Expedited visas, financial grants and tax exemptions are some of the benefits the Israeli government agreed to extend in order to help joint productions.

WATCH OUT



Samadrishti is a collaboration between Chennai-based carnatic singer Sudha Ragunathan and Delhi-based Bharatanatyam dancer Rama Vaidyanathan. Both artists will come together to pay tribute to the late Carnatic music maestro ML Vasanthakumari on her 90th birth anniversary. **WHEN:** November 25 **TIME:** 7 pm **WHERE:** Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre.



Gurgaon Fine Arts Academy presents Kamal Devnath's solo exhibition *Conversation with colours*. The artist recreates and presents the reality that is visible to him through his own personal point of view. He captures nature, life and the unseen on to the canvas. **WHEN:** Till November 22 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** AIFACS Art Gallery.



Odissi exponent Sharmila Mukerjee and her dance ensemble Sanjai presents *Hansika* — the first Odissi adaptation of the widely acclaimed Russian Ballet *Swan Lake*. *Hansika* will bring forth a compelling tale of romance and deception through an Odissi dance drama. **WHEN:** November 22 **WHERE:** Kamani Auditorium.



Curated by Seema Bhalla, the art exhibition titled *The Allure of India* looks into the 300 years of a shared heritage and historical re-contextualisation of Company School paintings from 17th to early 20th century. **WHEN:** November 20 to 25 **TIME:** 10.30 am to 6.30 pm **WHERE:** Bikaner House, India Gate.



Celebrating the World Toilet Day, Practical Action presents an exhibition of photos by Tom Oldham, showcasing its Swachh Smadai *Healthy Communities* project, focussing on sustainable energy access, food, sanitation, agriculture, disaster management and water. **WHEN:** November 20 **WHERE:** Experimental Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre.



Sonia Chahal is declared winner against Stanimira Petrova (red) in the light flyweight 57 kg; (left) Pinki Rani in action against Ebonie Jones (blue) PTI

India continue brilliant run

Sonia, Pinki and Simranjeet join five others in quarterfinals lineup to boost India's hope of repeating 2006 feat in World Championship after Saweety loses in second round

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Judging controversy couldn't stop the Indian juggernaut from rolling with as many as eight pugilists reaching the quarterfinals in the ongoing AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships on Monday. Sonia Chahal (57kg), Pinki Rani (51kg) and Simranjit Kaur (64kg) won their respective pre-quarterfinal bouts to place themselves just a step away from assuring a medal while Saweety Boora (75kg) was the lone Indian boxer to lose her bout on an eventful day at the K D Jhadav Stadium.

MC Mary Kom (48kg), Manisha Moun (54kg), Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Kachari Bhagyabati (81kg) booked their quarterfinals on Sunday while Seema Poonia will directly begin her campaign at the last-eight stage on Tuesday against Xiaoli Yang of China.

Former champion L Sarita Devi (60kg) was the second Indian boxer to bow out of the tournament in the pre-quarterfinals after losing to 2016 World Championship Silver medalist Kellie Harrington of Ireland in a split 3-2 verdict on Sunday.

The best show for the Indians was in the 2006 edition at home when the country won 8 medals. The country won just two and one medal in the last two editions and this one may turn out to be the best

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in recent times.

The fifth day's proceedings were, however, marred by a judging controversy when 2014 Gold-medallist Stanimira Petrova of Bulgaria (57kg) accused the judges of "corruption" after losing her pre-quarterfinal to India's Sonia Chahal.

"I want to say only one thing, it is corruption by the judges. It is not a fair result," the 27-year-old Petrova, who won a Gold in 54kg in the 2014 edition, told reporters after losing to Sonia.

She was seen laughing when

Indian coach questions referee's decision

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Indian boxing coach Shiv Singh on Monday questioned the referee's decision to award standing counts against Sarita and Saweety Boora but refused to term it the reason for their losses.

Former world champion Sarita, who lost a close bout in 60kg against Kellie Harrington in a 3-2 split decision on Sunday,

faced a standing count in the third round while Saweety endured the same situation in the second round of her 75kg bout against Elzbieta Wojcik.

Singh said both Sarita and Saweety fell down not from the punches of their opponents and wondered how standing counts were done against them.

"Sarita slipped after her legs entangled with those of her opponent and it was not from a

punch. In Saweety's case, she was pulled down. It was not from a point scoring punch," the coach told reporters.

"In case of Saweety, the referee was on the blind side (and so did not see it) when she fell down but still gave a standing count. In case of Sarita, the referee saw it (how Sarita fell after entangling with her opponent) but he also still went for a standing count against Sarita," he added.

Sonia was announced the winner and also waved his index finger in displeasure.

Her coach Petar Yosifov Lesov threw a water bottle inside the ring

and the world body AIBA later withdrew his accreditation and barred him from the ringside.

The 21-year-old Sonia, daughter of a Haryana farmer, was trailing

after the second round but recovered well in the final round to win the close bout on 3-2 split decision.

All the five judges gave 10-9 points in favour of the Indian in the

third round and that sealed the win for the local hope.

Sonia, on her part, said it was a fair result.

"How can all the five judges go wrong? It was a fair decision," she said.

This was Sonia's first major international event having risen to senior level by winning a Gold in the National Championships in 2016.

Last year, she won a Gold in the Serbia Cup. She won a Bronze in the Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament this year. Sonia next faces Arias Castenada Yeni Marcela of Colombia in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Pinki and Simranjit, on the other hand, notched up easy wins with all the judges giving unanimous 5-0 verdicts in their favour.

The 28-year-old Pinki was trailing behind her English opponent Alice Ebonie Jones in the first round but recovered in the next two to emerge victorious in the end. It was a close call on the part of four judges who gave 29-28 in favour of the Indian while the fifth judge gave a clear 30-27.

"It was an easier one than my earlier (opening round) bout. Today's opponent was young and inexperienced while my previous opponent (Armenia's 2014 youth world champion Anush Grigoryan) was more experienced," she said.

Pinki next faces Pang Chol Mi of North Korea in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Simranjit's 5-0 win against Megan Reid of Scotland, was the most impressive among Indian bouts of the day as she won all the rounds for an a 30-27, 30-27, 29-28, 30-27, 30-27 win.

Simranjit, who won Gold in the Ahmet Comert tournament in Turkey this year, was taking the ring three months after he father passed away. She said on Sunday that she would try hard to win a medal for him.

Simranjit from Chakar village in Ludhiana next faces Amy Sara Broadhurst of Ireland in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

India, however, suffered a jolt with Saweety Boora losing her opening to Elzbieta Wojcik of Poland in 75kg in a unanimous decision.

The 23-year-old Saweety won Silver in the 2014 World Championships in 81kg but was competing here in 75kg.

All the five judges were not in favour of the Indian in all the three rounds with the Polish boxer winning 30-26, 30-27, 30-26, 30-27, 30-27.

Zverev beats Djoker in ATP Finals decider

AFP ■ LONDON
Alexander Zverev emphatically announced his arrival at the top of the men's game by overpowering Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 to win his first ATP Finals title.

The 21-year-old German, making his second appearance at the end-of-season showpiece, outlasted six-time champion Roger Federer in the semi-finals and repeated the feat against the world number one on Sunday.

Djokovic had not been broken once in the tournament coming into the match, winning all 36 service games and only facing two break points but Zverev wrecked his numbers, breaking four times in the match.

The German, coached by Ivan Lendl, faltered just once when Djokovic broke him early in the second set but that was the only blemish on an extraordinary performance of power and skill.

"I really can't describe it," said Zverev.

"It is the biggest title I have ever won. Firstly, I want to congratulate Novak and we may never have seen the tennis he has played in the last few months before. He barely lost a match but thankfully he did to me.

"We (Djokovic and Zverev) had so many talks, not only about tennis but all different types of subjects — I won't mention what — but you are a sharing person and you have shared some titles with me. I appreciate you letting me win one today."

The Serbian top seed, 31, came into the match seeking to equal Federer's record of six ATP Finals wins but was immediately aware he had a fight on his hands at London's O2 Arena.

Djokovic beat Zverev 6-4, 6-1 in their round-robin match on Wednesday but it was a different story in front of a packed and vociferous crowd on Sunday.

With both players going toe-to-toe from the back of the court, the first set went with serve until the ninth game, when Djokovic dumped a forehand into the net to concede the break.

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Roared on by the crowd, Zverev hit three aces on his way to sealing the first set 6-4.

Still on a high, the third seed broke an out-of-sorts Djokovic immediately at the start of the second set to leave the top seed with a mountain



Alexander poses with ATP Finals trophy AP

to climb.

Showing nerves for the first time, he double-faulted twice in his next service game as Djokovic got back on level terms but the German broke again to lead 2-1 as the Serb's error count mounted.

Zverev broke Djokovic for the third time in the second set in the ninth game, producing a stunning backhand down the line at full stretch to win the championship.

The young German has often been talked about as the leader of the next generation but despite having three Masters titles under his belt in his short career, he has a poor record at the Slams.

Djokovic slipped to an unaccustomed low of 22nd in the world earlier this year but has lost just three matches since the beginning of Wimbledon as he charged back up the rankings.

"Sascha (Zverev) definitely played much better than he did in the group stage," he said. "He deserved to win. He's still quite young but he's had an amazing career so far and I wish him all the best for his future."

"Speaking of being young, hopefully I'll play many more years and I'll see you guys here in years to come."

Elsewhere, Mike Bryan and Jack Sock won the doubles title in thrilling fashion, coming from a set down to beat Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut 5-7, 6-1, 13-11.

SAINA, SRIKANTH START FAVOURITES

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth will start favourites when they spearhead the Indian challenge at the Syed Modi International tournament, which has lost a bit of sheen with the pullout of Olympic Silver medallist P V Sindhu.

The tournament begins here on Tuesday.

With Sindhu missing, India will have two defending champions in the tournament with Sameer Verma looking to retain the title to enhance his chances of qualifying for the year-ending World Tour Final. The mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy, too, will eye a repeat.

Sindhu decided to skip the event to focus on next month's World Tour Finals in China but there won't be any shortage of star power when the World Tour Super 300 event gets underway with the qualifiers.



In Sindhu's absence, Saina will be the cynosure of all eyes and the celebrated Indian has been in decent form this year having won a Gold at the Commonwealth Games and a Bronze at the Asian Games. She will look to secure her maiden BWF title of this season when she begins her campaign

against Mauritius' Kate Foo Kune in the opening round. With a host of Indians making up the draw, Saina is likely to face little resistance till her journey to the finals, where she is expected to meet former Olympic champion China's Li Xuerui, who has won at Canada, US and the China Masters after making a comeback.



Srikanth, too, will be looking for his first title of the season after being in ram-paging form last year, winning four titles. The Indian has been in decent form, winning a Silver at the Commonwealth Games and reaching the quarterfinals consistently. The Indian will hope to

claim the men's singles title after winning it in 2016 following three final appearances. However, he will face tough resistance from second seed H S Prannoy and Sameer, who won titles at Swiss Open and Hyderabad Open.

Srikanth is likely to meet Parupalli Kashyap in the second round if the 2014 Commonwealth Games champion manages to beat Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk in the opener.

While, Prannoy will start against Thailand's Adulrach Namkul and is likely to meet 2014 Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist R M V Gurusaidutt in the third round.

For that, Guru, who is trying to make a comeback after recovering from a career-threatening ankle injury, will have to fight his way against Germany's Jonathan Persson and probably Misha Zilberman of Israel to enter the quarterfi-

nals.

Fourth seed B Sai Praneeth, who had won the Singapore Open last year, will square off against Russia's Sergey Sirant in the opening match, while Subhankar Dey, who claimed his maiden title at SaarLorLux Open, will open against China's Zhou Zeqi.

Seventh seed Sourabh Verma, who won titles at Russia and Dutch Open, will start against China's Zhou Zeqi.

Also in action would be eighth seeded India's top men's doubles pairs of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who are the Silver medallists at the Commonwealth Games, and National champions Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy.

The women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will also look to put their best foot forward, while Ashwini will also pair up with Satwik in mixed doubles.

Seferovic scripts Swiss comeback

AFP ■ LUCERNE

Harris Seferovic starred with a hat-trick as Switzerland staged a sensational comeback to thrash Belgium 5-2 in Lucerne on Sunday and qualify for the Nations League finals in dramatic fashion.

Thorgan Hazard's early double left Switzerland needing to win by two goals to qualify from Group B3, while the hosts quickly fought back, with Ricardo Rodriguez's penalty and Seferovic's first two goals seeing them into a 3-2 half-time lead.

Nico Elvedi nodded home a Xherdan Shaqiri cross in the 62nd minute, and Vladimir Petkovic's men sealed a stunning win when Seferovic completed his treble late on.

"I want to congratulate each player, there was a big mental reaction, the players never gave up, they always believed," said Swiss coach Petkovic. "They played with will, intelligence and with their heads."

After a thrilling match that continued a trend of goal-filled encounters in the inaugural edition of the Nations League, Switzerland will play at the finals in June next year, alongside European champions Portugal and England, with the final spot going to either France or the Netherlands on Monday.



Roberto Martinez's men saw their six-match unbeaten run since reaching the World Cup semi-finals brought to an shuddering halt.

"We forgot to defend well, we gave Switzerland the opportunity to get back in the game," said Spanish coach Martinez.

"We had a lot of excitement, we really wanted to finish top of the group. The disappointment will make us more focused when the (Euro 2020) qualification starts."

Earlier on Sunday, Valentino Lazaro

scored an injury-time winner as Austria beat Northern Ireland 2-1 in a dead rubber in Belfast that Marko Arnautovic described as a "fight".

Northern Ireland had already been relegated from Group B3, while Austria were guaranteed to finish second.

"We can be proud of the win. We wanted to come here, to finish well with a win and we did that," West Ham forward Arnautovic told Sky Sports.

"He (Gareth McAuley) tried to choke me, fight with me, I don't know why. It is not good to fight with me."

Spain beat Bosnia after heartache

AFP ■ LAS PALMAS

Spain responded to their Nations League disappointment by beating Bosnia 1-0 on Sunday but an unconvincing victory will have done little to lift the mood.

Luis Enrique's side needed 21-year-old debutant Brais Mendez, on as a substitute, to score the only goal of a scrappy game at Estadio Gran Canaria, in which neither side would have been vividly represented by a stalemate.

Spain already knew their hopes of progressing to the Nations League finals were over after England snatched top spot in Group 4 following a last-gasp win at Wembley over Croatia.

A thrilling conclusion, which would have sent Spain through had Croatia held on for a point, was a feather in the cap for the inaugural tournament and came in stark contrast to this rather underwhelming friendly a few hours later.

"Bad luck and mistakes we



Spain players celebrate after win AP

made meant we didn't make the finals," Luis Enrique said. "I would have liked a draw (between England and Croatia) but I'm focused on qualification for the European Championship and I think the team looks good."

A narrow win over Bosnia came with a rotated and youthful line-up, in which only Isco and Dani Ceballos survived from Thursday's defeat by Croatia in Zagreb.

Harry Kane's late winner against Croatia had the Spanish press swooning for a striker of his calibre and another erratic performance from Alvaro Morata hardly promoted the Chelsea striker's cause.

WE'RE READY FOR AUSSIE CHALLENGE, SAYS ROHIT

Indian deputy feels the side is determined to change things this time despite hosts pacers tough challenge

PTI ■ BRISBANE

Australia's towering pacers are at an advantage against the "not that tall" Indian batsmen, says visiting vice-captain Rohit Sharma but insisted that his team is ready to rewrite the script of the battle this time.

India start the tour with the T20 Internationals from November 21 here and Rohit said it would be a tough task to counter the fast pitches.

"India have always played either at Perth (venue for second Test from December 14-18 this time) or Brisbane. These two conditions are challenging and the Australians have tall bowlers who exploit those conditions and use it to their advantage," he said.

"Indian batsman are generally not that tall, so it is not easy for us but the guys are determined to change things this time, we are ready to accept the challenge," he asserted.

"It is challenging for our batsmen... But most of the guys have come to Australia before. So they understand the conditions. Of course their bowling attack will challenge us whichever format we play but as a batting unit, we are prepared," Rohit said.

India will start with a three-match T20I series, followed by a four-match Test series and a three-game ODI



Series. The visitors have never won a Test series in Australia, drawing three and losing eight of their previous 11 outings.

"Whenever we travel outside India there is always a special feeling and Australia is one place where we want to leave our mark and do well as a unit," Rohit said after India's practice session at The Gabba.

"Last time we played a Test series here, although we lost two games and drew one, but I thought we played few close games, especially at Brisbane.

"We want to make it count this time around, there is a real good feeling

BESIDES KOHLI, WARY AUSTRALIA PLAN TO STOP ROHIT

BRISBANE: Trap him in front of the stumps with a sharp inswinger or test him with a short ball: These could be the tactics employed by Australia against dangerous India opener Rohit Sharma, says pacer Nathan Coulter-Nile.

Besides India captain Virat Kohli, Rohit is another batsman that could give the home team plenty of headache in the limited overs leg of the series beginning Wednesday.

"He's an unbelievable player. His record speaks for itself. He's got a good record all around the world, so he's a definite player

to watch," Coulter-Nile said at the Gabba. "But we've also had a bit of success against him with the new ball as well - I think 'Dorff' (Jason Behrendorff) got him out last time we played him - rapped him on the pads - so we'll look to do that again early." Coulter-Nile also fancies bowling short to Rohit, who has an impressive record in Australia and has scored 810 runs at an average of 62.31 in the last eight years. Behrendorff could be Australia's trump card as he had troubled the Indians with a sensational spell of four for 21 in a T20 played in Guwahati last year.

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inside the group. The motive is to seize all the moments and win."

Stressing on the significance of putting up a good performance in Australia ahead of the 2019 World Cup, Rohit said: "When you do well in Australia, you feel good as a team and thinking about the World Cup ahead, it can only give you confidence winning in places like Australia."

Rohit said everybody in the team needs to step up against a formidable side like Australia.

"Australia in Australia will always be dangerous without a doubt. In places like Australia you want the whole unit to come together, that is our focus," he said.

"We don't want few individuals to step up, we want whole lot of guys to put their hands up and take up the challenge. So, we want everybody to step up and make it count.

"We have some quality bowlers, in particular, spinners, so we will try to challenge them with our spinners. They still have a quality batting lineup, so let's see how we go."

Rohit has an impressive record against Australia in one-day cricket Down Under, having scored 805 runs in 16 matches at 57.50. The Indian opener said the pace and bounce of Australian pitches helps his game.

"I had a good time playing white ball cricket here. In places like Brisbane and Perth, the good bounce allows me to play my game because I have grown up playing on cement pitches back home," he said.

"I have done well in limited overs here but the challenge obviously is red-ball cricket which right now I am not thinking of, just want to do well in T20 format and take it forward where we go.

Test specialists shine in draw against NZ A

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

Australia-bound Test specialists — veteran Murali Vijay and youngsters Prithvi Shaw and Hanuma Vihari — helped themselves to half-centuries on the final day of India A's first unofficial 'Test' against New Zealand A, which ended in a tame draw.

India A scored 247 for 3 in 65 overs in their second innings when the match was called off.

However, openers Shaw (50, 53 balls) and Vijay (60, 113 balls) got good enough match time as they added 74 runs for the first wicket, largely due to the contribution of the young Mumbaikar, who hit eight fours and a six.

Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane (41 no, 94 balls) and Vihari (51 no, 63 balls) added 86 runs for an unbroken fourth-wicket stand.

On the final day with little chance of a result, the two seniors Vijay and Rahane put their heads down and showed a lot of application.

Young Shaw didn't last long as he was out soon after completing his second century of the match. Shaw was caught by



Prithvi Shaw in action PTI/File Photo

Will Young off Doug Bracewell's delivery.

In-form Mayank Agarwal (42) then joined Vijay and the duo added 81 runs for the second wicket with Agarwal being the aggressor. The Karnataka right-hander hit six boundaries and a six.

Blair Tickner got rid of Agarwal, breaching through the defence, and Vijay soon followed, offering a catch to Theo van Woerkom.

Rahane and Vihari then batted out the next 25 overs. Vihari, in fact, was more aggressive with three fours and three sixes in 63 balls as the match meandered towards a draw.

B'DESH CALL ISLAM FOR WI TEST

AFP ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh selectors on Monday called up uncapped opening batsman Shadman Islam for the first Test squad against the West Indies starting later this week.

The left-hander was rewarded for a strong showing with the Bangladesh Cricket Board XI in a two-day match against the visitors that ended in a draw in Chittagong on Monday.

Shadman hit 73 off 169 balls with 10 fours and a six in the



match, sharing 126 runs with opening partner Soumya Sarkar.

The 23-year-old has been a prolific run scorer in domestic cricket. He tallied 648 runs at an average of 64.80 in the domestic first-class National Cricket League and played for the Bangladesh Under19 team.

Bangladesh were looking for an opener after veteran batsman Tamim Iqbal was injured during a recent training session, delaying his Test comeback.

The first match of the two-Test series starts in Chittagong on

Thursday.

The West Indies will also play three ODIs and three Twenty20 matches during their month-long tour.

SQUAD

Shakib Al Hasan (Capt), Soumya Sarkar, Imrul Kayes, Mohammad Mithun, Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim, Ariful Haque, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mehidy Hasan, Mustafizur Rahman, Taijul Islam, Shadman Islam, Khaled Ahmed and Nayeem Hasan.

ENGLAND TO FACE INDIA IN SEMIS

PTI ■ GROS ISLET

India will face a formidable England in the second semifinals on Friday after the West Indies defeated 2009 champions by four wickets in their last group match of the ICC Women's World T20.

India have been invincible so far in the tournament, winning all their four games in the group stage. The in-form team will also have revenge on its mind, having lost to England in the 50-over World Cup final last year.

En route to the semifinals,

Harmanpreet Kaur's side also hammered three-time former champions Australia in its last pool match.

Defending champions West Indies, on the other hand, topped group A with eight points after beating England in the last-over thriller to set up a clash with Australia in the first semifinals in Antigua on November 22.

In the last group A match, the West Indies dished out a disciplined performance as they first restricted England to 115-8 and then over-



hauled the target with three balls to spare, riding on Deandra Dottin's 52-ball 48.

After winning the toss, West Indies opening bowler Shakera Selman

picked up two early wickets.

A mid-innings collapse then reduced England to 50 for six before Sophia Dunkley (35) and Anya Shrubsole (29) put on a 58-run partnership.

The pair was only separated in the penultimate over, helping England to 115 for eight.

And it seemed it would be enough when Shrubsole picked up two wickets in her first over, sending back Hayley Matthews and Stafanie Taylor, both bowled.

Then Deandra Dottin and

Shemaine Campbelle combined for a 68-run partnership.

Dottin (46) was dismissed with the home team still needing 45, but some bold hitting from Campbelle kept them in the hunt.

Needing 26 off the last 18 balls, Campbelle was dropped twice in the penultimate over, but she helped the West Indies get close enough; they hit the five runs that remained in the last over, much to the delight of the crowd.

West Indies' Deandra Dottin, who was adjudged Player of the Match.

Delhi face Hyderabad without Gambhir, Ishant

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Having missed out on a golden opportunity to log full points in the opener, Delhi, sans senior stars Gautam Gambhir and Ishant Sharma, will face Hyderabad in an away encounter of the Ranji Trophy from Tuesday.

Delhi failed to win outright in their opening group league match at home against Himachal Pradesh and Hyderabad were no better, having conceded first innings lead in both their matches.

However, Delhi will miss Gambhir more as they were always aware that Ishant was available for only

one match as per BCCI's specific workload management programme.

Gambhir, who scored 44 and 49 in the opening game, is suffering from a shoulder niggle and had excused himself from this away encounter.

"It's always nice if an experienced player like Gautam is around. He will certainly be missed as he also guides the juniors. But at the same time, I would look at it as an opportunity where a junior



Gautam Gambhir in action File Picture

While Hyderabad will not have pace spearhead Mohammed Siraj (on India A duty) in their ranks, Delhi's opening pair, with a collective experience of one first-class game, could be a worry for young captain Nitish Rana.

Rana and Himmat Singh will be aiming to come out all guns blazing against the likes of left-arm spinner Mehidy Hasan and pacer M Ravi Kiran before they also leave on national duty (for Emerging India in U-23 Asia Cup).

There could be a couple of more changes in the playing XI with Ishant being replaced by either Gaurav Kumar or Simarjeet Singh.

The two left-arm spinners Varun Sood and Vikas Mishra looked pedestrian on a helpful fourth day track at the Kotla. With off-spinner Pulkit Narang in the squad, Rana might be tempted to drop one of the two slow left-arm orthodox from the playing XI.

In other Elite group B clash at Eden Gardens, Mohammed Shami will feature for Bengal against Goa. Shami's inclusion in the squad has revived Bengal's hopes for season's first win after they secured six points from two matches on basis of their first innings lead.

Mumbai, Karnataka eye maiden victory

BELGAUM: Both Mumbai and Karnataka will be eyeing their first victory of this Ranji Trophy season when the two sides clash here from Tuesday in their Elite Group A match.

Mumbai drew the first game of this season against Railways in New Delhi, but more importantly they earned three crucial points as they took the first innings lead.

Same was the case with Karnataka, who grabbed three points after settling for a draw with Vidarbha at Nagpur after taking the first innings lead. Mumbai, led by pacer Dhawal Kulkarni, have a strong batting line-up, despite the absence of Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane and Prithvi Shaw, who are all on the national duty.

For Mumbai, a lot will depend on how their crisis man Siddesh Lad performs. Other regulars - Akhil Herwadkar, Surya Kumar Yadav, Jay Bitsa and experienced wicket-keeper and former skipper Aditya



Tare - will have to play their roles to perfection.

On the bowling front, Kulkarni has the support of pacer Tushar Deshpande, besides spinners Karsh Kothari and Shams Mulani. If both the spinners play, then medium-pacer Aakash Parkar is likely to sit out.

Karnataka, led by Vinay Kumar, also has strong players and they would also be keen to beat Mumbai on their home turf.

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Patel spins Kiwis to thrilling win

AFP ■ ABU DHABI

Debutant spinner Ajaz Patel took five wickets to lead a never-say-die approach from New Zealand bowlers as they pulled off a thrilling four-run win over an indisposed Pakistan in the first Test in Abu Dhabi on Monday.

Defending a modest 176-run target, New Zealand bowlers led by Patel (5-59), fast bowler Neil Wagner (2-27) and Ish Sodhi (2-37) bowled out Pakistan for 171 on a drama-packed fourth day at Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

It is the fifth smallest win in terms of runs in Test cricket history and gives New Zealand a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

"The attitude, certainly today and throughout the game, was brilliant," said New Zealand captain Kane Williamson who now has nine wins in his 18 Tests in charge.

Azhar Ali fought a lone battle for Pakistan with 65 and was the last man out when he was trapped leg-before wicket by Patel. He reviewed Bruce Oxenford's decision but the television replays upheld the decision.

Resuming on 37 without loss, Pakistan began the day as favourites to chase down the 176 they needed for victory.



New Zealand players celebrate after defeating Pakistan by four runs in 1st Test AP

Kiwi spinners Patel and Ish Sodhi opened the bowling and immediately caused problems as Pakistan lost three wickets in the first six overs.

Pakistanis nerves were eased by the sight of Azhar and Asad Shafiq carefully rebuilding the innings with a fourth wicket partnership of 82.

Shafiq made a cultured 45, but his dismissal in the last over before lunch, edging Neil Wagner to wicketkeeper BJ Watling, changed the game as Pakistan lost their final seven wickets for just 41.

After lunch, Babar Azam ran himself out for 13, the guilty party in a mix-up with Azhar and skipper Sarfraz Ahmed fell

for a second time sweeping Patel, this time gloving the ball to Watling.

Bilal Asif tried to slog a straight ball from Patel and was bowled leaving Pakistan 154 for seven, still 22 runs short of victory.

In the next over Wagner had Yasir caught in the slips and then Hasan Ali attempted a slogsweep off Patel, picking out substitute fielder Tim Southee on the midwicket boundary.

Azhar then tried to inch Pakistan across the line, farming the strike from Mohammad Abbas. But with five runs still needed to win Patel found the delivery to win the match for New Zealand.