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**DELHI'S POLLUTION
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New Delhi: Delhi's air quality remained in the 'severe' category as isolated showers in parts of the city made the air heavier and increased the pollution level, according to authorities. The overall air quality index was recorded at 411, which falls in the 'severe' category, according to data by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

**GOWDA, TOMAR GIVEN
ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIOS**

New Delhi: Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and DV Sadananda Gowda that of the Ministry of chemicals and fertilisers, according to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique on Tuesday.

**FLIPKART CEO BINNY
BANSAL RESIGNS**

New Delhi: Flipkart co-founder Binny Bansal has resigned as group chief executive officer following an independent probe into allegations of "serious personal misconduct", the firm's owner Walmart Inc said on Tuesday.

**2002 RIOTS: SC TO HEAR
JAFRI'S PLEA ON NOV 19**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it will hear on November 19 the petition filed by Zakia Ashan Jafri challenging the clean chit given by the Special Investigating Team (SIT) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in connection with the 2002 post-Godhra riots in Gujarat, when he was the State Chief Minister.

**WOMAN HYPNOTISED,
ROBBED IN CAPITAL**

New Delhi: A woman has complained that she was hypnotised and robbed by two men here on Tuesday, police said. "At around 12 pm, she was walking in east Delhi's Krishna Nagar when two unknown men came and started speaking with her," Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Ved Prakash Surya said.

Dassault rejects Rahul's claim

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

ANI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Speaking to ANI in the Dassault hangar housed in Istres-Le Tube Air base located North of the French city of Marseille, Trappier said they had prior experience dealing with the Congress and the comments made by the Congress president made him sad. "We have a long experience with the Congress party. Our first deal was with India in 1953 with Nehru and other Prime Ministers. We have been working with India. We are not working for any party. We are supplying strategic products like fighters to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Government. That is what is most important," said Trappier.



Dassault Aviation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Eric Trappier

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

"We are not putting the money in Reliance. The money is going into the JV. I put my know-how free of charge on how to produce people. I have engineers and workers from Dassault who are taking the lead as far as the industrial part

of this deal is concerned.

At the same time, I have an Indian company like Reliance who is putting money into this JV as they want to develop their country. So the company is going to know how to produce aircraft," added Trappier.

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

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Ex-bureaucrats question CAG delay on DeMo, Rafale reports

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

Expressing concern, former bureaucrats said the audit reports on demonetisation and Rafale deal were being "deliberately" delayed to not "embarrass" the NDA Government till next year's general elections. There was no immediate reaction from the CAG.

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

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

In the letter, they said there was concern over the "unconscionable" and "unwarranted delay" in bringing out the audit reports on demonetisation and the Rafale fighter jet deal, and the reports should be tabled before Parliament in the Winter Session. The CAG's failure to present the audit reports on note ban and the Rafale deal in time "may be seen as a partisan action" and could create a "crisis of credibility" for the institution, the letter said.

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SC to hear Sabarimala review plea on Jan 22 No stay on verdict allowing women's entry to temple

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Even as the Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to stay its verdict allowing entry of women of all age groups into the Sabarimala temple, it agreed to hear in open court on January 22 a batch of review petitions related to the matter. The review petitions against the September 28 verdict were taken up 'in-chamber' by a Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices RF Nariman, AM Khanwilkar, DY Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra. In in-chamber proceedings, the judges examined review petitions by circulation and lawyers are not present.

"All the review petitions, along with all pending applications, will be heard in open court on January 22, 2019 before the appropriate Bench. We make it clear that there is no stay of the judgment and order of this Court dated 28th September, 2018 passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No.373 of 2006 (Indian Young Lawyers Association & Ors. Vs. The State of Kerala & Ors)," the order said.

There are around 48 petitions seeking review of the judgment.

The apex court, earlier in the day, had made it clear that fresh pleas related to the Sabarimala temple entry will be heard only after it decides the earlier petitions seeking review of the judgment allowing entry of women of all age groups into the shrine in Kerala. The Bench stated this while hearing the three fresh petitions filed by G



Vijaya Kumar, S Jaya Rajkumar and Shailaja Vijayan challenging its September 28 verdict. On September 28, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by the then Chief Justice Dipak Misra, in its 4:1 verdict, had paved the way for entry of women of all ages into the Sabarimala temple saying the bar amounted to gender discrimination.

The Supreme Court on October 9 declined an urgent hearing on a review plea filed by an association which had contended that the five-judge Constitution bench's verdict removing the bar was "absolutely untenable and irrational."

The plea filed by the National Ayyappa Devotees Association (NADA), which sought review of the verdict, had said: "The notion that the judgment under review is revolutionary, one which removes the stigma or the concept of dirt or pollution associated with menstruation, is unfounded. It is a judgment welcomed by hypocrites who were aspiring for media headlines. On the merits

of the case, as well, the said judgment is absolutely untenable and irrational, if not perverse."

Besides the association, several other parties, including one by the Nair Service Society (NSS), have filed petitions against the apex court verdict. The NSS had said in its plea that as the deity is a 'Naistika Brahmachari, females below the age of 10 and after the age of 50 years are eligible to worship him and there is no practice of excluding worship by females.

"Hence, the delay or wait for 40 years to worship cannot be considered as exclusionary and it is an error of law on the face of the judgement," the plea had said.

Meanwhile, the Sabarimala temple head priest welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to hear review petitions against its judgement on the women's entry issue, in an open court on January 22, saying "it is a big victory, this is Ayyappa's victory," according to PTI from Sabarimala.

Reacting to the Constitution bench's decision to hear a batch

of 50 petitions in the open court, Tantri Kandarru Rajeevaru said today's outcome was due to the blessings of Lord Ayyappa, the presiding deity of the hill shrine. "The blessings of Lord Ayyappa and prayers of lots of devotees are behind this decision to hear the matter in the open court", a beaming Tantri told reporters.

He said the shrine had never faced such troubled times, as first the floods caused immense damage to infrastructure in and around the temple complex and then came the apex court verdict of September 28, permitting women of all ages to offer prayers, at the shrine. "This is a big victory. We believe things will become normal. This is Ayyappa's victory", he said, adding everything would turn positive.

Devaswom Minister Kadakkampally Surendran said the Government was waiting for details of the judgement. "We have said it earlier also. Whatever decision the Supreme Court takes, we will abide by it", he said. BJP State president PS Sreedharan Pillai described the apex court decision as a "good step". "We accept the spirit of today's Supreme Court decision", he said.

The State had witnessed protests from devotees against the top court's verdict, permitting women of all ages to pray at the shrine. Women in the 10-50 age group had been barred for centuries from visiting and offering prayers as the deity is considered a "Naishitika Brahmachari" (eternal celibate).



A woman offers prayers at sunset along the river Ganga on the occasion of Chhath on Tuesday

PTI

Rajinikanth backs Modi

CHENNAI (PTI): Top Tamil actor Rajinikanth on Tuesday virtually threw his weight behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he was 'stronger' than '10 persons' aligning against him. The superstar's remarks came amid speculation that opposition parties are looking at a mega coalition against the Modi government for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. "When 10 persons go against one person, who is stronger? Those 10, or the persons they are aligning against. If 10 persons declare a war against one man, who is stronger," he told reporters.

Cabinet approves renaming of Faizabad, Allahabad

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The state Cabinet gave its assent to renaming of Allahabad and Faizabad divisions as Prayagraj and Ayodhya, respectively. It also announced a new purchase policy for maize during the kharif season for 2018-19. The Cabinet also announced state-level awards for teachers of recognised but non-aided government secondary colleges. The decision was taken in the state Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna said that Prayagraj division would comprise Prayagraj, Kaushambi, Fatehpur and Pratapgarh districts, while Ayodhya division would include Ayodhya, Ambedkarnagar, Sultanpur, Amethi and Barabanki dis-

tricts. The decision came a day after the Allahabad High Court asked the Centre and the state government to file counter affidavits within a week on a petition challenging the decision to rename Allahabad as Prayagraj.

State government spokesperson and Health Minister Siddharth Nath Singh said that for the first time the government had fixed the purchase rate of maize which would be ₹1,300 per quintal besides farmers would get additional ₹20 per quintal for cleaning and transportation. He added that the government would spend around Rs 214 crore for purchasing around one lakh metric tonne of maize. In the first phase, the purchase will be made in 20 districts and later more districts may be included as per demand.

In another decision, the government has announced awards for teachers of the non-

aided secondary colleges in the state. "There are 18 divisions in the state so one teacher from each division will be selected for the 'Best Teacher Award' and will get a cash award of ₹25,000. The function will be held every year on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on December 25," he said. There are 19,275 non-aided secondary colleges in the state and for the award a teacher should have a service of 15 years and a principal of 20 years.

The Cabinet also approved the report of the Justice Raj Mani Chouhan Committee to be tabled in the state Assembly, which had probed the stampede at the Jai Gurudev satsang in Varanasi on October 15, 2016. A total of 25 people were killed in the stampede at Kateshar-Dorari village where the satsang was organised.

The government also

approved a proposal to amend the rule by merging the post of lecturer in the state medical colleges by creating a new post of assistant professor. Now the direct appointment by the UPPSC will be done for the post of assistant professor instead of lecturer's post.

The government gave permission to hand over 48.03 sq metres of land of the Women's Polytechnic in Lucknow to the Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) for the construction of a metro station while an approval was given to acquire 130 buildings in the second phase of Kashi Vishwanath temple corridor in Varanasi.

Lastly, the government has approved a proposal to set up a governing body headed by the Health Minister to run the new medical colleges at Basti, Faizabad, Farrukhabad, Ferozabad and Shahjahanpur.

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Corporates to set up Pvt agri mandis for farmers

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The corporate sector will soon set up private agriculture mandis, silos, cold storages and warehousing facilities in the state as the amended Uttar Pradesh Krishi Utpadan Mandi (amendment) Act 2018 will soon be enforced.

The act will also enable the corporate sector to set up private markets in the state for procuring the agriculture produce directly from farmers without paying mandi fee. The move is likely to benefit farmers enabling them to enhance their income from agriculture activities.

The amendment act was passed by the state Assembly in April this year.

Government spokesman and Health Minister Siddarth Nath Singh said on Tuesday that the Centre had circulated a model Mandi Act to all states and on its suggestions the relevant state Act had already been passed by the state Legislature.

"The rules of the Act are being framed and the amended Act is likely to be enforced in a month's time," the minister said, adding "with the enforcement of the Act private companies could set up the mandis having the licence to procure the agriculture commodities directly from farmers."

NITI Ayog reviews UP's 'action plan' progress

Suggests areas where state needs to focus more

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Praising the performance of the Yogi Adityanath government in addressing development issues of the state, NITI (National Institute of Transforming India) Ayog has suggested to the Uttar Pradesh government that it needs to do more for the agriculture, nutrition and dairy sectors which contributed 30 per cent income for the state.

NITI Ayog, led by vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday, held the third meeting to review the progress of the 'action plan' formulated by it for the development of the state. The focus of the NITI Ayog is on nutrition, health, education, rural development, sanitation and drinking water, irrigation and water resources, and industry and agriculture sector. The meeting was presided over by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Rajiv Kumar, addressing a joint press conference along with Health Minister Siddarth Nath Singh, said that the Yogi Adityanath government had

achieved commendable progress in all spheres of development as stated in the action plan. He, however, said a lot more needed to be done for the nutrition programme and providing piped drinking water to the rural population to curb the incidence of disease.

Siddarth Nath Singh said in 2017 NITI Ayog had laid bare the state of development of Uttar Pradesh in the first meeting held in 2017. He said later five working groups were constituted which had drawn the road map for different departments to achieve the developmental goals.

Rajiv Kumar said the NITI Ayog drew the attention of Yogi Adityanath to the large number of vacancies at the supervisory level at the 'Integrated Child Development Scheme' (ICDS) running Anganwadi centres. He said as many as 50 per cent of posts were vacant in ICDS. He said ICDS was running 1.88 lakh Anganwadi centres in 37 districts. "Out of these, 54,000 will be provided a smartphone for the better monitoring of the nutrition programme," he

added. He disclosed the Chief Minister had issued directions to officials for placing indent with the State Public Service Commission for filling up the vacancies.

The Ayog said a large number of Anganwadi centres were being run in state-run primary schools and if schools were provided electricity connection, all centres would benefit. Rajiv Kumar said NITI Ayog had set up a joint working group with the UP government for tackling the drinking water problem in Bundelkhand. He said a pilot project was launched in Mahoba and Hamirpur and after the results of the project it would be extended to other parts of the state.

Rajiv Kumar said UP achieved a significant progress in implementing the PM Awas Yojna, execution of three big irrigation projects, attracting investment of over Rs 4 lakh crore and creating of jobs under 'One district one product' (ODOP) scheme.

Member, Agriculture, of NITI Ayog Ramesh Chandra said the Ayog had given 17 suggestions to the UP government for augmenting the income of farmers. He said UP had done well on three-four issues while on the rest of issues a lot more needed to be done.

Maurya reviews development works



Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya holding a review meeting of development works in Lucknow on Tuesday. Pioneer

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Tuesday warned officials not to be lax in meeting the deadline of development works taken in the parliamentary constituen-

cy of Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh in Lucknow. He directed officials to issue No-Objection Certificate (NOC) for mining of soil so that all roads or other related works could be completed in time. Reviewing the ongoing

projects undertaken in Lucknow and the city outskirts with officials concerned, included District Magistrates of both Lucknow and Barabanki, Maurya, who is also the Cabinet minister for PWD, said that the road work, along

the Kukrail nullah as well as outer ring road, should be taken on top priority and completed as per the scheduled time.

He directed officials to clear all hurdles and assured them that the work would not be stopped due to shortage of funds and that the state government would push financial help to meet the deadline. The work on flyover over the Kukrail bridge on Faizabad road was reportedly stopped by the UP Bridge Corporation citing shortage of funds. They reportedly demanded Rs 30 crore more to complete the job. Interestingly, the government already promised to open the road for public on former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary on December 25 next month. The Deputy CM also said that the work on broadening of Kukrail bridge (between Khurramnagar-Ring road crossing and CIMAP) should also be completed soon.

Meanwhile, Maurya directed officials of the Public Works Department that they must chalk out a plan for all kind of public utility services on Herbal Road highways in the state so that no alternative had to be made at later stages. Reviewing the ongoing work on Herbal Road in the state with the officials of PWD on Tuesday, Maurya also directed officials to check overloading as maximum damage was done to the roads due to overloading of commercial vehicles.

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Having no son, man kills 3 daughters in Lalitpur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

In a bizarre case reported from Lalitpur, a man killed his three daughters just because he did not have a son. His two other daughters luckily survived just as they were away with their mother to their maternal grand-parents' house. The accused, who surrendered before the local police after the crime, was sent to jail.

Reports said that Chiddhu Kushwaha aka Chiddhu, hailing from Veerganga hamlet of Banpur, was upset because was having five daughters and no son. Depressed with it, he consumed liquor on Monday night. He later suddenly took out a hammer and brutally attacked his three little daughters, injuring them critically. He also tried to burn them with the help of a gas cylinder. Chiddhu later walked down the nearby police station and surrendered.

Reports said that the cops were shocked to hear the incident. They rushed to the spot

to confirm the crime and found the girls lying in a pool of blood. They shifted them to Maharauni hospital where all the three were referred to the district hospital. Later, 11-year-old Anjali and seven-year-old Radhika were pronounced "dead upon arrival" while three-year-old Vishaka aka Puttu died just a few hours after reaching the hospital.

In a separate case reported from Ballia, two persons were electrocuted to death at a Chhath puja pandal. Reports said that Amit Yadav (26) and Ashish Kumar (25) were taking care of some electrical work inside the pandal when the incident happened on Monday night. Both of them were taken to the district hospital but could not be saved. Police sent the bodies for the post-mortem.

In one more case reported from Muzaffarnagar, a woman was killed in fire that erupted due to a gas leakage from an LPG cylinder at her residence

in Ahmadpur village. The incident occurred on Monday. Deceased Rachna was preparing lunch when the fire broke out. Rachna was rushed to a hospital in a serious condition. She succumbed to injuries during treatment.

Meanwhile, in a hit-and-run case on Gonda-Balrampur highway, half a dozen persons were seriously injured on Monday night. Reports said that the driver of a vehicle (UP43T-7730) suddenly lost control and went crushing half a dozen persons sleeping on the pavement of Chintu Baba temple at Sahebganj on the Gonda-Balrampur highway. Surprisingly, the driver did not stop after the accident and tried to escape but he again collided with the nearby flyover. Some passersby nabbed him and called the local police and handed him over to them. All the injured were also rushed to the district hospital where their condition was stated to be critical.

Monkey menace grips Agra

Lucknow (PNS): After dog menace in Sitapur claiming over two dozen lives of children just two months back, now monkey menace hit the Taj city Agra, where a 12-day-old baby died after a monkey snatched him from his mother and left him bruised and bitten on the terrace of a neighbour's house in Mohalla Kachhera area.

According to reports from Agra, newly-borne Sunny's mother was feeding him on Monday evening when the monkey snatched the infant and ran away. The woman, who was caught unawares, raised an alarm after which family members and neighbours chased the monkey but they failed to rescue the child from the clutches of the monkey. The boy was found lying on a neighbour's terrace.

The baby was rushed to a hospital where the doctors declared him "brought dead". Not ready to believe it, the family took him to another hospital, but to no avail. Local residents said that the monkey menace was rising with each passing day.

Teenaged girl found murdered

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

In two sensational killings, an 18-year-old girl was found murdered under mysterious circumstances in Etawah while the body of a middle-aged woman was recovered in Mirzapur.

In the first case reported from Etawah, Aradhana, hailing from Basiyapura hamlet of Barthana in Etawah, reportedly left her house on Monday night. When she did not return, her brother, who had seen her leaving the house, went out to search for her.

The family said that the brother failed to trace Aradhana so he came back and informed other family members after which they also set out to search for her. When their efforts proved futile, the called the police.

Later, on Tuesday morning, the body of Aradhana was found in the fields. A case was registered and the body was sent for the post-mortem.

In another case reported from Mirzapur, the body of an unknown woman was recov-

ered from Barkhacha Pahadi area of Kotwali dehat in the district on Tuesday morning. The woman was later identified as Gama Devi (40) hailing from Datriya hamlet of Padriya in Mirzapur. Devi was a widow and she went out to sell rice on Monday evening when she suddenly disappeared.

The cops during investigation learnt from the victim's brother that Devi was having an affair with Girja Shankar Yadav and that he probably killed her.

The cops, subsequently, picked up Yadav, who confessed to the crime.

Yadav said that when Gama Devi developed relations with some other men too despite his objection, he decided to kill her.

As per the plan, she took her to a secluded place and killed her and later abandoned her body and escaped.

Meanwhile, in a separate case reported from Muzaffarnagar, one person was arrested and six others booked after clashes broke

out between two groups in Aterna village over the alleged sexual harassment of a minor Dalit girl, police said on Tuesday. The clash broke out on Monday evening after a five-year-old girl was sexually harassed by a villager, they said.

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control, they added.

According to the complaint lodged by the girl's family, the accused and his aides hurled stones at them when they confronted him. Amit Kumar (25) was injured in the stone-pelting and was taken to hospital, SHO Hariram Yadav said.

A case has been registered under different sections of the IPC, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

A manhunt was launched to nab the remaining six accused. Security was tightened and extra police personnel were deployed in the village.

ODOP summits at divisional level

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

After holding the first-ever successful summit for the MSME sector here in August to promote the 'One district one product' (ODOP) scheme, UP government has decided to organise similar summits at the divisional level. The divisional summit will be organised at Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Moradabad, Agra, Kanpur and Saharanpur. The divisional summits will be held between November 29 and December 24.

The summits at the divisional level are being organised with the aim of benefiting entrepreneurs of the MSME sector where, besides the technical session, exhibitions and buyers' and sellers' meet will also be organised. The directions for the ODOP divisional summit were issued by Chief Secretary Anoop Chandra Pandey on Tuesday. He said the Chief Minister would be invited for the summit at Gorakhpur. He added that so far under various centrally- and state-sponsored schemes like Mudra Yojna, Prime Minister's job creation scheme, Chief Minister Yuva Swarojgar Yojana, Stand-up Yojna, 14,800 jobs had been created benefiting 4,937 beneficiaries.

He said so far 74 ODOP camps and 69 ODOP exhibitions were organised in the state where over 20,000 persons participated. Pandey said during the ODOP summit in August a credit of ₹1,006 crore was disbursed among 4,095 entrepreneurs.

HC dismisses plea against renaming of Allahabad

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

The Allahabad High Court on Tuesday dismissed a public interest litigation (PIL) challenging the renaming of Allahabad as Prayagraj. However, it granted liberty to the petitioner to file a representation before the state government while raising grievance on the issue.

The acting Chief Justice, Govind Mathur, and Justice CD Singh refused to grant any relief to the petitioner, Sunita Sharma, at this stage as she directly approached the court by filing a PIL without approaching the state government first. The petitioner had challenged the rechristening of Allahabad as Prayagraj and had asked in her petition to quash the government order by which the name of the city was changed and to issue a writ of mandamus directing the state government to do away with it.

The Bench said, "It is well settled that any person who seeks a writ of mandamus must first approach the authority concerned with his or her demand and in case of refusal by it one could seek direction from the court."

In the petition it was prayed that the court should declare state govern-



ment's notification of October 18 as unconstitutional by which Allahabad district had been renamed as Prayagraj. During the course of hearing, the petitioner's counsel also raised the issue that the Ardh Kumbh was wrongly renamed as Kumbh-2019. However, the court refused to entertain this issue also and dismissed the petition as the petitioner had neither made any prayer in this regard in her petition nor had she approached the state government over it.

MATHUR TO BE CJ

The President of India, vide notification dated November 9, 2018, of the Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice), New Delhi, has been pleased to appoint Justice Govind Mathur, Judge of the Allahabad High Court, as its Chief Justice.

RLD's call to save Constitution

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

With an eye on 2019 Lok Sabha election, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) will observe 'Samvidhan Bachao Week' on the death anniversary of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar from December 6. The workers and leaders of the party have been asked to connect themselves with the people across UP and brief them about the contribution made by the Dalit icon during the weeklong programme.

The RLD leaders, including state president Masood Ahmad, national spokesman Anil Dubey, senior RLD leaders Shiv Karan Singh and Onkar Singh and Brahma Singh Baliyan held a meeting with the party officer-bearers and district heads at the party headquarters in Lucknow on Monday. The meeting was headed by Masood Ahmad.

Giving details of the issues discussed, Masood Ahmad said: "In the memory of Bhimrao Ambedkar, who documented the

Indian Constitution, the RLD workers and leaders have been asked to observe the 'Samvidhan Bachao Week'. This is a trying phase for the democracy in our country as the Bharatiya Janta Party is misinterpreting it. The move is aimed at making the people of the state aware about the great contribution of Ambedkar and connecting the RLD with the masses," he said.

He said the RLD workers and leaders would be holding meetings, chaupals and panchayats all across the state in the memory of Ambedkar. We will expose the BJP attempt to tamper with the Constitution and its attempt to weaken it before the public," he said.

The state president said the issues like preparation for Lok Sabha election, holding state-level workers' meet and farmers' issues were also discussed in detail during the meeting at party headquarters. He added that the BJP had started raking up the issue of Ram temple to divert the public attention from its failures.

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Women offer arghya to setting sun Rumi Darwaza takes blue hue

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The golden orb of the setting sun on the banks of the Gomti river in the backdrop of traditional Chhath songs created a perfect ambience for celebrations on Tuesday. Shimmering diyas floating in the river provided an apt canvas of a beautiful picture. The women serenity personified as they looked at the setting sun while offering 'arghya' and prayed for the long lives of their husbands and children.

Dressed in bright green, red and yellow sarees these women made a beeline for the Lakshman Mela Ground which remained choc-a-bloc with the crowds swelling every minute. Men accompanying women were seen carrying baskets on their heads filled with fruits and puja samagri.

Singer Malini Awasthi set the tone for a mellifluous evening with Bhojpuri songs associated with Chhath as she sang and danced on the popular numbers.

Families made several trips to the banks first to make the 'vedis' in the morning, then for their prayers in the afternoon and again in the early morning for offering 'arghya' to the morning sun. The small children living in the slum areas



Women celebrating Chhath Puja in Lucknow on Tuesday

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close to the grounds had a field day as they earned Rs 200 per vedi for the help which they provided in their construction. Incidentally, there were many people from the eastern parts of Bihar where Chhath is popular.

Shalu from Deoria said that she had been celebrating the festival for the past two

years in Lucknow because she was now settled here. A mother of two sons and two daughters, the lady said that she enjoyed celebrating the festival here because there was a huge crowd of devotees which made the entire celebration festive. "During the past few years, I think the celebrations were better here as compared

to Deoria," she said.

Saheb Babu Prajapati, a lecturer in BBD Engineering College, had taken pains to create a perfect vedi for the women of his joint family. "The best part of the celebrations is the early morning time when we wait for the sun and catch its first rays. For the entire puja it is the entire

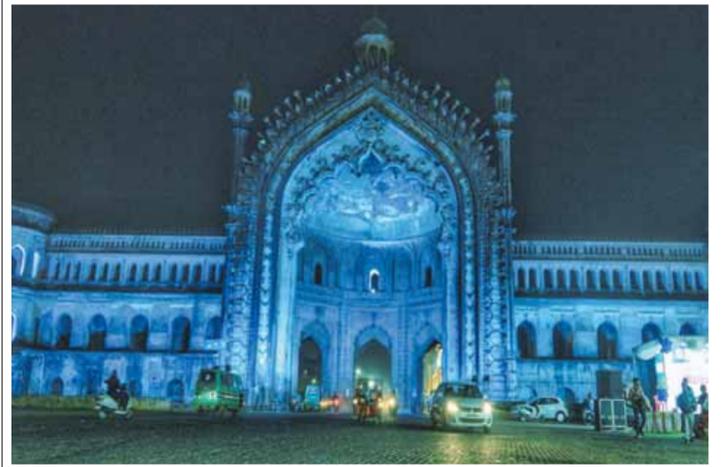
family which is a part of the celebrations right from the children to the male members," he said.

Anju Yadav, who is a graduate and is appearing for the police recruitment exams, said that her mother kept a fast for three days and did not get tired. "Since morning today she has been cooking 'malpuas' which are used at the time of worship. Extensive cleaning is also carried out in the house," she added.

Malini Awasthi said that the festival was a unique one considering the fact that nowhere in the world the setting sun was worshipped as it was during the Chhath puja.

"The whole idea behind the worship is bidding adieu to the sun and welcoming the new sun the next morning. Lucknow has discovered the festival lately but I have been associated with it for the past 10 years. The best part of Chhath is that people from all walks of life participate in the festival which has retained its ethos and focus on nature even as the other festivals have become too commercialised. There is the bounty of nature which is associated in the form of fruits like the custard apple, banana and sugarcane," she said.

Rumi Darwaza takes blue hue



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Rumi Darwaza turned blue as Lucknow observed World Diabetes Day on Tuesday. Health Initiative & Diabetes Action (HIDA) Foundation organised a glittering function. Founder-president of HIDA Foundation and diabetes expert Dr Ajay Tewari said in keeping with the colour theme of World

Diabetes Day, Rumi Darwaza was illuminated in blue. The programme was inaugurated by mayor Sanyukta Bhatia.

Dr Tewari said an oath of healthy living was also administered to scores of schoolchildren and later, the dignitaries released balloons and health messages.

"In view of the fast-spread-

ing menace of diabetes, it has become necessary to spread awareness among people about the disease so that it can be controlled in time. This year's World Diabetes Day plan was to illuminate landmark monuments all over the world in blue and in Lucknow, Rumi Darwaza was chosen for the purpose.

Forced to pay rent, slum dweller attempts self-immolation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Hounded by an influential woman realising rent from slum dwellers on a government land in Madaion, a woman attempted to immolate herself outside Lok Bhawan on Tuesday afternoon after she failed to get help from police.

As she tried to set herself ablaze at the time when the Chief Minister's fleet was to pass through, the cops developed cold feet. However, the cops managed to rescue the woman. Later, she was taken to Civil Hospital.

Asma Khatoun of Keshav Nagar slum area in Madaion reached Lok Bhawan around 2 pm after breaching the security cordon and started pouring kerosene on herself amid presence of cops. A woman cop acted swiftly to foil Asma's bid but the latter was crying loudly and looked unrelenting. Some other women cops came forward and later Asma was overpowered. The woman told mediapersons that one Kamlesh Kumari had given

16-yr-old girl hangs self

Lucknow (PNS): A 16-year-old girl ended her life at her house in Ashiyana on Tuesday morning. The girl, identified as Roli Pal of Qila Mohammadi locality in Ashiyana, was home alone after her parents left for their respective workplaces and her younger sister Pooja Pal for school.

When Pooja returned home around noon, she found the doors bolted from inside. She repeatedly called Roli but to no avail. As Pooja started crying, neighbours reached the place and called the police. The police broke open the door only to find Roli hanging from the ceiling with a dupatta tied around her neck. Police said Roli's studies were discontinued due to poor economic condition of the family after she passed class IV. "Her father is a mason and mother works in a school," the police said.

her a little space on a government land to put up a shanty. "Kamlesh is a very influential woman of the locality. She has a good rapport with low-rung cops and even with some senior officials. Kamlesh used to realise rent from other slum dwellers too. Initially, she told us to stay there without paying rent but later started forcing us to pay the same. When we have no proper job or work to make ends meet for our families, how can we pay the rent,"

she said. The Madaion police were informed and the SHO was asked to look into the matter. "If the woman lodges a complaint, the police will register an FIR and take action," said a police spokesman, who had no information if the Madaion police were aware of the issue that compelled Asma to attempt self-immolation. Police department sources said the slum area of Keshav Nagar was under control of Kamlesh Kumari.

Devotees stuck in jam

Lucknow (PNS): In the wake of Chhath Puja celebrations, commuters faced problems while moving towards Laxman Mela ground on Tuesday. With huge number of devotees moving towards Laxman Mela ground, the devotees themselves were caught in the traffic jam while returning.

Suresh Yadav, a resident of Gomti Nagar who had accompanied his wife to Laxman Mela ground for Chhath Puja, said it took him an hour to return home. "There was heavy rush on the roads and the flyover was jam-packed. We tried to move from under the flyover

but it did not help either," he said. The large volume of traffic in front of Bhaishakund also created problems.

Sneha Srivastava, a student said she faced this problem while moving from Moti Mahal towards Gomti Nagar. "We had to literally squeeze our car through the narrow space that was left for us," she said.

However, SP (Traffic) Ravi Shankar Nim said though the traffic was slow, there was no major jam. "We managed it well because we had made parkings at the ground because of which people did not park their vehicles on the road," he added.

Woman found dead identified, husband prime suspect

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A day after recovery of the body of a 20-year-old woman from a field in Kakori, police succeeded in ascertaining the identity of the deceased on Tuesday. SSP Kalanidhi Naithani said the deceased was identified by her family.

"The post-mortem will be conducted on Wednesday. We have sent the bottle recovered from the scene to forensic lab. Police will get the autopsy done by a panel of doctors and get the entire process video-graphed," the SSP said, adding that victim's husband was the prime suspect in the case and a manhunt had been launched for him.

Sources said the girl was a resident of Thakurganj locality and was booked along with her friend for murdering a youth in 2013. "She was sent to jail and later released on bail. She came in contact with a Kakori native who had helped her when she was in jail and the couple had a love marriage," the sources said.

They said the victim probably fell apart with her husband and it led to her murder. "Many stunning facts are likely to surface during the investigation and in all likelihood, some other persons will be exposed as well," the sources added.

On Monday, the police had denied reports of sexual assault, claiming that the victim's dress was not in a disheveled state and the body bore no injury marks. The police had suspected that the girl committed suicide.

Contrary to police claim, the sources had claimed that the girl was done to death after being sexually assaulted. "The dress of the deceased was torn and there were bruises on the face. A look at the crime scene suggested that the girl struggled to save herself," the sources claimed. They pointed out that the field from where the body was recovered was about 100 metres away from a link road running across Kakori-Malihanabad road and Dussehari village in Kakori. The police had recovered an empty bottle containing white liquid and a pair of slippers from the crime scene.

HAZE ENVELOPS LUCKNOW



A view of a Gomti Nagar area covered with thick layer of haze at 1:30 pm on Tuesday

Pradeep Shah | Pioneer

Minimal invasive surgery on TB patient with pleural empyema

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

King George's Medical University successfully performed minimal invasive surgery on a TB patient suffering from pleural empyema, a medical condition which implies a thick layer of pus lining the pleural cavity.

Addressing a mediapersons on Tuesday, Dr Suresh Kumar said it was a video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery. "The main message we want to give to the general public is that this surgery helps reduce hospitalisation time and requires less post-operative care," he said, adding that if TB patients could come for the surgery at an early stage, they would have better chances of recovery.



The team of doctors that performed the surgery

"In this disease, a layer of pus that develops can sometimes get extremely thick over a period of time. "When this happens, lungs get compressed and patients find it difficult to breathe. In similar surgeries that we used to perform earlier, we had to make a cut in the ribs for taking out the pus after making

a space and it was not good for two reasons. First, it impacted the cosmetic look; and second, it caused pain to the patients. With this surgery, we make just four small incisions through which the surgery will be performed," Dr Kumar said, adding that the surgery was performed on a 22-year-old girl.

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District: Auriya, **Tehsil:** Auriya

Name of Villages: Ajjapur, Akbarpur Danda, Anandpur, Atta, Bahadurpur Inguthia, Bakharhi, Bamhauri, Bamhun, Bamhunpur Ki Marhaiyan, Banjaran Dera, Barua, Bhagaupur, Bhandariapur, Bharatpur, Bharsain, Bhiakhpur, Bhikepup Phephund, Biria, Biria, Biriya Auriya, Chaininging Ka Purwa, Daulatpur, Dewarpur, Dhamsaini, Faridpur, Ganamau, Gandaspur, Garhi Manikchand, Gardia, Garhiya Bakhsiram, Ikorapur, Inguthia, Jagiwanpur (Imliakhera), Jhabarpur, Kabirpur, Kadali, Kakraho, Kariapur, Kashampur, Khajua, Khoela, Kumhanpur, Lalpur, Liriapur, Ludhian Ka Purwa, Luhiapur, Mahipatsingh Ka Purwa, Malakpur, Malhepur, Mallah Ki Marhaiyan, Milak Husainpur Kalan, Milak Husainpur Khurd, Mirzapur, Mishnpur, Mudhi Khas, Nadupur, Nagla Kumharan, Nagla Pathak, Narottampur, Nasirabad, Newarpur, Patepur, Purwa Sabukhi, Purwa Talab, Rajandapur, Rajohanpur (Shahbazpur), Ranipur, Rudauli, Salempur, Saryapur, Senpur, Shahbadian, Sherpur Saralan, Shikhoia, Sundripur, Suran, Syokapur, Talepur, Tilakpur, Turkipur Ki Marhaiyan, Turkipur Chittarsingh, Turkipur Phaphund, Udampur, Udanpur, Umedpur, Waripur Maf, Sundripur, Kadaiapur, Luhiapur, Shahbadian, Rudauli, Bahadurpur Inguthia, Ikaohapur, Biria, Nagla Kumharan, Syokapur, Bamhunpur Udanpura, Khajua, Daulatpur, Garhia, Kheru, Mahtepur, Mahipatsingh ka Purwa, Chamraua, Bhiakpur, Bhandariapur, Tera, Waripur Maf, Kumhanpur, Nadupur, Patepur, Bhairompur, Chak Kuoer, Jaitapur, Narayanpur, Banjaran Dera, Kakraho, Turkipur chittarsingh, Bharatpur, Narottampur, Faridpur, Chaininging ka purwa, Kariapur, Malhepur, Parhin, Dhaurera, Rehatpur, Suran, Mirzapur, Bharsain, Turkipur, Khakot.

District: Auriya, **Tehsil:** Ajjamal

Name of Villages: Adampur, Aima Paighambarpur (Milak), Alamgirpur, Alipur, Amauta, Atsu, Bahadurpur Uncha, Bal Jhar, Balampur, Baraula Ka Purwa, Barepur, Baripura, Barwai, Beri Dhankar, Beri Kaparia, Bhadsan, Bidhipura, Bilawa, Birhuni, Bisalpur, Burhi Padariya, Byaura, Chak Sattapur, Chandelan Ka Purwa, Chandpur, Chandpur, Chanwarpur (Sherandeznagar), Chapta, Chatkapur, Cheni Ka Purwa, Chiriapur, Dahiapur, Darbatpur, Chandanapur, Debipati, Dera Banjara, Durbashpur, Elchinagar, Ganesh Ka Purwa, Gangdaspur, Garha, Garhia, Ghazipur, Gopi Ka Adda, Haidrapur, Halaua, Halepur, Harshai Ka Purwa, Hazaripur, Hirapur, Husainpur, Judubanspur, Jagannathpur, Jaisnagar, Kakraia, Kakraiya, Kamalpur (Katariyapur), Kethupur, Kripalpur, Kulurua, Kunjipur, Lachhmanpur, Lakshanpur, Lilli Ka Adda, Maharajpur, Maharajpur, Mahmudpur (Paingupur), Manansingh Ka Purwa, Manikpur, Marhaiya Chamaran, Marhaiya Dharampur, Marhaiya Pansha, Muzampur, Mirzapur Khurd, Misripur, Mohaddindpur, Mohari, Girdharipur, Nagla Khusalpur, Nagla Lachhiram, Nagla Nawala, Nariyanpur, Nawalpur, Nawalpur, Padariya, Phaladpur, Phulpur, Pipra Ka Purwa, Pratabpur, Pratappur, Prthivpur, Purwa Adot, Purwa Dori, Purwa Lal, Purwa Nandlal, Purwa Taj, Qasba Babarpur, Qazipur (Hazratpur), Ramdatt Ka Purwa, Ramnagar, Ramnagar, Rampur Khudapur, Rampura, Rasulpur Kalan, Rasulpur Sujansingh, Raupur, Rupshah Muraina, Sabaulpur, Salaiya, Salempur Nawalsingh, Sampah, Sarai Ajjamal, Sarai Anantram, Satahari, Saunasi, Seopur, Shahbazpur, Shahpur Baidni, Shahpur Tumhari, Shohri Garhia, Surainda, Surjanpur, Tadwa Biku, Tatarpur, Umedpur, Uttampur, Haidarapur.

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Chaknagar

Name of Villages: Bamora, Gangdaspora, Lakhi, Lalpur, Ababakarpur, Asadpur, Asal, Asoi Ka Adda, Atta, Banakatal, Bandha, Bankati, Banshgopal Ka Adda, Baroli, Birhipur, Bishangarh, Chandpura, Dadora, Dharamshala, Dhaulpur, Dhibiaji, Fateh Ki Marhaiyan, Fatehgarh, Giarsingh Ka Adda, Harchandi, Harpal Ka Adda, Himmatpur, Ikri, Ishwaripura, Kandarpura, Kankalipura, Karandhi, Khudadaganj, Khuman Ka Nagla, Kushalpal Nagla, Labedi, Mahasinghpur, Munn Ki Marhaiyan, Nagla Shivsingh, Nagla Shiram, Nagla Thansingh, Nagla Tiwari, Nagla Girandh, Nagla Hari, Nagla Jaik, Nagla Khadar, Nagla Khadar (Mahalpur), Nagla Tempur, Paharpur, Pipnpora, Ramnagar, Sala, Samarda, Samla, Shrinagar (Baioh), Tiliyan, Tiwari Ka Adda, Turakpur, Ugarpur, Yakoipura, Nagla Chhiadi.

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Bharthana

Name of Villages: Aheripur, Anaiapur, Bahera, Bhawanipur, Bhitara, Biharipur, Birpur, Chamarpur, Charakpur, Dandarpur, Gopiyapur, Havali, Indrakshi, Jagmohanpur, Mahewa, Mahewa, Mukatpur, Nagaria Buzurg, Nagla Naya, Nagla Saitu, Newari Khurd, Rampura, Rayatpur, Amnar, Athlakra, Bakewar, Balampur, Bansiapur, Baripura, Berikhera, Bharaiapur, Biaspur, Bijauli, Bojha, Chamarpura, Chandpura, Chatarpur, Chhatnapur, Chikni, Dhaukia, Durgapur, Durgapurat, Egrah, Egrah Kothi, Ekharpur, Ghugsina, Gulabpur, Halupura, Harrajpur, Himaupur, Jaimalpur, Kachhpura, Kadhaia, Karpia, Kharia, Kukepura, Kundaria, Lakhna, Lalitpur, Laraiyapur, Lawarpura, Ludhiani, Malhupura, Manpur, Marhaiyan Kukepura, Maroli, Matrampur, Meghupur, Muraina, Nagaria Lolpur, Nagla Baraila, Nagla Chandi, Nagla Hira, Nagla Khadar, Nagla Khadar (Biaspur), Uri, Nagla Mulu, Nagla Singh, Nagla Tute,

Nashidipur, Naudhna, Paharpur, Parse Ki Marhaiyan, Puthian, Rajpura, Rampura, Ranipur, Sala (Chandpura), Sarai Mithi, Sarai Naudhna, Sherpur, Sherpur Kothi, Siphon, Sokurpur, Sunwarsa, Ujhani, Uraing, Akbarpur, Balampur, Baraila (Ibrahmipur), Bhagauti, Bhawanipur, Bhulpara, Bishnamai, Daipur, Daulatpur, (Damodarpur), Dharampur, Dhaurkha, Godhan Ki Marhaiyan, Gopiapur, Gulalpur, Inguri, Jagannathpura, Jagmohanpura, Jaitpur, Kakraia, Karwa Buzurg, Karwakhera, Kharqapur, Kiratpur, Kripalpur, Kughawana, Badahapur, Mahnepur, Maniamau, Marhaiyan Chandpur, Mubarikpur, Nagla Dalap, Nagla Ramen, Nagla Banjaran (Muraltha), Nagla Bhoju, Nagla Duju, Nagla Harr, Nagla Lashkaryan, Nagla Radhe, Nagla Tilhiini, Nagla Ulich, Nade Ka Tel, Parsupura, Ratanpur, Saidpur Kalan, Saidpur Khurd, Sarai Jalai, Siphon, Udanpur, Udanpur Ki Marhaiyan, Salempur, Tilithia, Chatorpur, Nagla Khyali, Nagla Tupian, Nagla Bari, Singauli, Nagla Nandan, Biraudndhi, Murhaina

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Etawah

Name of Villages: Adda Dalipnagar, Ajabpur, Ajabpur Ki Marhaiyan, Ajjit Ka Nagla, Ajuddhi Ka Adda, Awari, Bahori, Barakhera, Barhpura, Bhagwandas Ka Pura, Bhatpura, Bhaunakpur, Bhaupur, Bhawanidas Ka Nagla, Bhindiyapura, Bhogipur, Bidhupora, Bijaipur, Bilampur, Bulakipur, Bulakipura, Busa, Chandarpur Kalan, Chandarpur Khurd, Chandarpura, Chonti, Chopra, Devipura, Dhaba, Dhama, Dharnai, Dharampur (Talia), Dhumnapur, Dundpura, Etawah, Gati Khurd, Gyanpura, Harauli, Harauli Ka Adda, Hariram Ka Nagla, Havliya, Havliya, Havliia, Indrajit Ki Nagla, Jaitpura, Jamdhar, Jawaharpura, Jhimupura, Jhirna, Jhohna, Jodhpur, Kabri, Kachhar Aswa, Kachhar Dhama, Kailanpur Ki Marhaiyan, Kali Bahan, Kailanpur, Kameth, Kankarpur, Karilgarh Ka Mariya, Kasunga, Kasfiram Ka Nagla, Kachgawan, Khatok Ka Adda, Kotra, Kumehra, Kundeshwar, Lakhnapura Thar, Lodhpura, Madayan, Maharajpur, Manikpur Bisu, Manikpur Mohan (Karaipur), Mankapura, Marhaiyan, Marhaiyan Dhama, Marhaiyan Khadar, Mukalpur, Musawali, Musawali Ki Marhaiyan, Nagla Gaiuat, Nagla Khubi, Nagla Anup, Nagla Bhag, Nagla Chauhan, Nagla Kachhar, Nagla Kachha, Nagla Kans, Nagla Mahajit, Naglabirbal, Naglagaur, Naglakachar, Naikpur, Narayanpur (Bar Ka Nagla), Nayabala, Nayapura, Nebarpur, Pachdeora, Pachhayangan, Pachhangaon Ka Pura, Paharpur, Paramdham, Parasni, Parauli, Parhua, Partabner, Parwatpura, Phundi Ki Marhaiyan, Phupahi, Phuphal, Pite Ka Nagla, Pokhra, Pritivpur, Pulikaripuyan, Pura Baldevsingh, Pura Basausingh, Pura Keshavsingh, Pura Kiratsingh, Pura Rewari, Puthan , Puthan Ka Ara, Raipura, Rajghat, Rajpura Janibrast, Rami Ka Bar, Ratnupura, Rura, Sakatpur, Sakrauli, Sakri Ekdl, Sarai Tal, Sarangpur, Sati Ka Nagla, Sikandarapur, Sitapur, Sitaura, Slaita, Sunwarsa, Surehpur, Thora, Udanpura, Udi, Udimer, Umrain, Yamma Tarnati Etawah, Bahadurpur, Hardaspura, Jhabarapura, Kachhpura, Khera, Marhaiyan, Marhaiyan, Nagaria Nah, Narainpura, Naya Nagla, Puthan, Rampura, Singaoli, Soka, Aswa, Bhatwara, Nagla Berisal, Nagla Harchand

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Jaswant Nagar

Name of Villages: Andauli, Bagia Jasohan, Bahadurpur, Bahoripur, Balrai, Bhagwanpur, Bhardwajpur, Bhatwara, Bhawalpur, Bhikhanpura, Bhira Ka Nagla, Biharipur, Biharipura, Bilaspur, Bise Ka Pura, Bishnu Ka Nagla, Chak, Chaubisa, Dashahari, Dharaera, Dhwarar, Dhaulpur, Durah, Durgapur, Durgapura, Garampur, Garhi Dale, Garhi Jalim, Garhi Ramdhan, Ghuraha, Hanumantkhera , Jagaura, Jagsaura, Jalpokhra, Janakpur, Jaswantnagar, Jaswantnagar, Jhabrapur, Jhalokar, Jualpur, Jwalapur, Kachhpura, Kalwari, Katehri, Kest, Khajuragarh, Khan Ka Bhag, Khand Jasohan, Khera, Kiratpura, Kukaoli, Kurakhar, Kursena, Lodhpura, Logpura, Longe Ki Marhaiyan, Marhaila, Muhabbatpur, Nagla Agnu, Nagla Gundi, Nagla Nawal, Nagla Gokul, Nagla Lachhi, Nagaria Bhat, Nagaria Jasohan, Nagaria Muni, Nagla Arjun, Nagla Asa, Nagla Berisal, Nagla Bhagwan, Nagla Dhuma, Nagla Harchand, Nagla Kanahi, Nagla Kehari, Nagla Kesho, Nagla Kesorai, Nagla Kewala, Nagla Khushali, Nagla Mahilal, Nagla Ramsundar, Nagla Salahdi, Nagla Thor, Nagla Udaybhan, Nagla Udayasingh, Nasirpur, Nizampur, Pachpinda, Piharpur, Piprahdi, Puchhri, Rajpur Tamari, Ramtal, Ratnagarh, Sakua, Salempur, Sarai Jalal, Saramai, Shyamnagar, Sirhau, Sirsa Ki Marhaiyan, Sirsabibamau, Sisahat, Tamaira, Tamairi Ki Marhaiyan, Tamairi Ki Marhaiyan, Bibamau, Dundua, Jonai, Kuniyur, Mahamati, Manikpur Bibamau, Nagari, Nagla Asrohi, Nagla Ramji, Nagla Tilok, Nagla Tiwari, Tijaera, Ajabpur, Bauth, Gopalpura, Kunwarsen Ki Marhaiyan, Marhaiyan Gujar, Nagla Bishnu.

District: Agra, **Tehsil:** Bah

Name of Villages: Birbal Ki Marhaiyan, Burhera, Chandigarh, Gunjanpura, Guriana, Kachaura Ghat, Kankaria, Katra, Khilawali, Lakhipur, Marhaiyan, Marhaiyan Khanyan, Nagla Surai, Naugawan, Pura Dangli, Pura Manohar, Rithai, Siyachi, Sunsar, Chandigarh, Gunjanpura, Rithai, Marhaiyan, Kankaria.

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Sirsaganj

Name of Villages: Ababakpur, Alipur, Aslenpur Nagla Kanhal, Asrauli, Atapur, Atepur, Babemau, Bahoridanda, Balarpur, Balipur, Baliva, Bamnava, Barabagh, Baraura, Baziidpur, Bhagrathi Ki Marhaiyan, Chandrahans Ki Marhaiyan, Dansahai Garhi, Daulatpur Karkha, Dehra (Nagla Radhe), Dhakarai, Dhauinal, Doha, Dundpur, Fatehpur Chandarai, Fatehpur Nasirpur, Gadokhar, Gadrauli, Galpura, Ganpatpur, Garshan, Gurha, Hanumantkhera, Isahapur, Jahanabad Biral, Jalamatpur, Jamalipur, Jawalprasad Ki Thar, Kachhpura, Kachhpura, Karanpur, Kaurakhera, Khar Girdhari, Khera, Khera Khurd, Khonrai Ajnaura, Kotra, Kranti Ki Marhaiyan, Lakhpur, Lahrau, Lohrai, Machhela, Mahahkepura, Mahmudpur Nadai (Dharampur), Mai, Maidan, Marai Kalan, Marai Khurd, Marhaiyan Nandram, Mubarakpur, Mubarakpur Nagla, Nadia Ki Marhaiyan, Nagla Bar, Nagla Chahat, Nagla Dani, Nagla Dera, Nagla Dhanpal, Nagla Dulli, Nagla Fateh, Nagla Gaur, Nagla Gulal, Nagla Guman, Nagla Harlal, Nagla Harsingh, Nagla Jori, Nagla Kesor, Nagla Khandau, Nagla Khangar, Nagla Maharam, Nagla Mahsukh, Nagla Mallha, Nagla Nande, Nagla Nathi, Nagla Naiji, Nagla Parhar, Nagla Piria, Nagla Sada, Nagla Tula, Nagla Tula, Naglatal, Nai Garbi, Panemau, Nasirpur, Pariharmua, Parlar, Patna Karkha (Ramnagar), Patnaji Karkha (Thar Bhagat), Pilla, Piprani, Purncha, Ramchandra Na Nagla, Rapri, Ruchan Manikpur, Ruria, Salempur Karkha, Samar Ka Bhatta, Sarnampur, Saruppur, Sherpur Qutbpur, Shrikrishna Ka Marhaiyan, Subedarpur, Sujnipur, Sukhatal, Tatarpur, Thar Tunde, Urawar Hasnt Taraf, Nagla Sewa

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Shikohabad

Name of Villages: Abaspur, Badhikpura, Birahambad, Chharchhapur, Dhanpura, Fatepur Karkha, Haibatpur Karkha, Harganpur, Hariya, Himmatpur, Nagla Chamaran, Nagla Chhabaria, Nagla Guizari, Nagla Kumhar, Nagla Kundan, Nagla Mahajit (Jawahirput), Nagla Piprani, Nagla Rambakhsh, Nagla Singhpur, Nagla Tikaram, Pokhra, Radhe Ka Nagla, Radhe Ka Nagla, Rajpura, Ranjtipura, Ruhel, Sarohan, Sidhpura, Sikandarpur, Sikandarpur, Sorakh, Sorara, Sujawalpur, Sujnagar, Sukhi Ka Pura, Sundarpura, Radhe ka Nagla, Nagla Piprani

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Firozabad

Name of Villages: Adoli Ka Pura, Agrupura, Allahdadpur, Allahdadpur, Anandipur Karkauli, Bijepur Bhikanpur, Bijepur Bhikanpur, Chhipani Garhi, Dadupur, Datouli, Dhakpura, Garhi Deohans, Hardaspur, Hardaspur, Hardaspur Nisfi, Jalalpur, Khareria, Khera, Kondra, Kotra, Lekhrapur, Muhammadpur, Nagaria, Nagaria, Nagla Baid, Nagla Kishandas, Nargapur, Nargapur, Pempur Anandipur, Pilawa, Prasadpura, Ramjapura, Rupbas, Sengai, Shankarpur, Sherpur, Sikahra, Thar Nargapur, Nagaria, Ramjapura, Pharaul, Kondra, Datouli, BijepurBhikanpur, Allahdadpur, Adoli ka pura, Nagla Baid, Nargapur, Khera, Hardaspur, Sikhara, Khareria, Dandpur, Sengai, Dhakpura, Rupbas, Sherpur, Chhipani Garhi, Kotra, Jalalpur, Prasadpur, Lekhrapur, Kharduspur, Pithni, Nagla Kishandas, Shankarpur, Muhammadpur

District: Agra, **Tehsil:** Fatehabad

Name of Villages: Babarpur, Bageria, Begampur, Bilaiyan, Byanimatti, Char Biswa, Chhai Biswa, Dhanaula Khurd, Durga Ka Pura, Garhi Chhattar, Gurja Nandan, Hiranpua, Jaipur, Katakpur, Khand Ka Pura, Kharagpura, Koteapur, Luhari Fatehabad, Nagaria, Nagla Mawai, Naugawan, Patriya Ka Pura, Pokhra, Pura Andua, Pura Gujran, Pura Khajuria, Pura Shrichand, Purgathat, Rehawal Ka Pura, Rokpur, Samadhi, Silawali, Swara, Tarawali, Taroli Gujar, Thikura, Tiwaha, Vikrampur, Purgath, Silwali, Pokhar, Bilaiyan, Nagla Mawali, Bageria, Pura Khajuria.

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District: Agra, **Tehsil:** Fatehabad

Name of Villages: Thikura, Hiranpura, Pura Andua, Pura Gujran, Jarari, Naugawan, Jaipur, Tiwaha, Ruppur, Vikrampur, Byanimatti, Patriya Ka Pura, Luhari Fatehabad, Pura Shrichand, Khand Ka Pura, Swara, Tarawali, Char Biswa, Chhai Biswa, Pura Harikishan, Gubrat, Khera, Rudwari, Babarpur, Kharagpura, Gatpura, Mansurpura, Jalalpur, Himaupur, Bhalokhara, Marhaiya, Mahara Chaudhari, Murawal, Nagla Haji, Shahadpur, Nagaria, Dharpapura, Charpura, Pinnapura, Induan, Himaupur, Thar Jalim, Thar Torhi, Thar Kamraj, Thar Manphul, Thar Beni, Thar Shyamli, Thar Tunde, Thar Amwari, Parauli Sikarwa

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Firozabad

Name of Villages: Bhondela, Habibpur, Usaini, Salimpur (Nagla Khar), Nagla Lalbeg, Akbarpur, Ulau, Bhikanpur, Nagla Hansi, Nagla Harchand, Jarauli Kalan, Shankarpur, Nagla Gola, Nawab Ka Nagla, Alinagar Kenjra, Nagla Sala, Nagla Jaunpal, Hirangaon, Jarauli Khurd, Jalupura, Alampur Jarkani, Nagla Motti, Dholpura, Baijipur Ki Thar, Pachia Ka Nagla, Bajafad, Rupaspur, Nagla Mewari, Nagla Tikat, Datauji, Nagla Bishnu, Nayabas, Mustafabad, Sofipur, Biharipur, Muhammadpur, Nagla Gokul, Barkatpur, Raipura, Basat, Pimpur, Phulwari, Sofi Sahab Ki Mazar, Nagla Shekh, Nagla Daya, Nagla Chura, Chandwar, Nasirpur, Nagla Bina, Bilahna, Nurpur, Misriyapura, Agrupura, Garhi Deohans, Basai Muhammadpur, Mahuahaar, Nadayaka, Anta Ki Marhaiya, Madua, Shankarpur, Garhi Tiwari, Rahan Ki Maraiyan, Chandwar, Mallipatti, Usmanpur (Karapilli), Kabirpur, Ramdaspura, Alaidpur, Gundau, Sujatgarh, Basdevpur, Gundau Ki Shala, Nandan, Nagla Dansahai, Nagla Girdhari, Nagla Asa, Nagla Sadasukh, Nagla Bhajan, Bandha, Kurri, Kupa, Daragpur, Garhi Daragpur, Latrura, Darapur, Mehari, Khemkarapur, Khera

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Tundla

Name of Villages: Marsaina, Kunjil, Gathi Sumer, Burj Nathu, Burj Nai, Nagla Prem, Ghirauli, Nagla Mahadev, Devkhera, Dayagarhi, Imliya, Burj Sathi, Nagla Gangaram, Nagla Adhai, Shrinagar, Anandpur, Shujatnagar, Garhi Umedd, Garhi Bhopal, Chamarpura, Chhaku, Garhi Thakur, Nagla Gindil, Kotki, Latipur, Tiolkpur, Bas Dani, Bas Jhirna, Langi Khurd, Nagla Sewa, Pachokhara, Rajnagar, Teranagar, Nagla Doli, Nagla Suraj, Dharmpur, Jarkhi, Garhi Nirbhau, Ramnagar, Duli Ka Nagla, Bhutnagaria, Rampur, Nagla Ude, Jahangirpur, Nagla Am, Nagla Ballu, Prempur, Chandikia, Nagla Kalwa, Muhammadpur, Jaipur, Badampur, Nagla Jaipur, Nagla Tuli, Basai, Gopal Garhi, Garhi Misri, Pipal Chauki, Madawali, Khairara, Baghai, Chulhawali, Siraulia, Kutakpur, Nagla Sada, Bankat, Baripura, Biri Ka Nagla, Nagla Barisani, Dinauli, Kheria Jarkhi, Hazratpur, Garhi Jafar

District: Agra, **Tehsil:** Etmadpur

Name of Villages: Ramnagar, Amanabad, Nagla Babul, Jankigarhi, Bhurigarhi, Tehu, Gadgharhi, Hasan Jahanpur (Kulhariya), Nagla Barikha, Nagla Sarup, Isepur, Nagla Phuta, Nagla Bhoja, Majhar Alipur, Khushalpur, Hathigarhi, Nidhau, Chuharpur, Nazarpur, Sihorgarh, Nagla Mahasingh, Tamanchgarh, Algarhi, Katka, Thok Pachhaya, Aharan, Udaipur, Bes Amarsingh, Garhi Bhandar, Jatahua, Chhatigarhi, Kunwarpur, Kharikana, Nagla Surji, Kurgawan

District: Hathras, **Tehsil:** Hathras

Name of Villages: Nau Nagla, Kunda, Sokhna, Ratangarhi, Maindu, Nagla Kharag, Bhura Nagla, Tamnagarhi, Chintapur, Naya Nagla, Ram Nagla, Nagla Birya, Nagla Aliya, Nagla Bojya,

District: Hathras, **Tehsil:** Sadabad

Name of Villages: Chamarpura, Garhi Rustom, Chandurara, Salampur, Nagariya, Zaripura, Kheriya, Nagla Anand, Rasgawan, Bhuklara, Udhaina, Bamor, Bavali, Dohain, Nagla Beni, Nagla Mahasukh, Isonda, Nagla Am, Nagla Salem

District: Hathras, **Tehsil:** Hathras

Name of Villages: Nau Nagla, Kunda, Sokhna, Ratangarhi, Maindu, Nagla Kharag, Bhura Nagla, Tamnagarhi, Chintapur, Naya Nagla, Ram Nagla, Nagla Birya, Nagla Aliya, Nagla Bojya,

Nagla Chokha, Rajpur, Kurai, Garhi Girdhara, Kurar, Tipuras, Suratpur, Garhi Jaini, Anrudhpur, Kemar, Rampur, Palkwara, Baghau, Gangchauli, Jajalpur, Sithrauli, Nagla Rangchor, Nagla Chhly, Nagla Brahman, Ladpur, Sikandarpur, Nagla Gularia, Gangauli, Kumrai, Khera Chhatturbhui, Jhandu Nagla, Nagla Akai, Naya Bans, Surajpur, Bergaon, Jafarabad, Nagla Khirni, Nagla Kattah, Nagla Astal, Afoia, Majhola, Lakhnu, Birnagar, Haripur, Kharwa, Pura Kalan, Pura Khurd, Pura, Nagla Singal, Nagla Farm, Nagla Surja, Nagla Khushal, Chursain, Sujan, Aihan, Nagla Kallu, Sherpur, Nagla Lachhi, Bidhipur, Mirzapur, Garhi Khurti

District: Hathras, **Tehsil:** Sarni

Name of Villages: Nagla Madho, Nagla Bhika, Nahloi, Nagla Bhim, Bighepur, Didamai (Chauki), Jirauli, Nagliya, Jesrana, Larhota, Rudain, Chain Nagariya, Mohriya, Dinavali, Lahaura, Alipur Mohriya, Nagla Garhu, Sarda Nagla, Sarni, Bangarh, Bandi Ka Nagla, Garuwa, Chhonda, Kishangarh, Bijahri, Kanetpur, Mohan Nagla, Kanetpur, Gopalpur, Madargaddha, Ajroi, Mahmudpur, Sathia, Sumratgarhi, Raghaniah, Ruheri, Nagla Sukha, Barsai, Dayantpur, Birnagar, Darkola, Lalgarhi, Dansalya Nagla, Darkoli, Nau Nagla, Khorna, Jagipur, Shahpur Khurd, Akhaipur, Amarpur Ghana, Galpura, Khanpur, Alipur, Ajjitpur, Mirgami, Nagla Rund, Shrinagar, Nagla Umedd, Nagla Amarpur, Kindauli, Nagla Amarpur, Dansalya Nagla, Pharauli, Nagla Rambai, Bhopatpur, Ondhua

District: Aligarh, **Tehsil:** Iglas

Name of Villages: Bolla, Majupur Subkara, Nangla, Shamshpur, Basai, Chinta Ki Nagariya, Adu Ki Nagariya, Sonoth, Jagdev Nagariya, Mahua, Iliyaspur, Udaipura, Badriaka, Bichaula, Jaroth, Ramnagar, Rampur, Haibatpur, Makhdumpur, Hastpur, Baroth, Bobla, Nagla Santoki, Nagla Chura, Rustompur Khujan, Paril, Kauakhera, Bijera, Rostampur Gotna

District: Aligarh, **Tehsil:** Koil

Concern over deaths of kids in road mishaps

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As Children's Day nears, Consumers' Guild has urged the government to save those on the roads by passing the Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill-2017 in the forthcoming winter session of Parliament. In 2017, more than 9,000 children had died in road accidents in India comprising 6.4 per cent of all the road users who died in road casualties. The number of injuries to children in road mishaps are also increasing every year.

"Children are the future of our young nation and their safety and protection should be the country's top priority. Road crashes are impacting children directly, including their ability to attend school. One reason children are more severely impacted by road traffic crashes is their limited physical, cognitive and social behaviour which makes them more vulnerable road users than adults and susceptible to serious injury or death as a result of road crashes," said Abhishek Srivastava from the Consumers' Guild. India is a signatory to the Brasilia

Declaration on Road Safety which aims to bring down road accidents by 50 per cent by 2020.

"This can only be achieved by having a stricter and stronger road safety law. The Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill, 2017, has already been cleared by the Lok Sabha in April 2017 and is due for passage by the Rajya Sabha.

It is about time that we declare 'road safety a national priority' considering the fact that more than 400 people are dying on roads daily which is largely preventable," he said.

Consumer VOICE is leading a National Coalition of Road Safety which includes other organisations working on this issue. This National Coalition has been appealing to the Prime Minister and Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways for enhancing road safety for many months now. "If this Road Safety Bill is further deferred we will be putting at risk more precious lives before the next session of Parliament can adopt it. These casualties may include thousands of innocent children and youths in their productive years of life.

The passage of this bill is crucial in the forthcoming winter session," said Abhishek Srivastava.

The Consumers' Guild has been working on road safety since long and has submitted various representations to Central and state governments for bringing a strong law on road safety besides organising various educational activities.

Some of the key provisions of the proposed bill include making safety belt or a child restraint system mandatory in a car for children below 14 years of age with a stiff penalty of Rs 1,000. A guardian or owner shall be deemed to be guilty with Rs 25,000 penalty or 3 years' imprisonment with cancellation of registration of the vehicle for juvenile drivers and a penalty of Rs1,000 and subsequent disqualification of driving licence for not wearing a helmet. As per the annual publication, 'Road Accidents in India-2017', a report released by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, there were a total of 4,64,910 road accidents, 1,47,913, road traffic deaths and 4,70,975 injured persons in the year 2017.

Lko Mail to originate from Junction



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Lucknow Mail, the most sought-after train for travelling between Lucknow and New Delhi will originate from the Lucknow Junction from November 15. Presently the train is originating from Charbagh railway station. Besides, 18 pairs of Mail/Express trains have also been shifted/diverted. The aim behind the move is to lessen the traffic load on railway stations in Lucknow.

Senior railway officials said the Lucknow Mail with 24 LHB coaches will be originating either from platform number 2/3. "With 24 LHB coaches, the length of the train will be long enough and will need a longer platform to adjust it. "An order to this effect has been issued by the Railway Board. The train departure time will be 10.10 pm each day between November 15 and November 30. From December 1, the train will depart at 10 pm," the

officials said.

The railway officials said some of the Memu trains running between Lucknow and Barabanki and Lucknow and Kanpur will also originate from the Lucknow Junction in the coming week. "This way above a half dozen of trains are being adjusted at Lucknow Junction, they said. The sources, however, pointed out that passengers travelling by the Lucknow Mail would have to cover a long distance to reach to coaches in the train if it was run from platform number 2/3 of Lucknow Junction.

Senior divisional commercial manager Swadesh Singh said as many 18 pairs of Mail/Express trains, including the Lucknow Mail, had been diverted. "Some of the trains will be passing via Aishbagh railway station while Lucknow Mail will be originating from Lucknow Junction. Besides, some of the Memu trains will also be running from Lucknow Junction," he added.

LU deans, HoDs hold meeting on PhD admissions

Lucknow (PNS): A meeting of the deans of faculties and heads of the departments was held for PhD admissions at Lucknow University on Monday. The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chancellor SP Singh. The test will consist of two papers of 45 marks each.

One paper consisting of 45 questions will be of the subject chosen by a candidate. In this paper, PG core papers of Lucknow University will be the base for framing questions," an LU official said, adding that the other paper would test the research aptitude of candidates. This paper will be common and will have five sections consisting of General Awareness, Statistical Data Interpretation, Mental Aptitude, Numerical Aptitude, Logical Reasoning, Information and Communication Technology, and People & Environment.

The candidates will have the option to appear in the test for maximum two subjects. The test will be conducted in one sitting and the duration will be 90 minutes for candidates taking only one paper and 135 minutes for those opting for two subjects. "A letter is being sent by the registrar to colleges seeking information on the eligibility of teachers for becoming research supervisors as per the Ordinance 2018 of the University of Lucknow," the official said. Colleges are also being asked to submit claims for numbers of seats of research scholars for eligible supervisors.

CITY BRIEFS



AAROHAN

IIM's Lucknow-Noida Campus held the first-ever edition of 'AAROHAN', the annual management festival. The event was inaugurated by president of Rolls-Royce India and South Asia Kishore Jayaraman. The event commenced with a business conclave on 'Celebrating women in leadership'. The panel consisted of eminent leaders in their respective fields. The interactive session involved discussions about the need for equal representation of women at the workplace and bridging the gender disparity prevalent in most organisations. To promote health and well-being, Bajaj Allianz Life conducted a 36-second plank challenge.

from Centre of Excellence for Training also participated in the drill.

TV SHOW



Actor Gautam Rode looked impressed with the "clean Lucknow", parks and bylanes of the city. He was in the state capital for promotion of his show 'Kaal Bhairav'. Gautam is also associated with Lucknow in a different manner as his wife Pankhuri (also an actor) belongs to the state capital. "I often visit the various cafés in Lucknow with my in-laws," he said. "The show reveals an unsolved mystery of a family based in a fictitious village in Madhya Pradesh," he added. "The second season of the show, an engrossing and gripping tale of a royal family residing in Kanakgarh, which has been under the spell of a deadly curse since 150 years," he said.

FIRE MOCK DRILL

Lucknow Metro conducted a special fire mock drill at Transport Nagar station on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday after completion of revenue service hours. Different scenarios were recreated in real time to depict the scene of fire incidents and monitor the casualties and mitigation efforts to be adopted. A batch of around 50 trainees

SCHOOLSCAN



CMS STUDENT SELECTED IN TWO FOREIGN UNIVS

Vikalp Bajpai, a student of City Montessori School, Kanpur Road campus, was selected in two prestigious universities of England and Ireland. The University of Edinburgh (UK) and University College Dublin selected Vikalp for his academic excellence. Chief PRO Hari Om Sharma said that keeping pace with yesterday's records, the meritorious CMS students had been selected in several top universities of the world this year too. As many as 61 CMS students have been selected this year in the universities of America, England, Canada, Australia, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong etc," he added.

ANNUAL PARENTS' DAY

City Montessori School, Station Road campus, put up a grand show of talent at the Annual Parents' Day celebrations held at Kanpur Road auditorium on Monday. Parents were thrilled to watch the educational-cultural programmes presented by the students. The event began with the all-religion and world unity prayer in which children

carried the flags of various countries. Cultural programmes were presented and applauded by the parents/guardians. Mothers presented a beautiful song which was much appreciated by the audience. Earlier, the programme was inaugurated by Deputy High Commissioner of India to Indonesia Prakash Gupta and others.

Jain holds talks with NAAC members

Lucknow (PNS): Additional Chief Secretary, department of Higher Education, Anita Bhatnagar Jain held discussions with members of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous institution of UGC. The NAAC team comprised SP Paani, SS Swamy, Wahidul Hassan, BS Madhukar, Mohd Tariq and Mohd Saeed. Also present were the vice-chancellors of Lucknow and Kanpur universities, principals of government and government-aided colleges. A special emphasis was made by Jain to create short-term and long-term strategies.

In context of the benefits of the NAAC process, it was assured by Jain that a phased action would be taken in this direction to focus on the universities and colleges which have not applied for re-accreditation. "Not only awareness training workshops will be organised for the colleges under the jurisdiction of each university, but also online applications will be filled by respective colleges in these workshops. Any college in the jurisdiction of the universities is accredited it can be made nodal centre for mentoring. It was requested that the list of 50 evaluation experts of NAAC from Uttar Pradesh should also be shared.



Teachers staging dharna at Secondary Education Directorate on Park Road on Tuesday

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Jhamsma, Nagla Rishi, Nagla Sharifpur, Karimganj, Nagla Chamaran, Nekkura, Rustampur, Naurangpur (Khatupura), Khirna Khurd, Jhagarpur, Sikandarpur, Jiuli, Lahauripur, Nizampur, Nagla Saraiya, Nagla Sahoria, Sansarpur, Nagla Bakhu, Harnamgarh, Nagla Chhatrapur, Nagla Gurbakas, Nagla Harnagar, Hasanpur, Alupura, Firozpur, Khirna Kalan, Nagla Bhur, Nagla Jamuniyan, Isauli, Nagla Godaria, Biraampur Suiya, Mahadevpur, Lakhaura Khurd, Kishanpur, Pempur, Nagla Chamaran, Din Nagaria, Birsinghpur, Patharua, Sirhpura, Nagla Kothi, Chandarpur, Sharifpur, Gangupura, Hatau, Nagla Murla, Nagla Jullah, Deorai, Lakhaura Kalan, Ghanrajpur Kurhet, Khiriyia, Razapur, Sujrai, Nagla Jangli, Richhpura, Tilakpur, Balrampur, Sujanpur, Nagla Bahadur, Jagatpur, Nagla Chhidu, Rosemar, Nagla Jhala, Sirsa, Akbarpur Jhala, Nagla Manjh, Baraulia, Fatehjangpur, Madhkarpur, Jamlapur, Asogpur, Timanpur, Sarai Latif, Dahipagar, Gangapur, Nagla Rati, Devnagar, Udaipur, Jahagirabad, Rampura, Nagla Jamlapur, Birkampur, Nagla Lokharpara, Nagla Ramnagar, Nagla Munshi, Narenpur, Mangalpur, Dayarampur, Nagla Arhan, Khera, Nagla Hulasi, Nagla Udai, Nagla Suban, Pyarpur.

District: Mainpuri, Tehsil: Bhogaon
Name of Villages: Jawsantpur, Rampur, Tilokpur, Tilokpur, Manpur, Hadua, Chhinkapur, Garhia, Nawada, Aung, Nagla Bari, Nagla Arhan, Birpur Khurd, Chauhanpur, Mewra, Tarapur, Maujeipur, Tarapur, Ailau, Nakhatpur, Merapur Gujrati, Usmanpur, Tiksuri, Nagla Mangli, Nagla Gulabi, Pukhera, Sanaura, Dewanpur Chaudhri, Jawsantpur, Nagla Matan, Rui, Itaura, Nagla Damman, Beunti Khurd, Sewai, Mohanpur, Nagla Chhuni, Kamli, Lallupur, Diladhar, Marhau, Rajpurkhat, Parshadpur, Ratanpur Kirki, Salempur, Pusaina, Sarai, Nagla Koti, Marhau, Dayarampur, Nagla Ramnagar, Malikhanpur, Nagla Lahu, Nagla Singh, Umarhar, Jatapur Dikhatpur, Nagla Bhasuahar, Nagla Baribar, Purkhera, Sobhanital, Nagla Mangli, Jawsantpur, Pukhera, Sarwa, Nagla Bhagat, Bhongaon, Sujapur, Udampur, Bhadaura, Nagla Manjli, Tilokpur, Nagla Madari, Arind, Chandarpur, Koth, Nagla Hiblal, Ramnagar, Nagla Runni, Nagla Chamaran, Nagla Kallu, Chandarpur, Nagla Tara, Jarara, Diwalpur, Naglakheri, Nagla Bhoji, Nagla Lumuhi, Nagla Puraabaan, Nagla Baisingh, Nagla Singh, Debidaspur, Ghutara Masampur, Nagla Gumani, Sanjapur, Nagla Dhani, Nagla Kindar, Nagla Parora, Nagla Ranipur, Dhakpura, Pundri, Dharrajpur, Huseinpur, Nagla Padiokhar, Imelia, Nagla Khajuria, Prayagpur, Niranjanpur, Diladhar, Gujarpur, Gopchariappur, Havellian, Havellian, Jagir, Khera, Ratanpur Bara, Nagla Harisingh, Faridpur, Makkhappur, Havellian, Nagla Bhopi, Nagla Bhawani, Bhadaura, Bairampur, Hawa, Sujapur, Sarwa, Kakreta, Lalpur Merapur, Shivpur, Gangdespur, Rampura, Nagla Dhura, Gopichariappur, Nagla Sujel, Harisinghpur, Nagla Barah, Nagla Havellian, Rampura, Rampura, Chandarpur, Jarara, Nagla Biharipur, Airwa, Jamthari, Barihar, Chandarpura, Nagla Dipa, Pal, Dayalpur, Mirzapur.

District: Mainpuri, Tehsil: Kishni
Name of Villages: Nagla Gokul, Chaukona, Kanhaupur Khurd, Kanhaupur Kalan, Kaitipur, Nagla Kale, Ratbanpur, Bhagauti, Bharwahar, Gopalpur, Kursanda, Nagla Madari, Nagla Gangu, Nagla Gosain, Barwahar, Gupkapur, Santpura, Maholi, Dhura, Nagla Jijai, Nagla Bane, Nagla Bojha, Kharepur, Gadarian, Nagla Puni, Baghuni, Naghtara, Kondar, Mangaon, Nagla Chhadam, Ballampur, Kanchanpur, Singhni, Murausi, Dabra, Nagla Dhirpur, Akhikpur, Baihar, Kallianpur, Nagla Jasi, Malai, Chilarh, Mandu, Nagla Adampur, Bakhatpur, Bakhatpur, Basantpur, Kelepur, Gidarpur, Umedpur, Bharapur, Chanda, Bakhatpur, Chanda, Nagaria, Gopalpur, Ichchhaipur, Nagla Panchi, Nagla Birkampur, Nagla Sabi, Nagla Devi, Nagla Dal, Nagla Panchi, Nagla Jahsi, Nagla Balu, Basait, Pirthingpur, Nagla Ghasi, Kishni, Nagla Mangad, Udepur, Batparao, Chamarpur, Akhi, Marhaiyan, Nasirpur, Katra, Dalip Khurd, Chauraiapur, Suraha Tal, Asandhi, Kesripur, Mokarpur, Harchandpur, Berihar, Shahpur, Makrandpur, Ramnagar, Barwopokhar, Lalgarhi, Kirpalpur, Nagla Pipar, Kuraiya, Sumerpur, Kheria, Gopal, Barhar, Nagla Barua, Nahgawan, Nagla Bhawanipur, Nagla Jhari, Nagla Sham, Goyar, Gajpura, Nagaria, Pittipur, Nagla Dhura, Nagla Dhor, Nagla Sati, Uttampur, Mahigawan, Bharatpur, Kamalpur, Marhaiyan, Barkandi, Tila, Badanpur, Lalpur, Kasad, Nagla Gariwar, Nagla Pahpi, Birpur Kalan, Nagla Kuf, Nagla Sewapur, Nagla Mian, Nagla Kachhua, Nagla Tara, Gulabpur, Nagla Madari, Arind, Chandarpur, Koth, Nagla Hiblal, Ramnagar, Nagla Runni, Nagla Chamaran, Nagla Kallu, Chandarpur, Nagla Tara, Jarara, Diwalpur, Naglakheri, Nagla Bhoji, Nagla Lumuhi, Nagla Puraabasti, Nagla Baisingh, Nagla Singh, Debidaspur, Ghutara Masampur, Nagla Gumani, Sanjapur, Nagla Dhani, Nagla Kindar, Nagla Parora, Nagla Ranipur, Dhakpura, Pundri, Dharrajpur, Huseinpur, Nagla Padiokhar, Imelia, Nagla Khajuria, Prayagpur, Niranjanpur, Diladhar, Gujarpur, Gopchariappur, Havellian, Havellian, Jagir, Khera, Ratanpur Bara, Nagla Harisingh, Faridpur, Makkhappur, Havellian, Nagla Bhopi, Nagla Bhawani, Bhadaura, Bairampur, Hawa, Sujapur, Sarwa, Kakreta, Lalpur Merapur, Shivpur, Gangdespur, Rampura, Nagla Dhura, Gopichariappur, Nagla Sujel, Harisinghpur, Nagla Barah, Nagla Havellian, Rampura, Rampura, Chandarpur, Jarara.

District: Etah, Tehsil: Etah
Name of Villages: Chak Bhurpura, Nagla Garhi Lalpur, Nagla Faten, Dehli, Nagla Jav, Nagla Pararam, Nagla Banjaran, Nagla Banjaran, Nagla Panchem, Begampur, Kapurpur, Tatrai, Chilmampur, Nizamabad(Banera), Hajipur, Tigra, Manikpur, Gangpur, Garhia, Barua, Lalpur Jahangirabad, Nakhatpura, Nagla Sultampur, Katingra, Sadiyanpur, Baraulia, Nagla Gadarian, Sirau, Udaipura, Gangupura, Baroliya

(Nagla Shyam), Khusrpur, Allahapur Khurd, Nagla Khamani, Nagla Dayaram, Shekhpura, Garhia Silam, Mubarakpur, Ayar, Rajpur, Jyuri, Nagla Barhiyan, Nagla Salempura, Nagla Ranjit, Nagla Barhai, Nagla Devi, Nagla Sunder, Nagla Rampti, Nagla Mai, Nagla Barhpura, Nagla Ramsahai, Kasturpur, Athaiya, Palra, Nagla Premi, Nagla Samda, Mau, Nagla Bendram, Nagla Duriya, Nagla Chhidu, Nagla Kothi, Nagla Mansi, Dhakpura, Nagla Jori, Milak, Banehra, Karanpur, Nagla Layak, Nagla Kolita, Allahpur Kalan, Nagla Sarai, Gola, Nagla Bhim, Fatehpur, Nagla Puni, Pahrai, Nagla Jhabra, Milawali, Nagla Hara, Kuthauli, Sarwanpur, Nagla Paramasukh, Srirampur, Jamlapur, Marjadpur, Duniya, Kunetha Barauli, Bhatmai, Nagla Bhoj, Khuthiana, Harchandpur, Ujjalpur, Mainathar, Uddetpur, Pandapur, Bhagpur, Sarjanpur, Shahpur, Kartala, Kathauli, Nagla Kinder, Barauli, Kamalpur, Sahaspur, Bhilaiapur, Ramnagar, Bazidpur, Taharpur, Jalalpur, Kheriya, Nagla Bhagwantpur, Nagla Chuhiya, Nagla Partap, Jaharpur, Garhi, Aun, Nagla Kanakpur, Tikuria, Nagla Dip, Nagla Banwari, Nagla Chhattarsingh, Nagla Deshi, Nagla Shyam, Mansingh Ka Nagla, Nagla Machhi, Nagla Himachal, Nagla Chamaran, Nagla Nathu, Nagla Loka, Nagla Khargi, Kilarmau, Nagla Hirapur, Nagla Palhar, Aitnagar, Nagla Parsoti, Nagla Behri, Khwagipur, Nagla Bichhiyan, Nagla Khar, Baghwala, Burhanabad, Husainpur (Nagla Mansingh), Kalyanpur, Harnawali, Achalpur, Sattarpur, Hazratpur Karanpur, Kansuri, Nagmal, Lokyakh, Nasirpur, Lalpur, Nagla Datti, Birsinghpur, Sonhar, Nagla Bag, Rasulpur, Burraha, Nurpur, Azmatganj, Isepur, Hazratnagar, Kanakpur, Islampur Pili, Azampur, Piwari, Nagla Kakret, Nagla Bhim, Rasulpur Garhau, Firojpur Silauni, Tarbarpur Muafi, Sarai Ahmadkhan, Barhau, Sarai Ahmad Khan, Gobra, Nagla Gharana, Supeti, Munawwarpur, Niyaznagar, Nagla Bich, Nagla Hajji, Mahmudnagar, Nagla Banni, Nagla Chela, Hamirgarh, Husain Chak, Nagla Hata, Hayatpur Muafi, Nagla Lakhaira, Miranpur, Hamirpur, Yadgarpur, Jarthai, Muhammadpur (Shyampur), Tatapur Muafi, Burhaina

District: Kasganj, Tehsil: Pataliyali
Name of Villages: Mankai, Magthara, Bakawali, Seonndhi, Nagla Ganpat, Nagla Kanhai, Nagla Khemi, Shyampur

District: Kasganj, Tehsil: Sahawar
Name of Villages: Bhaupura, Nadarmal, Barsaunda, Sevka, Jigan, Binpur Khurd, Nagl Popi, Sujrai, Durra, Tikuriya, Nagla Tunai, Jarai, Nagla Kothi, Nagla Jakha, Nagla Kheriya, Nauabad, Nagla Bhur, Nagla Moti, Rasalwa Sulehpur, Sikandarabad, Shahpur, Jawaharpur, Amritpur, Bhagwasini, Nagl, Majhola, Naugawan, Nagla Adikaran, Nagla Meharji, Abhaypur, Sherpur, Arjunpur Qadim, Phakauti, Nagla Barai, Nagla Garhar, Lakhmipur, Nagla Bans, Nagla Paramasukh, Munirnagar, Nagla Gulariya, Ranamau, Nagla Bhojraj, Nagla Udai, Nagla Khar, Nagla Radhe, Chunnupura, Nagla Chinti, Banupura, Nagla Garhi, Lakhrapura, Harthara, Nagla Atiya, Amanpur, Nagla Tulsiaram, Dadwara, Nagla Tiresath, Bikora, Sherpur Hunda, Ailpur, Devnagar, Tikuriya, Jatau, Nagla Shams, Puranpur, Mubarakpur, Ashokpur, Sangatra, Nagla Sidhar, Deori, Todarpur, Mubarakpur, Firozpur, Shekhpur Khurd, Wazirpur

District: Kasganj, Tehsil: Kasganj
Name of Villages: Nagla Banjara, Kanawa, Nagla Tairaw Khan, Ikhauna, Bhamon, Chhichhora, Wahidpur Muafi, Nagla Somara, Nagla Sadhu, Nagla Mansi, Nagla Balkishan, Inayati, Nagla Khangar, Nagla Narain, Bhrsauli Jangal, Dhoina, Chaukanda, Nagla Gulariya, Itaua, Nagla Taqdir, Nagla Duhara, Ghirauna, Birehara, Firojpur Suhela, Nagla Parshadi, Nagla Usari, Birsuwa, Girdharpur, Dadanpur, Karsari, Kamalpur, Pir Ka Nagla, Maheshpur, Hayatgarhi, Jakhera, Jahangirpur, Mubarakpur Muafi, Sirauli, Satpura Muafi, Salimpur Lala, Rehmatpur Muafi, Narayani, Harsinghpur, Khairpur, Chhaoni, Daniyangani, Rajpur, Ziauddinpur, Bahadurpur, Tatapur, Nagla Bhandari, Faram, Tirlokpur, Maddupur, Dhilawali, Athaiya, Memri, Naglatla, Patreki, Tisai Buzurg, Marukpur, Manauta, Nadrai, Bhainsaura Buzurg, Barela, Bhainsaura Khurd, Mausampur, Hanauta, Tabalpur, Pabarpur, Sultampur, Tisai Khurd, Nagla Bhatta, Kadripur, Nagla Bhar, Nagla Semra, Nagla Munda, Amarpur, Nasratpur, Nagla Andua, Nagla Rampriya, Nagla Bhar, Budhari, Nagla Rariya, Tati Ka Nagla, Nagla Karamatullah Khan, Kuramai, Nagla Mitthan Khan, Ajabpur, Nagla Banjara, Ainthpura, Nagla Gulariya, Mohan, Gospur, Salempur Pironda, Naglatia, Nagla Sayyad, Ahrauli, Bharsoli, Khairpur, Badampur, Pabarpur, Mamurgand, Dadanpur, Bankner, Olla Taraura, Firojpur Suhela, Nagla Taqdir, Nagla Kota, Sarai Talib, Nagla Bidhari, Girdharpur, Nagla Usari, Nagla Kallu, Isepur, Kalyanpur, Muhammadpur, Naglapatti, Nagla Itaua, Bholaganji, Nagla Shiraz Khan, Kotra

District: Aligarh, Tehsil: Atrauli
Name of Villages: Isepur, Rajmau, Sindhauli Kalan, Nagla Sawant, Dhak Nagla, Nagla Hansi, Nagla Maubakam, Nasirpur, Kaser, Chitras, Nagla Hukamsingh, Bhuriya, Chitkora, Nagla Santoki, Tikri, Nagla Muni, Nagla Jat, Nagla Bijauli, Maiya Nagla, Sirsa, Chhagawan, Rumamai, Sidh, Millik, Mahmutpur, Shekhpur, Pindol, Rasaini, Nagla Pindol, Sirauli, Kekarali, Salgawan, Bhopalgarhi, Bhamori Buzurg, Nagla Parsi, Nagla Parsi, Kharee Mastipur, Khulauli, Dadon, Nagla Udit, Nagla Bedi, Nagla Khanji, Nagla Chamar, Nagla Hira, Maoopura, Nagla Taliia, Shahjahanpur Baijnaya, Ninamai, Karauli, Haibatpur Kotra, Nagla Birkhi, Nagla Banjara, Kanobi, Khandwa, Nagla Gumani, Nagla Nagla Banjara, Mahka, Nagla Banjara, Kheria Lohgarh, Shrinagar, Sherpur, Muzaffara, Malis, Sindholi Khurd, Jamanpur, Bahadurpur, Chakhathal, Nagla Karan, Dhansari, Kirthaha, Bijauli, Shyampur, Baijla, Bilpura, Jirauli Dhumsingh, Shafipur, Kheria Dhaukali, Madhupur, Mangarhi, Rampur Goshain, Nathpur, Kamalpur, Chit Nagla, Uttamgarhi, Balipur, Harchandpur, Rajatu Sheopur, Paupi Ka Nagla, Mahupur, Bhaupur, Kheria Bahadurgarhi, Saifpur, Bemtipur, Nahal, Badesra, Jamanpur, Badaul, Nagla Khar, Hukari, Bilona, Kalyanpur, Nagla Sumer, Shamspur Kirat,

Nagla Chokhe, Nagar, Jareth, Nagla Tal, Gahtauli Nirmal, Nagla Khagu, Neori, Shahjahanabad, Bhawanipur, Kithauli, Nagla Dhimar, Khanpur, Ata, Abu Nasirpur, Nagla Harji, Kumarpur, Tochhi, Kaushalpur, Pali Muqimpur, Kakhethal, Runpan, Chandwa Gobardhanpur, Rajpur Dalpatpur

District: Bulandshahar, Tehsil: Debai
Name of Villages: Majra Jalapur Jat, Kallianpur, Isanpur, Dharampur, Udaipur Kalan, Kaser Kalan, Shahadwan, Salan Ka Nagla, Biraina, Galimpur, Asadpur, Gher, Muzaffarnagar, Gobindpur, Nagla Kida, Jalalpur Jat, Khuda Dia, Daulatpur Khurd, Dapur, Nagla Saiganj, Jaraina, Muhammadpur Khurd, Aidapur, Modinagar, Nagla Rund, Akbarpur, Nagla Chhittu, Dhimahi, Sultanpur Beloni, Rilla, Bandhaur, Kharakwari, Nagla Ajan, Bhamara, Tulsigarhi, Nagla Gilli, Badhaur, Dharampur, Budhpur, Mundakhera, Mauripur, Indor, Muradpur, Akbaras, Darapur, Devi Ka Nagla, Runsi, Prakashpur, Himmatgarhi, Kutubpur (Nayabas), Dangar, Bhimpur, Shaikhpur, Chhauganpur, Akbaras, Ramnagar, Narayanpur(Rasulpur), Fatehabad, Nagla Saiganj, Afzalpur, Nagla Fazalgarhi, Karari, Puthri Kalan, Amra, Kunehra, Inchhaur, Nagla Jat, Husainpur, Bagthari, Kheriya Baksh, Deorau, Karkaura (Maharajpur), Chimauli, Bhimpur, Khushpur, Chehla, Daonka, Barari

District: Bulandshahar, Tehsil: Shikrapur
Name of Villages: Ludhpura, Mandauli, Riwara, Sidh Nagla, Khailia, Janipur Khurd, Mewati Nagla, Dhaina, Hirnot, Surkhri, Asari, Nagla Fatehpur, Rasulpur Nagla Bisar, Razapur, Dhanni, Kalyanpur, Jakhaita, Qadriabad, Duamla Khurd, Duamla Hasangarh, Darveshpur, Khakhunda, Nurpur Nagla, Nagla, Aurangabad Chandokh, Lohra, Chankla.

District: Bulandshahar, Tehsil: Anupshahar
Name of Villages: Jugsana Khurd, Kishankhera, Jugsana Kalan, Nagla Jagat (Ahr Nagla), Rounda, Kakariakhera, Badarkha, Bagiya, Datyani, Soharkha, Jatwali, Ruhallapur (Kharwa), Rora (Shaikhpur), Nagla Lodhi, Piphara, Satbari, Andhar, Barholi, Khanpura, Patrampur, Nabinagar, Dabkaura, Ashrafabad (Murd Nagla), Mankarora, Bhelai, Jamrao.

District: Bulandshahar, Tehsil: Bulandshahar
Name of Villages: Burhana, Janora, Siwali, Rasulpur Teli (Matthna), Naubatpur, Nawada Ki Marhaiyan, Talabnagar, Khayakhera, Aurangabad Saiyid, Hirnot, Sarai Chhahala, Azizabad Saiyid, Atta Morpur, Jumna Thera (Mohiuddinpur), Balka, Aurangpur Maushan, Kothi, Maharajpur, Badshahpur Talab, Bhanipur, Pali Begpur, Birha, Phaoi (Hingthala), Pehri, Ismailpur (Dehli), Pipala Ikhaspur, Olinah, Dalpatpur Muktesra, Charaura (Mustafabad), Tamrli, Saidpur, Bhandauria, Nagla Kalan, Mundi Bagpur, Milk Makhanpur, Gangahari, Ismaila, Aurangabad Majra, Jauth, Pasauli, Akbarabad Kuda, Ramgarh, Shahzadpur, Lakhauti, Aurangpur Mirpur, Agauta, Agarpur (Mirzapur), Mursana, Ramgarhi, Mirpur, Bakaura, Loharka, Surjawali, Nagla Jit, Nagla Jit, Akbarpur, Ramnagar, Gualoithi, Khawajpur, Utsara, Ashrafpur, Nawada, Rajgarh, Khanauda, Akbarpur Rena, Babubpur, Kisauli, Sishi, Brahmanagar, Faizabad Rirhawali.

District: Bulandshahar, Tehsil: Siyana
Name of Villages: Nimchana Ki Marhaiyan, Inna, Sadharanpur, Amiapur, Bamanpur, Nimchana, Jamalpur, Moradgarhi, Asawa, Sherpur, Atta, Salabatnagar Gangaoli, Luhrara, Partabpur, Muhammad Ailpur (Nimapat), Parwan, Pali, Fatehpur, Kora Shamsabad, Imadpur, Parwana Mahmudpur, Anahra, Banbo Ki Marhaiyan, Anahra, Karimnagar Banboi, Sharifpur Bhainsaull, Pempur

District: Hapur, Tehsil: Hapur
Name of Villages: Shahabuddinagar, Hafizpur, Dharampur Dakhan, Segli, Dharampur, Harsinghpur, Akrauli, Brijnathpur, Sadiqpur, Kotla, Nawada, Salehpur Kotla, Morpur (Fazilpur), Mirpur Khudiala, Ghungrela, Mahmutpur, Sanwin, Abdullapur Mori, Humayunpur, Hirdepur, Mirzapurpatti, Hasanpur, Mori, Bhatel, Musharapur Jhandapur, Murshadpur, Murshadpur, Achheja, Latipur, Nizampur, Bhatiana, Putha Husainpur, Tumrli, Kastia Qasimabad, Hafizpur, Barauda Hindwan, Ubarpur, Rampur, Girdharpur, Aminpur Nagola, Chamri, Sabri, Mirpur Mazra, Shivgarhi, Duhri, Anwarpur, Sawajpur, Hafizpur Ubarpur, Raghunathpur, Azampur, Abdulpur Basant, Himmatnagar, Alampur, Daihpoo, Nan, Kanwi, Ahmadpur, Chandpura.

District: Ghaziabad, Tehsil: Modinagar
Name of Villages: Garhi

District: Hapur, Tehsil: Dhaulna
Name of Villages: Aminpur Nagola, Dastoi, Ahmadnagar, Jogipur Ahmadnagar, Sarawa, Maider Nagar, Badhnauli, Badhnauli Kishanpur

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Top leaders pay homage as Ananth Kumar is cremated

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

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

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



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

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

Veteran BJP leader and former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president Amit Shah and State party chief BS Yeddyurappa and RSS general secretary Bhairaj Joshi were present at the funeral. Also in attendance were Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Piyush Goyal, Dharmendra Pradhan, Mahesh Sharma, Vijay Goel and Sadananda Gowda. Earlier, a steady stream of mourners led by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, BJP workers, supporters and members of public paid their last respects to Kumar. Hundreds of mourners filed past the body of Kumar,

which lay in state at his residence till this morning and was then taken to the party State headquarters 'Jagannath Bhavan' and the National College Ground in his Bengaluru South parliamentary constituency. Ananth Kumar, a six-time MP from Bengaluru South succumbed to cancer and breathed his last on early morning of Monday.

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

The body was later shifted to National College ground for the public to pay homage. The six-time MP was closely associated with the ground, having hosted many of his political events there. The mortal remains were later brought for the final rites at Chamarajpet in a procession, that was accompanied by hundreds of his supporters and general public, who raised slogans hail-

ing the "most loved" Bengaluru MP, known for his geniality and accessibility.

The 59-year-old Bangalore South MP breathed his last during the early hours on Monday at the Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre where he was under care after returning home in October following treatment in the US and Britain.

In New Delhi, the Union Cabinet condoled the demise of Kumar, saying under his "stewardship" the BJP expanded in Karnataka and eventually formed a government of its own. The special Cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noted that in the passing away of Kumar, the nation has lost an experienced leader, an official statement said. Narendra Modi had flown in here from Varanasi last night and paid his homage. The Karnataka Government has declared a three-day state mourning.

Making his political debut in 1987, Kumar, a quintessential organisation man, had remained in the inner circle of the central leadership of the BJP - be it during the heyday of Atal Bihari Vajpayee or Narendra Modi - bearing testimony to the trust he enjoyed in the party's top echelon.

Kumar and Yeddyurappa are among the few leaders who built the BJP brick by brick, making it a force that is today in Karnataka, which the party sees as a gateway to the South. Breaking new ground, the BJP came to power in Karnataka in 2008, making it the first saffron party Government in the South, and emerged as the single largest party in the 2018 May polls also, though it fell short of majority by a few seats.

Pak terrorist shot dead in Akhnoor

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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

Though army authorities had not commented on the nature of breach but official statement issued by the Ministry of Defence Spokesman in Jammu clearly suggested that one Pakistani terrorist was eliminated inside the Indian territory in an encounter.

Before establishing the contact with the terrorist alert jawans have noticed some suspicious movement close to the line of control and challenged him. In the ensuing gun fight, Pak terrorist was shot dead around 1.50 p.m., official sources said. Confirming the intrusion bid along the LoC, Ministry of Defence Spokesman, Lt Col Devendra Anand said, "In an encounter a heavily armed Pakistani terrorist has been eliminated in Akhnoor Sector on own side of

the International boundary, at about 1.50 p.m on Tuesday".

Lt Col Anand said, "the ambush party also recovered warlike stores which included five pistols, ten pistol magazines, 60 bullets of pistol, one AK assault Rifle, two AK Rifle magazine with 234 rounds of ammunition, fifteen hand grenades and twelve fuzes for IEDs. To rule out the presence of more intruders in the area the jawans of the Indian army were kept in a state of high alert in the area.

"The entire area was immediately cordoned off and search and destroy operations were launched to track down the foot prints of other intruders present in the area. MoD Spokesman also claimed, "recovery of huge cache has scuttled the nefarious plans of the terrorists outfit to derail the peace and harmony in the region and disrupt the forthcoming Panchayat Elections in the state".

The timely intercept of the intrusion of the terrorists with the cache of arms, ammunition and other war like stores has thwarted any possible untoward incident, planned by the terrorist during the scheduled elections in the state, he added.

NC leader seeks revival of old route to Vaishno Devi

Jammu (PTI): National Conference provincial president Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday met Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik here and sought revival of the traditional route to the famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district.

Nagrota MLA Rana called on Malik at Raj Bhavan and presented him a copy of the "project proposal - Conservation of Heritage Components on Traditional Vaishno Devi Route", an official spokesman said.

He said the NC leader requested the Governor, who is also the chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), to take

steps for revival of the traditional route to the shrine which starts from Jagti in Nagrota and ends at Namainand.

Urging the Governor to develop the old track as an alternate route for the pilgrims to the shrine, the spokesman said Rana drew the Governor's attention to the need for conservation of the heritage assets, particularly the step wells, ponds, sarais, temples and springs on the old route. The spokesman said the Governor assured him of due examination of the envisaged project and urged the MLA to continue with his endeavours for welfare of the people of the State.

उपरोध पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा तिथि विस्तार सूचना इस कार्यालय की ई-निविदा संख्या 153-वि.पा.म.प्र.ल./2018-19 जो कि दिनांक 13.11.2018 को खोली जाती थी, अब किन्हीं अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 19.11.2018 को 16.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जायेगी एवं दिनांक 20.11.2018 को 12.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल-प्रथम, उपरोध पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड का सं-111 से 114, फू-तल, पारिषद भवन, विद्युत खण्ड-11, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ पत्रांक 2272 दिनांक 13.11.2018 "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएँ"

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Assistant Engineer (E), Lucknow Central Electrical Sub-Division-II, CPWD, Ground Floor, Kendriya Bhawan, Aliganj, Lucknow, Re-invites on behalf of President of India, sealed item rate online e-tenders for under mentioned work from registered contractors in CPWD in Composite category in appropriate class:-
1. NIT No. 188/LCED/2018-19 (Re-call), Name of Work :- Renovation of Sub Division office & Fire control room at Kendriya Bhawan at Aliganj, Lucknow. Estimated Cost : ₹5,74,873/-, Earnest Money ₹11,497/-, Period of Completion : 15 Days. Last time & date of submission of bid through e-tendering 20.11.2018 upto 3.00 P.M., Date of opening of e-tender 20.11.2018 at 3.30 P.M. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website : www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd or www.cpwd.gov.in. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in

पूर्वांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा सूचना जनपद इलाहाबाद में अस्थायी कुम्भ मेला मण्डल, इलाहाबाद के अन्तर्गत आयोजित होने वाले कुम्भ मेला वर्ष 2018-19 के अस्थायी विद्युतीकरण कार्यों के लिये निम्नलिखित सामग्रियों की आपूर्ति हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदाएं दो भागों में आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। विस्तृत विवरण शासन की वेबसाइट <http://tender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। क्र.सं. 1. निविदा संख्या 133/SE/KMC/2018-19, सामग्री का विवरण 3x2.5 Sq. mm केबिल, निविदा मूल्य (कर सहित) 1180.00 (1000+180), धरोहर धनराशि (₹) 20,000.00, क्र.सं. 2. निविदा संख्या 134/SE/KMC/2018-19, सामग्री का विवरण 3x4 Sq. mm केबिल, निविदा मूल्य (कर सहित) 590.00 (500+90), धरोहर धनराशि (₹) 9,000.00, क्र.सं. 3. निविदा संख्या 135/SE/KMC/2018-19, सामग्री का विवरण 3 x 1.5 Sq. mm केबिल, निविदा मूल्य (कर सहित) 1180.00 (1000+180), धरोहर धनराशि (₹) 20,000.00, क्र.सं. 4. निविदा संख्या 136/SE/KMC/2018-19, सामग्री का विवरण फ्यूज कैरियर एवं कॉपर फ्यूज स्ट्रिप निविदा मूल्य (कर सहित) 1180.00 (1000 + 180), धरोहर धनराशि (₹) 20,000.00, वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय - दिनांक 27.11.2018, अपराह्न 14:00 बजे

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DASSAULT REJECTS...
"We are supposed to put in this company together about ₹800 crore as 50:50. For the time being, to start work in the hangar and to pay workers and employees, we have already put ₹40 crore. But it will be increased to ₹800 crore, which implies ₹400 crore by Dassault in the coming five years," said Trappier. He added Dassault has seven years to perform offset. "During first three years, we are not obliged to say with who we are working. We have already settled work and agreement with 30 companies, which represents 40 per cent of total offset obligation as per contract. Reliance is 10 per cent out of the 40, while rest 30 per cent is a

direct agreement between these companies and Dassault," Trappier said. On the pricing issue, the CEO said that the present aircraft are cheaper by 9 per cent. "Price of 36 was exactly the same when you compare with 18 flyaway. Thirty-six is the double of 18, so as far as I was concerned, it should have been double the price. But because it was Government to Government, there was some negotiation, I had to decrease price by 9 per cent. The price of Rafale in flyaway condition is less expensive in the 36 contract than the 126 contract," he said. When asked about the initial agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the subsequent breakdown of talks with the Indian PSU for production of Rafale jets, the Dassault CEO said that if the initial deal of 126 jets went through they would not have hesitated to work with HAL and Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance. "It's because the 126 didn't go smooth that the Government of India had to reconfigure to urgently acquire 36 from France. And then I took the decision to continue with Reliance, and HAL even said in the last few days that they were not interested to be part of the offset. So, it has been done by my decision and the decision of Reliance to invest in a new private company," added Trappier.

He added that Dassault was earlier in discussions with several other companies for offset tie-ups. "Obviously, we could have gone to Tata or other family groups. At that time, the decision to go ahead was not given to Dassault. We were in 2011, Tata was also discussing with other flying companies. We finally decided to go ahead with Reliance as they have experience in big engineering facilities," Trappier said. "We chose Ambani by ourselves. We already have 30 partners other than Reliance," Trappier added. Talking about the aircraft, the Dassault CEO explained that the present planes will have all necessary equipments but not weapons and missiles. "The weapons will be sent in different contract. But the aircraft with everything other than weapons will be dispatched by Dassault," he said.

EX-BUREAUCRATS...
The bureaucrats claimed that the CAG had been accused of "nit-picking and focusing on trivial issues on the one hand, and for audit over-reach on the other," but never for having the

need to be reminded of its constitutional duties, or of working under any pressure from the Government of the day. The signatories of the letter included former IPS officer and former Ambassador to Romania Julio F Riberio, former IAS officer turned social activist Aruna Roy, former Pune Police commissioner Meeran Borwanker, former CEO of Prasar Bharti Jawahar Sircar, former envoy to Italy KP Fabian and officers from Central and all India services. Quoting from media reports on demonetisation, the former bureaucrats said the then CAG Shashi Kant Sharma had pointed out that the audit would cover the expenditure on printing of notes, the RBI's dividend to the Consolidated Fund of India and the huge amount of data generated by banks. They also said it was also stated that the effectiveness of the follow-up action taken by the Income Tax Department in identifying potential tax evaders and pursuing action against them, among others, would also be covered. "It is more than 20 months since the previous CAG made the above statement but there is no sight of the promised audit report on demonetisation," the letter said.

The letter claimed that there were reports that the audit of the Rafale deal would be done as late as September 2018, but the related files were yet to be scrutinised by the CAG. The precise stage of the audit is therefore "unclear", it said. The ex-bureaucrats said the CAG's audit reports on the 2G, Coal, Adarsh, Commonwealth Games scams had influenced public perception of the then UPA Government's actions and had invited appreciation from various quarters. Due to the cacophony of claims and counterclaims, accusations and mudslinging in the media and elsewhere, citizens do not know what the reality is, the former bureaucrats said, insisting that the CAG make timely submission of the audit reports so that people can make an informed choice while voting. The CAG functions as a watchdog and it is its duty to ensure that every financial transaction is as per rule, sanction, provision and propriety, and guided by the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. In the past, the former bureaucrats had attacked the Government over rising intolerance in the country and the Kathua gang rape case.

कार्यालय सहायक अभियन्ता, (प्रथम) ड्रेनेज खण्ड-फतेहपुर

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-01 / स0अभि0प्र0 / 2018-19

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु निविदाएं कार्यों के समक्ष अधोलिखित श्रेणी के पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक-17.11.2018 समय 11:00 बजे पूर्वान्ह तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्राप्त निविदाएं दिनांक-17.11.2018 अपराह्न 1:00 बजे निविदा समिति एवं उपस्थित ठेकेदारों के समक्ष कार्यालय सहायक अभियन्ता-प्रथम, ड्रेनेज खण्ड, फतेहपुर में खोली जायेगी।

निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक-15.11.2018 एवं दिनांक 16.11.2018 को पूर्वान्ह 11:00 से अपराह्न 05:00 तक निविदा शुल्क जमा कर कय कर सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ ठेकेदार/फर्म को जिलाधिकारी द्वारा निर्गत चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र (IDT-1) तथा हैसियत प्रमाण पत्र (IDT-2), अग्रिम प्रतिभूति राशि हेतु राष्ट्रीय बचत पत्र, किसान विकास पत्र, डाकघर बचत पासबुक, किसी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक की एफ0डी0आर0 अथवा नियमानुसार अन्य प्रतिभूति के रूप में जो कि अधिशासी अभियन्ता ड्रेनेज खण्ड, फतेहपुर के पक्ष में बन्धक होगी, निविदा के साथ जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। एक या समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी का होगा।

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2	जनपद फतेहपुर की कोटिया-2 ड्रेनेज में किमी0 1.200 से 3.450 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.63	3260.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
3	जनपद फतेहपुर की नन्दौली ड्रेनेज में किमी0 0.000 से 2.600 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.40	2800.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
4	जनपद फतेहपुर की सहेली ड्रेनेज में किमी0 1.500 से 4.600 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.99	3980.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
5	जनपद फतेहपुर की घमईखेड़ा ड्रेनेज में किमी0 0.000 से 3.000 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.99	3980.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
6	जनपद फतेहपुर की कुशारा ड्रेनेज नं०-1 के कि0मी0 3.500 से 6.500 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.57	3140.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
7	जनपद फतेहपुर की कुशारा ड्रेनेज नं०-2 के कि0मी0 0.000 से 3.000 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.27	2540.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
8	जनपद फतेहपुर की लक्ष्मणपुर ड्रेनेज के कि0मी0 0.000 से 6.000 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.94	3880.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
9	जनपद फतेहपुर की चौफेरा ड्रेनेज के कि0मी0 0.000 से 3.000 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.82	3640.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
10	जनपद फतेहपुर की हाजीपुरगंज ड्रेनेज के कि0मी0 2.500 से 5.400 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.47	2940.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च
11	जनपद फतेहपुर की अलादातपुर-बस्तापुर ड्रेनेज के कि0मी0 0.000 से 4.000 तक अनुसूचना का कार्य।	1.86	3720.00	7 दिन	300+GST	डी या उच्च

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- एक या समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये पूर्ण एवं आंशिक संशोधन अथवा निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को होगा। इस सम्बंध में किसी का कोई भी दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।
- उक्त कार्य की निविदा **बजट/सीओएल0 की प्रत्याशा** में प्रकाशित की जा रही है, धन प्राप्त न होने पर समस्त निविदायें बिना कारण बताये निरस्त कर दी जायेगी। जिसके संबंध में किसी भी निविदादाता का कोई दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।
- ₹0 100.00 के नान जुडिशियल स्टाम्प पेपर पर एक रुपये की रसीदी टिकट लगाकर अनुसूचना लिखना होगा कि दरें 90 दिवस तक मान्य होंगी।
- कोई भी निविदादाता जो राज्य सरकार द्वारा काली सूची में दर्ज हो वह निविदा प्रक्रिया में भाग नहीं ले सकेगा।
- राज्य बार कौंसिल में पंजीकृत कोई भी अधिवक्ता निविदा प्रक्रिया में भाग नहीं ले सकेगा। अनुबन्ध/ पट्टा गठित होने के बाद भी यदि उक्त तथ्य संज्ञान में आता है तो समाधान एवं संतुष्टी की दशा में ऐसे अनुबन्ध/पट्टे को सक्षम अधिकारी द्वारा सकारण आदेश प्रख्यापित कर तत्काल निरस्त कर दिया जायेगा।
- विशेष परिस्थितियों में निविदा जमा/खोलने के स्थान में यदि कोई परिवर्तन होता है तो इसकी सूचना निविदा जमा होने के पूर्व अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के सूचना पट पर प्रदर्शित कर दी जायेगी।
- चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र, हैसियत प्रमाण पत्र, व स्व घोषणा प्रमाण पत्र के फर्जी या गलत पाये जाने पर निविदा निरस्त कर दी जायेगी तथा सम्बंधित ठेकेदार का नाम इस कारण तत्काल काली सूची में दर्ज करने की कार्यवाही की जायेगी।
- स्टाम्प ड्यूटी तथा 10% जमानत धनराशि शासनादेश के अनुसार अनुबन्ध करते समय जमा करना होगा।
- समस्त करों की वसूली समय-समय पर निर्गत शासनादेशों के अनुसार की जायेगी।
- कार्य की गुणवत्ता का निरीक्षण टी0ए0सी0 व अन्य किसी चेकिंग संस्था द्वारा किये जाने पर यदि कोई वसूली निकाली जाती है तो ठेकेदार को वहन करना होगा।
- कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियन्ता (परियोजना अनुभाग) सिंचाई विभाग उत्तर प्रदेश लखनऊ के कार्यालय ज्ञाप सं०-4812/ परि0अनु0/दिनांक 23.10.2003 के अनुसार पंजीकृत निम्नवत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत निविदादाता निविदा प्राप्त एवं दे सकेगा।

कार्य की लागत

- ₹0 2.00 लाख तक
- ₹0 2.00 लाख से अधिक एवं 20.00 लाख तक
- ₹0 20.00 लाख से अधिक एवं 1.00 करोड़ तक

निविदा हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों की न्यूनतम श्रेणी

- डी श्रेणी एवं उच्च
- सी श्रेणी एवं उच्च
- बी श्रेणी एवं उच्च

12. निविदा प्रपत्र एवं ID Form No. 111 & 112 में दी गयी शर्तें ठेकेदार को मान्य होंगी।

13. शासनादेश सं०-622/23-12-2012-2 अडि/08 टी0सी0 दिनांक 08.06.2012 के अनुसार कार्यों की विभागीय दरों से ठेकेदारों द्वारा 1% से 10% तक दर कम देने पर 0.5% प्रति 1% कमी पर तथा 10% से अधिक दरों में कमी पर प्रति 1% कमी पर 1% अतिरिक्त परफारमेंस धरोहर धनराशि देय होगी। उक्त धरोहर धनराशि अनुबन्ध के समय जमा करने की बाध्यता होगी।

14. शासन के सुसंगत आदेश के अभाव में डिप्लोमाधारी ठेकेदारों की निविदाओं को धरोहर धनराशि के बगैर स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी।

15. निविदा के साथ अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र, पै न कार्ड, लेबर पंजीकरण, जी0एस0टी0 पंजीकरण ठेकेदार/फर्म को करना होगा।

16. कार्य की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। इस सम्बंध में अनुबन्ध के समय अधोहस्ताक्षरी का निर्णय अन्तिम होगा एवं इस सम्बंध में कोई दावा स्वीकार नहीं होगा।

17. समस्त कार्य समयबद्ध हैं अतः निर्धारित समयावधि कार्य पूर्ण करने हेतु रात्रि काल में कार्य कराये जाने की आवश्यकता होगी। रात्रि काल में कार्यों के सम्पादन हेतु समुचित प्रकाश की व्यवस्था (डीजल, जनरेटर एवं ईंधन सहित) ठेकेदार को स्वयं को करनी होगी। जिसके लिये कोई मुतातन देय नहीं होगा।

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Dassault CEO's interview 'dictated': Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday hit out at Dassault Aviation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Eric Trappier, who, in an interview with news agency ANI on Tuesday, dismissed Congress president Rahul Gandhi's allegations that he had lied about the details of the Dassault-Reliance Joint Venture (JV) for offset contracts in the Rafale fighter jet deal. The Congress termed the interview as "dictated" and said that "manufactured lies" could not "suppress" the Rafale scam.

Termining it as a fixed match, Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala said in a tweet that the country needed fair investigation in the Rafale deal with France. Rahul Gandhi had also raised the controversy over the Rafale deal at a poll rally in Chhattisgarh.

Surjewala claimed that "mutual beneficiaries and accused's statements" did not hold "any value". He asserted

that "truth" will be revealed in the matter. "The nation doesn't need 'doctored explanations' but 'fair investigation'! Fixed match between BJP Govt & Dassault and PR Stunts of PM Modi & Eric Trappier can't hide the blatant corruption," he wrote in another tweet.

He was responding to Dassault Aviation CEO's defence of the contract in a media interview. Trappier has claimed no wrong-doing in the ₹58,000-crore deal, asserting it was a "clean deal". Trappier also claimed his company chose Reliance as an off-set partner.

"Dictated interviews and manufactured lies cannot cover up corruption in the Rafale deal. The first rule of law is mutual beneficiaries and the co-accused's statements holds no value. The second rule is beneficiaries and accused cannot be a judge in their own case. Truth has a way of coming out. Mr Modi, the nation does not want doctored explanations," Surjewala said.

RAFALE ROW



"The fixed match between the BJP and Dassault Aviation will not hide the scam. The PR stunt that Eric Trappier and the Prime Minister Modi are doing will not cover up the layers of corruption in the Rafale deal," he alleged.

Responding to Rahul's accusation that he was lying about the Rafale deal to protect Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Trappier said: "I don't lie. In my position as CEO, you don't lie". Trappier said the price of the Rafale in a "fly-away" condition is less expensive in the NDA deal than in the UPA deal. "Price of 36 [aircraft] was exactly the same

when you compare with 18 fly-away. 36 is the double of 18, so as far as I was concerned, it should have been double the price. But because it was Government-to-Government, there was some negotiation, I had to decrease [the] price by 9 per cent. The price of Rafale in flyaway condition is less expensive in the 36 contract than the 126 contract", he said.

Trappier told ANI that Anil Ambani's Reliance Defence was just one several companies Dassault was partnering with to carry out its off-set obligations.

"We have already settled work and agreement with 30 companies, which represents 40 per cent of total offset obligation as per contract. Reliance is 10 per cent out of the 40, while rest 30 per cent is a direct agreement between these companies and Dassault," Trappier told ANI.

The Centre on Monday informed the Supreme Court that the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) as laid out by

the UPA in 2013 was "completely followed" in the procurement of the 36 jets from France and the deal was subsequently approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).

Mounting a fresh offensive against the Prime Minister, Rahul Gandhi tagged a media report with his tweet alleging that the Government has thrown up more "wrong-doings" by Modi in the Rafale deal in its affidavit before the apex court.

Rahul in his latest tweet alleged that Modi has admitted to "theft" in the Rafale deal before the Supreme Court and changes in the contract without asking the IAF.

"Modi ji has admitted to his theft in the Supreme Court. In the affidavit, he admitted to changes in the contract without asking the Air Force and put ₹30,000 crore in Ambani's pocket.

"The picture is still to come, my friend," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi.

Delhi HC to hear AJL's plea against order tomorrow

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Tuesday said there is no urgency in the plea of Associated Journals Ltd (AJL), publisher of the National Herald newspaper, against the Centre's order asking it to vacate its headquarters Herald House by November 15. Justice Sunil Gaur said it will hear the AJL's plea on November 15. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court also refused to stay the Income Tax department's order to re-assess the tax returns of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi and posted case for hearing on December 4.

The National Herald publishing company Associated Journals Limited (AJL) approached the High Court on Monday challenging the October 30 order of the Urban Development Ministry, ending its 56-year-old lease and asking it to vacate the premises on Bahadur

ORDER TO VACATE HERALD HOUSE

"There is no urgency. They are not going to enter forcibly. Right now they will take the possession only on paper"

Shah Zafar Marg here. Advocate Sunil Fernandes, appearing for the AJL, said there was urgency in the matter as they have been asked to hand over the possession to the Centre by November 15 and they had received the order of the Land and Development Office (L&DO) on October 30 after which the courts were closed for vacation.

The Central Government's Standing Counsel Rajesh Gogna said they are initiating the process and if AJL does not hand over the possession of the premises to them they will re-enter. The court, which was fixing the matter for hearing in December, list-

ed it for November 15 after the AJL's counsel insisted on an early hearing. "There is no urgency. They are not going to enter forcibly. Right now they will take the possession only on paper," the court said.

The Supreme Court fixed December 4 for final arguments in the petitions filed by Congress chief Rahul

Gandhi and his mother Sonia Gandhi challenging the Delhi High Court's order related to a case of re-opening of their 2011-12 tax assessments. The high court had refused to give them relief in the case, giving the opportunity to the Income Tax (I-T) Department to scrutinise their records.

Senior advocates P Chidambaram, Kapil Sibal and Arvind Datar appeared for the Congress leaders in the Apex Court said the case was politically motivated and based on the complaints of BJP leader Subramanian Swamy. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the I-T department, said the premise raised by the Gandhis and Fernandes is wrong.

After a brief hearing, a bench comprising justices AK Sikri and SA Abdul Nazeer said, "Since the respondent (I-T department) has put in appearance, we are not issuing a formal notice. However, we are fixing the matter for final arguments on December 4."

Two cheers for YogaCaRe as alternative to cardiac rehab

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Preliminary results of the world's largest-ever multicentre randomised trial on cardiac rehabilitation and of health potential of Yoga have proved what yoga practitioners have been claiming for long: that yoga works.

The results of the study which were presented at the American Heart Association Scientific Session in Chicago last week have shown that YogaCaRe has the potential to be an alternative to the conventional cardiac rehabilitation, which is almost non-existent and costly in low-and middle-income countries like India. The study spanning five-years holds importance given that modern day medicine demands evidence of benefit for interventions for its wider acceptance especially amongst medical research community. However, what's the best about

the yoga is that it is safe, relatively inexpensive, does not need an elaborate infrastructure, culturally acceptable and improves quality of life.

"Cardiac rehabilitation is virtually nonexistent in low- and middle-income countries in India due to its high cost and the need for a multidisciplinary team. Even in high-income countries, uptake of cardiac rehabilitation is 25 per cent to 35 per cent and is particularly poor among the elderly and women who may prefer gentler and simpler approaches. There is a high unmet need for cardiac rehabilitation," D Prabhakaran, Professor of chronic disease epidemiology and Vice President at the Public Health Foundation of India said.

Prabhakaran and colleagues conducted study on 3,959 patients in 24 centres in India to find if yoga can be an alternative means to cardiac rehabilitation, as it addresses

the same three main components: stress reduction, physical fitness and lifestyle changes.

"This study is a step in that direction. I hope that this study spurs several such large rigorously performed trials in other diseases where Yoga can be potentially beneficial," said Professor Ambuj Roy, Professor of Cardiology at the All India

Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

He called the study 'landmark' as it shows that use of Yoga as a CR tool is efficacious in improving quality of life and reducing cardiovascular events among those who completed at least 75 per cent of the sessions. This offers a low-cost and culturally-acceptable effective

alternative to standard cardiac rehabilitation programmes that are usually complex and expensive, thereby improving lives of millions of disadvantaged people worldwide who are in most need of such care. "The prevalence of ischemic heart disease in India has increased over by 50 per cent and in terms of absolute numbers, has

increased from 10 million in 1990 to 24 million in 2016. Professor Prabhakaran said highlighting the need for yogaCaRe. Prof Sanjay Kinra, Head, Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Co-Principal Investigator of the study added, "Improvements in cardiac care mean most people nowadays

survive a heart attack. The focus has therefore shifted to improving quality of life of survivors so that they can readjust better after such a catastrophic event."

The programme was funded by the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) and Medical Research Council (UK).

Police identify suspects in Delhi doctor's murder

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Police have identified some suspects who could be involved in the killing of a 57-year-old doctor at his residence in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri area, officials said Tuesday.

The body of Mukim Ahmad Iqbal was found on Monday morning, a month before his daughter's wedding, and valuables worth lakhs of rupees were missing from his residence.

The body was handed over to family members after an autopsy Tuesday, police said, adding that though there were no external injury marks on the body, it is suspected that he was smothered to death.

The autopsy report will

confirm the cause of death, they said.

Police said the CCTV footage they have collected is not very clear. However, a senior police officer said they have identified a couple of suspects.

"His daughter, who is a guest teacher at a school, used to leave the door of the house open when she would leave for work. It is suspected that the accused knew there were valuables kept in the house and they entered the house after his daughter left," said the officer.

Iqbal's daughter's was to get married on December 9, an officer said.

Police had said around ₹4-5 lakh in cash and jewellery worth ₹5 lakh was missing from the house.

Children's home guard acquitted in HIV+ boy's sodomy case

HC TERMS IT UNSOLVED CRIME

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Tuesday acquitted a security guard of a children's home of the charge of repeatedly sodomising a seven-year-old HIV positive orphan, observing that the situation remained a "classic, and unsolved locked room mystery".

Justice C Hari Shankar overturned the trial court's verdict which had sentenced the man to 10 years in jail, saying it would be a "travesty of justice" to convict him of having committed such an "unsolved" crime.

"... This court is of the view that, in the present case, the evidence marshalled by the prosecution, and relied upon by the additional sessions judge (ASJ), is insufficient to return a finding of guilt, against the appellant, of having committed sexual assault upon the child," the high court said, allowing the man's appeal against trial court's verdict. The high court, in its 69-page judgement, noted that while the child was HIV positive, accused Amardeep Kujur, a Jharkhand native, was tested negative.

It said there were allegations that the child was sexu-

ally assaulted multiple times and the possibility of non-transmission of the HIV virus to the other person would be remote.

The high court disagreed with the trial court's finding that it was not necessary that the HIV virus would, in every case of sexual contact, be transmitted from partner to partner.

"... The ASJ has ignored the above two facts, apparent from the evidence, i.e., firstly, that the child had suffered mucosal tears in the private parts and, secondly, that the man was alleged to have repeatedly sexually assaulted the child. Sexual contact is, it is well known, the primary mode by which the HIV virus is transmitted," it said.

In the judgement, the high court said the mystery of how the assaulter entered the room where the minor was sleeping, and sodomised him day after day, remained "unanswered".

"The allegation being that the man committed repeated sexual assault on the child, it was totally impermissible for the ASJ to have returned a finding of guilt, without even ascertaining, as and when the offence occurred.

"The situation, in the present case, remains a classic, and unsolved 'locked room mystery', even while the man stands convicted and sentenced (by the trial court). This is entirely impermissible in law," it said.

CBI files case against Dy Legal Advisor

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Tuesday registered a case against agency Deputy Legal Advisor Beena Raizada under charges of cheating and forgery for allegedly falsifying Assessment Notes of her performance.

According to the FIR, Raizada has been booked on allegation of interpolation in the assessment notes of Head of Branch, CBI, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Patna submitted along with Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) by DLA Beena Raizada.

The Assessment Notes

allegedly appended by Raizada along with her APARs for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 allegedly certified as "Excellent" by forging the signature of the then DIG, CBI, ACB, Patna VK Singh.

The CBI earlier conducted a Preliminary Enquiry against Raizada during which the then DIG VK Singh who is now posted in CBI, Jaipur denied have signed her Assessment Notes. Singh also said Raizada was absent for 90 days during 2014 and 2015 and therefore there was no question of writing assessment in her favour for 2016 as he was repatriated to parent department in 2015.



Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi with Congress MP Shashi Tharoor during the latter's book 'Nehru: The Invention of India' launch event in New Delhi on Tuesday

Prez urged to notify name on SIT to expedite riots probe

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A delegation comprising former Army chief JJ Singh, BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi and three other prominent persons met President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday and urged him to ask the Supreme Court to notify the name of a third member of the SIT formed to supervise probe into the 1984 anti-Sikh riots cases so that the work is not delayed any further.

"The SIT which was suppose to give its report within two to three months is not able to function in absence of a member and we have gone to give the representation to the President of India that there

should be an immediate notification to name the member," Lekhi reportedly said.

Besides Lekhi and Singh, the other members of the delegation included Supreme Court senior advocate Rupinder S Suri, Rajasthan additional advocate general Gurcharan S Gill and former MLA R P Singh.

"We, the concerned citizens are making this fervent appeal to you for your urgent intervention as the things have indeed come to a very sorry pass," said a letter, signed by Lekhi, Singh, Suri and Gill, said.

The SIT has been empowered to examine afresh evidence in cases which had even been closed.

कार्यालय सहायक अभियन्ता, (द्वितीय) झेनेज खण्ड-फतेहपुर

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-01/स0अभिम0द्वि0/2018-19

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु निविदाएँ कार्यों के समक्ष अधोलिखित श्रेणी के पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक-17.11.2018 समय 11:00 बजे पूर्वान्ह तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्राप्त निविदाओं दिनांक-17.11.2018 अपराह्न 1:00 बजे निविदा समिति एवं उपस्थित ठेकेदारों के समक्ष कार्यालय सहायक अभियन्ता-द्वितीय, झेनेज खण्ड, फतेहपुर में खोली जायेगी।

निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक-15.11.2018 एवं दिनांक 16.11.2018 को पूर्वान्ह 11:00 से अपराह्न 05:00 तक निविदा शुल्क जमा कर कय कर सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ ठेकेदार/ फर्म को जिलाधिकारी द्वारा निर्गत चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र (IDT-1) तथा हैसियत प्रमाण पत्र (IDT-2), अग्रिम प्रतिभूति राशि हेतु राष्ट्रीय बचत पत्र, किसान विकास पत्र, डाकघर बचत पासबुक, किसी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक की एफ0डी0आर0 अथवा नियमानुसार अन्य प्रतिभूति के रूप में जो कि अधिशासी अभियन्ता झेनेज खण्ड, फतेहपुर के पक्ष में बन्धक होगी, निविदा के साथ जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। एक या समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी का होगा।

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- एक या समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये पूर्ण एवं आंशिक संशोधन अथवा निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को होगा। इस सम्बंध में किसी का कोई भी दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।
- उक्त कार्य की निविदा बजट/सी0सी0एल0 की प्रत्याशा में प्रकाशित की जा रही है धन प्राप्त न होने पर समस्त निविदायें बिना कारण बताये निरस्त कर दी जायेंगी। जिसके संबंध में किसी भी निविदादाता का कोई दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।
- ₹0 100.00 के नान जुडिशियल स्टाम्प पेपर पर एक रुपये की रसीद टिकट लगाकर अनुबन्ध लिखना होगा कि दरें 90 दिवस तक मान्य होंगी।
- कोई भी निविदादाता जो राज्य सरकार द्वारा काली सूची में दर्ज हो वह निविदा प्रक्रिया में भाग नहीं ले सकेगा।
- राज्य बार कौंसिल में पंजीकृत कोई भी अधिवक्ता निविदा प्रक्रिया में भाग नहीं ले सकेंगे। अनुबन्ध/ पट्टा गठित होने के बाद भी यदि उक्त तथ्य संज्ञान में आता है तो समाधान एवं संतुष्टी की दशा में ऐसे अनुबन्ध/ पट्टे को सक्षम अधिकारी द्वारा सकारण आदेश प्रख्यापित कर तत्काल निरस्त कर दिया जायेगा।
- विशेष परिस्थितियों में निविदा जमा/खोलने के स्थान में यदि कोई परिवर्तन होता है तो इसकी सूचना निविदा जमा होने के पूर्व अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के सूचना पत्र प्रदर्शित कर दी जायेगी।
- चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र, हैसियत प्रमाण पत्र, व स्व घोषणा प्रमाण पत्र के फर्जी या गलत पाये जाने पर निविदा निरस्त कर दी जायेगी तथा सम्बंधित ठेकेदार का नाम इस कारण तत्काल काली सूची में दर्ज कराने की कार्यवाही की जायेगी।
- स्टाम्प ड्यूटी तथा 10% जमानत धनराशि शासनादेश के अनुसार अनुबन्ध करते समय जमा करना होगा।
- समस्त करों की वसूली समय-समय पर निर्गत शासनादेशों के अनुसार की जायेगी।
- कार्य की गुणवत्ता का निरीक्षण टी0ए0सी0 व अन्य किसी चेकिंग संस्था द्वारा किये जाने पर यदि कोई वसूली निकाली जाती है तो ठेकेदार को वहन करना होगा।
- कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियन्ता (परियोजना अनुभाग) सिंवाई विभाग उत्तर प्रदेश लखनऊ के कार्यालय ज्ञाप सं0-4812/ परि0अनु0/ दिनांक 23.10.2003 के अनुसार पंजीकृत निम्नवत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत निविदादाता निविदा प्राप्त एवं दे सकेंगे।

कार्य की लागत	निविदा हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों की न्यूनतम श्रेणी
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निविदा प्रपत्र एवं ID Form No. 111 - 112 में दी गयी शर्तें ठेकेदार को मान्य होंगी।

- शासनादेश सं0-622/23-12-2012-2 अडिट/08 टी0सी0 दिनांक 08.06.2012 के अनुसार कार्यों की विभागीय दरों से ठेकेदारों द्वारा 1% से 10% तक दर कम देने पर 0.5% प्रति 1% कमी पर तथा 10% से अधिक दरों में कमी पर प्रति 1% कमी पर 1% अतिरिक्त परफारमेंस धरोहर धनराशि देय होगी। उक्त धरोहर धनराशि अनुबन्ध के समय जमा करने की बाध्यता होगी।
- शासन के सुसंगत आदेश के अभाव में डिलोमाधारी ठेकेदारों की निविदाओं को धरोहर धनराशि के बगैर स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी।
- निविदा के साथ अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र, पैना कार्ड, लेबर पंजीकरण, जी0ए0सी0टी0 पंजीकरण ठेकेदार/ फर्म को करना होगा।
- कार्य की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। इस सम्बंध में अनुबन्ध के समय अधोहस्ताक्षरी का निर्णय अन्तिम होगा एवं इस सम्बंध में कोई दावा स्वीकार नहीं होगा।
- समस्त कार्य समयबद्ध हैं अतः निर्धारित समयान्तर्गत कार्य पूर्ण करने हेतु रात्रि काल में कार्य कराये जाने की आवश्यकता होगी। रात्रि काल में कार्यों के सम्पादन हेतु समुचित प्रकाश की व्यवस्था (डीजल, जनरेटर एवं ईंधन सहित) ठेकेदार को स्वयं को करनी होगी। जिसके लिये कोई भुगतान देय नहीं होगा।

सहायक अभियन्ता-(द्वितीय) झेनेज खण्ड-फतेहपुर

पत्रांक-72, दिनांक-12.11.18

Avni murdered

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



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

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

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

When news isn't news

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



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

on the internet replicates in a very compressed timeframe what happened after the widespread use of the Gutenberg Press and the advent of the printed word between the fifteenth and eighteenth centuries. There was widespread slander, wholesale defamation and vicious libel in the mix which is why information dissemination was, as jurisprudence evolved, made subject to specific laws.

The modern-day versions of those laws still bind newspapers, television channels and digital portals across the world; this is what is called professional media. But the internet is different, because anyone from anywhere, well other than China and North Korea, can access any 'information' on anyone, from anywhere. Any claim to authenticity and/or accuracy is largely un-testable. The rigorous editing and news selection standards that a professional media outlet follows do not apply to a blog that publishes gossip. And while there is no doubt that technology has democratised information, for example allowing millions of readers who would never have accessed this newspaper to access it online, it has also made it possible for malicious, deceitful and downright false information to be propagated and unfortunately believed.

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

Flight of fancy

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



ABHIJIT BHATTACHARYYA

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

But then who will ask questions of successive governments for their monumental failure to take timely decisions for selection of fighter aircraft to keep the IAF battle-ready? Critics nevertheless will find fault with professional soldiers and lobby to stifle their voice, without realising that the IAF is in distress without even a minimum number of fighters. There are qualified pilots, with eligible age and fitness certificates, who are on ground owing to the decommissioned fighters they were trained, and certified, to fly. If this is not a "grave threat" then what is?

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

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

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

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

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SOUNDBITE

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



Vice President —Venkaiah Naidu

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



US President —Donald Trump

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



Actor —Hugh Jackman

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



NGT Chairperson —Justice AK Gool

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Innovative minds

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

Since ages, our country has been exemplifying itself in the field of sciences. But teaching of science in schools still needs a revised plan. Instead of rote learning, cramming of lectures or learning of tedious chemical formulae, our budding scientists need real life experiences in laboratories and open fields.

Our schools must play their role as a catalyst in initiating the process of instilling in young minds the aptitude for science. The students, if given a platform and excellent resources, can overcome any challenge or threat with the inquisitive and innovative minds.

Sudeepa Khurana
Via mail

CBI fiasco

Sir — It is reported that the

A reality check for Pakistan

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

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



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

KR Srinivasan
Secunderabad

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

If the apex court is satisfied with the findings of the CVC, it should not only reinstate Verma as the Director of CBI without delay, but also order severe action against Asthana for filing such false complaints against Verma and bringing disrespect not only to Verma but to the institution as a whole.

Ashok Kumar Sanyal
Delhi

Failed attempts

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

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

Tharcus S Fernando
Chennai

Remembrance walk

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

Dennis Fitzgerald
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FIRST COLUMN

Diverse investment avenues

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



HIMA BINDU KOTA

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

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

Small savings schemes in India are framed and enacted by the Union Government under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1873, and Government Savings Certificate Act, 1959. The reason for the establishment of small savings schemes after Independence was to provide safe and simple investment opportunities to the lower and middle income groups and these schemes were channelised and administered by Government institutions such as post offices and nationalised banks, with the aim of promoting savings habit and providing safe investment avenues to people with limited income and savings potential. With the same objective, the PPF was established in 1968 for individuals to save for their investments.

There are various schemes offered by the Government through post offices across the country. These schemes include post-office savings account, post-office recurring deposit account, post-office time deposit account, post-office monthly income account, post-office public provident fund account, Kisan Vikas Patra, National Savings Certificate (NSC), and Senior Citizens Savings Scheme. The maturity period of these schemes varies from very short as in the case of a savings deposit to over 15 years as in the case of PPF. However, all these investment options come under the same risk class as all of them have fixed returns. The returns vary between schemes based on their features and maturity period. These schemes are operated through about 160,000 post offices across the country. The PPF scheme is also operated through more than 8000 branches of public sector banks.

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

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

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

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

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

—DASSAULT AVIATION CEO
ERIC TRAPPIER



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

—CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON
RANDEEP SURJEWALA

Why Vietnam matters

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



SONU TRIVEDI

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

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

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

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

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

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



IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GEO-STRATEGIC PARADIGM AND THE FORCES SHAPING THE INTERNAL DYNAMICS OF VIETNAM, ITS FOREIGN POLICY ORIENTATIONS VIS-À-VIS THE GREAT POWERS IN THE REGION AND ITS ENGAGEMENT WITH INDIA IS A CRITICAL AREA OF CONCERN



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Poll battles before final face-off

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



KALYANI SHANKAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Madhya Pradesh, despite severe

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

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

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

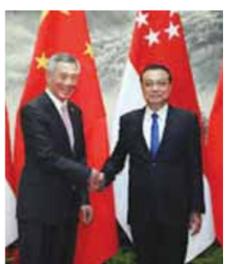
There are four scenarios emerging from the States. The best-case scenario for the BJP is that the party gets three out of five or even four with a North-eastern ally in Mizoram. For the BJP, retaining power in the Hindi heartland is important to give a message that its base is intact ahead of 2019 and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

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

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

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

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CHINA, SINGAPORE TIES ON A HIGH WITH TRADE ON TOP

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



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

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

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

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

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

CHALLENGING TIMES

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

time and effort.

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

TECHNOLOGY FOR TRAINING

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

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

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

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IMMERSIVE FUTURE

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

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

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

They also allow users to record

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

WORKPLACE CHANGE

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

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

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

— Pele

BANKING & FINANCE

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

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

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

SEATS OFFERED: 60
LAST DATE: November 24, 2018. For more information, log on to www.TKWsisbf.org.

MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

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

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

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

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

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



solutions to real world problems.

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

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

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

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

The degree course is accredited by the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3).

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

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

Interested candidates can email for more information, at materials@sheffield.ac.uk; <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/materials/undergraduates/mse#MEng>.

Ethical learning

PNS ■ VELLORE

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

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

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

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

PNS ■ VELLORE

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

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

Aiming for quality education



Dignitaries award teachers at an event in VIT, Vellore

and to 88 per cent this year from 86 per cent in 2016 in SSLC.

While addressing the gathering, Sengottaiyan, said: "Around 3,000 smart classrooms

will be provided in Government schools and Internet facility provided to Class IX to XII students before December. The Tamil Nadu Government is also taking

steps to enable the students to study through their cell phones. Skill training would be provided to Class XI and XII students so that they get jobs immediately

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

"From January 2019, LKG and UKG classes would be introduced to the 52,400 students studying in Anganwadi centres in order to fulfill the aspiration of the parents to see their children speak in English. To maintain hygiene in the school toilets,

the Government, under a Rotary Club-sponsored scheme, will collaborate with German firms to install the technology in Tamil Nadu schools. One van will be provided for every 20 schools, and 100 vehicles will be ready before December," Sengottaiyan said.

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

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

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

India Design Confluence 2018

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

The sessions will cover myriad

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

The IDC will host a list of speakers including Sunil Sethi, president, Fashion Design Council of India; Rajeev Sethi designer, scenographer and art curator; Angela Guzman, design lead, Google; Peter Bi'lak, graphic and typeface designer; Carol Hanlon, founder,

Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc; Julian Roberts, fashion designer and academician; Rajesh Kuttay managing director, Design Kite Ltd and lead interior designer, Bentley Motors Ltd and many others.

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

A highlight of the event will be the students from BHU, UID, Sir JJ College and School of Planning and

Architecture displaying their record breaking number of installations created from recycled products at one venue.

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

For registration and ticket information, visit www.indiadesignconfluence.com

GIS ACADEMY PROGRAMME

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

Agendra Kumar, president, Esri India, said: "There is a demand of high quality and trained GIS profes-

sionals across industries in the country. Our programme will help in bridging the skill gap and enable the students to acquire best GIS knowledge".

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

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

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

Open house innovation



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



IIT Madras CFI Team Anveshak members explaining their Mars Rover



IIT Madras CFI Team Abhiyaan explaining their Autonomous Ground Vehicle



IIT Madras CFI Aero Club demonstrating their Hexacopter



The hi-tech road

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

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

Skills

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

Job Outlook

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

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

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

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

Opportunities

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

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

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



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

Duties

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

Qualifications

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

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

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

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

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

Remuneration

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

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

'Build connection with students'

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

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

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

Today, teachers can finally use technology to begin to deliver on the long-held dream of personalised learning for every student," he added.

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

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

Disclosing that the Kerala Government had signed a five-year partnership with his Academy to cover 4,775 schools, one lakh teachers and 20 lakh students, he said that in the first year of partnership, the State would link Academy's content to Samagra — its education portal, provide training to teachers and begin a 20-school personalised learning pilot.

"Learning's from the first year would be applied to a State-wide rollout over the next four years. The content, delivered through its website and apps, helps students attain grade level mastery. Teachers can track progress, iden-



Sandeep Bapna
MD Khan Academy India

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Find your passion and purpose: If your

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

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

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

question is, how can this be done?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2019. results in mid-June

The Society of Exploration Geophysicists is awarding undergraduate and graduate scholarships

for the applicants from all over the world. These scholarships are awarded in the fields of geophysics and related geosciences. The aim is to encourage the study of geophysics and related geosciences.

Eligibility: Is a high school senior planning to attend college next year or an undergraduate or graduate college student; Has above average grades; Is intending to pursue a college curriculum directed toward a career in applied geophysics.

Scholarships range from \$500 to \$10,000 per academic year; average awards are approximately \$3,700.

English Language Requirements: Applicants must have sufficient knowledge of the language of instruction of the host university.

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

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

Google is inviting applications for Software Engineering Internship, BS, for Summer 2019. Interns must be currently enrolled in a full-time Bachelors degree program in Computer Science or related technical field and returning to a full-time degree programme after completion of the internship.

International students are eligible to apply. This is a paid internship programme for 12 to 14 weeks.

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

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

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

How to apply: The mode of application is online. **Application deadline:** The last date to is December 14, 2018.

STUDY CENTRES

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

- **University of Delhi:** College of Vocational Studies, New Delhi. **Course:** BA Book Publishing, PGD in Book Publishing
- **Institute of Book Publishing, New Delhi.** **Course:** Condensed Course for Book Publishing
- **The Oriental Research Institute, Mysore.** **Course:** Diploma in Book Publishing
- **National Book Trust, New Delhi.** **Course:** NBT Training Course in Book Publishing
- **Indira Gandhi National Open University:** School of Humanities, New Delhi. **Course:** PGD in Book Publishing
- **University of Calcutta:** Centre for Studies in Book Publishing, Kolkata. **Course:** PGD in Book Publishing
- **Shankars Academy of Art and Book Publishing, New Delhi.** **Course:** Intensive Post Graduate Course in Publishing



PHOTOGRAPHY AT COMPLY DIGITAL MEDIA

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15898
Application deadline: November 20, 2018

DIGITAL MARKETING AT CODEACIOUS TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15899
Application deadline: November, 20, 2018

CONTENT WRITING AT NASSCOM

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹25,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15900
Application deadline: November 19, 2018

VIDEO MAKING/EDITING AT VIACOM INDIA

Location: Gurugram, Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15902
Application deadline: November 19, 2018

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT CIPLA HEALTH LIMITED

Location: Delhi, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15903
Application deadline: November 20, 2018

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING AT JETIC HEALTHCARE (PEPODEAL)

Location: Delhi, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15904
Application deadline: November 20, 2018

TELECALLING AT JETIC HEALTHCARE (PEPODEAL)

Location: Delhi, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15905
Application deadline: November 20, 2018

IN BRIEF

ROLE OF DESIGN TO CONTROL POLLUTION

Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) organised a design jam session at their Okhla campus. This is a run-up for the international Clean Energy Challenge that is an international competition on Global Climate Action Challenge that invites the design, research, student and startup community to rethink how smarter production, distribution and use

of energy can look like, in partnership with the IKEA Foundation. The IIAD has collaborated with *What Design Can Do*, an organisation which organises annual conferences on design and innovation in cities globally. The idea is to bring together practitioners, academics and students to collaborate and incubate ideas that can reimagine the world. A panel discussion was organised in Delhi on *How we can decrease pollution while Delhi keeps growing*.

ACADEMIC FAIR

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held its 7th Edition of the IIT Hyderabad — Japan Collaboration Academic Fair organised under the Jica-Friendship Project.

The purpose was to introduce a clear vision of career in Japan to the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H)

students, including study environment, career and life in Japan. Faculty and staff members of Japanese universities like the University of Tokyo, Hokkaido University, Keio University and Hiroshima University came to recruit IIT-H graduates and expected more and new graduates for their master/doctoral programmes.

DEVELOP LINKAGES WITH EMPLOYERS

Developing a proactive system to identify prospective needs and prepare graduates for an uncertain future is a major challenge that educational institutions must face by developing linkages with the labour market and tailoring programmes to match their demands. Commonwealth of Learning (COL) president-CEO, Professor Asha Kanwar spoke about these challenges and other emerging trends in her keynote speech at the Asian Association

of Open Universities (AAOU) 32nd annual conference on in Vietnam. Talking on *Human Resource Development and Lifelong Learning for Open Universities* Professor Kanwar encouraged open universities to strengthen outreach and integrate employability by responding to market needs. She called for more investments in innovative learning and the re-imagining of policies and practices to suit lifelong learners at different stages of their lives.

SPEECH CONTEST AT DU

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

The theme of the contest was India-Korea, future of the bilateral relation. Rank 1 in advanced category went to Sourabh Maiti, rank 2 went to PF Kapasa and the third position went to Kelsi Kalsiya — all of them were from King Sejong Institute, Delhi.

COURSE FOR SCIENTISTS

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

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

Sensex rebounds 332 pts on energy, bank stocks

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

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty jumped over 100 points to cross the key 10,500 level.

However, most Asian markets ended lower after a rout in tech stocks, tracking a hefty sell-off on Wall Street, while the dollar hit a 16-month peak on safe haven bets amid China-US trade war worries.

Concerns about a slowdown in China and the Asian region due to US tariffs on Chinese goods spooked investors, sparking the largest monthly foreign fund outflows from Asia last month since August 2011.

However, investor sentiments in domestic markets remained upbeat due to fresh foreign fund inflows and the rupee gains. The domestic currency Tuesday staged a strong comeback by strengthening 37 paise to 72.52 (intra-day) against the American currency. Besides, the global benchmark Brent crude trading 0.98 per cent lower at USD 69.43 per barrel helped ease concerns on the

country's current account deficit front.

"Despite volatility in global markets, Nifty gained nearly 1 per cent supported by sharp fall in oil prices. Softening of CPI inflation to 3.31 per cent, India's stable industrial production and gains in INR added to the positives. Decline in oil prices below USD 70/barrel is likely to invoke positive sentiments for domestic market in the near term," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services Ltd, said.

The BSE 30-share Sensex after resuming a tad higher at 34,846.90 quickly slipped into the negative zone to touch a low of 34,672.20, largely in sync with global sell-off.

However, hectic buying in late afternoon trade reversed the day's losses and helped the Sensex hit a high of 35,185.17 before settling 331.50 points, or 0.95 per cent, higher at 35,144.49. The gauge had lost 425 points in the previous two sessions. The broader NSE Nifty after shutting below 10,451.90 and 10,595.75 finally concluded 100.30 points, or 0.96 per cent, higher at 10,582.50. Domestic market sentiments were upbeat about the fall in consumer inflation data for October.

Retail inflation fell to a one-year low of 3.31 per cent in

October on the back of cheaper kitchen staples, fruits and protein-rich items, official data released Monday showed.

Industrial production, however, grew at the slowest pace in four months at 4.5 per cent in September.

On a net basis, Foreign institutional Investors (FIIs) bought shares worth Rs 832.15 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares of ₹1,073.84 crore Monday, provisional data showed. Among the Sensex constituents, ICICI Bank emerged as the best performer, surging by 2.44 per cent, followed by NTPC at 2.36 per cent. Shares of Coal India, the country's largest miner, climbed 0.51 per cent after it posted an over eight-fold rise in consolidated net profit to ₹3,085 crore for the quarter to September 2018.

Other big gainers were Axis Bank 2.05 per cent, RIL 1.93 per cent, L&T 1.77 per cent, HDFC Ltd 1.62 per cent, Adani Ports 1.49 per cent, M&M 1.39 per cent, Yato Bank 1.28 per cent, Hero MotoCorp 1.27 per cent, Vedanta 1.18 per cent, ITC Ltd 1.11 per cent, HUL 1.11 per cent, Tata Steel 1.07 per cent, TCS 1.04 per cent, Maruti Suzuki 1.02 per cent, Asian Paint 0.73 per cent, Bharti Airtel 0.71 per cent and Wipro 0.69 per cent.

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

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With headline inflation expected to remain benign in the second half of the current fiscal, a report Monday said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to keep repo rate, or the rate at which it lends to the banks, unchanged in the rest of the fiscal.

The consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation fell to a one-year low of 3.31 per cent in October 2018, from 3.7 per cent in September 2018 and 3.58 per cent in October 2017. The retail inflation number is the lowest since September 2017 when it had touched 3.28 per cent.

"Given the strong focus of the MPC (monetary policy committee) on the headline inflation print, which should remain benign for the rest of second half of FY19, we see limited scope for rate hikes in the rest of FY19," the Kotak Economic Research report said.

It expects headline inflation to be in the range of 2.8-4.3 per cent. It can be noted that the apex bank had maintained a status quo in its October policy review after two consecutive rounds of rate hikes

of 0.25 per cent each. The repo rate currently stands at 6.5 per cent.

The report, however, said it remains watchful of the upside risks to inflation emanating from pass-through of minimum support prices (MSPs), adverse movement in crude oil prices, volatility in global financial markets, lagged impact of the rupee weakness on input prices, adverse implications from fiscal slippage and staggered impact of HRA increases by states and its second-round impact. "However, the seemingly structurally benign food inflation along with softening growth should help in capping the upside pressures, thereby providing the RBI the comfort of staying on pause mode in the foreseeable future," it noted.

CPI inflation eased to 3.31 per cent in October, primarily led by contraction of 0.9 per cent in food inflation amid sharp drop in prices of vegetables and pulses. On a sequential basis, food inflation contracted by 0.5 per cent month-on-month after contracting by 1.1 per cent in September. Prices of fruits, vegetables, pulses, sugar and eggs continued to fall on a monthly basis.

BMW launches online sales channel

New Delhi: German luxury car maker BMW on Tuesday announced launch of its online sales channel in India.

BMW India's online sales channel will allow customers to browse all products, choose a preferred dealership and even book a test drive online, the company said in a statement.

"Digitalisation will be a key differentiator in our industry and will become

an increasingly important retail channel in the future," BMW Group India Chairman Vikram Pawah said.

He said BMW's online channel will offer an end-to-end digital sales solution for the entire product range.

"With this, our customers will have greater independence and flexibility in choosing the purchase process," Pawah added.

BUSINESS CORNER

FLIPKART CEO BINNY BANSAL QUITS

New Delhi: Flipkart Group CEO Binny Bansal

Tuesday resigned following an allegation of 'serious personal misconduct', the firm's new parent Walmart said. Bansal, who along with Sachin Bansal had co-founded the India's biggest online retailer Flipkart, "strongly denies the allegation", Walmart said in a statement. Binny, it said, has resigned as the CEO of Flipkart Group with immediate effect. "His decision follows an independent investigation done on behalf of Flipkart and Walmart into an allegation of serious personal misconduct. He strongly denies the allegation. Nevertheless, we had a responsibility to ensure the investigation was deliberate and thorough. "While the investigation did not find evidence to corroborate the complainant's assertions against Binny, it did reveal other lapses in judgement, particularly a lack of transparency, related to how Binny responded to the situation. Because of this, we have accepted his decision to resign," the statement said.



HIRING ACTIVITY SEES 21 PC JUMP IN OCT: REPORT

New Delhi: Hiring activity registered 21 per cent rise in October driven by bullish recruitment trends in the IT industry and the future outlook too looks glossy, a survey said on Tuesday. The Naukri JobSpeak Index for October 2018 stood at 2,088, up 21 per cent from the year-ago period, when it was quoted at 1,728. The IT industry was on a hiring spree in October this year. "After the slowdown due to the proposed visa restrictions in the US, the industry has picked up pace in hiring in the past couple of months and this pace is to continue in the upcoming months," the survey said. Meanwhile, startups also have contributed to the IT employment in India by their sheer growing numbers as well as them working on niche technologies like robotics, AI, blockchain etc, the survey added. "The JobSpeak Index continues to sustain the momentum gained and surge ahead with an impressive 21 per cent growth in October," Naukri.com Chief Sales Officer V Suresh said. He said it is good to see the healthy growth across cities and sectors and signals good times ahead for jobseekers. In terms of experience, the demand for fresh graduates with experience of 0-3 years grew 24 per cent, while for trained professionals (experience of 4-7 years) demand witnessed a rise of 22 per cent. Mid-management roles with an experience of 8-12 years saw a growth of 18 per cent year-on-year in hiring activity while senior management roles with an experience of 13-16 years saw a growth of 7 per cent. In terms of cities, hiring activity in metropolitan cities saw positive growth with both Chennai and Delhi registering a rise of 23 per cent. The index has been calculated based on job listings added to the site month-on-month. July 2018 has been taken as the base month with a score of 1,000 and the subsequent monthly index is compared with data for July 2008.

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SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
EICHERMOT	21,451.00	23,400.00	21,196.75	23,300.00	1,366.45
IOC	137.05	142.3	137	141.05	6
BPCPL	295.2	304.6	295.2	302.7	11.5
HINDPETRO	229.6	236	229.6	232.45	7.4
NTPC	152.5	157.8	152.35	157.4	4.6
ICICIBANK	347.8	361.95	347.8	361.4	9.05
ULTRACEMCO	3,730.00	3,849.25	3,724.45	3,813.40	86.55
GRASIM	861.6	880.05	865.9	880	19.2
AXISBANK	806.45	820.75	806.69	819	12.45
LT	1,364.00	1,395.00	1,358.20	1,390.00	22.8
RELIANCE	1,074.00	1,103.00	1,070.00	1,097.85	17.85
HDFC	1,790.00	1,829.00	1,784.55	1,825.00	29.1
TATASTEEL	583	591.5	579.1	591.3	8.45
ADANIPOWER	327.65	335	324.7	333.4	4.75
VEDL	202	206	201	205.6	2.45
HEROMOTOCO	2,828.00	2,898.45	2,808.00	2,872.30	32.95
TCS	1,915.00	1,939.00	1,903.00	1,936.20	21.35
M&M	775.5	793.8	773.85	788.65	7.95
ITC	273.95	277.9	273.15	276.65	2.8
DREDDY	2,416.00	2,451.00	2,415.55	2,440.00	24.45
JSWSTEEL	344	349	342.4	347.95	3.4
YESBANK	222	226.85	220	225.2	2.15
HINDALCO	228.4	232.4	224.55	231.4	2.15
HINDUNILVR	1,644.10	1,678.60	1,636.55	1,669.55	15.25
WIPRO	323.5	327.7	321	326.05	2.7
KOTAKBANK	1,150.00	1,171.40	1,140.00	1,163.05	9.35
MARUTI	7,049.95	7,168.75	7,021.00	7,140.00	52.2
UPL	729	739.95	716.4	738.2	5
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,649.00	2,673.40	2,613.00	2,670.00	17.7
COALINDIA	267.5	268.7	264.15	265.4	1.5
SBIN	276.3	279.7	273.35	279.4	1.45
BAJAJFINSV	5,511.00	5,609.35	5,536.05	5,574.90	25.8
HDFCBANK	1,949.00	1,937.70	1,908.20	1,929.55	8.5
ASIANPAINT	1,277.45	1,295.60	1,277.45	1,284.25	5.45
BAFINANCE	2,270.00	2,308.35	2,233.10	2,285.00	7.4
ONGC	156.05	158	155.7	156.5	0.45
TITAN	889.2	899.65	879.1	897.05	2.3
BHARTIARTL	296	304	290.3	296.45	0.25
TECHM	719.95	739.35	718	725	0.45
INFY	663.5	667.75	656.3	664.45	0.25
GAIL	364	369.7	362	364.9	0.15
ZEEL	435	441.8	432.35	437.5	-0.3
INFRATEL	258	261.25	253.55	258	-0.5
INDUSINDBK	1,485.10	1,496.30	1,463.55	1,488.95	-4.05
HCLTECH	1,039.85	1,054.85	1,029.35	1,031.00	-5.8
CIPLA	534	534	526.5	527.15	-4.35
POWERGRID	187	188	182.85	184	-1.95
IBULHSGFIN	859	864.95	838.15	842.05	-23.2
TATAMOTORS	180.75	183	178.35	179.25	-6.8
SUNPHARMA	589.5	592.9	585.25	581.5	-28

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
CONCOR	647.6	684.8	640.75	668.8	25.05
PIDILITIND	1,029.00	1,068.00	1,020.00	1,061.75	34.9
INDIGO	953.45	989.45	953.45	979	30.4
PETRONET	218.05	224.6	217	223.85	5.25
HAVELLS	649	669.7	648	666	14.9
ICICIPRULI	349.5	365.6	341	358.05	8
ABCAPITAL	101.5	104	101.5	104	2.2
L&TFH	132.7	136.7	129.5	135.5	2.65
LICHSGFIN	430.1	439	429	438.9	8.35
NHPC	26.6	27.15	26.45	27.1	0.4
BANDHANBANK	424	435	418.1	432.15	6.25
COLPAL	1,096.50	1,110.20	1,090.00	1,107.50	15.45
OIL	204	205.75	199.1	201.7	2.65
BRITANNIA	5,780.00	5,840.00	5,656.00	5,829.70	72.15
ACC	1,435.00	1,465.35	1,424.00	1,454.05	15.35
SRRANSFIN	1,210.00	1,230.10	1,170.00	1,220.00	12.3
AMBUJACEM	202.95	206.4	201.4	205.2	1.85
MCDOWELL	634.95	641.45	629.1	639	5.5
MOTHERSUMI	161.8	167.5	160.35	165.45	1.4
DLF	170.4	172.9	167.75	172.75	1.35
HINDZINC	262	266	261.7	265.35	2.05
MRF	65,203.15	66,190.00	64,802.05	65,652.20	448.05
NMDC	106.4	108.1	105.1	107.3	0.7
HDFCLIFE	396.95	400.9	392	400	2.25
PEL	2,274.15	2,305.00	2,230.75	2,286.00	13.05
ASHOKLEY	118.25	119.35	117.1	118.75	0.45
SIEMENS	908	934.65	902.05	915	3.15
MARICO	337	342.65	336	340	0.9
BOSCHLTD	19,610.00	19,845.00	19,501.50	19,652.10	31.35
CADILAC	354	358.5	349	358.4	0.2
BHEL	68.7	69.45	67.8	68.6	-0.1
BANKBARODA	108.9	109.25	106.4	109	-0.4
BEL	95	95.3	92.7	94.65	-0.4
SBILIFE	571.3	575.65	560.85	572	-3.05
GOODREJCP	693	693	670.2	684.8	-4.1
PGHM	9,580.00	9,627.00	9,525.05	9,559.00	-67.5
LUPIN	859.75	865.6	847	853.6	-6.4
OFSS	3,529.00	3,539.65	3,486.25	3,506.30	-26.75
ABB	1,305.00	1,320.20	1,293.55	1,299.50	-10.4
SUNTV	615	620	605	611	-7.05
BIOCON	624	630.75	606.6	618.55	-7.6
IDEA	40.45	40.95	38.85	40.3	-0.5
DMART	1,389.90	1,389.90	1,366.10	1,372.00	-19.75
SAIL	65.4	65.85	64.35	64.7	-1
DABUR	375	375	366.2	370.5	-5.8
ICICI	833.95	833.95	803.1	813.5	-13.55
SHREECEM	15,250.00	15,446.95	14,705.00	15,127.00	-269.35
GICRE	322.5	326.5	315.55	315.5	-8.35
AUROPHARMA	806	815	759.3	775	-20.95
NIACL	229	229	220.15	222	-8.3

BSE 500

Script	Last Price	Abs Change	% Change
CUMMINSIND	165.35	0.35	0.21
CYIENT	648.25	2.8	0.43
DABUR	369.4	-6	-1.6
DALMIABHA	2,129.9	14.3	0.68
DBCORP	171.55	2.05	1.21
DBL	429.7	19.6	4.7
DCBBANK	157.1	-0.75	-0.48
DCMSHRIRAM	421	-8.05	-1.88
DEEPAKFERT	210.25	-1.45	-0.68
DEEPAKNI	268.95	-0.05	-0.02
DELTAACORP	238.8	4.95	2.11
DENABANK	16.75	-0.15	-0.89
GSPL	180.4	-4.3	-2.33
GULJALKALI	589.7	-4.45	-0.75
GULFJLUORO	925.55	9.35	1.02
GUJGAS	628.4	-8.4	-1.32
GULFOILLUB	789.4	29.05	3.82
HAL	854.15	-42	-4.69
HATSUN	617.4	10.55</	

Lanka SC overturns dissolution of Parliament by Prez Sirisena

PTI ■ COLOMBO

In a major setback to Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, the Supreme Court Tuesday overturned his controversial decision to dissolve Parliament and ordered a halt to preparations for snap elections on January 5. A three-member bench, including country's chief justice Nalin Perera, delivered its ruling after two days of deliberations on as many as 13 petitions against and five for Sirisena's November 9 decision to dissolve Parliament, nearly two years before the its term was to end. Sirisena dissolved Parliament after it became clear that he lacked support from lawmakers to instal former strongman Mahinda Rajapaksa as the new prime Minister following his October 26 sacking of Ranil Wickremesinghe as premier.



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

All petitions filed against Sirisena's decision will be heard on December 4, 5 and 6, the apex court ruled, according to the opposition party officials attending the hearing held under tight security. Major political parties and an election commission member Ratnajeewan Hoole on Monday dragged Sirisena to the Supreme Court, challenging his move of dissolving Parliament, almost 20 months before its term was to end. Sirisena dissolved Parliament and ordered snap election on January 5, plunging the country's into an unprecedented political and constitutional crises.

Rajapaksa needed the support of minimum 113 parliamentarians in the 225-member House to prove his majority. Wickremesinghe has maintained that his sacking by Sirisena was unconstitutional and illegal and was still the prime minister. Sirisena on Sunday stoutly defended his move to dissolve Parliament, saying it was taken to prevent clashes among rival lawmakers. He said there were reports that politicians would clash during the floor test, which was due on November 14. At the hearing Tuesday, Attorney General Jayantha Jayasuriya, on behalf of the state, justified Sirisena's action, saying the powers of the President are clear and unambiguous as provided for in the Constitution and the announcement of the dissolution of Parliament was done by the President in accordance with the Constitution.

He pleaded for the dismissal of all petitions and said the President is empowered to dissolve Parliament. Rajapaksa, 72, who ruled Lanka for a nearly decade from 2005, was unexpectedly defeated by his deputy Sirisena in the presidential election held in January 2015 with the support from Wickremesinghe's UNP. However, the power-sharing arrangement between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe became increasingly tenuous on several policy matters, especially on issues like the economy and security. And subsequently, Sirisena abruptly ousted Wickremesinghe and replaced him with Rajapaksa.

Prez backers file counter pleas supporting Parl dissolution: Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena's supporters including some Cabinet ministers Tuesday filed five petitions in the Supreme Court supporting his controversial move to dissolve Parliament even as the apex court began hearing a case filed by Opposition parties against the move. Sirisena dissolved Parliament on November 9 and announced snap polls to be held on January 5 next year after it became clear that he did not have enough support in the House to prove the premiership of former president Mahinda Rajapaksa, whom he appointed prime minister after abruptly sacking Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Modi to give awards to 'India-S'pore Hackathon' winners on Thursday

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will present awards to winners of the first 'India-Singapore Hackathon 2018' which aims to harness and showcase innovation potential of the youth from the two countries. Singapore Education Minister Ong Ye Kung will be present at the award ceremony.

The Prime Minister will visit Singapore from November 14 to 15 for a series of regional summits related to East Asia and will have a breakfast meeting with ASEAN leaders. During his official visit to Singapore from May 31 to June 2, Modi had proposed to his Singapore counterpart Lee Hsien Loong that India and Singapore should organise a joint hackathon. Lee had welcomed the proposal.

Singapore has designated the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and its innovation and enterprise arm --

NTUitive — to conduct the Hackathon. India has designated the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). High Commission of India in Singapore facilitated the event in collaboration with Singapore's Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs.

Twenty teams, each from both the countries comprising university and college students selected on nationwide basis, are participating in the hackathon to harness and showcase the innovation potential of the youth. Each of these teams has three students and one mentor. From India, an 83-member delegation comprising 60 students, 20 mentors and three officials of the AICTE is visiting Singapore for the hackathon, said the Indian High Commission in Singapore Monday night.

"Sowing the Seeds of Future Partnership", the 36-hour hackathon began 9 am

Monday at the NTU and ends 9 pm Tuesday.

On Wednesday, top six teams (three each from India and Singapore) will be announced after a final pitching session.

First prize of SGD 10,000, second prize of SGD 6,000 and third prize of SGD 4,000 have been announced for each of the three winners from India and Singapore.

The 'Problems Statements' presented to the participants are in the areas of mapping, synchronised output of diverse social media, shared digital identity verification, effective number estimate, space management and allotment, effective learning and personal security. These are based on campus scenarios which students can easily relate to. The solutions will act as seeds to address larger problems in these areas in society, said the High Commission in the statement.

Rocket barrages, Israeli strikes threaten new Gaza war

Gaza City (AFP): The worst escalation between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza since a 2014 war threatened to descend into full-blown conflict on Tuesday after further barrages of rocket fire and dozens more air strikes overnight. Six Palestinians were killed in Gaza in less than 24 hours as Israeli strikes targeted militants and flattened buildings while sending fireballs and plumes of smoke into the sky.

Sirens wailed in southern Israel and tens of thousands of residents took cover in shelters as around 400 rockets and mortar rounds were fired from the Gaza Strip, wounding 27 people, including three severely. A Palestinian labourer from the occupied West Bank was killed when a rocket hit a building in the Israeli city of Ashkelon. Schools were closed in the Gaza Strip and in southern Israel as both sides warned the other that it would respond forcefully to any further violence.

A spokesman for Hamas's armed wing, Abu Obeida, threatened to further expand its targets "if the enemy continues to bomb civilian buildings." Israeli military spokesman Jonathan Conriscus said "what we have signalled to Hamas over this night is that we have the intelligence and capabilities to strike a very wide range of military targets that belong to Hamas." Egypt, which has negotiated ceasefires following previous flare-ups, was said to be seeking to restore calm. UN Middle East envoy Nickolay Mladenov, who along with Egypt had been seeking a long-term truce between Israel and Hamas, called the escalation "extremely dangerous" and said on Twitter that "restraint must be shown by all".

The latest round of violence began on Sunday with a botched Israeli special forces operation inside the Gaza Strip that turned deadly and prompted Hamas to vow revenge. The clash that resulted from the blown covert operation killed seven Palestinian militants, including a local Hamas military commander, as well as an Israeli army officer. Palestinian militants responded with rocket and mortar fire, as well as an anti-tank missile that hit a bus that Hamas says was being used by Israeli soldiers. A soldier was severely wounded in the attack. Missile defences intercepted more than 100 rockets from Gaza and most others fell in open areas, though some hit houses and other civilian structures. "Within two seconds (after air sirens) we heard a huge boom, we saw our curtains flying in the air, windows (broken), and only after a few minutes when we went out, we realised that the missile had hit the building next to us," said Claude Bonfio, who lives near an block of flats hit by a rocket in the Israeli city of Ashkelon.

CNN sues President Trump, WH aides

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

CNN on Tuesday said it has filed a lawsuit against Donald Trump and several of his top aides, seeking the immediate restoration of the network's correspondent Jim Acosta's press pass to the White House which was suspended following a testy exchange with the US president.

During a White House press conference last Wednesday, Acosta challenged Trump's use of the word "invasion" to describe a migrant caravan heading to the US from Central America.

When Acosta tried to ask a question about the Russia investigation into alleged interference in the 2016 presidential cam-

paign, Trump told him repeatedly "that's enough" and "put down the mic". Hours after the encounter, seen across the world, the White House, in an unprecedented move, suspended Acosta's press pass, known as a Secret Service "hard pass."

White House Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said access was removed because he had put "his hands on a young woman". Acosta has denied the allegations. White House insisted that its charges against Acosta were correct.

In a statement on Tuesday, CNN said it is seeking a preliminary injunction as soon as possible so that Acosta, the chief White House correspondent,

can return to the presidential mansion right away, and a ruling from the court preventing the White House from revoking Acosta's pass in the future.

The suit alleges that Acosta and CNN's First and Fifth Amendment rights are being violated by the ban. The suit is being filed in US District Court in Washington, DC on Tuesday morning, a CNN spokeswoman said. Both CNN and Acosta are plaintiffs in the lawsuit. There are six defendants: President Trump, chief of staff John Kelly, press secretary Sarah Sanders, deputy chief of staff for communications Bill Shine, Secret Service director Joseph Clancy, and a Secret Service officer.

China trashes 'hearsay' on internment of Muslims

Beijing (AFP): China defended its internment of Muslims in the country's northwest as a terror prevention measure on Tuesday, calling on the international community to reject "hearsay" and believe its official line. Up to a million Uighurs and other Chinese Turkic-speaking minority groups have been placed in political re-education camps in the Xinjiang region, according to a group of experts cited by the United Nations. After originally denying the existence of the centres, Beijing has repeatedly described the camps as vocational "training centres" that were built to help people drawn to extremism to stay away from terrorism and allow them to be reintegrated into society.

But the programme has faced rising criticism outside the country — notably from the United States and human rights groups. "We hope our journalist friends and our other foreign friends will take into consideration the information and briefings on the situation given by the Chinese authorities," said China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi. "Rumours and hearsay should not be believed," he said standing next to his German counterpart Heiko Maas at a press conference. "It's quite clear that the government in Xinjiang knows best what is happening in Xinjiang — not other people and third party organisations."

Bolton vows to 'squeeze' Iran

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



The latest tranche of measures have been touted as the toughest yet, and aim to significantly reduce Iran's vital oil exports and cut off its banks from international finance. Speaking in Singapore ahead of a summit, Bolton said: "We think the government is under real pressure and it's our intention to squeeze them very hard." "As the British say,

squeeze them until the pips squeak. "We are also going to significantly increase the enforcement of sanctions." The US measures have been opposed by other parties to the deal aimed at ending Iran's nuclear drive — Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia — who have vowed to keep the accord alive.

"There's no doubt Iran has already started to try and find

ways to evade the sanctions both on oil in particular and financial markets," Bolton added. UN inspectors say Iran is abiding by the agreement. Bolton, however, said that "most of the countries of Europe have passed through denial and anger and many of them are already at acceptance that we're out of the deal." "Others are getting to that point."

In the face of widespread opposition to the sanctions, Washington issued exemptions to eight countries to its ban on buying oil from major producer Iran. Washington is demanding that Tehran end policies rooted in the 1979 Islamist revolution, including its support for regional proxies such as the Lebanese militia Hezbollah and its development of missiles.



A Palestinian boy stands next to the rubble of Hamas' Al-Aqsa TV station building which was hit by Israeli airstrikes on Monday, in Gaza City on Tuesday. AP

'Khashoggi murder tapes do not implicate crown prince'

Singapore (AFP): Audio linked to Jamal Khashoggi's murder inside Saudi Arabia's Istanbul consulate does not implicate Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, US National Security Advisor John Bolton said Tuesday, citing others who have heard the tapes. Turkey has previously said it shared recordings linked to the murder of Khashoggi — a Saudi dissident and fierce critic of the crown prince — with officials in Riyadh, Washington and other capitals.

Khashoggi was last seen entering the consulate on October 2 to obtain documents for his

forthcoming marriage. After repeated denials, Saudi Arabia finally admitted the 59-year-old had been murdered at the mission in a "rogue" operation. Bolton, speaking to reporters in Singapore ahead of a regional summit, was asked whether it was right to say the audio contained nothing that implicated the crown prince. "I haven't listened to the tape myself but in the assessment of those who have listened to it that's right," he said. Khashoggi's brazen murder has caused intense speculation over what, if anything, Crown Prince Salman might have known about the operation.

UK says Brexit deal 'almost within touching distance'

PTI ■ LONDON

Britain and the European Union are "almost within touching distance" of a Brexit deal after another late-night negotiating session, a close ally of Prime Minister Theresa May said Tuesday. Cabinet Office Minister David Lidington — effectively the UK's deputy prime minister — said it's "possible but not at all definite" that the two sides can reach agreement this week.

"We are not quite there yet," Lidington told the BBC. "This was always going to be an extremely difficult, extremely complex negotiation, but we are

Brexit deal agreed on 'technical level': PA

London (AFP): British and EU negotiators have reached agreement on the terms of a Brexit deal on a "technical level" and the draft will be examined by the British cabinet on Wednesday, the Press Association news agency reported on Tuesday.

The report, citing a government source, echoed similar reports in the BBC, The Guardian and the Financial Times. Ireland's public broadcaster RTE cited two government sources saying a text had been agreed to resolve the Irish border issue — a key sticking point.

almost within touching distance now." May's Cabinet met Tuesday for an update on the

concessions to the EU. The prime minister said Monday evening that the negotiations were in their "endgame" but that she would not sign up to an "agreement at any cost." Britain wants to seal a deal this fall, so that Parliament has time to vote on it before the UK leaves the bloc on March 29. The European Parliament also has to approve any agreement. Negotiators have been meeting late into the night in Brussels in a bid to close the remaining gaps.

The main outstanding issue is how to ensure there are no customs posts or other checks

along the border between the UK's Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland after Brexit. The two sides are working on a proposed solution involving a common customs arrangement for the UK and the EU. But May faces pressure from pro-Brexit Cabinet members not to agree to an arrangement that binds Britain to EU trade rules indefinitely.

May also faces growing opposition from pro-EU lawmakers, who say her proposed Brexit deal is worse than the status quo and the British public should get a new vote on whether to leave or to stay.

Donald Trump criticises Macron again

Washington (AFP): Donald Trump on Tuesday launched another attack against Emmanuel Macron over the French president's call for a European army, a proposal the US leader earlier had dubbed "insulting." "Emmanuel Macron suggests building its own army to protect Europe against the US, China and Russia. But it was Germany in World Wars One & Two - How did that work out for France?" Trump tweeted.



"They were starting to learn German in Paris before the US came along," Trump said. "Pay for NATO or not?" The Republican president has repeatedly lambasted European allies for not spending enough on their militaries, particularly Germany. Macron had angered Trump by saying

Europe needed its own army and listing the US along with Russia and China as a threat to European security.

One of dozens of world leaders attending World War I commemorations in France this weekend, Trump tweeted after landing in Paris that

Macron's call for a "real European army" was "insulting." In an interview recorded on Saturday with CNN after talks with Trump, Macron said the two leaders had spoken about what his office has portrayed as a misunderstanding. Both leaders agree there should

be "better burden-sharing within NATO," meaning Europe should be less reliant on US spending for its defence, Macron said.

But Macron told CNN: "To be very direct with you, what I don't want to see is European countries increasing the budget in defence in order to buy American and other arms or materials coming from your industry." US officials have stressed that Washington is fully committed to the NATO alliance despite Trump's comments.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg meanwhile has welcomed stronger EU efforts on defense that could strengthen the alliance — but warned against duplicating its work while potentially undermining transatlantic ties.

Spider-Man creator Lee dies at 95

Los Angeles (PTI): Stan Lee, the man credited with bringing in a new renaissance in comic books with his many flawed, relatable superheroes such as Spider-Man and Iron Man, has died after a lifetime spent in redrawing the boundaries of the literary genre. Lee, who heralded a new pop culture in the US in early '60s with his complex and often morally twisted superhero characters, died early on Monday, according to The Hollywood Reporter.



Born Stanley Martin Lieber on December 28, 1922, Lee introduced dozens of characters in collaboration with artists such as Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko during his stint at Marvel Comics. In his collaboration with Kirby, Lee co-created the Hulk, Thor, Iron Man, and the X-Men, characters who formed an instant

connection with the young audiences due to their social relevance.

It was through his uncle, Robbie Solomon, that Lee started his career at the age of 17. He became an assistant at Timely Comics, which eventually became Marvel. He adopted the pseudonym "Stan Lee" and start-

ed writing comic books. His first credit as a writer was a Captain America story in 1941. When Timely editor Joe Simon and his creative partner Jack Kirby departed from the company in 1941, Lee was made interim editor by publisher Martin Goodman.

He served in the United States Army after enlisting in early 1942. He was a member of the Signal Corps, repairing telegraph poles and other communications equipment.

Seeing the rise of DC comics, a breath of fresh air in the world of comics, Goodman asked Lee to introduce a new superhero team. The result was Fantastic Four that he created in collaboration with Kirby. The two afterwards would work on a number of characters. Their

process was that Lee would come up with a short plot outline and Kirby then would design and illustrate a comic based on a mixture of that synopsis and his own ideas. Lee would return to fill in the dialogue and captions. He also worked with artist Everett, creating Daredevil. Through his work with Ditko, Lee introduced the world to Doctor Strange and Marvel's most successful character, Spider-Man.

All these characters have now been turned into major film franchises that have earned Marvel billions of dollars in profits. Lee left Marvel in 1972, but retained the title of chairman emeritus throughout his life.

His fame and influence as the face of Marvel, even in his nonagenarian years, remained considerable.

BHUBANESHWAR: Skipper Akshdeep Nath slammed an unbeaten 151 runs to give visiting Uttar Pradesh take a first innings lead over host Odisha at KIIT Cricket Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.

Resuming from their overnight score of 42/1, UP got an early jolt when overnight batsmen Madhav Kaushik (17) and Mohd Saif (28) with just 10 runs added to the score. After that Indian team discard Suresh Raina joined Nath at the crease but he just contributed 10 runs.

Nath then played sensibly and added 126 runs with Priyam Garg (59) for the fifth wicket and 154 runs with Rinku Singh

Skipper Akshdeep slams ton against Odisha

(720 for the 6th wicket.

At stumps, UP were 361/6 in 106.6 overs with Akshdeep Nath 151 and Saurabh Kumar 8 at the crease.

TIWARY SMASHES 201* AGAINST MP

Kolkata: Skipper Manoj Tiwary silenced his critics by smashing an unbeaten double century before Bengal declared their innings at a mammoth 510/9 against Madhya Pradesh in a Elite Group B

match. Resuming at overnight score of 246/4, Bengal plundered a further 264 runs with Tiwary (201 not out) completing his fifth first class double century on the eve of his 33rd birthday. Tiwary began the day on individual score of 31. Madhya Pradesh bowlers had a tough outing despite a five-wicket haul by young Shubham Sharma (5/59). At close on Tuesday, Madhya Pradesh were 15 for no loss with plenty to ponder with two more days to go. Team

mentor Arun Lal had said this morning that the team wanted a double hundred from him. Tiwary did not let the team down and played with dogged determination to complete his century in 166 balls with a boundary off leg-spinner Mihir Hirwani.

AARON POWERS J'KHAND TO WIN

Rohtak: Jharkhand bowlers led by former India pacer Varun Aaron produced a

stellar show for the second time as they thrashed Haryana by nine wickets in the Elite Group C encounter. Jharkhand registered this thumping win on the second day of the four-day encounter, which was a low-scoring thriller. After bundling out Haryana for a meagre 81 in the first innings on Monday, Jharkhand pacers again scuttled their opposition for 72 in the second outing to contribute in the team's resounding win. Resuming the overnight

score of 120/6, Jharkhand managed to add only 23 runs to their total and were bowled out for 143.

They had a slender 62-run first innings lead. However, 29-year-old Aaron, who has played nine Tests and as many ODIs, had other ideas. He wreaked havoc on the Haryana batsmen and returned with exceptional figures of 6-32 in the second outing. Aaron was ably supported by Ajay Yadav (3-31) and Rahul Shukla (1-9) as the pacers shared the wickets among them. With just 11 runs needed for an outright win, Jharkhand completed the proceedings in four overs but lost captain Ishan Kishan in the process.

LOCAL EVENTS

TABLE TENNIS

The 4th Inter-School State Table Tennis Championships began at ITS College in Ghaziabad on Tuesday. ITS College vice chairman Arpit Chaddhainaugured the tournament.

RESULTS: Krishna Public School Ghaziabad bt Khatain Public School 3-0; Amity International School A GZB bt DPS GBN 3-1; Amity International School bt DPS GBN 3-1; Seth Anandram Jaipuria School bt DPS Ghaziabad; JKG International A Gzb bt Lotus Valley Public School Noida 3-0; JKG International School Gzb bt St Teresa Gzb 3-2; Presidium Gzb bt DPS LDCC 3-1; Lotus Valley Noida bt Amity International B Gzb.

TEAM ANNOUNCED

Lucknow region team for Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Football Tournament to be organised at Bareilly from Tuesday has been announced.

THE TEAM: Shiv Om Singh, Arvind Yadav, Santosh Kumar Singh, Rohit Maheto, Tushar Mishra, Manoj Tamang, Saddam Ubain, Mohd Atif, Mohd Azruddin, Sarfaraz Alam, Tariq Ansari, Ankur Singh, Prabhat Singh, Ikne-Talib, Amit Singh, Atul Kumar; **Reserves:** Anuj Rawat, Mohd Ali Akbari; **Coach:** Ravindar Kumar; **Manager:** Ashiwini Kumar Pandey.

SELECTION TRIALS

Regional Sports Office in association with District Wrestling Association is organising Junior selection trials at KD Singh 'Babu' Stadium on November 17. Interested may reach the venue at 2PM along with their respective birth certificates and Aadhar card. Meanwhile, district sub-junior boy's handball trials will be held at Chowk Stadium on the same day.

SELECTED

Lucknow region's men's and women's handball teams were announced on Tuesday for Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State-Level Judo Championship to be held at Saharanpur from Thursday.

TEAMS:

Men's: Ramji Pal (Hardoi), Aditya Rajpoot, Rohit Pal, Gaurav Awasthi, Diganshu, Shubham Ojha, Nawab Fahad Ali (All Lucknow)

Women's: Tushita, Dipali, Chandini Singh (All Hardoi), Rakhi Sharma, Piyusha, Shubhi Upadhyay (Lucknow)

MEGA TRENDS WIN

Mega Trends Club defeated SDS Cricket Academy by seven wickets in a league match of the 15th Babu Banarasi Das 'B' Division Cricket League at Paarth Republic ground on Tuesday. In another match, Kriative Cricket Club beat JK Sports Club by nine runs.

BRIEF SCORES:

SDS: 172 (Sarwan 76, RAhul 39, Swabhiwaan 22; Aman 17/2, Raj 31/2, Deepak 35/2)

MTCC: 176 (Abhishek 69, Dhanaajay 60; Sonu 39/2, Santosh 33/1)

KCC: 128 (Harshit 33, Baliuguddin 20; Neeraj 24; Mohit 19/3, Anurag 5/2, Akash 41/2)

JKSC: 119 (Mohit 28, Akash 18, Ravindra 10; Baliuguddin 20/4, Ashutosh 12/2, Vaibhav 17/2)

FRIENDSHIP CUP

Drona Cricket Academy Sec 9 beat Drona Cricket Academy South City by seven wickets in a Friendship Cup at RB Tiwari Stadium on Tuesday.

BRIEF SCORES:

South City: 100 (Nageshwar 22, Praveen 17, Mohd Asjad 15, Surya Pal 14; Apoorva 13/3, Aryan 19/2, Swapnil 20/2)

Sector 9: 101 (Rahul Das 43, Shobhit 19, Saurabh 17; Gaurav 5/1, Rishabh 13/1)

Djoker, Anderson win in London

AFP ■ LONDON

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

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

In stark contrast to second seed Roger Federer, who produced an error-strewn performance in defeat to Kei Nishikori on Sunday, Djokovic hit just six unforced errors and won 86 per cent of points on his serve, making a mockery of the apparent challenging nature of the playing surface. "The match was great, obviously," said the 31-year-old. "I had three breaks of serve of John which is sometimes mission impossible but I managed to be at the right place at the right time. "I held serve well, I backed it up from the baseline, I played very solid and didn't give him many opportunities."

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

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

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

Djokovic, who replaced the injured Rafael Nadal at the top of the rankings last week, has stormed up the charts this year following elbow surgery and a period of indifferent form, winning Wimbledon and the US Open along the way. Since the start of Wimbledon he has now won 32 out of 34 matches.

ANDERSON HUMILIATES

Kevin Anderson handed Japan's Kei Nishikori a humiliating 6-0, 6-1 thrashing at the ATP Finals as the South African moved to the brink of a semi-final berth on Tuesday. Anderson won the first 11 games and needed only 64 minutes to demolish the woeful Nishikori in a remarkably one-sided group stage clash at London's O2 Arena.

Having also won his opening match against Dominic Thiem in his debut at the prestigious season-ending event, Anderson is close to becoming the first African to qualify for the last four at the ATP Finals. The 32-year-old's place will be secure if Thiem beats Roger Federer, or if Federer defeats Thiem in three sets later on Tuesday.

It was a landmark moment for Wimbledon finalist Anderson, who has set a new career-high of 47 victories in a calendar year.

He will rarely have had such an easy outing as this one throughout his memorable 2018.

Anderson won the Vienna final at Nishikori's expense in October before losing to the Japanese star in the Paris Masters four days later.



INDIAN CUSTOMS





Sustained Policy Reforms bearing fruit

Huge Jump in Country's Rankings

	2017	2018
Ease of Doing Business	100	77
Trading Across Borders	146	80

- As per World Bank Group, Doing Business 2019 Report

Indian Customs has taken a series of measures to simplify Customs processes and procedures during the last few years.

Reforms undertaken since April, 2017

- An online paperless processing application, e-Sanchit, allowing trader to submit all supporting documents for clearance of consignments electronically has been introduced. There is no need to approach different regulatory agencies with hard copy of documents.
- Enhanced facilitation through Risk Management System has resulted in lesser time taken for clearances.
- Direct Port Delivery (DPD) allows registered importers to complete Customs clearances at the terminal itself and containers can be taken directly to factories without going to CFSS.
- Direct Port Entry (DPE) allows direct entry of export cargo into port terminal without any need for going to CFSS.
- Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Scheme provides faster Customs clearances and simplified Customs procedures to business entities. Already more than 1700 entities are getting benefits under it.
- Mandatory filling of Bill of Entry within specified times has resulted in discipline among the trade and resulted in reduced time in case of imports.
- E-sealing of containers has been introduced replacing earlier practice of supervised sealing by departmental officers. It has enhanced the integrity of cargo as RFID tamper-proof e-seals are being used to seal containers now.

Reforms undertaken prior to April, 2017

- Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT) eases the NOC issuance procedures for 6 main Governmental Agencies and allows importers & exporters, the facility to lodge their clearance documents online at only a single point.
- Only 3 mandatory documents now required for import/export which includes Bill of Lading/Airway Bill, Commercial Invoice-cum-Packing List and Shipping Bill/Bill of Entry from the earlier obligatory 10 documents.
- Based on the principle of 'Clear first-Pay later', facility of deferred payment of Customs duty is available. This helps to achieve seamless Wharf to Warehouse transit in order to facilitate just-in-time manufacturing. Currently being extended to importers holding AEO T-2 or T-3 status.
- 24x7 Customs Clearance facility extended to goods covered by facilitated Bills of Entry and goods shipped under Free Shipping Bills at designated Seaports & Air Cargo Complexes.
- National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) is an effective deliberative and decision-making structure. With its three-tiered composition and with representatives from trade and various governmental agencies on board, NCTF helps to ease bottlenecks for faster and streamlined clearance of goods.
- Customs Clearance Facilitation Committees (CCFCs) have been set up under the chairmanship of Chief Commissioner of Customs/Commissioner of Customs. CCFCs expedite clearance of import and export goods and help resolve grievances of trade and industry at various seaports, airports, ICDS and LCSS.

The overall impact of above reforms carried out by Customs is reflected in the reduced time and cost, associated with imports and exports, which has been vindicated by recent report on Doing Business issued by the World Bank.

- At Mumbai, in case of Exports, the time taken by Customs for clearance has reduced by 34 hours to just 12 hours. And in case of imports, the reduction in time is equally impressive - from 71 hours to 24 hours.
- The time taken by Port/Border agencies has also reduced. Now the total overall clearance time in case of exports is 54 hours and in case of imports it is 102 hours (Mumbai)

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- The current status of Bill of Entry or Shipping Bill can be traced by logging into the ICEGATE website.
- Electronic tracking of Nepal-bound cargo has already been launched by Customs.

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Rohit rested for India A opener in NZ

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

India A coach Rahul Dravid had pointed out that playing in New Zealand ahead



of the Australia tour would provide valuable match time to the senior players.

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

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

The selectors have not

named Rohit's replacement and the team will be picked from the 14-member squad. With the seniors playing only the opening game, a separate squad was named for the second and third four-day matches.

Rohit will now have only one red-ball practice game ahead of the first Test beginning December 6 at Adelaide.

Before that, he will play the three-match Twenty20 series, starting November 21 at The Gabba.

KOHLI, BUMRAH REMAIN ON TOP OF ODI TABLE

PTI ■ DUBAI

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

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

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

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

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



rounder in world cricket currently.

In the overall team rankings, India with 121 points, remained second behind England (126 points).

Taijul puts B'desh on top

AFP ■ DHAKA

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

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

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

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

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

Bangladesh had occasion-



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

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

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

Taijul took a stunning catch

at square leg to end the five innings off Taylor, who hit 10 fours in his fifth Test century—his first ever away from home. Bangladesh also dominated the opening two sessions of the day after Zimbabwe resumed play on 25-1. Brian Chari led Zimbabwe's initial resistance, hitting 53 off 128 balls before he was snared by Mehedy on the stroke of lunch.

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

Eng skipper sides with Lankan suspect offic



AFP ■ KANDY

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

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

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

"It is an unfortunate thing he has to deal with," said Root. "Ultimately for us we played him at Galle pretty well throughout the last game."

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

Root said the suspect action had not shocked him. "It didn't really stand out to me personally," he added.

"It doesn't matter what his action is like, it's how we play him. It's how it comes down to

us playing the ball, being skilful enough to react to the delivery on the surface."

The match umpires reported Dananjaya's action after the first Test, which England won by 211 runs. He took two wickets for 184 runs.

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

STOKES BOOSTED

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

"He can still play and he's in a good mentality, he will still play the next match and correct his mistake."

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

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

Stokes has played 64 of his 85 Test knocks at number six.

The England coaching staff believe however that his technique is suited to a higher position.

Bairstow, England's first-choice wicketkeeper-batsman for the past three years, was believed to have recovered from ankle ligament damage suffered in the one-day series. But Ben Foakes' stunning debut as stand-in made a change difficult.

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

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

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

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

BUTTLER'S DILEMMA

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

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

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

Buttler said he was ready — "if required".

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

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

Buttler believes the win in first Test has given them (England) confidence for the rest of the series.

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

"I think it's a good sign for the lads that we're excited by the challenge, and happy to take it on, and not be afraid to do things differently if we have to.

Kashyap, Satwik-Ashwini win at Hong Kong



P Kashyap returns a shot during his game BWF

PTI ■ KOWLOON

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

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

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

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

meet another Taiwanese combination of Lee Yang and Hsu Ya

Ching.

Kashyap, a former world No 6, has been struggling to be in his best shape ever since his knee injury spoilt his Rio Olympic dream.

The Indian had made a good start to the season, winning the Austrian challenge but injuries came back to haunt him.

"It has been tough few years for me with injuries. This year I suffered a stress fracture in my right leg fibula bone after the Austrian Challenge which took me two months to recover. I missed almost four tournaments in this period," he said.

He recovered to play the Thailand Open but again hurt his back, which took almost three months to recover.

"I had entered Thailand Open, Singapore Open and Russia tournaments in May. I had a couple of good matches in Thailand and the very next week in Singapore had a jerk in my back which turned out to be an annular tear. As a result, I had to concede my matches in Singapore and Russia," Kashyap said.

"After another 8 weeks of rest and rehab and another 3 weeks of training I finally could play the European circuit events. I lost in the quarterfinals of Dutch Open and another quarterfinal finish at SaarLorLux Open. "These results although not satisfying, I am just happy to be back on the circuit and playing some tournaments. Now the aim is to stay fit and get higher in ranking gradually," Kashyap had also turned up as a coach guiding Saina Nehwal at Denmark and French Open.

It won't be easy for Mary: Nieva

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

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

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

"Everybody knows her. She has some pressure but she has done this before and we are confident she can do it again," he said. Nieva said his expectation includes a Gold and anything less than that will be a below-par result for the hosts.

"I expect at least three medals, including a Gold. We will not be satisfied if we can't achieve that. Everything more than 3 medals will be a bonus and great result for us." Besides Mary Kom, Nieva expects good performances from some young Indian boxers in the tournament. Lovelina (Borghain, 69kg), Manisha (54kg) looked pretty impressive in training sessions but a competition bout is totally different. It is their first World Championship and they are relatively inexperienced but they are good boxers," he said.

Ibrahimovic named top MLS newcomer

AFP ■ NEW YORK

Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic of the Los Angeles Galaxy was on Monday named as Major League Soccer Newcomer of the Year, defeating England's Wayne Rooney among others for the award.

Ibrahimovic won in a balloting of MLS coaches and players plus a media panel with an average of 36.36 percent support to 32.25 percent for DC United captain

Rooney. Mexico's Carlos Vela of Los Angeles FC was third on 13.47 percent. Ibrahimovic scored 22 goals and added 10 assists in what was only the third 20-and-10 season in MLS history. The Galaxy went 9-2 with four draws when the Swedish icon scored a goal.

With a roundhouse volley kick to score against Toronto FC on September 15, Ibrahimovic netted his 500th career goal, joining Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo as



only the third active player to reach that lofty milestone.

Ibrahimovic failed to lead the Galaxy into the play-offs but his career has already included titles with European giants FC Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain and Inter Milan.

He has also netted a record 62 goals for Sweden, with star turns in the 2002 and 2006 World Cups.

Rooney, who scored 12 goals in 21 appearances for DC United after joining the club in July and lift-

ing them from the cellar to the play-offs, won the nod in voting from club technical staff — 34.31 percent to 28.43 percent over Zlatan.

But the Swede edged Rooney in player balloting 34.99 to 30.90 percent and decisively took media voting 45.65 percent to 31.53 percent.

Newcomer of the Year recognizes players in their first MLS season but with prior professional experience, making Rookie of the Year candidates ineligible.

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Sl No.	District	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.)	Time of Completion	Address of E.E. Executing the work	Address of SE	Address of DM	Address of Chief Engineer
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4. The bid shall remain valid for acceptance for a period of 90 (ninety) days from the last date of submission of bids. Bids once submitted cannot be withdrawn.

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6. In case of any discrepancy between the downloaded bid document and that available with the concerned Executive Engineer the bid document available in the office would be considered authentic.

7. Bids must be delivered to the office of the Executive Engineer executing the work, Superintending Engineer or D.M., Chief Engineer mentioned in column 8, 9, 10 & 11 of the table corresponding to the respective work on or before 12:00 noon on 22.11.2018 and bid will be opened on the next working day i.e. on 23.11.2018 at 12:30 PM, in the office of the District Magistrate mentioned in column 10, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt or opening of the bids as specified, the bids will receive and opened on the next working day, at the same time and venue, and validity of bid will be considered from the original date.

8. Bids must be accompanied with security of the amount specified for the work in the table column 5. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms fixed deposit receipt of a scheduled nationalised bank, NSC, Post office saving bank issued in favour of "Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Kanpur Dehat". The security must be valid upto 45 days after validity of tender.

9. A bidder shall not be permitted to bid for works in the division/circle responsible for award and execution of contracts in which his or his spouse's near relatives (defined as first blood relations, and their spouses) is posted as Divisional Accountant or as an officer in any capacity between the grades of Superintending Engineer and Junior Engineer (both inclusive) bidder shall also submit an affidavit clearly mentioned the names and designation of relatives working in any capacity in the division or circle responsible for award and execution of work.

10. No Engineer of gazetted rank or other gazetted officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering department of the state/central Government is allowed to work as a contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service without Government permission. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found at any time to such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as the aforesaid before the submission of the tender or engagement in the contractor's service.

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3. Bids of bidder who do not possess the required bidding capacity shall not be accepted in any case.

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BELT AND ROAD

Xi unveils opening-up measures



Visitors are dazzled by new technologies during CIIE in Shanghai, China (Photo by Zhoucan)

Chinese President Xi Jinping announced a number of measures on Monday, including lowered tariffs and eased market access, intended to promote common growth and build an open global economy.

In his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the first China International Import Expo, in Shanghai, Xi introduced China's plan to boost economic openness and called on the world to promote free trade and facilitate investment.

Xi predicted that China's imports of goods and services would exceed \$30 trillion and \$10 trillion, respectively, in the next 15 years, in step with the increasing demand of Chinese people in pursuing a better life.

China's initiative to expand imports is not makeshift, but a long-term plan to embrace the world and the future while promoting common development, Xi said. Business people around the world are welcome to share the development opportunities of the market in China, which has a huge population of 1.3 billion, Xi added.

China is taking solid steps to expand financial opening-up, continue to advance opening-up in the service sector and deepen opening-up in agriculture, mining and manufacturing. The country also will accelerate the opening-up process in sectors including telecommunications, education, medical treatment and culture, Xi said.

"China will not stop its effort to pursue higher-quality opening-up! China will not stop its effort to pursue an open world economy!" Xi said.

He called economic globalization an irreversible

historical trend that provides strong momentum for world economic development.

Xi said a fully optimistic attitude is justified toward the prospects of China's economic development despite the challenges of rising uncertainties and some companies' business difficulties.

The Chinese economy is not a pond, but an ocean," Chinese President Xi Jinping said, and heavy winds and storms "may upset a pond, but never an ocean.

The world is facing the challenge of rising anti-globalization, Xi said, adding that all countries need to acknowledge that openness and collaboration are the engines of global growth and vitality.

Xi proposed that all countries push back against protectionism and unilateralism to build a more connected, fair, transparent and inclusive world economy.

Xi said that the measures he announced in April to relax market access have been implemented. China has further simplified the negative list for foreign investment, reduced investment limits and lifted the level of free investment.

Xi said China would foster a world-class business environment, vowing to accelerate legislation in foreign-investment law and protect the legitimate rights and interests of foreign-invested enterprises. He said that every country should strive to

improve its own business environment and solve its own problems.

Xi introduced China's planned measures to fully leverage Shanghai's role in opening-up, including setting up new districts of the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone and launching a science and technology innovation board at the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The expo shows China's innovative ideas and actions to support the multilateral trading system and promote free trade, Xi said. Before the opening ceremony, he met with foreign entrepreneurs and said that China will continue to provide a good environment for global investors.

XINHUA

Hot debated: Chinese media: Touch the ancient civilization of India through its products

India, an ancient civilization, is also a country of song and dance and spices as well as a kingdom of jewelry. Its mysteries and colors flash through people's mind. At the CIIE, most of the building materials used in the Indian Country Pavilion are reusable. Walking into the pavilion, the seafood on display is stunning.

Kumar, director of India Seafood Export Bureau, said that fish, shellfish and shrimp products from the Indian Ocean are on display in China for the first time. "India has 349 modern refrigeration plants approved by European Union, and they have a freezing capacity of 27,416 tons per day with a huge potential of reprocessing and value-added seafood."

As the emerging econ-

omy and close neighbors of the world's largest developing countries, China and India are both beneficiaries, contributors and innovators of the existing international trade system. Kumar said that before the CIIE, China sent a special trade promotion delegation consisting of about 40 well-known Chinese companies to India to negotiate docking in textile, medical and agriculture products. China demonstrated its unremitting efforts and sincerity in seeking a trade balance with India.

Myanmar media: China is more and more opened

"China has opened its door wider and wider," praised U Zaw Lin Than, a journalist of Snapshot Journal in Myanmar who watched the opening ceremony of the first CIIE live on the internet. CIIE news has been what he must watch recently.

After watching the opening ceremony, U Zaw Lin Than recalled his tour study to Shanghai Pudong last July. He could not forget Shanghai Tower located at Lujiazui core area. On the top of the tower, U Zaw Lin Than captured the thriving Lujiazui Finance and Trade Zone with his camera. Seeing China's innovative development and experiencing its charm from openness, he praised, "Shanghai is an open and innovative city and a real international trade center."

U Zaw Lin Than said that this is the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up and Shanghai is a city representative of China's openness to the outside world. The CIIE here in Shanghai not only showcases China's achievements in 40 years of reform and opening-up to the world, but also enables

the world to an opportunities to learn a more open China. "Shanghai was chosen as the site of the Expo, where the world enjoys China's openness," he said as he scrolled through live updates on his phone. He wishes the Expo more and more successful and hopes that he can go to the site for interview next year to better introduce the grand expo to his friends in Myanmar.

U Zaw Lin Than also paid attention to the Expo and praised for China's opening up. As the general manager of Daw Myo Aye Mandalay Pharmaceutical Factory, she particularly focuses on investment in healthcare. She believes that China's accelerating opening process in education, medical, culture and other fields will greatly promote the cooperation between Myanmar and China in those fields. "I will bring my own products to attend the Expo next year."

As an "exhibition fan" of China, U Zaw Lin Than has participated the China Import and Export Commodities Fair, the China-East Asia Expo, the China-South and Southeast Asia Expo and the China-Myanmar Border Fair. "Every time I attend an expo, I got to know Chinese medicine peers and they invited me to learn about the production and processing of traditional Chinese medicine factories."

She told the reporter that China has traditional Chinese medicine and Myanmar also has its special medicine. In the development of medicines, entrepreneurs from the two countries can talk and learn from each other through the new platform established by the CIIE.

By YDPG



Indian merchandiser is recommending products to customers during CIIE (Photo by XINHUA)

BEAUTIFUL YUNNAN

Tell stories of beautiful and connected Yunnan: Thai editor



Every year, seagulls fly to Dianchi Lake to survive winter. This is the 34th year, since the seagulls have been coming to Kunming (Photo by Yang Zheng)

Editor's note: In July 2018, Yunnan Province made it clear to build Yunnan into the most beautiful province of China by adhering to its beautiful ecological environment, beautiful cities, beautiful villages, beautiful mountains and rivers. To this end, we have interviewed the editor-in-chief of *The Nation of Thailand* and let's listen to his expectations of Yunnan.

Pana Janviroj is an old friend of Yunnan News Press Group. The special issues of *China Yunnan* published in *The Nation* in Thailand by the two sides let him stay tuned on the information of building Yunnan into the most beautiful province in China.

"Yunnan has many world-famous scenic spots and historical sites. Many Thai tourists flocking in every year." Pana Janviroj said that "In particular, I hope that Yunnan's rich cultural and tourism re-

sources can be introduced to the world through more professional multi-lingual communication platforms."

To Pana Janviroj's great surprise, by the end of June 2018 Yunnan has opened 87 international and regional air routes and 40 shipping points. More than 140 round-trip flights every week connecting South and Southeast Asian countries from Yunnan every week, accounting for 60% of the total international and regional flights. He said, "Both by air and land Yunnan has speeding up its connection with South and Southeast Asia. This is the beauty and charming of opening-up."

He said that as a media partner of Yunnan Daily Press Group, *The Nation* will play its function of a link to introduce the most beautiful province of China to the world and tell Thai people the stories of beautiful and opening-up Yunnan.

Diqing inheritor (6): Zhuoma and her devotion to Tibetan costume-making

When we reached Zhuoma's courtyard, which lies in Benzilan Township, Deqin County, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Yunnan Province, Zhuoma had waited us, in a purple cloth. It was casual, yet interspersed by golden silk exquisitely.

Zhuoma told us that she spent ten years learning to make the Tibetan costume after she picked up a needle at the age of 15. She now, aged 55, has set up her own factory in Tibetan costumes making and the products are popular in local and surrounding areas.

She said that she can still feel the joy and sense of achievement in the same way as she did four decades ago, when sitting in front of the sewing machine and seeing the costume gradually take shape.

"Traditional Tibetan costumes are all handmade. Crafts of women's clothes are complicated and styles for the youths, middle-aged and senior people are different. So are materials and decorations on the clothes. Generally, a single costume takes one over ten days to accomplish," Zhuoma was

in a delighted voice, when it comes to Tibetan costumes.

As the eldest in her family, Zhuoma was highly expected to pass down the inheritance. She started learning the craft at the age of 15 from her father, while other sisters would do all the housework so that she could focus on sewing.

Attracted by the charm of Tibetan costumes, Zhuoma spent all her time in working place. Years of hard work made her a skillful costume maker.

Having learnt all sewing skills from her father, Zhuoma helped her family better off because of the craft. Zhuoma now is the representative inheritor of Tibetan costumes sewing, a provincial intangible cultural heritage.

Last year, a local temple asked Zhuoma to make the dancing costumes, just like what had happened to her father. Decades of sewing is an enjoyable journey for Zhuoma, she said proudly and happily. Tibetan costumes making is a lifelong career for her.

(Xiong Yan)



Zhuoma making costumes (Photo by Li Wenjun)

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Grape-growing enriches villagers



Since China's reform and opening up, Deqin County has made grape-growing enrich rural folks, aiming to be a world-class wine producer. 16 grape varieties are currently grown in 922.6 hectares in the county. In 2017, the grape output value in Deqin reached around 13.3 million dollars.

Deqin, 187km northwest of Zhongdian is the last outpost of Yunnan before Tibet-Deqin Town and county (Part of Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture). The county is 80% Tibetan, though a dozen other minorities are found here, including one of the few settlements have named Deqin County "Shangri-La".

Pictures posted recently show villagers harvest grapes in a rural plantation in Deqin County, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest Yunnan.

CONNECTIVITY

China-India Aviation Conference held in Kunming

On November 1, the second China-India Aviation Conference was held in Kunming. More than 160 participants came from India's airport administration, aviation department and China's civil aviation industry management department, relevant departments of Yunnan Province and major domestic airlines, airport groups, tourism enterprises attended the event.

The second China-India Aviation Conference aimed to further focus on development opportunities of the air transport market in China and India, to share and discuss the issues related to route development, policy changes and market potential of air routes between the two countries, and to promote exchanges and understanding between the two countries' civil aviation sector. At the same time, the event served as a platform to provide one-

to-one business negotiation opportunities between airports and airlines and further enhanced the efficient interaction between the industries of the two countries.

At the Conference, participants shared and discussed topics such as future development of aviation industry in China and India, India's air routes from the perspective of passengers, market opportunities for industries in China and India, and jointly explored the development trend of China-India aviation market. A consensus was reached in market cooperation and future development. Yunnan Airport Group signed a MOU with CADAS to establish a South Asia aviation market research platform. Through the research platform to study and analyze market dynamics in China and South Asia to promote communication

and development of Yunnan and South Asia's aviation market. It is planned to gradually build the platform into South Asia aviation information sharing center in a new era, a South Asia aviation policy research center, China-South Asia aviation communication platform, and a platform of gathering talents for China and South Asia aviation.

According to IATA (International Air Transport Association), China and India will be the world's largest and the third-largest aviation market respectively by 2025. Yunnan is at the forefront of the Belt and Road Initiative. In recent years, Yunnan Airport Group has continuously strengthened the development of India aviation market. A hundred and six thousand passengers were carried from Kunming to India from January to Septem-

ber 2018. Passenger Air routes are opened from Kunming to New Delhi and Calcutta, and cargo air routes are opened from Kunming to Delhi, Bombay, Madras, and Bangalore. Passenger numbers and cargo volume have maintained rapid growth. As a gateway between China and India, Kunming airport is becoming a hub.

According to an official from Yunnan Provincial Civil Aviation Development Bureau, Yunnan's cooperation with India in the field of aviation is deepening and has yielded fruitful results. The conference has further strengthened the connection and communication between Yunnan and India in aviation and has provided a pragmatic and efficient platform of communication for air companies, airports and tourism enterprises and promoted the air industry development of our province.

By Hu Xiaorong