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Voters to decide BJP, Cong's fate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ■
RAIPUR

As many as 1.54 crore voters including just over 76 lakh female, will cast votes on Tuesday at 19,336 polling booths for 72 seats across 19 districts amid unprecedented security arrangements in Chhattisgarh to decide fate of doctor-turned-politician Raman Singh-led BJP Government.

A total of 1,079 candidates are in the fray, and both Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are contesting all the 72 seats. The Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) is in the fray for 25 seats and its ally and former Chief Minister Jogi's Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (J) is vying in 46 seats.

The Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has fielded candidates in 66 constituencies.

Chhattisgarh which was formed with a split of Madhya Pradesh in 2000, is witnessing a three-way poll battle this time. BJP is in power since Dec 2003 and the party expects the record fourth term in a row in the mineral-rich State though the Congress has put its all efforts to return to power.

Jogi, who ruled the state for the first three years as a Congress Chief Minister, later floated his own outfit and aligned with the BSP and the CPI, is perceived to impact the poll battle where the vote share difference between the BJP and the Congress was less than one per cent in 2013.

In last election, the BJP had won 49 seat, while the Congress won 39 seats with a vote share of 40.29 per cent in the 90-member Assembly.

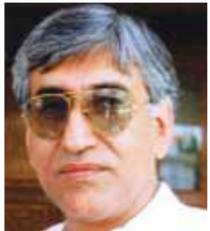
Among the prominent faces in fray in the last phase are state Congress chief Bhupesh Baghel (Patan), Leader of Opposition in the Assembly T.S. Singh Deo (Ambikapur) and former Union Minister Charandas Mahant (Shakti).

For the BJP, the list includes Agriculture Minister Brijmohan Agrawal (Raipur City South), PWD Minister Rajesh Munat (Raipur City West), Industry Minister Amar Agrawal (Bilaspur), Higher Education Minister Prem Prakash Pandey (Bhilai Nagar), Tourism Minister Dayaldas Baghel (Nawagarh) and state party president Dharamlal Kaushik (Bilha).

For the third front, Jogi is in the fray from Marwahi, his wife Renu Jogi is contesting from Kota, while his daughter-in-law Richa Jogi is a BSP nominee from the Akaltara seat.

The high-decibel election campaign which ended on Sunday, saw Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President Amit Shah, Chief Minister Raman Singh and his Uttar Pradesh counterpart Yogi Adityanath raising the pitch for the party.

For the Congress, which looking to unseat the BJP, President Rahul Gandhi led from the front targeting Modi and the Raman Singh



FOR THE BJP, THE LIST INCLUDES AGRICULTURE MINISTER BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL (RAIPUR CITY SOUTH), PWD MINISTER RAJESH MUNAT (RAIPUR CITY WEST), INDUSTRY MINISTER AMAR AGRAWAL (BILASPUR), HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTER PREM PRAKASH PANDEY (BHILAI NAGAR), TOURISM MINISTER DAYALDAS BAGHEL (NAWAGARH) AND STATE PARTY PRESIDENT DHARAMLAL KAUSHIK (BILHA)

Government over alleged corruption and agrarian distress.

Besides flaying Prime Minister Narendra Modi for demonetisation, Gandhi also dared the Prime Minister to speak up over the Rafale deal which the Congress calls to be India's "biggest defence scam".

The BJP's campaign centered around attacking the Congress over dynasty politics, with the Nehru-Gandhi family being the focal point of both Modi and Shah's attack.

The state has total 90 seats and voting was held in the first phase on November 12 for 18 seats. The results will be declared on December 11.

Naidu, Mamata meet to form anti-BJP front

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

and Income Tax Department to harass and malign them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last stretch opens KMP e-way to public

Modi also inaugurates Ballabgarh-Mujesar Metro rail link project
PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Four killed in laundry fire in Karol Bagh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Detailed report on P2

Expert panel to look into capital surplus issues: RBI Board

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

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



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

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

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CAPSULE

MALDIVES TO PULL OUT OF CHINA FREE TRADE DEAL

Male: The Maldives Government will pull out of a free trade agreement with China because it was a mistake for the tiny nation to strike such a pact with Beijing, the head of the largest party in the ruling alliance said.

NISSAN CHIEF GHOSH ARRESTED FOR GRAFT

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

AIR QUALITY LIKELY TO IMPROVE TODAY

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

Dubai court orders Christian Michel extradition to India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

On Monday, Michel's

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

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

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HC raps Kerala Govt for excesses on Ayyappa devotees

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

dence of the Chief Minister in the Capital city.

The High Court while hearing the petitions filed by Hindu organisations on Monday took police to task for

their actions which were not in synch with a pilgrimage centre.

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6 N-E States ready to implement RERA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



RERA rules.

Sources said representatives of these states had some issues about the implementation of RERA, but the Ministry officials cleared all their doubts in the last month's workshop. The Act, which provides proper protection to homebuyers, was enacted by the Parliament in 2016. The States were given powers to notify their respective rules and appoint regulatory authorities.

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

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

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

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

WORLD TOILET DAY PM praises sanitation coverage increase

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shah to visit Mizoram for public meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Amritsar blast: Rajnath reviews security situation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Singh was told that a team

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

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

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



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

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

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Hope RBI Guv shows Modi his place: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

INSHORT

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

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

FOR DEVOTEES OF KARTARPUR SAHIB

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kartarpur Sahib is the final resting place of Guru Nanak

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

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

FROM SUPREME COURT

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

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

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

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

on November 26".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3-day 'youth against leprosy' festival begins

PNS ■ INDORE

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India led world in reducing malaria in 2017: Report

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

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

By leading the world in

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

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

Change data collection procedure: CIC to RGI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

vation.

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

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

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

14 polling teams leave in Chopper for red zones

STAFF REPORTER ■ GARIABAND

Some of the polling teams on Monday left by helicopter in the heavily insurgency-infested Gariaband district for polling centers located at Odh and Amamora regions, officials informed.

A total of 14 teams along with Security Officer, Micro Observer and the polling team members boarded the helicopter at 9.15 am from Police Parade Ground at the Gariaband district headquarters.

In both the aforesaid insurgency-infested polling centers, polling will be held from 7 am to 3 pm while in rest of the polling centers in the district, polling will be held from 8 am to 5 pm.

Moreover, the district administration had also made arrangements for wheel chairs



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for the differently abled voters who will be arriving at the various polling centers. The teams of NCC cadets and NSS volunteers will be assisting the differently abled voters at the polling centers.

Strict vigil is being maintained in the polling centers adjoining districts in Odisha, officials informed.

Notably, it may be recalled Choppers had been used also in the first phase of polls in Bastar where polling teams deployed in 22 hyper sensitive polling booths in extreme Naxal-hit heavily forested and hillock areas under Narayanpur assembly seat during the first phase of polls were brought back safely to district headquarters by choppers after polling ended at 3 p.m. on November 12.

These 22 polling booths were situated in Akabeda, Nednar and Orchha blocks. The district administration heaved a sigh of relief when all the polling teams returned safely after successfully conducting polling.

The EVMs and VVPATs were thereafter safely taken to the strong room situated in Atmanand Mahavidyalaya of the district headquarters.

Voters can check their names & polling centre online



STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The voters can now check their names and Polling Centre online before leaving home to cast their vote.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Office of the Chhattisgarh Chief Electoral Officer have launched a website for the convenience of the voters.

The webcasting would be done for 140 polling booths falling under Janjgir-Champa

district based assembly constituencies while in Bemetara, in all its three Assembly constituencies of Navagarh, Bemetara and Saja, 73 polling booths will have the facility.

In each State Assembly constituency as per 10 percent average, the polling centres are being included for web-casting. The nodal officers and the officers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have been directed to ensure internet connection at these centres.



Polling staff being deployed on duty collect polling material before leaving for the designated centers in Raipur on Monday.



Santosh Sahu | Pioneer

BJP focussed on winning 65 plus seats: Raman

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chief Minister Raman Singh on Monday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is moving ahead with the 'mission 65-plus' target to win the polls.

Singh while addressing a press conference here said that on one hand, the Congress party is making promise on waiver of farmer loans in Chhattisgarh and on the other, in Karnataka farmers are demonstrating before the State Assembly.

He further said that in second phase of polling in 72 assembly constituencies, the wave is in favour of BJP.

Singh further reiterated that this time the party would achieve the target of winning 65 plus seats.

Cong leaders object National-level BJP leaders' presence

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Objecting to presence of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders from outside the State, who were allegedly camping at BJP office 'Ekatma Parisar' here, Congress leaders led by Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CGPCC) Chief Bhupesh Baghel staged a sit-in in front of office of the State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Subrat Sahoo on Monday afternoon.

The Congress leaders raised objection that BJP lead-



ers from outside the State including National Joint

General Secretary (Organization) Saudan Singh,

National General Secretary and In-charge of Chhattisgarh Dr Anil Kumar Jain were still camping at Ekatma Parisar. This was a violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and the Election Commission must immediately take action on it, they demanded.

Later their sit-in was ended after a delegation led by Baghel met the CEO.

Baghel later informed media persons that they had also expressed their suspicion that the government machinery and many officers were working in favour of BJP.

Cash, liquor, freebies worth ₹13.03 cr seized: CEO



STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Flying squads and various task forces specially constituted to check the allurements by political parties during the poll process have seized cash and goods including precious metals and liquor worth ₹13.03 crore till November 18.

Providing details on seizures made, State Chief Electoral Officer Subrat Sahoo informed in a press conference here that cash worth ₹4.62 crore, liquor worth ₹1.76 crore and freebies worth ₹6.33 crore were seized by the squads of police, Excise and Income Tax Department till Sunday.

The cash amounting to ₹3.92 crore was seized by police teams whereas the Income Tax Department personnel seized ₹70 lakhs, he informed. Thus a total progressive seizure by police and Income Tax Department was worth ₹4.62

crores, he said.

Regarding liquor seizure, the CEO informed that flying squads, static surveillance teams and police seized a total consignment of 93821.14 liters of liquor worth ₹75.35 lakhs whereas the State Prohibition and Excise Department seized a total of 38442.35 liters of liquor worth ₹1.01 crore. Thus a combined seizure of 132263.49 liters of liquor worth 1.76 crore was done by them, the official said.

The special squads also seized freebies in form of laptops, vehicles, pressure cooker and Sarees worth ₹6.33 crore while the precious metals including gold and silver ornaments worth ₹29 lakhs were seized, he informed.

Drugs and narcotics weighing a total of 22.16 kgs and estimated price of the consignment at ₹1.76 lakhs was also seized, Sahoo said.

FIR lodged for 'fake news' on loan waiver: Sahoo



STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

A First Information Report has been lodged based on the complaint regarding a fake news citing statement of father of a politician which went viral in social media with the 'fake letter' circulated in social media regarding loan waiver, said Chhattisgarh Chief Electoral Officer Subrat Sahoo on Monday.

On holding the road show and public rally even after imposition of Section 144, Sahoo said that Raipur District Electoral Officer and Superintendent of Police have issued the notice to the concerned political party. Action would be taken as per rules after the reply is provided by the party, he said.

On Postal Ballot issue, Sahoo clarified that 100 percent distribution of postal ballot

has been done for those employees, having their correct Part Number and Serial number.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued directive that if the application contains incorrect entries, it can be rejected.

Sahoo pointed out as per the ECI directive, within the 200 metres of polling booth no political advertisements should exist. "It is not on directive of any political party, the hoardings are being removed," he said, based on a complaint lodged by Congress party.

He said that no election campaigning can be done through social media as it has already ended with the 48 hours deadline.

The CEO said that if required, additional security forces in sensitive areas would be deployed.



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Public holiday in C'garh today due to polls



File Pic

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The State Government has declared a public holiday in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday (November 20) in view of the second and final phase of polls to be held in

the State. Notably, polling will be held in 72 Assembly constituencies of the State and the holiday had been declared under Negotiable Instruments Act, an official press release informed.

Every vote is confidential: Sahoo

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The Election Commission of India (ECI) as per set standards has made voting by EVM and VVPAT fully confidential, said Chhattisgarh Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Subrat Sahoo on Monday.

He assured the electors that their vote will be kept totally confidential. As per Conduct of Election Rules 1961, rule 49 (l) there is permission to cast the vote but Rule 49 (m) states that for the person exercising the franchise, it is also mandatory to keep confidentiality,

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Sahoo said. Therefore a compartment had been made where the EVM/VVPAT is installed and elector has to cast his/her vote in it, he said.

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number of candidate, name and election symbol can be seen after which the slip cut offs and falls in drop box.

In case of Persons with Disabilities and blind persons, the assisting person along with polling agents has to maintain the confidentiality. If this is violated, then there is provision of three month's imprisonment.

Sahoo pointed out that use of mobile phone and other electronic equipment are banned inside the polling centres. In polling centres, web-cameras have been installed, he said.

Poll material distributed to staff

STAFF REPORTER ■ BILASPUR

The necessary poll material had been distributed to the polling staff here on Tuesday, officials informed.

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Unit, Ballot Unit, VVPAT and all other necessary poll material at 8 am, officials informed.

Verma files in SC his reply to CVC charges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

However the Bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph, told Verma's lawyer Gopal Sankaranarayanan, "We are not

shifting the date (of hearing). You file it as quickly as possible as we will have to read it."

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

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

Earlier, the apex court had said the CVC had made some "very uncomplimentary" findings in its probe on corruption allegations against Verma and wanted further investigation into some of the charges which required more time.

HC raps Kerala...

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

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

K Ramkumar, the septuagenarian senior lawyer, who represented the devotees said the Court told the Government and police that they have no rights to fix the schedule for the devotees to pray at the temple.

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

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

K P Sasikala, leader of the Hindu United Front told reporters after her darshan at the temple on Monday that the CPI-M led Government has failed in making any kind of basic arrangements at the temple. "It is to cover up the failure of the Government that police were being used to scare away the devotees. It is pathetic to see that infants have to sleep near heaps of garbage where wild boars and pigs come in search of food," said Sasikala.

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

CBI DIG bares Govt underbelly

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Sinha claimed after the Government sent Verma and Asthana on "forced" leave and transferred the entire team investigating charges against Asthana, he heard an officer telling "things have been managed and everything is fine".

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

"On the morning of October 16, 2018, accused Manoj Prasad was intercepted at Delhi Airport on his arrival

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

"As per Manoj Prasad, Dineshwar Prasad, father of Manoj and Somesh, who retired as RAW Joint Secretary, has close acquaintance with the National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. This was one of the first things Manoj claimed on being brought to the CBI HQ as he expressed complete surprise and anger as to how the CBI could pick him up despite his close links with NSA Doval," said the CBI DIG's affidavit.

"He started bragging and claimed that his brother Somesh is very close to an officer in Dubai (name withheld) and to Samant Goel, presently RAW Special Secretary, and he can get us finished off/kicked out. Manoj taunted us that you people have no standing whatsoever and therefore should stay in limits and let him free.

He claimed that recently his brother Somesh and Samant Goel helped the NSA on an important personal matter. He further claimed that India opted out of a contest from INTERPOL," said the affidavit filed by Sinha.

"Regarding genuineness of this claim of Manoj, no attempt was made to verify the claim regarding NSA Doval," said the affidavit filed by Sinha. He said later he found that Manoj Prasad's information about India opting out from Interpol was factually correct.

"When the IO, AK Bassi, came to know that Samant Goel/Somesh had stopped talking and were exchanging WhatsApp messages, he insisted that we need the cellphone sets of the public servants as the evidence is likely to be stored on the device and that search be conducted. The CBI Director did not give immediate permission and reverted that the

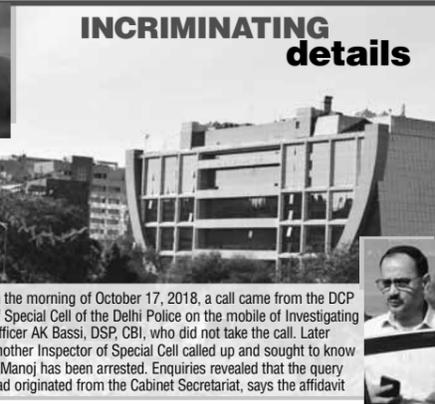
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The CBI DIG in his affidavit also said that during interrogation they found that Manoj Prasad and brother Somesh Prasad were in regular touch with Rakesh Asthana and Somesh Goel. He said that there were several WhatsApp messages to prove this 'dubious links.' The officer further said his team has records of conversation between Rakesh Asthana and Samant Goel, when Manoj Prasad was in their custody.

The affidavit filed by Sinha brings to light the role of the Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha in protecting Asthana.

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Further, the interesting part is how a Minister in the Modi Government intervened with the DoPT to protect Asthana. "As per Sana, Shri Haribhai (Minister of State) had intervened with the senior officers of CBI through the office of the Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, to

Director reports to," said the CBI DIG.

He also said that CVC Chowdhary also met Sana to save his relative from these issues. The officer said that the CVC and Asthana were also in touch during these days. "Sathish Babu Sana also disclosed that he met CVC KV Chowdhary along with one Gorantla Ramesh (close relative of Chowdhary and owner of Delhi Public School Hyderabad, as per Sana) somewhere in Delhi (exact date and location was not informed) and that they discussed Moin Qureshi's case. As per Sana, in the year 2011, Gorantla Ramesh sold some land and gave around Rs 4 crore out of the said sale consideration to Sana, in the same month, in which Sana had given Rs 50 Lakhs to Moin Qureshi. Therefore, Gorantla Ramesh was examined by CBI in the Moin Qureshi's case.

"As per Sana, subsequently, CVC Chowdhary called Rakesh Asthana to his residence and made enquiries. Asthana informed the CVC that there is not much in evidence against them. There is no illegality in this, but the same is put on record here for the sake of completeness. No verification was undertaken and the same is based on disclosure made by Sana"

"On October 23, 2018, the

DIG/DD (SU) that someone spoke to Samant Goel (who was in Chandigarh at that time) and asked to help him to which Samant Goel replied things have been managed with the PMO and everything is fine. The same night the entire investigating team was shifted," said CBI DIG pointing a finger at the PMO.

The CBI DIG also said that on November 8, Sana was advised by Law Secretary Suresh Chandra to save Asthana from the Supreme Court monitored CVC probe. He said that IAS officer Rekha Rani met Sana to contact the Law Secretary.

The woman IAS officer was owner of Sana's office premises. According to Sana, Chandra told him that he was talking to him on behalf of Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha. "Sana spoke to him on WhatsApp on the evening of November 8.

The Union Law Secretary, Suresh Chandra, said he was in London for some work related to the Nirav Modi case, that he was trying to contact him for last 4/5 days in order to convey message of Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha that the Union Government will offer full protection to him, that there will be a drastic change on Tuesday (13th) and that he (Sana) should meet him (Suresh Chandra) on Wednesday (14th)," the petition says.

Expert panel to look into capital surplus issues: RBI Board

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

The central board headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel, which met amid the on-going tussle between the Finance Ministry and the central bank over various issues, discussed the Basel regulatory capital framework, a restructuring scheme for stressed MSMSE, bank health under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework and the Economic Capital Framework (ECF).

Patel and his deputies came face to face with government nominee directors— Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg and Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Kumar — and independent members like S Gurumurthy to arrive at a middle ground on some of the contentious issues.

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

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

Most of the RBI's 10 independent directors, including Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran, attended the meeting that had drawn intense media and market attention. With regard to banks under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA), it was decided that the matter will be examined by the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) of the RBI.

Of the 21 State-owned banks, 11 are under the PCA framework, which imposes lending and other restrictions on weak lenders. These are Allahabad Bank, United Bank of India, Corporation Bank, IDBI Bank, UCO Bank, Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Oriental

Bank of Commerce, Dena Bank and Bank of Maharashtra. The PCA framework kicks in when banks breach any of the three key regulatory trigger points — namely capital to risk weighted assets ratio, net non-performing assets (NPA) and return on assets (RoA).

Globally, PCA kicks in only when banks slip on a single parameter of capital adequacy ratio, and the government is in favour of this practice being adopted for the domestic banking sector as well. The Board, while deciding to retain the capital adequacy ratio or CRAR at 9 per cent, agreed to extend the transition period for implementing the last tranche of 0.625 per cent under the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB), by one year, that is up to March 31, 2020.

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

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

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

In his first public comments since the spat between the RBI and the Finance Ministry came out in the open, Gurumurthy had last week said the stand-off "is not a happy thing at all". Gurumurthy, who was appointed to the board of RBI a few months back, had said the capital adequacy ratio prescribed in India is 1 per cent higher than the global Basel norms.

He also pitched for easing lending norms for small and medium enterprises, which account for 50 per cent of the country's GDP. PTI

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
(Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction)
Application No.6365 of 2018
In the matter of Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 and
In the matter of Disputes between M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. and Mr. Suresh Yadav
Arising under Loan Agreement No.XSHUBLA0000774760
Dated 29.06.2012.
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited,
"Dare House", No. 2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Parrys, Chennai - 600 001.
Represented by its
Authorised Signatory ...Applicant
-Vs-
Mr. Suresh Yadav,
S/o. Jeevdhan Lal Yadav, Rajni Nivas, Behind Dewagan Floor Mill, Shivaji Nagar, Tirusur, Durg, Chhattisgarh - 491001.
...Respondent
To
Mr. Suresh Yadav,
S/o. Jeevdhan Lal Yadav, Rajni Nivas, Behind Dewagan Floor Mill, Shivaji Nagar, Tirusur, Durg, Chhattisgarh - 491001.
The above application is posted on 10.12.2018 at 10.30 A.M. before the Hon'ble Master, High Court, Madras for your appearance. Please take notice and appear on that date either in person or through your counsel failing which you will be set ex-parte and the matter will be decided in your absence.
M/s. D. PRADEEP KUMAR
COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT

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Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.

Date : 20-Nov-2018
Place: DURG

Dubai...

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

"The request should have been filed by India's Ministry of Home Affairs rather than its Ministry of External Affairs," Abdul Moneim was quoted as saying.

He contended that the procedure was "flawed" since it did not comply with the clauses of the treaty signed on the issue, the paper said. "Accordingly, the lower court order should be reversed," he argued.

Michel filed his appeal before the Dubai Court of Cassation within 30 days after the lower court's ruling. With Dubai's top court upholding the lower court's decision, it has become final but it will need approval from the UAE Minister of Justice for the extradition procedure to start.

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

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

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

India officially made the request to the Gulf nation earlier this year for his extradition, based on the criminal investigations conducted in the case by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the bank by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sultana Begam/ Munna Khan / 150/7 Pani Ki Tanki Jon 01 Santoshi Nagar Khamtarai 2 Raipur Chhattisgarh Raipur 492001 / LBRPR0002360858	Ph No 108/38 Nr Rameshwar Nagar, Dhanlaxmi Nagar, Ward No 05, Banjari Mata Ward, Village- Bhanpuri Khata No. 316 Khasra No. No 143/8 Tahasil And District Raipur Chhattisgarh Raipur - 492001, Admeasuring An Area Of 800 Sq.ft. / 74.34 Sq.mtr	29-09-2018 Rs.2004124/-	30-06-2018

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

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Date : 20 Nov, 2018
Place: RAIPUR

Maldives to pull out of China FTA: Senior lawmaker

AGENCY ■ MALE

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Nasheed, a former presi-

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

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

that," Nasheed told Reuters in an interview in the capital Male.

China's embassy in Male did not respond to a request for a comment on the trade pact.

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

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

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

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

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

GLOBE TROTTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

China downplays failure to reach APEC joint statement

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

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

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

EU Ministers agree terms of 'painful' Brexit divorce

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

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

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

Meanwhile, detailed discussions continue on a parallel political statement setting out the bloc's ambitions for future relations with post-Brexit Britain — and on a possible extension to the transition period. Britain will leave the Union on March 29 next year, but remain within its single market for a further 21 months as negotiators seek a deal to avoid a potential breakdown in trade between the key economic partners.

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

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

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

Barnier stressed it was Prime Minister Theresa May's

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

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

"A painful week in

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

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

London: British Prime Minister Theresa May on Monday vowed that Brexit would level the playing field for migrant workers in the UK, with migrants from the EU no longer be able to jump the queue ahead of those from countries like India.

Addressing the Confederation of British Industry annual conference in London, she said the country's post-Brexit immigration system will be based on skills and

talent rather than which country the immigrant comes from.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

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

Date : 18.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

AXIS BANK
Retail Asset Centre, Delhi: Lower Ground Floor and Upper Ground Floor, Himalaya House, K.G. Marg, Delhi-110001. Also at: Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower 1, 2, 2nd Floor, 1-4, Sector-12B, Noida

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

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

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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Notice Inviting e-Tender

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

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

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

In two bid system (Eligibility criteria & Financial bid)

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

Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderward.com/cpwd or www.eprocure.gov.in

Lanka parties agree to form panel to conduct Parl affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Will bar 18 Saudis over Khashoggi murder'

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

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

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

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

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

LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH
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POSSESSION NOTICE
[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1)]

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

UREAM of Freehold Land (msg 1073.33 sq. yds.) and Building (Basement + 4 Storey Residential building) 7/36 share (each 9 title deeds) of undivided property bearing Plot No. 42 on Road No. 72, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110025

Date : 14.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Notice for sale of immovable properties

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No. (B)	Details of the Secured asset with known encumbrances, if any (C)	Amount Outstanding (₹) (D)	Reserve Price (₹) (E)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹) (F)	Date of Property Inspection and Time (G)	Auction Date & Time (H)
1.	Manish Kumar Mishra (Borrower) Aparna Mishra (Co Borrower) & Ajit Kumar Mishra (Coborrower) (LBDEL00002240768)	Flat No- D 01/0304, Crescent Royal, Greens, 2, 3rd Floor, Block/Tower -D 01, Sector 92, Gurgaon. Area - 1596.20 Sq. Ft	Rs. 69,80,621/- (as on Nov, 2018)	Rs. 4700 000/-	Rs. 47000 00/-	November 27, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	December 14, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

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

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

The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile No. 8584874809/9650193259 of ICICI Bank Limited or 9910453434 of Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor office and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

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

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

Date : November 20, 2018
Place : Delhi Ncr.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Chilling reminder

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



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

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

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

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

Quota question

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



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

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

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

Not a model policy

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



PRIYADARSHI DUTTA

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SOUNDBITE

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



BJP president — Amit Shah

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



India's Deputy Ambassador in China — Aquino Vimal

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



Actor — Arshad Warsi

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



Senior Congress leader — Digvijaya Singh

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restore lost pride

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

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

Bal Govind Noida

Conflicting history in discovery

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

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

Similarly, his championing the issue of



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

M Ratan
Via mail

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

KR Srinivasan
Secunderabad

Big relief

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

Mohd Faheem
Mumbai

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

TK Nandanani
Kochi

Rehabilitation challenge

Sir — Despite the Government concentrating on protecting the

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

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

Irreparable loss

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

FIRST COLUMN

More than meets the eye

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



UTTAM GUPTA

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

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

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

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

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

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

POINT COUNTERPOINT



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

Maker of modern India

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



PRASHANT TEWARI

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Australia must up its Asian literacy

For the long-term future of bilateral relations between India and Australia, creating Constituencies of Country Champions is paramount to shape strategic thinking, influence policy-making and facilitate people-to-people interaction



ASHUTOSH MISRA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NEEDED: A SOLUTION FOR SRI LANKA

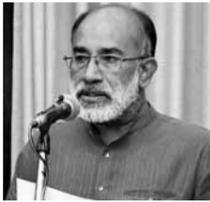
Political unrest that had created a negative image of Sri Lanka would deal a body blow to the tourism industry and dent investor confidence. The tumble of the rupee against the dollar is continuing apace and is bound to have direct consequences on the economy. The cumulative effect will soon see this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

SABARIMALA ROW

'Kerala Govt treating pilgrims like dacoits'

PTI ■ NILACKAL/PAMBA (KERALA)

Union Minister Alphonse Kannanthanam on Monday hit out at the Kerala Government for turning the Sabarimala temple complex into a "war zone" and treating the pilgrims like "dacoits". "They have imposed Section 144 (prohibitory orders). The pilgrims are being treated like dacoits. Where is the basic infrastructure... This is pathetic," the Minister, who arrived here to take stock of the facilities at the hill shrine, told reporters. "The State Government has turned the temple complex into a war zone. The devotees are not terrorists, they are pilgrims," he said. Restrictions have been imposed at the temple complex following protests by activists of the BJP, RSS and right-wing outfits over the State Government's decision to implement the September 28 Supreme Court order allowing the entry of women of all ages into the shrine.



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

"The state government must take responsibility... The Union Tourism Ministry had given ₹100 crore... They have not spent even a rupee..." Kannanthanam said. The Union minister visited Nilackal, the base camp, Pamba and Sannidhanam Monday morning, hours after police removed around 200-odd people who had gathered

at the temple complex late Sunday night. They held "nama japam" (chanting the name of Lord Ayyappa) protest against the police restrictions. The police had also taken into custody 68 protesters on Sunday night. The CPI(M)-led LDF Government is making life difficult for all the pilgrims coming here, the Minister said. "This is like the Stalin era of the Soviet Union," he said. "Sabarimala is one of the biggest pilgrims centre in the country. Here, everyone lives peacefully. This Government is determined to ensure that people do not have the right to their belief," the Minister said. Pointing out that there was no basic facilities at Pamba, he said there were no toilets and all the three sheds at Nilackal are waterlogged. "What is the intention of the Government? They want to make sure the pilgrims are not provided with basic facilities. What is happening with law and order? Section 144? Is this a democracy?" Kannanthanam said.

MUZAFFARPUR HORROR

5 girls, not 2, died in shelter home

Patna: The Central Bureau of Investigation has discovered that five minor girls, and not two as reported earlier, died in the shelter home in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district. Their post-mortem examinations were conducted at a Government hospital, police said on Monday. The CBI, probing the alleged rape of 34 girls at the shelter home, on Sunday searched documents at Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital and found that the post-mortem examinations of five girls of the shelter home were conducted there. According to the hospital register, the post-mortems of two girls were conducted in 2013, two in 2015 and one in 2017. The CBI officials are now trying to find out as to whom the bodies of the girls were handed over after their autopsies and also whether cases were registered in the matter. "A team of CBI officials is likely to soon interrogate some hospital doctors to collect more details about the case," a district police officer said. The CBI had earlier found human bones at a cremation ground on October 4 following a tip-off. It had also carried out

an extensive excavation at the shelter home premises on suspicion that some inmates might have been killed and buried there, but could not recover anything from there. Last month, a shelter home employee Krishna Ram, who also ran the press of Brajesh Thakur — the main accused — told the CBI sleuths that some bodies were stuffed in gunny bags and disposed of in the Burhi Gandak river a year ago. However, the CBI could not recover anything from the river. According to the CBI, Ram disclosed that Brajesh Thakur had ordered the disposal of the bodies. He revealed that two inmates of Thakur's NGO, Seva Sankalp Ewam Vikas Samiti, had died under mysterious circumstances and their bodies were dumped in the river from Akharaghat Bridge with the help of Guddu, another employee of the shelter home, and Vijay Tiwari, Thakur's driver. Of the 42 girls lodged at the short-stay home run by Brajesh Thakur's NGO, 34 were found to have been sexually assaulted. The crime came to light after a social audit by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, five months ago. IANS

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

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

Sugarcane farmers from across the State staged protests here on Monday seeking loan waiver, higher minimum purchase price and relief for losses incurred due to drought in 17 districts, which have been declared drought-hit. Farmers from Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysuru, Kodagu, Kolar, Gadag, Tumukuru, Shivamogga, Hassan, Haveri, Hubballi, Belagavi and Bagalkot came to Bengaluru to protest against the anti-farmers policies of the JD(S)-Congress Government in the State. "Farmers from all over the state have come to force the State Government meet our demands on loan waiver, higher price for sugarcane and compensation for kharif crop loss due to drought this year," Karnataka State Farmers Association President Chamaraj Patil told reporters. "Though Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy announced farm loan waiver in June, the banks have not written off a rupee even after five months. Except for making announcements and giving assurances, nothing has happened. We are also unable to take fresh credit as old loans have not been waived off yet," Patil added. Bengaluru City Police stopped hundreds of agitators from marching towards the Vidhana Soudha from Freedom Park as prohibitory orders were in place. The Sugarcane farmers are demanding payment of ₹1,500 crore dues from state-run and private sugar mills for fiscal 2017-18; ₹3,000 per tonne higher minimum support price (MSP) for sugarcane from ₹2,500 per tonne fixed last year; fresh loans from cooperative and state-run banks for the rabi crop, supply of seeds and fertilisers.

Karnataka is the third largest sugarcane producer after Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, which had harvested 32 million tonne in 2017-18. The drought has affected 15-lakh hectares of agricultural and horticultural crops in 17 districts across the state, with an estimated loss of ₹8,000 crore. Meanwhile Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy had created a controversy by calling farmers goondas and also allegedly abused a woman farmer who was protesting in Belagavi. This has severely hit the pro farmer image of the coalition Government led by Kumaraswamy and also angered the coalition partner the Congress. After Jayashree Gurannavar, a woman farmer who was leading the agitation, called Kumaraswamy "a good for nothing CM", the CM hit back calling them "goondas in the guise of farmers". After his statement farmers were angry and intensified their agitation across the State. Later the farmers' anger forced Kumaraswamy to retract saying that his statement was misinterpreted. "My intention was not to hurt anyone. My statement has been misinterpreted by the media. I apologise if the farmers are hurt," Kumaraswamy said. Coalition partner Congress has criticised Kumaraswamy for making such a statement against the farmers. Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said that he would apologise to the farmers for the CM's angry statement. "I don't know in what context he has used the word 'goondas'. But he should not have said that. The Congress party has always been with the farmers and I personally apologise to them," Parameshwara said. The BJP was quick to demand an apology from chief minister for his remarks on the farmer. Yeddyurappa said "The Gowdas call themselves a fam-

ily of humble farmers. But their attitude is exactly the opposite. How could a CM call farmers "goondas"? he demanded a clarification from former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda. However JDS chief H D Deve Gowda has blamed a section of the media for Sunday's incident in Belgaum. Meanwhile Chief Minister has called for a meeting of the agitating farmers on Tuesday to resolve the issue. "I appeal to the farmers to be patient as the Government is committed to find solutions to their problems. I held meetings with officials and stakeholders on demands of sugarcane growers. I have directed the district deputy commissioners to resolve their issues," said the statement citing the Chief Minister. Though debt waiver was not a solution to the farmers' woes, Kumaraswamy said the State Government was working hard to waive off farm loans taken from cooperative, scheduled and State-run banks. "I hope the waiver will enable the farmers to seek fresh loans for the next crop. The loan waiver will begin soon as the process is at the final stage," said the Chief Minister. Claiming that the Janata Dal (Secular)-Congress coalition Government was pro-farmer, Kumaraswamy said a permanent solution was being worked out to ensure that farmers would not have to protest or resort to an agitation. "I have been always on the side of farmers and don't have bias against those from the northern or southern regions of the State. "All are equal and same for me. As the loan waiver amount is about ₹48,000 crore, we need time and workforce to verify each account. I want farmers to be patient and not be desperate," said the Chief Minister.

Police warn of action against uploading of execution videos

IANS ■ SRINAGAR

The Jammu & Kashmir Police on Monday threatened action against those uploading videos on social media of executions carried out by militants. Inspector-General of Police (Kashmir Zone) SP Pani told the media: "Action will be taken against those who upload these videos on social media." Videos of executions of two youths carried out by the Hizbul Mujahideen outfit in south Kashmir were recently uploaded on the social media.

The outfit accused the youths of providing information about militants to the security forces. Pani also said that the police were investigating the role of two overground women workers arrested recently. While one woman was arrested along with ammunition during the search of a vehicle in Lawaypora on the outskirts of Srinagar, another, from Sumbal in Bandipora district, had been detained for luring youths to terrorism through her Facebook account.



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

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

Mumbai: A special NIA court here on Monday directed that a copy of photographs and videos pertaining to the 2008 Malegaon blast be provided to Lt. Col. Prasad Shrikant Purohit, who is one of the accused in the case. Purohit, in an application filed last week, had asked the special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court to give him copies of photographs and videos related to the incident to prepare his defence. During the argument on Monday, the prosecution objected to his plea, saying no other accused had asked for these documents and that this was a delay tactic. However, special judge V S Padalkar directed the court registrar to provide a copy of

the photographs and videos of the incident to Purohit. The matter was then adjourned till November 21. The photographs and videos are part of the charge sheets submitted by the prosecution in the case. The special court had on October 30 framed terror charges against Purohit, Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and five other accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, setting the stage for their trial to commence. On September 29, 2008, six people were killed and over 100 injured when an explosive device strapped on a motorcycle went off near a mosque in Malegaon, a town in Maharashtra's Nashik district and located about 200 km from Mumbai. PTI

Former Assam Min Chandan Kumar Sarkar passes away

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Former Assam Minister and senior Congress leader Chandan Kumar Sarkar died at a hospital at Bongaigaon on Monday following a cardiac arrest, family sources said. Sarkar was 65 and is survived by wife, two sons and a daughter. The Congress leader suffered a cardiac arrest at his Bongaigaon home on Monday morning and was immediately rushed to a local hospital, where he passed away. Mourning his death, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the former Minister had worked with commitment and dedication for the welfare of the people and made significant contributions to the political and social life of the State. "As a Minister of the previous Congress Government, Sarkar had rendered valuable services, which would always be remembered by the people and his death is an irreparable loss to society," Sonowal said in a statement. Sarkar was elected to the legislative assembly thrice-1991, 2001 and 2011- from Abhayapuri South constituency and served as the irrigation Minister in the third term of the Tarun Gogoi-led Congress Government. Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Ripun Bora expressed shock at Sarkar's death and offered his condolence to the bereaved family. "I had held a meeting on the forthcoming panchayat elections only three days ago where he was present and had spoken to him even on Sunday. It is a big loss for the Congress and during the bad times of the party, it was he along with Bhumidhar Barman who had played a pivotal role in maintaining the party's unity," Bora said. An APCC delegation, led by Bora, has left for Bongaigaon to attend the last rites of the former Minister. Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has also condoled Sarkar's death and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

TENDER NOTICE						
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1	DHBN	SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, ERECTION TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 1 NO. 33 KV S. STN. (INCLUDING CIVIL WORKS) CONSISTING OF 8 PANEL SET OF 11 KV BREAKER ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED 33 KV LINES (4.39 KM) AND 11 KV LINES (2.5 KM) I.E. 33 KV S/STNS SHEKUPUR SOTTER INA "OP" CIRCLE FATEHABAD RESPECTIVELY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF DHBN.	16.11.2018 07.12.2018	2.53 CRORE	www.dhbn.org.in	01662-223216 espc@dhbn.org.in
2	HSAM BOARD FATEHABAD	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF ROAD FROM VILLAGE, NANDHORI TO GHOTRU (M.C. BHUNA) (ROAD ID-5203), (C.N.A.N.W.O.U.N.CODE-23690)	CLOSING DATE 04.12.2018	50.67 LACS	https://hsamb.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105550	94163-87518 xenshamfat@hsamb2018@gmail.com
3	HSAMB YAMUNA NAGAR	S/R OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS (GROUP-B) IN SADHURA CONSTITUENCY (ROAD I.D. 2813,2824,2829,2830,2834,2844,2899 & 2901) + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 06.12.2018	2.99 CRORE	www.hsamb.org.in Tender No.105130,24/2018,105131,24/2018,105132,24/2018,105133,24/2018,105134,24/2018,105135,24/2018,105136,24/2018	xenynr.hsamb@gmail.com 07132-237825
4	HLRDC LTD	TENDER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LPG GAS CYLINDERS TO THE CONSUMER OF HLRDC BHARAT GAS, HISAR FOR THE YEAR 2018-19.	17.11.2018 30.11.2018	1 LACS	https://hlrdc.org.in Tender No. HLRDC/LPG/TA/2018-19/Hisar-2	caohlrdc@gmail.com ctohlrdc@gmail.com
5	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE NISSING	PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC GOODS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHT + 2 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 26.11.2018	10.09 LACS	https://mncssing.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.48/MT/CMC/2018	8684099444
6	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA	CONST. OF INTERLOCKING TILE 80MM THICK ISI MARK IN BAWARIYA WALI GALLI, WARD NO.9, MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, DHARUHERA + 5 OTHER WORKS	16.11.2018 25.11.2018	1.91 LACS	http://dhharuhera.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.305468,105473,105475,105479,105484,105486	sevc.m.c.dharuhera@gmail.com 01274-242692
7	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHARKHI DAIRI	CONST. OF AEROBIC COMPOSITION BRICK PIT, CHARKHI DAIRI + 1 OTHER WORK	20.11.2018 26.11.2018	22420	sevc.m.c.dairi@gmail.com Civil Works	9416355953
8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B. STROM WATER LINE IN MAYUR VIHAR EXTENSION M.C. SONPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	259.60 LACS	https://haryanaprocmnt.gov.in Tender No.1353,recall	sevcsonpat@gmail.com
9	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B. TILE & STROM WATER LINE IN INDIAN COLONY EXTENSION M.C. SONPAT + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	679.91 LACS	https://haryanaprocmnt.gov.in Tender No.1385,1386,1387	sevcsonpat@gmail.com
10	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONPAT	PROVIDING & LAYING OF I.P.B. TILE & STROM WATER LINE IN ANAND VIHAR M.C. SONPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2018	31.28 LACS	https://haryanaprocmnt.gov.in Tender No.1384	sevcsonpat@gmail.com
11	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BAHADURGARH	RENOVATION OF PARK NEAR H. NO. 517 SEC-6, IN BAHADURGARH CITY + 15 OTHER WORKS	29.11.2018 11.2018	2.52 CRORE	etenders.hry.nic.in/Tender No.581,713,726,741,759,763,764,773,774,775,776,777,778,780,786,440	mcbgrh@gmail.com/9466279801
12	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF IP BASED CCTV CAMERAS FOR CITY SURVEILLANCE, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ROHTAK	17.11.2018 30.11.2018	1259	www.mcrohtak.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.1259	xenmcrohtak@gmail.com
13	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	DNIT FOR OVERLAY IN ROAD WITH FIBERCON WITH POLY PROPYLENE FIBRE WHITE TOPPING IN BANDH ROAD SECTOR-15, PART-II, GURUGRAM	17.11.2018 04.12.2018	68.43 LACS	https://mcbguram.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105547	ee7@mcbguram.com
14	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	PROPOSAL OF CITY BUS PROJECT IN HISAR CITY	10.12.2018	NIL	mchisar.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No.105510	xenmchisar@gmail.com
15	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SOHNA	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM HOUSE OF RAJESH SAINI VIA PEER TO VILLAGE BERKA IN WARD NO 2	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	250 LACS	mcsohna@gmail.com Tender No.MCS-2	Municipal Engineer M.C.Sohna
16	HARYANA POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED	PHYSICAL VERIFICATION (SURVEY & COMPUTATION) OF COAL STOCKS OF INDIAN & IMPORTED COAL INCLUDING CALCULATION OF BULK DENSITY AT THERMAL POWER STATIONS OF HPCL I.E. PANIPAT THERMAL POWER STATION (PTPS), PANIPAT, DEENBANDHU CHHOTU RAM THERMAL POWER PLANT (DCRTPP), YAMUNANAGAR & RAJIV GANDHI THERMAL POWER PLANT (RCRTPP),KHEJAR HISAR ON MONTHLY BASIS	14.11.2018 07.12.2018	24300	http://hpcl.org.in Tender No.e-NIT No.11,HPGCL/CE/FEEL-254 DATED 14.11.2018	9355084404 hpccfel1@gmail.com
17	HARYANA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD, BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILL. NIGANA KHURD TO ALAMPUR (I.D.H-8980) IN TOSHAM CONSTY. DISTT. BHIWANI + 3 OTHER WORKS	11.12.2018 12.12.2018	7.85 CRORE	http://haryanaprocmnt.gov.in Tender No.4761,15.11.2018,19/2018	2992022030 xenshbhwani2018@gmail.com
18	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD	OUTSOURCING OF SERVICE FOR ORGANIZATION OF THREE DAYS STATE LEVEL LIVESTOCK SHOW AT ROHTAK + 1 OTHER WORK	18.11.2018 23.11.2018	EMD-1.30 LACS	http://pashudhanharyana.gov.in/Tender No. AH0/LS/2018-19/G1, AH0/LS/2018-19/02	9463797306 hdb-hry@nic.in
19	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD,	TO PROVIDE 5 NOS LED MOBILE VANS ON DAILY RENT BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV-2018	STARTING DATE 19.11.2018	1 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01744-270187,294505 kdkbkr@gmail.com
20	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD,	ENGAGEMENT OF AGENCY TO CONCEPTUALIZE, DEVELOP AND EXECUTE MULTIMEDIA SHOW FOR "INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV 2018" AT KURUKSHETRA, HARYANA	STARTING DATE 20.11.2018	10 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01744-270187,294505 kdkbkr@gmail.com
21	KURUKSHETRA GENERAL MANAGER, HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEAR RAILWAY ROAD, FOREST COMPLEX, KARNAL	MANUFACTURING OF FURNITURE, POLISHING, CUSHIONING,SAWING,LOADING, UNLOADING & STACKING RELATED ITEMS IN WORK-SHOP UNDER HPDC KARNAL	03.11.2018 02.12.2018	50 LACS	hfdc.gov.in Tender No GM/Hfdc/EN/09/2018-19	0184-2241545 gm.karnal@hfdc.gov.in
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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 30.01.2018, Calling upon the borrower/surety/owner of the property, **M/s.HIM CYLINDER LTD to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.18,47,67,554.00 (Rupees Eighteen Crore Forty Seven Lacs Sixty seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty four Rupees Only.)** with in 60 days from the date of the said notice to the following:

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

The borrower/surety/owner of the property **M/s.HIM CYLINDER LTD** having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner of the property described herein below in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/ her under sub-section (8) of the Act read with rule 8 of the security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 14th Day November of the year 2018. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Syndicate Bank, Large Corporate Branch, First Floor, Sarojini House 6, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi 110001 for an amount **Rs.18,47,67,554.00 (Rupees Eighteen Crore Forty Seven Lacs Sixty seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty four Rupees Only.)** interest costs etc. thereon from 26.01.2018.

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1) **ITEMS of freehold land (img. 1073.33 sq. yd.) and building (basement + 4 storey residential building), 7/36 share each (50th deeds) of undivided property bearing plot no. on road no. 72, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 in the name of Sh. Ashok Raja, Sh. S.S. Raja and Smt. Meena Raja after considering 200% of the Synd Mortgage Loan**

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Place : New Delhi
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Maratha outfit floats political party

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

The significance behind

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI/UJJAIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



and the State Government to arrest me".

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

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

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

On August 28, the Pune

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

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

DELAY IN BUNKER CONSTRUCTION

J&K residents along LoC spending sleepless nights

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confirming the status of construction work of bunkers,

FACTOID

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IAN S ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

TENDER NOTICE						
SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1	PWD B&R, ROHTAK	ANNUAL REPAIR FOR 3882 SFT AREA HOUSES OF REVENUE OFFICERS/OFFICIALS AT ROHTAK (H NO 5 TO 23) FOR THE YEAR 2018-19	08.11.2018 30.11.2018	6.47 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-epd4-rohtak@hry.nic.in 01262-282871
2	PWD B&R, JIND	RESTORATION OF ROAD CUT NH-709 KM 152.00 IN KARNAL DISTT.	17.11.2018 23.11.2018	4.19 LACS	https://pwbdr.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	XEN PROVINCIAL DIVISION 2 (NPI) PWD, B&R, JIND
3	PWD B&R, REWARI	IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD BY STG 40MM BC, SIDE DRAIN ALONG VARIOUS 3 NOS. ROADS (HNOs ID -1339,1352,1354) (GROUP -IX) IN PROVINCIAL DIVISION REWARI DURING THE YEAR 2018-19 IN REWARI DISTT	16.11.2018 03.12.2018	323.40 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in http://haryanapwd-bandr.org	pwd-epd-rewari@hry.nic.in 01274-253703
4	PWD B&R, AMBALA	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE AND EXTENSION OF OLD BRIDGE OVER NALLAH AT VILLAGE CHHAPRI IN KURUKSHETRA DISTRICT. + 3 OTHERS WORKS	17.11.2018 03.12.2018	1103.45 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-epd2-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in pwd-epd2-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in 9225017798, 9813506501
5	PWD B&R AMBALA	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING ON ROAD FROM BARA TO BARAHERI (KM 0.00 TO KM 2.63) (ROAD ID 8) IN AMBALA DISTRICT (1.66 MTR TO 5.50 MTR) (NABARD SCHEME) (BE-INVITED) + 3 OTHERS WORKS	19.11.2018 03.12.2018	302.73 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-epd1-ambala@hry.nic.in 0173-2620250, 9831372118
6	PWD B&R HISAR	SPECIAL REPAIR OF DOOR MATRY CHECK POST, ENGINEERING SECTION AND DISMANTLING OF CYCLE STAND IN CIVIL AVIATION AT HISAR IN HISAR DISTRICT	19.11.2018 02.12.2018	9.50 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pwd-epd3-hisar@hry.nic.in 01662-239867
7	IRRIGATION DEPTT, PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF RCC WALL FOR THE PROTECTION TO TOWN ABADI OF KALKA HAJIRA RIVER. + 3 OTHERS WORKS	CLOSING DATE 30.12.2018	549.76 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 4655-70/6-A DATED 15.11.2018	xenconst1@yahoo.com 0172-2570325
8	IRRIGATION DEPTT, HISAR	ESTIMATE FOR CONST. OF WATER COURSE MOGA NO 87750/L/HSR IN THE LAND OF JAGSHI CHIMP: TO LAND FUSSA RAD VILLAGE SIBHAL (UNDER DISTRICT PUNJAB) + 35 OTHERS WORKS	15.11.2018 26.11.2018	81 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO CONST DIVN NO 6 15.11.2018	xenconst4@gmail.com 01662-235135
9	IRRIGATION DEPTT, SIRSA	LINING OF OTTU FEEDER FROM RD NO TO 24500 OFF TAKING AT RD 109500 TAIL ROBI BRANCH + 2 OTHERS WORKS	CLOSING DATE 24.11.2018	1906.25 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	xen-waggr-irr@pov.in 9366753554
10	IRRIGATION DEPTT, AMBALA	CARRYING OUT SURVEY, FEASIBILITY STUDY LAYOUT & PREPARATION OF GADS, COLLECTING HYDRAULIC AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA, GEO TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND DETAILED DESIGNING, WORKING DRAWING, DETAILED ESTIMATES WITH BOQ/DNT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE SPAN STEEL BRIDGE AT RD 388000 OF NARWARA BRANCH RD & 315 KM OF SVI AND RD 8813 OF S.V. PARALLEL DRAIN + 3 OTHERS WORKS	CLOSING DATE 07.11.2018 30.11.2018	43.64 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 8317-47/20-A DATED 16.11.2018	xensymbala@gmail.com 0173-2973270
11	IRRIGATION DEPTT, KURUKSHETRA	CARRYING OUT SURVEY, FEASIBILITY STUDY LAYOUT & PREPARATION OF GADS, COLLECTING HYDRAULIC AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA, GEO TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND DETAILED DESIGNING, WORKING DRAWING, DETAILED ESTIMATES WITH BOQ/DNT MODIFICATION INCLUDING PROTECT ION WORK, GUIDE BUNDS APPROX, WIND WALLS ETC AND SITE VISITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF H.I. BRIDGE ON MARRANDRA RIVER INCLUDING APPROACHES IN VILLAGE DAVAL NAGAR SHAHNIBAD (KURUKSHETRA) + 3 OTHERS WORKS	16.11.2018 27.11.2018	EMD 73400	http://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 8317-47/20-A DATED 17.11.2018	xenwdrnk4@gmail.com 01744-235264
12	BPS GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN KHANPUR KALAN, SONPAT	E. TENDER FOR REAGENTS OF BIOCHEMISTRY DEPTT.	19.11.2018 30.12.2018	40000	bpsgm: haryanaeprocurement.gov.in ILNBDK NO. PUW/18/6298	bpsgm.purchase@gmail.com
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	CONST OF ROOM IN GURU RAVIDAS BHAWAN WELFARE SOCIETY AT VILLAGE SAMBIRAH BLKCK BARARA + 3 OTHERS WORKS	20.11.2018 01.12.2018	93.84 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	prexeng_amb@hry.nic.in 0173-2531366
14	SKILL DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPT. HARYANA	PURCHASE OF PETTY TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	19.11.2018 17.12.2018	2.97 LACS	www.gitimajbid.org TENDER NO 105480	maupubd.gti@gmail.com 0124-2270193

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

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

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

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

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

The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Syndicate Bank, Large Corporate Branch, First Floor, Sarojini House, 5, Bhagwan, Dass Road, New Delhi 110001 for an amount Rs.4,57,49,640.00 (Rupees Four Crores Fifty Seven Lacs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only) interest costs etc. thereon from 26.01.2018.

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

Date : 14.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

SEARCH FOR MISSING

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

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

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

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

DP/9335/N/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

Name: Unknown, **Age:** Approx 32 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow.

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

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

DP/1609/OD/18

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Assistant Engineer (E)-IV, Electrical Division-1, CPWD, Gate No.6, Jalebi Chowk, North Block, New Delhi (Ph: 23093906 & E-mail: delae4ed1.cpwd@nic.in) on behalf of the President of India, hereby invites online Item rate tenders from "the registered contractors of CPWD in appropriate class of Composite Category" for the following work:-

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

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in.

Nissan chief arrested over financial misconduct

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AFP ■ TOKYO

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

tors and was likely to face arrest.

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

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

"He is the man of charisma for the alliance. It is likely to have a negative impact on its brand image," he told. Nicknamed Le Cost Killer, Brazil-born Ghosn, 64, is known for overhauling Renault and Nissan starting in the nineties. Renault came to the rescue of the then-ailing Japanese automaker in 1999 and parachuted in Ghosn, who set about slashing costs and jobs in a huge corporate overhaul.

In 2016, Ghosn also took charge at troubled Mitsubishi after Nissan threw it a lifeline, buying a one-third stake for about \$2.2 billion as it wrestled with a mileage-cheating scandal that hampered sales.

Ghosn has a high profile in Japan and is known as a major advocate of the country's auto sector. He has not yet commented on the allegations.

Sensex rallies over 300 pts ahead of RBI board meet outcome

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

Also, positive cues from other Asian markets and a firm opening in European shares buoyed investor sentiment here. A crucial meet of the Reserve Bank's central board is underway amid a rift between the central bank and the government over future course of policies.

The finance ministry nominees and some independent directors were expected to take on Patel and his team over issues ranging from MSME credit to the central bank's reserves, though both sides are in favour of reaching a common ground. Expectations of a positive outcome boosted market mood after the meeting began.

According to analysts, domestic bourses are focusing on RBI's board meet to get cues on liquidity crunch with non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and relaxing norms for state-run banks.

The Sensex started off on a high note at 35,647.62 and continued its upward march to hit a high of 35,818.65 as buy-

ing activity gathered momentum. It finally settled 317.72 points, or 0.90 per cent, higher at 35,774.88.

This is the benchmark's highest closing since October 3 when it had closed at 35,975.63. The barometer had gained 315.17 points in the previous two sessions.

Also, the broader NSE Nifty raced past the 10,750-mark to touch a high of 10,774.70 before settling at 10,763.40 points, showing a rise of 81.20 points, or 0.76 per cent.

Yes Bank was the star performer among Sensex constituents, jumping 7.19 per cent, its biggest gain in almost three weeks.

ITC, Tata Motors, IndusInd Bank, Vedanta, Sun Pharma, RIL, M&M, Maruti Suzuki, Tata Steel, L&T, Wipro, TCS, Hero MotoCorp, Bharti Airtel, Adani Ports, Kotak Bank, PowerGrid, HDFC Bank, HUL, Infosys, HDFC and Coal India also gained up to 2.77 per cent.

However, ONGC, ICI Bank, SBI, Asian Paints, NTPC, Axis Bank and, Bajaj Auto all succumbed to profit-booking and ended lower by up to 1.37 per cent.

Jet Airways stock plunged 6.88 per cent, after Tata Sons said on Friday that it was only in preliminary talks with the struggling carrier, but had not made a proposal to acquire a stake.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Business Corner

QATAR MIN VISITS CISF HQRS

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



AAI SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH USTDA

Airports Authority of India (AAI), signed an agreement with the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), for the proposed modernisation roadmap of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) in India on 16th November, 2018. The objective of this study is to develop a CNS/ATM roadmap for AAI for modernisation of the Indian National Airspace System (NAS).

Utilising global and regional best practices as a benchmark, the technical assistance shall recommend a roadmap and implementation plan for AAI to improve airspace utilisation and implement CNS/ATM air and ground equipage in the short, medium and long term (upto ten years).



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

NSE LAUNCHES MOBILE APP & WEB PLATFORM FOR RETAIL INVESTORS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

launched the new App at an event held in Mumbai.

The 'NSE goBID' App will be available to all the registered investors with NSE's trading members and will also facilitate trading members in acquiring new retail investors.

It will allow retail investors to make payment directly from their bank

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

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

'Need to find out a proper substantive agenda'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

encompassing all these important elements," he added.

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

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

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

Govt launches upgraded AirSewa digital platform for all passengers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See provision to rule 8 (6)]
Notice for sale of immovable properties

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor's/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Price (In ₹)	Reserve Money Deposit (In ₹)	Earnest Money (In ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Auction Date & Time
1.	Guinder Singh Sahni (Borrower), Rajinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Jot Inpex Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower) (LBDEL00002352381/LBGUR00002380237)	DPT 632 6th Floor, Prime Tower Plot 79 And 80, Okhla Phase I, New Delhi, Delhi 110020 and measuring area 801 Sq Ft.	Rs. 1,04,40,807/- as on Nov 01, 2018.	Rs. 90,00,000/-	Rs. 807,000/-	Rs. 90,00,000/-	December 15, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	December 28, 2018 From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
2.	Guinder Singh Sahni (Borrower), Rajinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Jot Inpex Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower) (LBDEL00002352373/LBGUR00002380239)	DPT 633 6th Floor, Prime Tower Plot 79 And 80, Okhla Phase I, New Delhi, Delhi 110020 and measuring area 759 Sq Ft.	Rs. 1,09,30,941/- as on Nov 01, 2018.	Rs. 88,10,000/-	Rs. 8,81,000/-	Rs. 88,10,000/-	December 15, 2018 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	December 28, 2018 From 02:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link - <https://eauctions.samil.in/>). The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till December 17, 2018 before 5:00 P.M. failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

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

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

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Date : 20-11-2018
Place : Delhi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

- Extension of existing UREM of freehold land (mdg. 1073.33 sq. yd.) and building (basement + 4storey residential building), 7/36 share each (5 title deeds) of undivided property bearing plot no. on road No. 72, West Purjahi Bagh, New Delhi-110026

Date : 14.11.2018
Place : New Delhi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Nirshi, D/o: Lt. Sh. Ram Charitra, R/o: 150-D Loco Shed Railway Colony, Kishan Ganj, Delhi has been missing since 10.11.2018 at 6 PM from her residence. In this regard DD No.66A, dated 11.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. DBG Road, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:
Name: Nirshi, Age: 20 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans Pant and Grey Colour Chappal. If anyone having any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. DBG Road, Delhi.

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

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

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

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

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

DP/5076/SD/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS Anand Vihar, Delhi
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO : P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23968730

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India continue brilliant run

Sonia, Pinki and Simranjeet join five others in quarterfinals lineup to boost India's hope of repeating 2006 feat in World Championship after Saweety loses in second round

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Judging controversy couldn't stop the Indian juggernaut from rolling with as many as eight pugilists reaching the quarterfinals in the ongoing AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships on Monday.

Sonia Chahal (57kg), Pinki Rani (51kg) and Simranjit Kaur (64kg) won their respective pre-quarterfinal bouts to place themselves just a step away from assuring a medal while Saweety Boora (75kg) was the lone Indian boxer to lose her bout on an eventful day at the K D Jhadav Stadium.

MC Mary Kom (48kg), Manisha Moun (54kg), Lovlina Borgohain

(69kg) and Kachari Bhagyabati (81kg) booked their quarterfinals on Sunday while Seema Poonia will directly begin her campaign at the last-eight stage on Tuesday against Xiaoli Yang of China.

Former champion L Sarita Devi (60kg) was the second Indian boxer to bow out of the tournament in the pre-quarterfinals after losing to 2016 World Championship Silver medalist Kellie Harrington of Ireland in a split 3-2 verdict on Sunday.

The best show for the Indians was in the 2006 edition at home when the country won 8 medals. The country won just two and one medal in the last two editions and this one may turn out to be the best

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in recent times.

The fifth day's proceedings were, however, marred by a judging controversy when 2014 Gold-medallist Stanimira Petrova of Bulgaria (57kg) accused the judges of "corruption" after losing her pre-quarterfinal to India's Sonia Chahal.

"I want to say only one thing, it is corruption by the judges. It is not a fair result," the 27-year-old Petrova, who won a Gold in 54kg in the 2014 edition, told reporters after losing to Sonia.

She was seen laughing when



Sonia Chahal is declared winner against Stanimira Petrova (red) in the light flyweight 57 kg, (left) Pinki Rani in action against Ebonie Jones (blue) PTI

Indian coach questions referee's decision

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian boxing coach Shiv Singh on Monday questioned the referee's decision to award standing counts against Sarita and Saweety Boora but refused to term it the reason for their losses.

Former world champion Sarita, who lost a close bout in 60kg against Kellie Harrington in a 3-2 split decision on Sunday,

Sonia was announced the winner and also waved his index finger in displeasure.

Her coach Petar Yosifov Levov threw a water bottle inside the ring

and the world body AIBA later withdrew his accreditation and barred him from the ringside.

The 21-year-old Sonia, daughter of a Haryana farmer, was trailing

after the second round but recovered well in the final round to win the close bout on 3-2 split decision.

All the five judges gave 10-9 points in favour of the Indian in the

third round and that sealed the win for the local hope.

Sonia, on her part, said it was a fair result.

"How can all the five judges go wrong? It was a fair decision," she said.

This was Sonia's first major international event having risen to senior level by winning a Gold in the National Championships in 2016.

Last year, she won a Gold in the Serbia Cup. She won a Bronze in the Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament this year. Sonia next faces Arias Castenada Yeni Marcela of Columbia in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Pinki and Simranjit, on the other hand, notched up easy wins with all the judges giving unanimous 5-0 verdicts in their favour.

The 28-year-old Pinki was trailing behind her English opponent Alice Ebonie Jones in the first round but recovered in the next two to emerge victorious in the end. It was a close call on the part of four judges who gave 29-28 in favour of the Indian while the fifth judge gave a clear 30-27.

"It was an easier one than my earlier (opening round) bout. Today's opponent was young and inexperienced while my previous opponent (Armenia's 2014 youth world champion Anush Grigoryan) was more experienced," she said.

Pinki next faces Pang Chol Mi of North Korea in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Simranjit's 5-0 win against Megan Reid of Scotland, was the most impressive among Indian bouts of the day as she won all the rounds for an a 30-27, 30-27, 29-28, 30-27, 30-27 win.

Simranjit, who won Gold in the Ahmet Comert tournament in Turkey this year, was taking the ring three months after his father passed away. She said on Sunday that she would try hard to win a medal for him.

Simranjit from Chakar village in Ludhiana next faces Amy Sara Broadhurst of Ireland in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

India, however, suffered a jolt with Saweety Boora losing her opening to Elzbieta Wojcik of Poland in 75kg in a unanimous decision.

The 23-year-old Saweety won Silver in the 2014 World Championships in 81kg but was competing here in 75kg.

All the five judges were not in favour of the Indian in all the three rounds with the Polish boxer winning 30-26, 30-27, 30-26, 30-27, 30-27.

Zverev beats Djoker in ATP Finals decider

AFP ■ LONDON

Alexander Zverev emphatically announced his arrival at the top of the men's game by overpowering Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 to win his first ATP Finals title.

The 21-year-old German, making his second appearance at the end-of-season showpiece, outlasted six-time champion Roger Federer in the semi-finals and repeated the feat against the world number one on Sunday.

Djokovic had not been broken once in the tournament coming into the match, winning all 36 service games and only facing two break points but Zverev wrecked his numbers, breaking four times in the match.

The German, coached by Ivan Lendl, faltered just once when Djokovic broke him early in the second set but that was the only blemish on an extraordinary performance of power and skill.

"I really can't describe it," said Zverev.

"It is the biggest title I have ever won. Firstly, I want to congratulate Novak and we may never have seen the tennis he has played in the last few months before. He barely lost a match but thankfully he did to me."

"We (Djokovic and Zverev) had so many talks, not only about tennis but all different types of subjects — I won't mention what — but you are a sharing person and you have shared some titles with me. I appreciate you letting me win one today."

The Serbian top seed, 31, came into the match seeking to equal Federer's record of six ATP Finals wins but was immediately aware he had a fight on his hands at London's O2 Arena.

Djokovic beat Zverev 6-4, 6-1 in their round-robin match on Wednesday but it was a different story in front of a packed and vociferous crowd on Sunday.

With both players going toe-to-toe from the back of the court, the first set went with serve until the ninth game, when Djokovic dumped a forehand into the net to concede the break.

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Roared on by the crowd, Zverev hit three aces on his way to sealing the first set 6-4.

Still on a high, the third seed broke an out-of-sorts Djokovic immediately at the start of the second set to leave the top seed with a mountain



Alexander poses with ATP Finals trophy AP

SAINA, SRIKANTH START FAVOURITES

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth will start favourites when they spearhead the Indian challenge at the Syed Modi International tournament, which has lost a bit of sheen with the pullout of Olympic Silver medallist P V Sindhu.

The tournament begins here on Tuesday. With Sindhu missing, India will have two defending champions in the tournament with Sameer Verma looking to retain the title to enhance his chances of qualifying for the year-ending World Tour Final. The mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy, too, will eye a repeat.

Sindhu decided to skip the event to focus on next month's World Tour Finals in China but there won't be any shortage of star power when the World Tour Super 300 event gets underway with the qualifiers.



In Sindhu's absence, Saina will be the cynosure of all eyes and the celebrated Indian has been in decent form this year having won a Gold at the Commonwealth Games and a Bronze at the Asian Games. She will look to secure her maiden BWF title of this season when she begins her campaign

against Mauritius' Kate Foo Kune in the opening round.

With a host of Indians making up the draw, Saina is likely to face little resistance till her journey to the finals, where she is expected to meet former Olympic champion China's Li Xuerui, who has won at Canada, US and the China Masters after making a comeback.



Srikanth, too, will be looking for his first title of the season after being in rampaging form last year, winning four titles. The Indian has been in decent form, winning a Silver at the Commonwealth Games and reaching the quarterfinals consistently.

The Indian will hope to

claim the men's singles title after winning it in 2016 following three final appearances. However, he will face tough resistance from second seed H S Prannoy and Sameer, who won titles at Swiss Open and Hyderabad Open.

Srikanth is likely to meet Parupalli Kashyap in the second round if the 2014 Commonwealth Games champion manages to beat Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk in the opener.

While, Prannoy will start against Thailand's Adulrach Namkul and is likely to meet 2014 Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist R M V Gurusaidutt in the third round.

For that, Guru, who is trying to make a comeback after recovering from a career-threatening ankle injury, will have to fight his way against Germany's Jonathan Persson and probably Misha Zilberman of Israel to enter the quarterfinals.

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Fourth seed B Sai Praneeth, who had won the Singapore Open last year, will square off against Russia's Sergey Sirtant in the opening match, while Subhankar Dey, who claimed his maiden title at SaarLorLux Open, will open against China's Zhou Zeqi.

Seventh seed Sourabh Verma, who won titles at Russia and Dutch Open, will start against China's Zhou Zeqi.

Also in action would be eighth seeded India's top men's doubles pairs of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who are the Silver medallists at the Commonwealth Games, and National champions Manu Attri and B Sumeth Reddy.

The women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will also look to put their best foot forward, while Ashwini will also pair up with Satwik in mixed doubles.

Seferovic scripts Swiss comeback

AFP ■ LUCERNE

Harris Seferovic starred with a hat-trick as Switzerland staged a sensational comeback to thrash Belgium 5-2 in Lucerne on Sunday and qualify for the Nations League finals in dramatic fashion.

Thorgan Hazard's early double left Switzerland needing to win by two goals to qualify for Group A2 but the hosts quickly fought back, with Ricardo Rodriguez's penalty and Seferovic's first two goals seeing them into a 3-2 half-time lead.

Nico Elvedi nodded home a Xherdan Shaqiri cross in the 62nd minute, and Vladimir Petkovic's men sealed a stunning win when Seferovic completed his treble late on.

"I want to congratulate each player, there was a big mental reaction, the players never gave up, they always believed," said Swiss coach Petkovic. "They played with will, intelligence and with their heads."

After a thrilling match that continued a trend of goal-filled encounters in the inaugural edition of the Nations League, Switzerland will play at the finals in June next year, alongside European champions Portugal and England, with the final spot going to either France or the Netherlands on Monday.



Roberto Martinez's men saw their six-match unbeaten run since reaching the World Cup semi-finals brought to an shuddering halt.

"We forgot to defend well, we gave Switzerland the opportunity to get back in the game," said Spanish coach Martinez.

"We had a lot of excitement, we really wanted to finish top of the group. The disappointment will make us more focused when the (Euro 2020) qualification starts." Earlier on Sunday, Valentino Lazaro

Spain beat Bosnia after heartache

AFP ■ LAS PALMAS

Spain responded to their Nations League disappointment by beating Bosnia 1-0 on Sunday but an unconvincing victory will have done little to lift the mood.

Luis Enrique's side needed 21-year-old debutant Brais Mendez, on as a substitute, to score the only goal of a scrappy game at Estadio Gran Canaria, in which neither side would have been unfairly represented by a stalemate.

Spain already knew their hopes of progressing to the Nations League finals were over after England snatched top spot in Group 4 following a last-gasp win at Wembley over Croatia.

A thrilling conclusion, which would have sent Spain through had Croatia held on for a point, was a feather in the cap for the inaugural tournament and came in stark contrast to this rather underwhelming friendly a few hours later. "Bad luck and mistakes we



Spain players celebrate after win AP

made meant we didn't make the finals," Luis Enrique said. "I would have liked a draw (between England and Croatia) but I'm focused on qualification for the European Championship and I think the team looks good."

A narrow win over Bosnia came with a rotated and youthful line-up, in which only Isco and Dani Ceballos survived from Thursday's defeat by Croatia in Zagreb.

Harry Kane's late winner against Croatia had the Spanish press swooning for a striker of his calibre and another erratic performance from Alvaro Morata hardly promoted the Chelsea striker's cause.



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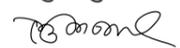
मेरे प्रिय भाइयों, बहनों और युवा साथियों सादर नमस्कार !! जय जोहार !!

अटल जी के आशीर्वाद से वर्ष 2000 में छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य बना था लेकिन जनादेश और जनसहयोग से वर्ष 2003 में छत्तीसगढ़ के सौभाग्य का सूरज उगा। 52 वर्षों की कांग्रेस सरकार ने जो अंधेरा जन-जन की जिंदगी में भर दिया था, उसे हमने 15 साल के अथक परिश्रम से उजाले में बदला। विकास के लिए अपनाई गई हमारी रणनीतियों, योजनाओं को अन्य प्रदेशों ने भी अपनाया और छत्तीसगढ़ की पहचान तेजी से विकास करने वाले आदर्श राज्य के रूप में स्थापित हुई।

विरासत में मिले हर तरह के अभाव को हमने 15 वर्षों में समाप्त ही नहीं किया बल्कि छत्तीसगढ़ को मजबूत बुनियाद और ऊंची उड़ान दी। गांव, गरीब, किसान, युवा, महिला, अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति, ओबीसी, अल्पसंख्यक, हर वर्ग, हर तबके को समावेशी विकास के रास्ते सुलभ कराए। सिर्फ आशाएं ही नहीं जगाई बल्कि सपने सच किये। पहले दस वर्षों में केन्द्र में विरोधी दल की सरकार से टकराते हुए भी विकास की रफ्तार बनाये रखी। आप सभी के आशीर्वाद और मोदी जी के सहयोग से हम 18 वर्ष के अपने युवा प्रदेश को विकास की नई ऊंचाइयों पर ले जाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं। इसी लक्ष्य के साथ हमने वर्ष 2025 तक "नवा छत्तीसगढ़" बनाने का संकल्प लिया है। हमारे प्यारे प्रदेश ने 15 साल में शून्य से शिखर तक का सफर आप ही के आशीर्वाद से तय किया है, और मुझे विश्वास है कि आप भाजपा, माननीय मोदी जी, और आपके अपने 'चाउर वाले बाबा' का साथ निभाएंगे।

विधान सभा चुनाव की इस निर्णायक बेला में मेरा विनम्र निवेदन है कि हम सब एक बार फिर अपने त्याग और तपस्या के एक-एक पल को याद करें कि कैसे हमने विकास के पौधे को अपने पसीने से सींचा है। यह वक्त है विकास को नकारने वालों, आपके पसीने का मजाक उड़ाने वालों, झूठे वादे करने वालों को सबक सिखाने का। भाजपा सरकार के साथ बने विश्वास के रिश्ते को आगे बढ़ाइए। आज आपका अपने बूथ पर जाकर कमल की बटन दबाना न केवल आपकी विधानसभा के विकास के लिए बल्कि प्रदेश में भाजपा की सरकार बनाने के लिए भी अत्यंत आवश्यक है। मुझे मुख्यमंत्री बनाने के लिए अपने भाजपा प्रत्याशी को वोट दीजिए। आपका दिया हर वोट मुझे निरंतर आपकी सेवा का अवसर देगा तथा मैं विकास के प्रवाह को बनाए रख सकूंगा।

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