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Voters defy Naxals in their bastion

18 seats in Maoist bastions in Chhattisgarh witness 70 per cent voting



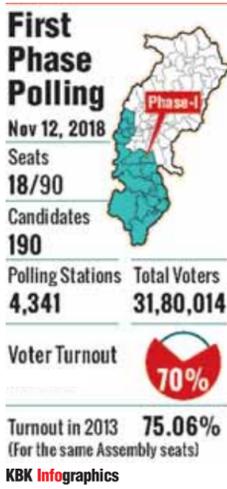
CRPF personnel help an elderly voter to reach a polling station for casting her vote during the first phase of Chhattisgarh Assembly elections, in Naxal-affected Sukma district, on Monday

PNS ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh's insurgency-hit 18 Assembly seats witnessed heavy polling on Monday as voters defied Maoists' boycott call. It has set the tone for the Assembly elections in five States that have been viewed as a "semi-final" before the country goes for the Lok Sabha battle in 2019.

The phase-1 turnout was estimated to be 70 per cent and significantly the Maoist bastions in Chhattisgarh recorded the highest-ever voting percentage amid peaceful polling for which about 1.25 lakh security personnel were deployed across eight districts.

Polling officials confirmed that restive areas — Bheji, Chintagufa and Injeram in Konta seat; Pamed and Bhopalpattanam in Bijapur seat — which had track record of almost zero polling recorded heavy turnout right from early hours of voting. Government officials,



a monopoly for over a quarter century".

The voting in 18 seats sealed the fate of 190 candidates, including Chief Minister Raman Singh from Rajnandgaon and his two Ministerial colleagues Kedar Kashyap from Narayanpur and Mahesh Gagda from Bijapur.

Rajnandgaon seat where Chief Minister Raman Singh is locked in a direct fight with Congress candidate Karuna Shukla, niece of late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, recorded 70 per cent polling.

Women voters mainly in tribal-dominated forested interiors were seen queued up in large numbers even after voting timing ended.

Chhattisgarh's Chief Electoral Officer Subrat Sahoo said that Khujji Assembly segment registered the highest turnout of 72 per cent and the poll percentage figure could go up after final compilation of voting data.

political parties and intellectuals described the higher turnout as an indication of "Maoists losing influence in jungle areas where Naxals had



Union Minister and Rashtriya Lok Samta Party (RLSP) chief Upendra Kushwaha meets expelled JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav in New Delhi on Monday

Wary Kushwaha flexes muscles meets Sharad

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Sharing a hostile political relationship with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, BJP ally Rashtriya Lok Samta Party's (RLSP) president Upendra Kushwaha on Monday met Opposition leader Sharad Yadav, a friend-turned-foe of Nitish Kumar, with a suggestion that he is not altogether averse to switching camps.

Kushwaha met Sharad at the latter's residence and both the leaders were believed to have discussed the current political situation, especially in Bihar, RLSPP sources said. In a tweet, Kushwaha described the meeting as a courtesy call.

Seat-sharing within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) constituents is not a settled matter even as BJP president Amit Shah last month announced here with Nitish by his side that his party and the JD(U) would contest equal number of Lok Sabha seats with other NDA constituents like RLSPP and Lok Jan Shakti Party (LJP) of Ram Vilas Paswan need to adjust with lower number of seats than they contested in 2014. The

RLSP, which had fought three seats in 2014 and won all, is unlikely to be spared more than two seats by the BJP.

Kushwaha has maintained he is ready to "sacrifice" for the NDA and would like Prime Minister Narendra Modi to return to power at the Centre, but wondered as to why he was being kept out of the Nitish Kumar-led JD(U)-BJP coalition in Bihar.

The OBC leader, who is also a Union Minister, has once famously said "Nitish is capable of sinking any boat he rides on." He accused Nitish of conspiring to break the RLSPP.

Kushwaha had also attacked Nitish for allegedly insulting him and had targeted him again on Sunday over reports that two MLAs of his party may join the JD(U).

The RLSPP leader has kept the seat-sharing pot boiling by meeting rival Lalu Prasad's son Tejashwi with reports that he had sought six Lok Sabha seats but was "assured" only four. But Kushwaha described his meeting with Lalu's son at a Government guest house as a "chance meeting".

Ananth Kumar passes away

Union Minister dies in Bengaluru after battling lung cancer for several months

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

ANANTH KUMAR



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Senior BJP leader and Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar, 59, died at a private hospital here in the early hours of Monday, party spokesman said. He was suffering from lung cancer and had come back from the US in October after treatment at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York. He is survived by wife and two daughters.

The Karnataka Government has declared a three-day State mourning till November 14 as a mark of respect to Ananth Kumar. His last rites will be performed on Tuesday with all Government honour, an official release said.

Ananth had built the BJP in Karnataka and was the sole Member of Parliament from the State.

His political journey began from Vidhyarthi Parishad and graduated through RSS to the national politics. Known for his integrity, Kumar had friends in the Congress and other parties.

As a Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister, his performance was appreciated by all. Even though he was identified as Advani's man, he succeeded in getting close to Narendra Modi later.

Mourning the death of Ananth, Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy said, "Kumar's pro-people attitude and activities made him apple of the eyes of people."

"He always valued and had given priority to friendship. I

have lost a great friend in his death," he said.

Ananth, was widely regarded as an able political organiser who helped the BJP expand its reach in country's south.

His organisational skills and proficiency in Kannada, Hindi, Marathi and English caught the attention of the party's top leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and LK Advani, who made him a BJP national General Secretary at a young age.

An urban face of the BJP, Ananth was a six-time parliamentarian from the high-profile Bengaluru South Lok Sabha constituency since 1996. He became a Union Minister at a young age (37) in the Vajpayee's Governments of 1998-99 and 1999-2004.

In the 1996 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP denied ticket to sitting MP renowned economist Professor K Venkatagiri Gowda from Bangalore South and fielded a new face, Ananth Kumar. The move raised eyebrows.

CVC files confidential report on Verma graft

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on Monday filed its preliminary enquiry report in a sealed cover before the Supreme Court against benched CBI director Alok Kumar Verma in view of the allegations of corruption levelled against him by his deputy Rakesh Asthana.

Following allegations of corruption, Verma and Asthana were divested of their supervisory authority in the CBI and sent on leave.

Acting CBI director M Nageswara Rao too filed in a sealed cover the decisions taken by him from October 23-26 with regard to the transfer of investigations and change of



SC to examine/hear case on Nov 16

investigators of the agency.

A Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul took both the reports on record and fixed November 16 as the next date for hearing in the matter.

Sources privy to the CVC enquiry said the report has flagged certain questions with regard to the probe against

Verma for which a separate and further enquiry is required. It implies there is no clean chit to Verma and the CVC preliminary report has left it for the apex court to decide further course of action, the sources added.

The CVC and Rao placed three copies of their reports in compliance with the October 26 order of the SC.

"Report of the Central Vigilance Commission with regard to the preliminary enquiry held in respect of the petitioner — Alok Kumar Verma — in sealed cover has been submitted in court by Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General," the Bench said.

Likewise, the apex court noted in its order that the report of the orders passed by the acting director was filed in sealed cover, in terms of the earlier order of the court dated October 26, 2018, by Additional Solicitor General PS Narasimha.

"Both the aforesaid reports are taken on record. All the matters will be considered on Friday next i.e. November 16, 2018," the Bench said.

Abided by DAC to buy Rafale: Centre to SC

Govt submits price details in sealed cover

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid raging controversy over the ₹59,000 crore Rafale fighter jet deal with allegation of wrongdoing, the Government on Monday stated in the Supreme Court that it abided by the Defence Procurement Procedure-2013 and due approval was taken from the Defence Acquisition Council and the Cabinet Committee on Security.

The Centre also placed in a sealed cover before the apex court the price details of 36 Rafale fighter jets which India is buying in fly-away condition from France through a Government to Government deal inked in October 2016.

The SC will take up the case on November 14. The court on October 31 had asked the Centre to place before it within 10 days the pricing details of 36 Rafale fighter jets. In the last hearing, the Centre was reluctant to share the price details and Attorney General KK Venugopal had told a Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi that pricing details of these jets were not even shared with Parliament.

The Centre made public the 16-page document titled "Details of the steps in the decision making process leading to the award of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft order," which stated the process as laid down in the Defence Procurement Procedure-2013 has been followed in procurement of the Rafale aircraft.

Centres of Excellence to promote football soon: CM

2% reservation in jobs to football players who will win medals in international event

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das during an event announced that two Centres of Excellence will be established to promote football in the State. The Jharkhand Sports Authority will convert Birs Munda Football Center, Ranchi and Sido-Kanhu Football Center located at Deoghar into Centres of Excellence.

"The State Government has constituted Kamal club in all the blocks of Jharkhand in the year 2017 to polish the talents of sports enthusiast residing in rural pockets of the State. It is the priority of the State Government to take forward the football game and promote the players," the CM said while addressing the gathering on the occasion of the concluding ceremony of Chief Minister Invitation Football Tournament 2018 at the Ranchi College Ground here on Monday.



Ranchi football team with winning trophy pose for photographs with Chief Minister Raghubar Das, Sports Minister Amar Kumar Bauri, Ranchi MP Ramtahal Choudhary after the 2nd final Chief Minister Cup Football Tournament-2018 at Ranchi College Ground in Ranchi on Monday

The meritorious football

players at the panchayat, block and district level will be given football kits free of cost. The Government will also provide coach for training the players.

Free dress and sports equipments will be provided to the children of tribal communities," added the CM.

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'Tigris Avni shot from behind, not in self-defence'

Nagpur: Tigris Avni was shot "when she was facing away" from the gunman hired by the Maharashtra Government, the report of an independent Government-appointed expert revealed here on Monday.

The detailed analytical report has been prepared by Wildlife Biologist Milind Pariwakam of the Wildlife Conservation Trust, who attended Avni's autopsy as a representative of Maharashtra's Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

Pariwakam's report raises doubts on the claims made by the hired shooter and officials that Avni was shot in "self-defence" after a darting attempt failed.

Byg Brewski is Ranchi's gift to Bangalore

ADITI SINGH ■ RANCHI

It is the tale of brewing beer by two childhood friends from Ranchi who are creating ripples in Bangalore.

We dream of making life as large as it gets with the company of our best friends. Meanwhile, Kumar Priyatosh aka Sanju and Sikki Sinha have already established a company of their dreams.

Byg Brewski that was inaugurated in Bangalore this year on the 1st of June is not only the largest brewery in Asia, acquiring a space of over 68,000 square feet, offering five pubs in its arena, is also one of the highest earning grossers in Bangalore. Including other facilities like a live kitchen, sheltered space for private brewing



wherein you can create your own beer, the brewery is a breath of fresh air for those who like their drinks and space personalized.

Apart from offering refresh cocktail services, Byg Brewski has a lot more to offer in terms of food. An experimental foodie would love to try their Jospir grilled lamb and mallard, inspired by the Spanish Culture. Offering world class amenities with the new era



touch is what sets Byg Brewski apart from other breweries in Bangalore or Asia as a matter of fact.

These two friends go way back to college in Ranchi, and haven't left each other's side since then. Through thick and thin, these two have made their own journey from Ranchi to Bangalore, and have estab-

lished Asia's largest micro-brewery. What did it take for them to be where they are today? This tale will be unfolded before you.

Sanju earned his education from St Aloysius High School, Ranchi. It was at Gossner College Ranchi that Sanju met his future business partner, Sikki. The two bonded instant-



ly and were always in contact. Sanju says, "My friend and neighbor Ajay was in the brewery business for nearly over 14 years. It was he who gave me the idea to invest in the brewery business. Hence, I and Sikki joined hands with Ajay and a few others to establish the Byg Brewski." And this is how both of these college pals became partners, co-owning Byg Brewski in Bangalore. Sikki responded, "He's not

only my friend but my brother. We've been inseparable since our college days. Hence, I decided that it's better to own a business with someone who you absolutely trust. It doubles the happiness."

Both the friends were each other's spine during those hard times and still continue to be so. Recalls Neera Chandra, Sikki's wife who is also a professional singer (sangeetvisarar), "Sanju and Sikki can never stay apart. Till today, both of them kick start their mornings by calling each other."

Creating an epitome of friendship and inspiring everyone around them, Sanju and Sikki plan to expand their business to metropolitan cities

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CAPSULE

NATIONAL HERALD MOVES COURT AGAINST EVICTION

New Delhi: Associated Journals Ltd, the publisher of National Herald newspaper, approached the Delhi High Court on Monday challenging the Centre's order ending its 56-year-old lease and asking it to vacate the premises in the Press enclave at ITO here by November 15.

LOWER FOOD PRICES EASE OCT RETAIL INFLATION

New Delhi: Lower food prices eased October retail inflation to 3.31 per cent from rise of 3.70 per cent in September, data showed.

DOCTOR FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOME IN N-W DELHI

New Delhi: Body of 65-year-old doctor was found at his home in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri area on Monday, police said.

**झारखण्ड सरकार श्रम, नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग,
द्वितीय दत्तोपत टैंगडी रोजगार मेला- 2018-19**

दिनांक : 20/11/2018 स्थान : शिवाजी मैदान, डालटनगंज।
जिला नियोजनालय, डालटनगंज (पलामू) द्वारा संकलित रिक्तियों:-

राज्य के बेरोजगार युवकों एवं युवतियों को निजी क्षेत्र में नियोजित करने के उद्देश्य से शिवाजी मैदान, डालटनगंज में दिनांक 20/11/2018 को समय पूर्व 10:00 बजे से अपराह्न 04:00 बजे तक दत्तोपत टैंगडी रोजगार योजनामार्तगत रोजगार मेला का आयोजन किया जा रहा है, जिसमें निम्नांकित प्रमुख नियोजकों ने उपस्थित रहने की सहमति प्रदान की है :-

Sl. No	Name of the Employer & Address	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancy	Qualification Required	Experience	Age
1	Vananchal Educational & Welfare Trust, Garhwa	Cook Male	2	10 th	-	18+
		Plumber	2	10 th	-	18+
		Electrician	2	ITI	-	18+
		Gardener	2	10 th	-	18+
		Hostel Warden	2	Graduate	-	18+
		Clerk cum Computer Operator	2	Graduate	-	18+
		Store Keeper	2	Graduate	-	18+
		Cook (Female)	1	10 th	-	18+
		Care Taker (Guest House)	1	Graduate	-	18+
		Professor in (Oral Surgery) (Oral Medicine) (Periodontology) (Prosthodontics) (Endodontics) (Paedodontics) (Oral Pathology) (Orthodontics)	8	M.D.S. in the concerned subject	9 years	18+
		Reader in (Oral Surgery) (Oral Medicine) (Periodontology) (Prosthodontics) (Endodontics) (Paedodontics) (Oral Pathology) (Orthodontics)	16	M.D.S. in the concerned subject	4 years	18+
		Sr. Lecturer in (Oral Surgery) (Oral Medicine) (Periodontology) (Prosthodontics) (Endodontics) (Paedodontics) (Oral Pathology) (Orthodontics)	16	M.D.S. in the concerned subject	-	18+
		Professor or Reader in Anatomy Physiology Microbiology Biochemistry G. Pathology Anaesthesia Medicine Pharmacology	9	M.Sc./Ph.D /MBBS/MS/MD in the concern subject	4 years teaching exp. as lecturer for the post of Reader & 5 years teaching exp. as Reader for the post of Professor	18+
		Lecturer in Anatomy Physiology Microbiology Biochemistry G. Pathology Anaesthesia Medicine Pharmacology	22	M.Sc./Ph.D /MBBS/MS/MD	-	18+
		Professor or Reader in (Anatomy) (Physiology) (Organon of Medicine) (Home Pharmacy) (Materia Medica) (Patho+Micro) (F.M.T.) (Practice of Medicine) (Surgery) (Obstetrician & Gynaeciatrician) (Community Medicine) (Repertory)	16	As per CCH norms.	-	18+
		Lecturer in (Anatomy) (Physiology) (Organon of Medicine) (Home Pharmacy) (Materia Medica) (Patho+Micro) (F.M.T.) (Practice of Medicine) (Surgery) (Obstetrician & Gynaeciatrician) (Community Medicine) (Repertory)	12	As per CCH norms.	-	18+
		Lecturer (Life Science Teaching)	1	M.Sc. Botany/ Zoology with min 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Music)	1	M.A. in music with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Geography Teaching)	1	M.A. in Geography with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Math Teaching)	1	M.Sc. in Math with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (English Teaching)	1	M.A. in English with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (History Teaching)	1	M.A. in History with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Pol. Scie. Teaching)	1	M.A. in Pol. Sci. with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Physical Science Teaching)	1	M.Sc. Physical/ Chemistry with min 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Hindi Teaching)	1	M.A. in Hindi with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Fine Art Teaching)	1	M.F.A. with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Physical Education)	1	M.P.Ed. with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (Eco. Teaching)	1	M.A. in Economics with 55% marks	-	18+
		Lecturer (English)	1	M.A., Ph.D.	-	18+
		Lecturer (Botany)	1	M.Sc., Ph.D.	-	18+
		Lecturer (Zoology)	1	M.Sc., Ph.D.	-	18+
		Lecturer (Microbiology)	1	M.Sc., Ph.D.	-	18+
		Lecturer (Physiology)	1	M.Sc., Physiology	-	18+
		Lecturer (Biochemistry)	1	M.Sc., Biochemistry	-	18+
		Lecturer (Pharmacology)	1	M.Sc./MBBS/MD	-	18+
		Lecturer (Anatomy)	1	M.Sc./MBBS/MS	-	18+
		Principal	1	M.Sc. with 3 yrs. Exp.	-	18+
		Vice Principal	1	B.Sc./M.Sc. Nursing	3 yrs. Teaching exp.	18+
		Tutor	1	B.Sc./M.Sc. Nursing	2 yrs of professional exp	18+
2	Grasim Industries Ltd. Rehla	Junior Technical Associate	1	ITI Fitter	-	28-35
3	SIS India Ltd., Garhwa	Security Guard	250	10 th	-	20-35
		Security Supervisor	50	12 th	-	21-35
4	C.I.D.C., Daltonganj	Electrician	70	12 th	-	18-35
		Plumber	100	10 th	-	18-35
5	G4S Secure Solution (India) Pvt. Ltd., Jamshedpur	Security Guard	1500	10 th	-	18-35
6	Omikara Industrial Securities Services, Jamshedpur	Security Guard	500	8 th	-	18-45
		Security Supervisor	100	12 th	-	22-40
		Office Staff	10	Graduate	-	20-35
		Cook Men	10	8 th	-	18
		Gun Men	50	8 th	-	18
		Field Officer	10	Graduate	-	25+
		Agent	200	10 th	-	18+
		RCAC/CCA	50	10 th to 12 th	-	18-35
8	Youth 4 Jobs Foundation, Ranchi	CSR	20	10 th to 12 th	-	18-30
		Cashier	15	12 th	-	18-30
		Guard	30	10 th	-	18-30
		Data Entry	10	10 th	-	18-30
		Talocaliser	10	12 th	-	18-30
9	Seva Sahyog Securities & Facility Management Pvt. Ltd., Jamshedpur	Security Guard	170	10 th	-	18-45
		Security Supervisor	50	12 th	1 Yrs.	18-45
		Office Staff	10	Graduate	-	20-45
		Cook	10	10 th	-	20-45
		Gun Men	05	10 th	-	20-45
		Field Officer	10	Graduate	-	25+
10	Hope Care Services India, Patna	Security Guard	250	10 th	-	18-45
		Helper	200	5 th	-	18-35
11	Reliable First Gujarat	Trainee	900	10 th Pass	-	18-25
		Trainee	300	Diploma (Automobile, Elec. Mech.)	-	18-25
12	Tatanagar Konkarn Security Pvt. Ltd., Jamshedpur	Security Guard	500	8 th	-	18-45
		Security Supervisor	100	12 th	-	22-40
		Office Staff	10	Graduate	-	20-35
		Cook Men	10	8 th	-	18
		Gun Men	50	8 th	-	18
		Field Officer	10	Graduate	-	25+
13	Larsen & Turbo CSTI Construction, Hyderabad	Shuttering Carpenter	32	5 th Pass	-	18+
		Bar Bending	30	5 th Pass	-	18+
		Welder	15	ITI Pass	-	18+
		Fitter	25	ITI Pass	-	18+
		Helper	65	5 th Pass	-	18+
		Electrician	10	ITI Pass	-	18+
14	Vardhman Yarns Bhopal	Production Trainees	100	8 th to 12 th Pass	-	18-24
15	Kalyan Gurukul, Daltonganj	Assistant Shuttering (Carpenter)	80	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Assistant Barbender	80	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Assistant Tile Fitter	40	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Assistant Mason	80	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Assembly Fitter Girls	40	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Sewing Machine Operator	100	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Manlift Machine Operator	50	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		CNC Machine Operator	50	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Assistant Welder	50	5 th Pass	-	18-32
		Customer Care Executive	500	12 th /ITI/ Diploma	-	18+
16	Aegis Customer Support, Jamshedpur	Food and Beverage Service	120	10 th Pass	-	18-35
17	Frontline Global Services, Betwatika, Daltonganj	Retail Team Leader	60	12 th Pass	-	18-35
		Industrial sewing machine operator	100	8 th Pass	-	18-35
		Milling & Turner Operator	50	10 th Pass	-	18-35
		Executive Accounts & Banking	60	12 th Pass	-	18-35
		Total	7467			

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Minor injured in a blast in Giridih

PNS ■ GIRIDIH
A 10-year-old child was injured after a blast took place at Rai Tank near Saria locality in Giridih district here on Monday afternoon, Police said. Some people got minor injuries, when they were cleaning the tank in view of Chhath festival of which, explosion took place. The bomb disposal squad of CID reached the spot. The nature of the explosives is yet to be ascertained. Police called it a "low intensity" blast. According to Saria police and bomb disposal squad, multiple crude bombs were kept inside a jute bag and placed near tank. No terrorist or extremist link could be established so far. Soon after information, local police rushed to the spot. Chances of factional feud in local unsocial elements being a reason behind the blast cannot be ruled out either.

कार्यालय जिला परिषद्, चतरा। (अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं- 79, वर्ष 2018-19)

- पत्रांक/जि090 दिनांक
- विज्ञापन दाता का नाम एवं पता : जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद्, चतरा।
 - परिमाण विपत्र की बिक्री की तिथि : 01.12.2018 से 03.12.2018 तक कार्यालय कार्य अवधि में (रूपरूपित अवकाश को छोड़कर)
 - परिमाण विपत्र की बिक्री का स्थान : जिला अभियंता का कार्यालय, जिला परिषद्, चतरा।
 - निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय : 04.12.2018 को कार्यालय अवधि में 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
 - निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान : जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा।
 - निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : 04.12.2018 को कार्यालय अवधि में 3.30 बजे अपराह्न में
 - निविदा खोलने का स्थान : जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा/जिला परिषद्, चतरा।
 - कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी/मद - : SCASchemes

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1	लावालीग	मंथनिया	कदहे	अशोक गंधू के घर के पास पुलिया निर्माण।	1812200	36500	5000	04 माह
2	लावालीग	मंथनिया	होसिर	राजेन्द्र गंधू के घर के पास पुलिया निर्माण।	2841200	57000	5000	04 माह
3	लावालीग	मंथनिया	मंथनिया	हरनाही नाला पर पुल निर्माण।	3235400	47000	5000	04 माह
4	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	महाराजमंज के पास पुल निर्माण।	2361100	47500	5000	03 माह
5	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	जामुन बाघ में पुलिया निर्माण।	4555600	91500	5000	06 माह
6	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	कनरी नाला पर पुलिया व बाघ निर्माण।	3488100	70000	5000	04 माह
7	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	बाजार ऊपर नाला पर पुल निर्माण।	4093100	82000	5000	04 माह
8	लावालीग	पसागम	पसागम	पक्का कुआं के पास पुल निर्माण।	3357000	67500	5000	04 माह
9	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	सिमर से आंगनवाड़ी तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण।	2841200	57000	5000	04 माह
10	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	केवल के घर से हेड दोहर तक पथ निर्माण।	3002400	60500	5000	03 माह
11	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	आरसीसी पुलिया निर्माण बड़ो।	4267900	85500	5000	03 माह
12	लावालीग	रिभी	रिभी	टैडा कुसुम में आरसीसी पुलिया निर्माण।	4061600	81500	5000	03 माह
13	लावालीग	रिभी	टीकदा	हगनी नाला पर पुलिया निर्माण।	2488600	50000	5000	02 माह

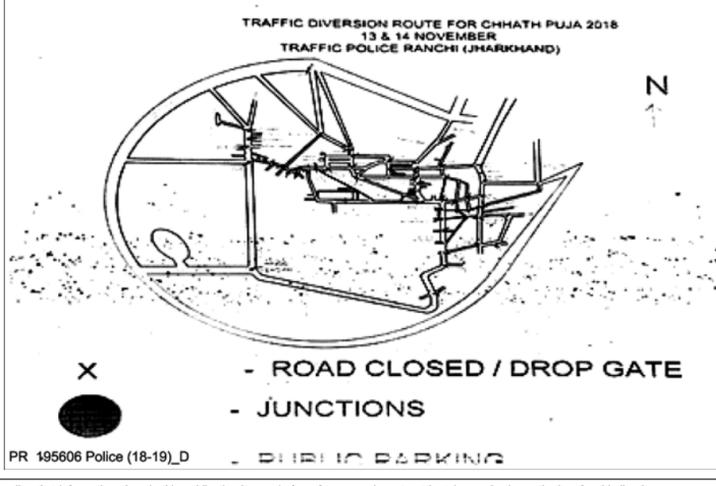
निविदा की शर्तें -
1. जिला परिषद्/जिला ग्रामीण विकास अभिकरण, चतरा अन्तर्गत निर्दिष्ट तथा UCAN Portal में Registered संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकेंगे।
2. जिला द्वारा निर्दिष्ट आवंटन से जिला अन्तर्गत किसी भी कार्यान्वयन एजेंसी में संवेदक के नाम से कार्य लंबित है, तो उनके पक्ष में निविदा निस्तार नहीं की जायेगी।
3. परिमाण विपत्र मूल्य का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट "जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद्, चतरा" के पदनाम से बैंक ऑफ इंडिया/भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, चतरा में भुगतान होगा।
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पुलिस अधीक्षक, यातायात का कार्यालय, राँची आवश्यक सूचना

प्राप्त सूचनानुसार इस वर्ष छठ पर्व दिनांक 13/14.11.18 को मनाया जायेगा। उक्त अवसर पर पर्व की महत्ता को देखते हुए सुगम यातायात व्यवस्था निम्न प्रकार होगी:-
1. भारी वाहनों के लिए शहरी क्षेत्र में नो इन्ट्री (वाहन प्रवेश वर्जित समय) दिनांक 13.11.18 के सुबह 8:00 बजे पूर्वान्हन से 10:00 बजे रात्रि तक एवं दिनांक 14.11.18 को 2:00 बजे पूर्वान्हन से रात्रि 22:00 बजे तक शहरी क्षेत्र में बड़े वाहनों का प्रवेश वर्जित रहेगा।

- भारी वाहनों का परिचालन-**
2. पिस्का मोड़ होकर हजारीबाग रोड जाने वाली सभी भारी वाहन काटीटाइ, कटहल मोड़, नया सराय से रिंग रोड होते हुए तुपुदाना, नामकुम, दुर्गा सोरेन चौक से टाटीसिल्वे, डीपाटोली आर्मी कैम्प एवं बूटी मोड़ होते हुए हजारीबाग रोड की ओर जायगी। इसी प्रकार हजारीबाग रोड से पिस्का मोड़ की तरफ जाने वाली बड़ी वाहन बूटी मोड़ से उपरोक्त मार्ग होकर लातेहार, पलामू, गढ़वा, इटकी रोड सिमडेगा, गुमला, लोहरदगा, रोड की तरफ जा सकेंगे। खूटी की तरफ से आने वाले बड़े वाहन तुपुदाना, नामकुम, दुर्गा सोरेन चौक से टाटीसिल्वे होते हुए हजारीबाग रोड जा सकते हैं एवं उसी मार्ग होकर हजारीबाग से खूटी की ओर जा सकेंगे।
3. टाटा रोड से हजारीबाग रोड आने वाले सभी भारी वाहन दुर्गा सोरेन चौक से टाटीसिल्वे डीपाटोली आर्मी कैम्प एवं बूटी मोड़ होकर हजारीबाग रोड से आगे परिचालन कर सकेंगे। हजारीबाग रोड से टाटा रोड जाने वाले ऐसे सभी बड़े वाहन डीपाटोली आर्मी कैम्प होकर उपरोक्त मार्ग पर ही परिचालन कर सकेंगे।
निम्नांकित स्थानों पर बैरियर लगाया जायेगा, जिससे, किसी भी प्रकार के वाहन का प्रवेश छट तालाबों की ओर जाने से रोका जा सके:-

- रणधीर वर्मा चौक:-
(a) एस0एस0पी0 आवास से आने वाले रोड पर जाकिर हुसैन पार्क से आने वाले रोड पर ए0टी0आई0 से आने वाले रोड पर
- चौदनी चौक कांके रोड पर
- राम मंदिर (कांके) रोड पर
- पिस्का मोड़ पर
- शालीमार बाजार मोड़ पर
- शहीद मैदान के पास
- जेल चौक के पास
- लालपुर यातायात थाना के पास
- सर्जना चौक के सामने बड़ा तालाब जाने वाले रोड पर
- महावीर मंदिर के पास-बड़ा तालाब के ओर
- धुवां गोलचक्कर के पास
- पावर हाउस जाने वाले रोड में (सुटिया) राम मंदिर के पास
- स्वर्ण रेखा नदी जाने वाले मार्ग में (सुटिया) में कतारी बागान के पास
- प्रगति नगर ऑक्सफोर्ड स्कूल जाने वाले में (बहुबाजार उत्तरी भाग में)
- हरमू वाई पास बड़ा तालाब आने वाली मार्ग पर दोनों रोड पर
- भरवाड़ी कॉलेज मोड़ से बड़ा तालाब आने वाली रोड पर
- सेवा सदन अस्पताल से बड़ा तालाब आने वाली मार्ग पर



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Sahay finds pathalgadi a pillar of anger



PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Former MP Ranchi Subodh Kant Sahay quite belatedly but at politically correct time said here today that tribal's pathalgadi be seen as their anger and frustration as this population feels cheated and thrown out in the present dispensation here in the state. "Yeh pathalgadi adivasi ka gussa hai (Pathalgadi is anger of tribals) and no one should ignore or misread it," he said.

Sahay was here holding a press conference in the old circuit house. What he aired his views on pathalgadi of advisais Tharoor who came in defense of Shashi Tharoor when a newsman asked him as to whether he stands by his comments or maintains a distance from Tharoor who courts a controversy on a mere drop of hat to which Sahay said, "Tharoor talks sense. There is reasoning in his comments. I defend him. He exercises his right to speak."

On the issue of urban naxalism that BJP is so trumpeting and trying to corner Congress charging it with going soft on urban naxalism Sahay said, "Is there any political party in the country, which has lost a fleet of 23 leaders of one party alone in a huge naxal attack just in few seconds as Congress had suffered in Chhatisgarh? Has any political leader any morale to fling accusations against Congress?"
"I view that Modi

BJP raps Marandi over cancer hospital remark

JVM chief raises Tata lease funds issue, seeks transparency

PNS ■ RANCHI

Reacting to JVM chief Babul Marandi's press conference, in which he sought transparency in the agreement between State Government and Tata Trusts for setting up of cancer hospital in Ranchi, BJP State spokesperson Pratul Shaddeo said that the former Chief Minister does not want that the people of Jharkhand get rid of cancer.

He noted that when the state government took a big step and decided to open a cancer hospital in the state, Marandi is objecting to it. Shaddeo said that Marandi should understand that the State Government has given only 23.5 acres of land for the construction of the cancer hospital. He added that Marandi does not raise ridiculous issues while questioning that who will construct the Cancer Hospital.

Despite the fact that it is known to all that Tata Group



Pratul Shaddeo

will bear the full cost of the hospital. And 50 per cent of the hospital seats will be reserved for the residents of Jharkhand.

This hospital will be covered under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme. A total of 57 lakh families will be benefited from this hospital under this scheme. A six-member committee has been formed under the chairmanship of health minister with Chief Secretary and the Health Secretary as the Member.

The rest three representatives will be from the Tata Group. Without the permission of the state government there will be no change in the law of the hospital. Shaddeo said that

Marandi is making sensational talks for playing politics. He said that Tata Group has been providing Rs 25 crore rupees to the state government for health insurance in the last three years. Tata is making payments annually.

He said that Babul Marandi is trying to woo the attention of people by raising the issue of Tata Lease. He said that there is an old habit of Babul ji that when nothing is available, then raise the issue of Tata Lease. This whole matter has been clarified after many decisions of the High Court and there is no dispute left in it.

Notably, in a press confer-



Babul Marandi

ence here on Monday, Marandi has raised issue of transparency in the government agreement with Tata citing the Tata lease issue dating back to the year 2005.

He said that according to the agreement TISCO was given land on lease for 30 years and it has to give Rs 150 crore for national Games 2007 infrastructure development.

However, Marandi said that after inquiry it was found that Tata has given only Rs 50 crore as against the terms of Rs 150 crore.

"In another agreement TISCO had to pay Rs 25 crore each year for treatment of BPL families in the State. So, in the

last 23 years beginning the year 1996 TISCO had to pay the State government RS 575 crore but it actually gave only RS 75 crore in last three years.

It means RS 600 crore is due with TISCO," he said.

Marandi said that the government should make it clear whether it has made any secret pact with Tata on the due amount and it is going to make the hospital with the due amount in the name of charity. If it is not the case then the government should make clear statement about the construction expenses, he said adding that the government should also put forth its stand on the due amount.

Bollywood maestros to entertain audience

Kavita Krishnamurthy, Suresh Wadkar to perform on Statehood Celebration Day

PRAGYA PALLAVI ■ RANCHI

Two popular Bollywood Playback singers - Kavita Krishnamurthy and Suresh Wadkar have been invited to entertain the public with their heartwarming musical tunes on November 15. The iconic musicians have been ruling the Hindi Film Industry since mid 80's and early 90's. Even today, these singers hold a remarkable position among the members of musical fraternity of Indian cinema maintaining a harmonious concord with the new talents while inspiring several others.

With just a few days left for Jharkhand - the land of the forests to enter in its 19th year, the State government is on its last legs of preparation ensuring world class arrangements at the main venue. The main programme of the 18th Statehood Celebration Day will be organ-

ised amid much fanfare here in the State Capital.

The young State carved out of Bihar in 2000 has taken a giant leap in different sectors witnessing several highs and lows. Portraying the vision of the State, a series of activities have been planned to mark the occasion. Besides several announcements on the Day, the State government has planned a glittering evening for the people.

The mega event will be organised at the Morhabadi Ground located in the heart of the city. Starting from Prabhat Pheri in the morning, the main function will be followed by the cultural night where the audiences will also get to witness the blend of a few popular folk art forms. The specialties of different States ranging from Assam's Bihu Dance, Bihar's Kajari song, Gujarat's Dandiya, West Bengal's folk dance will mesmerize the audiences at the district level cultural event.

Also, a short film on Jharkhand's achievement on two important frontages - Rural Electrification and Open Defecation Free (ODF) will screened during the celebration here. Major avenues, recre-

ational sites, government buildings have been adorned with colourful minuscule lighting.

"The State is gearing up to celebrate the 18th Foundation Day in style with a promise to brighten up the lives of thousands of residents who are yet to be linked with the course of development. From decorating the main city squares to ensuring special arrangements for public, the authorities are leaving no stone unturned to make November 15 - a memorable day. Different theme based events have been planned district wise for the upcoming celebration," said District PRO, Isha Khandelwal.

Also, a felicitation ceremony will be organised to honour the efforts of all those persons who have achieved a distinct place in their respective domains. Further, in the first of its kind attempt, a separate collage of each department focusing on its achievements, work progress, future goals, innovative models will be placed in front of the respective departments at Secretariat. The attempt has been taken to make the public familiar with the work of different departments in the past 18 years.

CM reviews Chhath security, inaugurates new ghats

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Chief Minister Raghubar Das, reviewed the security arrangements in view of Chhath celebrations in the city. Das who is also Jamshepur East MLA, on Monday inaugurated three Chhath ghats and a park named after him at different places in his constituency.

"I am really happy to be here amidst festive fervour. I promise that more such parks will come up so that poor residing in urban slums also undertake physical exercise. The government is committed to provide some facilities for both rural and urban areas and soon areas of Baridih will also avail of piped drinking water facility," said Das.

Significantly, the park is spread in nearly 2.5 acre of area has a jogger's pathway of nearly 304 meters. The park built at a cost of Rs 94 lakh has a high mast light and also has a 10 seater toilet.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the Bhojpur Ghat running nearly 325 in length close to the park. Earlier, the Chief Minister went from the Sonari Airport directly to Birsanagar Zone Number 9 to

inaugurate an artificial reservoir as chhath ghat.

The chhath ghat has been constructed by Jamshepur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) at an estimated cost of Rs 8 lakh and measures 25 feet x 40 feet.

Das, who is also the chief patron of Sidhgora based Surya Mandir Committee, gave instructions on cleanliness and safety. Like every year, the Surya Mandir Committee will organise a mega musical concert in the evening of November 13. Well known singer Suresh Wadkar will perform at the Surya Mandir premises this year.

Meanwhile district administration in the city, to maintain utmost safety and security for the Chhath devotees, will deploy 1,000 cops at various ghats in the city while also directing all police stations to remain open round-the-clock to deal with any emergency.

Sources informed that a three-tier security arrangement has been made for Jamshepur under which all the ghats would be under surveillance to monitor any dangerous or criminal activity.

Besides, the deployment of



Chief Minister Raghubar Das alongwith MP Viduyt Varan Mahato inaugurates Bhojpur Chhath Ghat in Jamshepur on Monday

Pioneer pic

1,000 cops, metal detectors the ghats and security officials on boats would be monitoring the situation from the river as experts divers would be nearby in case of any drowning incident.

In the light of devotees traditionally offering prayers to the Sun god dipping into the river the administration has resolved to identify safe places (Chhat

ghats) for offering prayers at the two rivers. Besides, the administration has decided to depute divers and life jackets in adequate strength at Chhat ghats.

Temp level to remain constant for next 2-3 days

PNS ■ RANCHI

The sudden dip in mercury level being observed ever since the end of 'Diwali' will not create any inconvenience for the city residents during the Chhath Puja. The weathermen have opined that the temperature level will remain constant for next two-three days.

"Since it is the onset of winter season, the temperature will gradually fall. For next two to three days not much variation will be seen in temperature level. The mercury level is expected to remain somewhere between 11 degree Celsius to 13 degree Celsius," said Senior Scientist, MET Observatory Centre - Ranchi, RS Sharma.

Also, the weather expert said that Cyclone 'Gaja' will have no adverse impact over Jharkhand. Notably, the weather bulletin released by MET Observatory Centre, Ranchi on Sunday suggested that the deep depression over Southeast and adjoining central Bay of Bengal has moved west-north-western wards with a speed of 12 kmph and has intensified into a cyclonic storm 'Gaja'. The cyclone will bring downpour to a few regions.

"The Cyclone 'Gaja' will impact over Tamil-Nadu, South Andhra and Kerala. The southern States will receive rainfall at many places with heavy falls at isolated places. The rainfall will lash Andaman and Nicobar islands on November 11 while other listed States will receive rainfall from November 14," Sharma added.

Officials on toes to ensure safety of devotees

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Ranchi District administration has taken a host of measures for preventing mishaps, including drowning and stampede, during the Chhath festival in the State capital. Lakhs of devotees are expected to visit various ponds and river banks in and around the city on Tuesday and Wednesday to worship the Sun god.

Ranchi DC Rai Mahimapat Ray and the SSP Anish Gupta have issued a joint order elaborating on the security arrangement at 60 ghats of the state capital.

Officials said NDRF teams along with speed boats and lifeboats would be deployed at four places including the Kanke Dam, Dhurwa Dam and Bada Talab. Besides five manual boats of the tourism department would be also placed



at Kanke Dam.

NDRF teams would be provided in other ghats keeping in view availability of the personnel. Furthermore police officials have been directed to post jawans who know swimming at the Chhath ghats. The ghats having deep

water have been barricaded for safety reasons as there is a possibility of people particularly children getting drowned. "I appeal to the devotees not to cross the barricade put up at the ghats," the Ranchi mayor Asha Lakra said. Ranchi DC Rai

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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEES OF COAL INDIA

Govt. of India acting through Ministry of Coal is offering shares to the employees of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries at a discount of 5% of discovered lowest cut-off price of Offer for Sale. The shares are being offered at Rs.254.22 per equity share against the prevailing price of Rs.268.45 at NSE on 09.11.2018. This is an excellent opportunity for employees of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to be a part owner of Maharatna Company. All permanent and full-time employees of the company working in India as on 30th Oct. '2018 are eligible to apply for the shares.

Since CIL shares are being offered at discount to the prevailing market price, this is a golden opportunity for the employees of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to purchase the shares of Coal India Limited. Employees can participate in the offer by depositing cheque/DD in selected branches of SBI or through on-line payment. The offer shall open from 12th Nov. '2018 (12.00 noon) to 15th Nov. '2018 upto 5.00 p.m. You can visit Coal India website www.coalindia.in for details.

Haj committee appeals to pilgrims to opt for Ranchi as embarking point

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chairman of Jharkhand State Haj Committee has appealed to pilgrims from Jharkhand to choose Ranchi as embarking point for Makkah instead of Kolkata adding that the ministry of minority affairs has assured that steps would be taken to even out the difference in the airfares between the two places.

Addressing media persons on Monday the chairman Rizwan Khan said the online filling of forms for Haj pilgrim for 2019 Haj has begun in October. He informed that this time proportionately more people



from Jharkhand are opting for Kolkata as the embarking point due to difference in airfare. According to last report the pilgrims had to pay around Rs 16,000 less while taking flight from Kolkata.

Khan stated he had met union minister for minority affairs Mukhtar Abbas and requested that the airfare of

Ranchi and Kolkata should be equalized.

He added, "The minister has assured to take measures in this regard. A team of the State Haj Committee led by me will soon visit the national capital to ensure that the demand is fulfilled".

Khan opined that after the assurance of the minister people filling up the form online from Jharkhand should opt for Ranchi, he stated.

Khan cautioned that Ranchi could be delisted as embarking point if the number of pilgrims filling up form from here is less than parameter set by the Haj Committee of India.

INBRIEF

RPF MAN FELICITATED

Railway Protection Force constable Satyendra Singh saved the life of a



woman, who fell from a running train and was trapped between the train and the platform on November 11 at Ranchi Railway Station. DRM VK Gupta today felicitated the RPF man with cash reward and a certificate. ADRM (Infra) Ajeet Singh Yadav, Sr DSO Maheshwar Singh and DPO Shrinivas were present on the occasion.

EPFOS PORTAL FOR ONLINE CLAIMS

The Employees' Provident Fund (EPFO) has launched its online PF withdrawal portal making the process hassle free. Subscribers need to link their Adhar Card and Bank accounts with their Universal Account Numbers (UANs) and get a KYC approved by the employer. With hassle free withdrawal and reduced time processing, subscribers can track their claim status online. Online claims can be made for final settlement, pension withdrawal or part withdrawal of PF.

MECON CRICKET SELECTION TRIAL

The selection trials for MECON cricket team will be held at MECON Stadium on November 19 and 20. MECON Sports Club general Secretary Dr Vikas Kumar said that trial will begin at 9 AM in the morning. University, school, district and state level players can participate in the trial. The minimum age limit for the trial is 18 years. The selected players will get stipend from MECON.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT FMPS



First Mark Public School celebrated children's day on Monday. The day commemorated with immense joy, enthusiasm and magnificence. Teachers took charge of the students' roles by conducting the assembly which included the Morning Prayer and inspiring thoughts. There were a lot of games for the children. Director Kalpana Soren explained to the young children the importance and significance of this special day. To make this day a beautiful memory Administrator Pramod Kumar along with the help of all teachers gave their effort so, that all the children go back home with happy memories.

YOUTH ELECTROCUTED IN GARHWA

A 21 year old youth was electrocuted when he touched a live electric wire, during connecting two wire at Kandi block Headquarter in Garhwa district in the early of Monday. According to police, Manish Kumar Ravi (21) was connecting to wire on the occasion of staged drama show, youth received electric shock. Ravi suffered severe injuries and died while undergoing treatment at Kandi Government health centre. Kandi police registered case and took up investigation.

4 NAXAL SUPPORTERS HELD

Lohardaga police arrested four naxal supporters on the information of zonal commander of a naxal organization Bhartiya Communist Party Ravindra Ganju with his supporters in the jungle of Lohardaga and Latehar district. During the search operation three suspected persons arrested from Katat forest. The held persons were Ramdev Ganju, Banesh Nagesia and Neeraj Munda. The police recovered Codex wire, 3 mobiles, naxal pads and pamphlets. They were going to give the explosives to the Manoj Sahu son of Rajendra Sahu of Salagi Thana Kudu. The police also held Manoj Sahu later. The held criminals were charged with various acts in the police station.



SINGH PRAISES PM'S EFFORTS

Retired HEC employee and Gandhi Ashram member Mukhtaar Singh has praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his efforts for the people of India. He said, "I am proud of Modi and his determination to make India a corruption free country. Modi is one of the most popular leaders all over the world. In just a few years he has introduced various schemes for the general public and also implemented them successfully. Gujarat has given many such heroes who have worked for the betterment of the country and its people."

Centres of Excellence...

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Also, in a major attempt to boost the sport, the CM announced that the State Government will give reservation of two per cent in the State-level Government job to those who will win medals or awards in international level competitions. Appreciating the skills of girls who are continuously performing well bringing many laurels to the State, the CM said, "The State Government has decided to constitute a football team of girls at every block and district. The girls' team will also be provided with all game related facilities. The government will take all necessary steps to recognise their talent at the State level."

The CM highlighted about the glorious records of sports persons from Jharkhand who played at international level gaining much appreciation across the globe. Further, the CM said that Jharkhand is a State full of possibilities. "The time has come when the State touches the heights of development in every sector. With the power of youths, every dream can be achieved," the CM asserted. The CM congratulated the members of champion team Ranchi and the runner-up Seraikela. In women football match, Ranchi team emerged as the winner defeating West Singhbhum. On the occasion, the CM handed over a cheque of Rs. 20 lakh to international player Sumrai Tete and a cheque of

Rs. 10 lakh to hockey player Nikki Pradhan, ace Archer Madhumi Kumari also received a cheque of Rs. 10. Archer Jayant received a cheque of Rs. 5 lakh. Minister of Tourism, Sports and Art Amar Kumar Bauri, Urban Development Minister CP Singh, Ranchi MP Ram Tahal Chaudhary, Secretary, Tourism, Sports and Art Culture Secretary Rahul Sharma, Former international hockey player Silvanus Dzungdung, Manohar Toppo, Former Captain Indian football team Kalyan Choubey, President Jharkhand Football Association Ghulam Rabani, Director Sports Ashok Singh, members of sports associations including others were present.

कार्यालय जिला परिषद, चतरा (अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०- 78, वर्ष 2018-19)

- पत्रांक/जि०प० दिनांक
- विज्ञापन दाता का नाम एवं पता : जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, चतरा।
 - परिमाण विपत्र की बिकी की तिथि : 28.11.2018 से 29.11.2018 तक कार्यालय कार्य अवधि में (राजपत्रित अवकाश को छोड़ कर)
 - परिमाण विपत्र की बिकी का स्थान : जिला अभियंता का कार्यालय, जिला परिषद, चतरा।
 - निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय : 30.11.2018 को कार्यालय अवधि में 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
 - निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान : जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा।
 - निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : 30.11.2018 को कार्यालय अवधि में 3.30 बजे अपराह्न में
 - निविदा खोलने का स्थान : जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा/जिला परिषद, चतरा।
 - कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी/मद - : SCA Schemes

क्र०	प्रखण्ड	पंचायत	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये मे)	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	कान्हाचट्टी	बेगोकला	सिकोद पुल से सिकोद गांव तक तक हाई सर्कस पथ निर्माण।	2817700	56500	5000	03 माह
02	कान्हाचट्टी	बेगोकला	सिकिद नदी पर पुल निर्माण।	2248100	45000	5000	03 माह
03	कान्हाचट्टी	चारु	ग्राम-चारु, रामदेव दांगी के घर से पंचायत भवन होते हुए विजय दांगी के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण।	4979200	100000	5000	03 माह
04	कान्हाचट्टी	बकचुम्बा	आर०ई०ओ रोड से कोरमाडीह होते हुए बकचुम्बा स्कूल तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण।	4970400	100000	5000	03 माह

निविदा की शर्तें -
 1. जिला परिषद/जिला ग्रामीण विकास अभिकरण, चतरा अन्तर्गत निबंधित तथा UCAN Portal में Registered संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकेंगे।
 2. जिला द्वारा निर्गत आर्बटन से जिला अन्तर्गत किसी भी कार्यान्वयन एजेन्सी में संवेदक के नाम से कार्य लिखित है, तो उनके पक्ष में निविदा निस्तार नहीं की जायेगी।
 3. परिमाण विपत्र मूल्य का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट "जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, चतरा" के पदनाम से बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया/भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, चतरा में भुगतान होगा। अन्य निविदा की शर्तें कार्यालय सूचना पट्ट पर देखी जा सकती है।

जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, चतरा
 PR195619 (District)18-19*D
बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।

झारखंड शिक्षा परियोजना, चतरा
समग्र शिक्षा अभियान कार्यालय, प्रखंड पडिसर, चतरा- 825401
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अतिअल्पकालीन पुनः निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (सत्र 2018-19)
 झारखंड शिक्षा परियोजना, चतरा, कार्यालय पत्रांक 511 एवं 663 दिनांक 02/07/2018 एवं 10/08/2018 के द्वारा दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में दिनांक 06/07/2018, 07/07/2018 एवं 14/08/2018 को चतरा जिले के 10 प्रखण्डों (चतरा, हंटरगंज, इटखोरी, गिद्धी, पथलगाड़ा, सिमरिया, टण्डवा, लावाली, प्रतापपुर, कुन्दा) में संचालित कस्तुरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय, जिले के दो प्रखण्ड कान्हाचट्टी एवं मयूरहंड में झारखण्ड आवासीय बालिका विद्यालय के लिए वित्तीय वर्ष 2018-2019 हेतु माह जुलाई 2018 से 31 मार्च 2019 तक खाद्य/अखाद्य सामग्री, पठन-पाठन, लेखन सामग्री, विभिन्न रजिस्टर, युनिफार्म, नाईट सूट, जुता-मोजा, विद्यावन एवं उपकरण इत्यादि के क्रय हेतु पैकेजवार अल्पकालीन निविदा प्रकाशन किया गया था। सभी पैकेजों में निविदा प्रक्रिया पूर्ण नहीं होने/नहीं भरने के कारण पुनः पैकेजवार निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। पैकेजवार निविदा प्रपत्र/मागदेशिका, प्रति पैकेज 500/- (पाँच सौ) रुपये विद्यालय के बैंक खाता, कस्तुरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय एवं झारखण्ड आवासीय बालिका विद्यालय के नाम से बैंक ड्राफ्ट/बैंकर्स चेक उपलब्ध करार कर निविदा की प्रति, पैकेजवार संबंधित विद्यालय से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

इच्छुक निविदादाता झारखण्ड सरकार के वाणिज्य कर विभाग के बीडर/स्पलायर के रूप में राज्य में निबंधित होने संबंधी शर्तों तथा जी.एस.टी. के प्रावधानों के तहत निबंधित होना चाहिए। निविदादाता अपने फर्म से संबंधित सभी कागजात स्व हस्ताक्षरित प्रति एवं काली सूचीबद्ध नहीं होने का प्रमाण पत्र निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ दिनांक 20/11/2018 से 27/11/2018 तक संबंधित विद्यालय से विद्यालय कार्यालय में अपराह्न 4 बजे तक निविदा प्रपत्र एवं निविदा से संबंधी सभी आवश्यक दिशा निदेश पत्र प्राप्त/जमा कर सकते हैं। दिनांक 28/11/2018 को चतरा/हंटरगंज/सिमरिया/टंडवा/पथलगाड़ा एवं दिनांक 29/11/2018 को प्रतापपुर/गिद्धी/कुन्दा/लावाली/कान्हाचट्टी/मयूरहंड/इटखोरी में विद्यालय क्रय समिति के समक्ष निविदा आपराह्न 1 बजे खोला जायेगा।

जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी-सह-जिला कार्यक्रम पदाधिकारी
 PR195672 (Jharkhand Education Project Council)18-19*D
बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।

कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी का कार्यालय नगर पंचायत कोडरमा अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण
 संख्या - 11/2018-19 दिनांक 10.11.2018

क्र०सं०	वार्ड सं०	कार्य का नाम	निविदा की राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1		Beautification of Raja Talab at Koderma.	9597716.00	192000.00	10000.00	6 Months
A	Date of Publication of Tender on website		12-11-2018			
B	Last Date / Time for receipt bid on online		19-11-2018			
C	Date of Hard copy receiving		20-11-2018			
D	Date of opening Tender		22-11-2018			
E	Name & Address of office inviting tender		Executive Officer Nagar Panchayat Koderma			
F	Helpline No.		7643940660			

कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी नगर पंचायत कोडरमा
 PR 195592 (Urban Development) 18-19 (D)
बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।

B.I.T.SINDRI P.O. SINDRI INSTITUTE DHANBAD-828123. (JHARKHAND) TENDER NOTICE NO. 4 /2018-19

Sealed tenders are invited in duplicate from the Authorized dealers/reputed manufacturer for false ceiling & partitioning in different departments at B.I.T. Sindri on turnkey basis. The specifications will be made available from the Purchase office of the institute. The intending eligible tenderers may obtain the requisite tender documents on any working day from 08.11.2018 to 30.11.2018 between 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM against payment of non-refundable amount of Rs.1000/- (Rs. One thousand only) in the form of Demand draft / Banker's cheque in favour of the "Director, B.I.T.Sindri payable at Sindri on SBI/BOI/Canara Bank, Sindri. The quotations will have to be submitted by the Bidders in duplicate. The details of the EMD and other terms and conditions will be made available with the respective tender document.

Interested bidder other than getting the tender document from Institute office may also get it by sending a request letter on the letterhead along with nonrefundable demand draft/Banker's cheque of amount of Rs. 1000/= (Rs. One thousand only) in favour of the "Director, B.I.T. Sindri" payable at Sindri on SBI/Canara Bank/ BOI Sindri. If tender fee is not provided the bid will not be considered valid.

Quotation must be submitted by speed post in two parts- Technical bid and Price bid. Price bid will be valid only when the technical bid is acceptable. The cost of AMC, to be provided by the bidder after the expiry of warranty period must be mentioned. The institute will try to go for AMC at the time of purchase itself. Bidder must have experience in similar work of at least in one Government institution. The last day of submission of quotation is 01.12.2018 till 04.00 PM. The tenderers would be required to provide at least three year on site comprehensive warranty of the items. The tenderers must enclose copy of registration certificate of I.T./G.S.T. along with respective clearance certificates. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders in whole or part without assigning any reason whatsoever. The conditional tender will be ignored summarily. The purchaser reserves the right to decrease or increase the quantity of the items.
 Director B.I.T., Sindri
 PR 195644 (Science & Technology)18-19*D
बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।

Govt warns of action against protesters

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State Government has taken serious note of the information regarding para-teachers and other organisa-

tion's protest on Statehood Day and instructions have been passed not to tolerate any kind of indiscipline on the day. A government press release sug-

gested that the day is to be proud of the State and if anyone creates disturbance it would be taken as contempt of the State.

समाहरणालय, गढ़वा (न्यायालय, जिला नीलाम पत्र शाखा)

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, गढ़वा के द्वारा अपने 08 बकायेदारों के विरुद्ध राशि वसूल करने हेतु न्यायालय, जिला नीलाम पत्र शाखा, गढ़वा में नीलाम पत्र वाद दायर किया गया है। इस विज्ञप्ति के माध्यम से सभी बकायेदारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि अपने नाम के सामने अंकित राशि को 30 दिनों के अंदर न्यायालय/ बैंक में जमा कर वाद समाप्ति का प्रमाण पत्र प्रस्तुत करें अन्यथा लोक मांग वसूली अधिनियम के सुसंगत धाराओं के तहत आपके विरुद्ध गिरफ्तारी वारंट निर्गत किया जायेगा। इसे सख्त ताकित समझे।

क्र.सं.	बकायेदार का नाम/पिता का नाम	पता	सन्निहित राशि	अधियाची विभाग
1	1	2	3	5
1	प्रेम शंकर विश्वकर्मा पिता पितान्वर विश्वकर्मा	ग्राम-छतरपुर, गढ़वा		बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, गढ़वा।
2	ज्ञान चन्द केशरी पिता धुरन्ध प्रसाद केशरी	VLW गढ़वा ब्लॉक, निवास झरुआ, गढ़वा	418440.00	
3	मो० रिजवान पिता अलाउद्दीन	रिकी बेल्ट हाउस, सोनपुरवा मकान नं० 54 मद्रसा एण्ड मस्जिद रोड, गढ़वा	380460.00	
4	मो० इरफान अंसारी पिता अलाउद्दीन	सोनपुरवा मकान नं० 54 मद्रसा एण्ड मस्जिद रोड, गढ़वा		
5	मनोज पाण्डेय पिता अक्षय पाण्डेय	श्रेया इंटरप्राइजेज जिला परिषद मार्केट, गढ़वा निवासी ग्राम- मंडरा, थाना-कांडी	730824.00	
6	काशीनाथधर दूबे पिता रामनरेशधर दूबे	ग्राम-नवाडीह, गढ़वा		
7	विजाय प्रसाद पिता राधा कृष्ण प्रसाद	ग्राम-छतरपुर, गढ़वा		
8	चन्दन ठाकुर पिता रमेश ठाकुर	ग्राम-चिरौजिया, गढ़वा	464800.00	
कुल :-			1994524.00	

(प्रदीप कुमार)
 PR195655 District(18-19)D **बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।** जिला नीलाम पत्र पदाधिकारी, गढ़वा।

कार्यालयक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, धनबाद

अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- 13 / 2018-19

- विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यालयक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, धनबाद
- परिमाण विपत्र बिकी की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक - 29.11.2018 को 3:00 बजे तक
- निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक - 30.11.2018 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक - 30.11.2018 को 3:30 बजे अपराह्न
- परिमाण विपत्र बिकी का स्थान :- मुख्य अभियंता (या०) पथ निर्माण विभाग, झारखंड, राँची अधीक्षण अभियंता, पानिठिठो, पथ अंचल, हजारीबाग। कार्यालयक अभियंता, पानिठिठो, पथ प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।
- निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान :- क्रमांक 5 में उल्लेखित स्थानों पर।
- कार्य की विवरणी :-

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रघन की राशि (₹० में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (₹० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	कतरास-पंचगढ़ी-करकेन्द्र पथ के कि०मी० 0.00 से कि०मी० 3.00) एवं 12.60 से 14 कि०मी० तक में साधारण मरम्मत कार्य, (वर्ष 2018-19)	35.00	70000.00	5000.00	01(एक) माह
2	सुभाष चौक-तेतुलमारी पथ से मुली पथ के नाली निर्माण कार्य, (वर्ष 2018-19)	25.00	50000.00	5000.00	01(एक) माह
3	कतरास-पंचगढ़ी-करकेन्द्र पथ के कि०मी० 1.00 में Culvert (2x2m) निर्माण कार्य (वर्ष 2018-19)	14.00	28000.00	2500.00	01(एक) माह

निविदा की शर्तें :- कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।
 P.R.195685 Road(18-19):D **समस्या का समाधान तुरंत डायल करें - 181**

कार्यालयक अभियंता पथ निर्माण विभाग पथ प्रमण्डल, धनबाद

OFFICE OF THE DG & IG OF POLICE, DHURWA, RANCHI-834004. Corrigendum Notice

With reference to advertisement under PR No. 195060\ (Police) 2018-19 regarding Supply of Road Barrier Tender No.22/2018-19 by Police Headquarters, following modifications have been made:-
 The last date of purchase of tender document is amended as 30.11.2018
 The last date for submission of Tender Document is amended as 03.12.2018 by 15.00 hrs.
 Opening of the tender paper is amended as 03.12.2018 by 16.00 hrs.
I.G of Police (Provision) Jharkhand, Ranchi.
 PR195645 Police(18-19)D **बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।**

झारखण्ड स्टेट फॉरेस्ट डेवलपमेंट कॉरपोरेशन लि० Jharkhand State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (A Govt. of Jharkhand undertaking)
 कार्यालय: प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक सह प्रबंध निदेशक, झारखण्ड राज्य वन विकास निगम लि०, 455-ए, रोड न०-5, अशोक नगर, राँची।
e-mail: md jsfdc@yahoo.co.in // website: www. Jharkhand.gov.in/JSFDC
ई-नीलामी सूचना संख्या ल० व० प० य० (प्रकाश/जलावन)-09/2018-19
झारखण्ड राज्य मे प्रकाश/जलावन बिकी हेतु ई-नीलामी :-

प्रति घन मीटर के आधार पर प्रकाश/जलावन की बिकी हेतु ऑनलाईन ई-नीलामी वेब पोर्टल cauction.gov.in के माध्यम से अर्पण हेतु आमंत्रित की जाती है।

ई-नीलामी (रिफरेंस सं०)	समय	ऑनलाईन ई-नीलामी प्रकाशन की तिथि	अपिलेख डाउनलोड/जमा करने की तिथि	Original copy जमा करने की तिथि	Online - Approval date	E-Auction Start Date	E-Auction End Date	Online - Result Date
(Wood/09/2018-19)	प्रारम्भ 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न अन्त 5.00 बजे अपराह्न	15.11.2018	16.11.2018	22.11.2018	24.11.2018	25.11.2018	29.11.2018	30.11.2018
			20.11.2018	23.11.2018		28.11.2018		

आवश्यक जानकारी के लिए वेब पोर्टल/वेब साईट/ई-मेल या संबंधित कार्यालयों से संपर्क कर सकते हैं।
बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ। अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-प्रबंध निदेशक, PR195639 (Jharkhand State Forest Development Corp Ltd)18-19*D झारखण्ड राज्य वन विकास निगम लि०, राँची

Government of Jharkhand Jharkhand Mineral Area Development Authority, Dhanbad

e-Procurement Notice Inviting Re-Tender no. JMADA-17/2018-19 (2nd Call)
 Reference No. JMADA/17/2018-19 Date:- 05.11.18

Sl. No.	Tender Reference No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Rs. Lakh)	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender (Rs.)	Time Period
1	JMADA/17/01/2018-19	Renovation of Two Intake in Damodar River at Jamadoba under JMADA, Dhanbad (2 nd Call)	92.14	2% of BOQ Amount	10,000.00	04 Month
2	JMADA/17/02/2018-19	Repairing and Replacement work at Different Location Under JMADA, Dhanbad (2 nd Call)	122.50	2% of BOQ Amount	10,000.00	04 Month

Note :- 1. Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/udhd.jharkhand.gov.in>
 2. Estimated cost/ quantity may be increased or decreased.
 3. Experienced in same nature work, well equipped and financially strong contractor/Company may take part in this e-tender. They must be registered in Urban Development and Housing Department Jharkhand Govt. in appropriate class.
 4. e-tender will be in single envelop system. **बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ।** 80/- (इन्द्रेज कुमार) PR 195684 Jharkhand State Mineral Dev Co Ltd (18-19)_D तकनीकी सदस्य, झामडा, धनबाद

Byg Brewski is Ranchi's gift to Bangalore

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like that of Delhi, Hyderabad and Kolkata. Their love for Ranchi remains intact as they visit the city every year

who is an interior designer and Sanju's better half informs us about their benevolent donations to Children's Home that her husband chairs and the relief funds that they actively



and would love to set their brewery up if government approves the license for it. Not only do the duo possess great managerial skills, juggling between work, home and their kids but actively participate in the welfare of the society at large. Payal Harit, provide for, like that of medical care, eye check-up camps, leprosy patients etc. The phrase friends that turn into family describes the two friends, who urge youngsters that money is never a factor when it comes to chasing one's own dream.

3 hurt as auto turns turtle in Phusro

PNS ■ BERMO

Three persons, including a painter sustained injuries when the Auto in which two were travelling in lost control and turned turtle on the Phusro-Jainamore stretch near khutri village here last night at 9pm. It has been learnt that the driver reportedly fell asleep following which he lost control over the car which turned turtle on the highway. One Raju Saw was crossing the road in the night and speeding Auto knocked down later run over on him. Two of them namely Sunil Kumar Mahli and Kamlesh Kumar Mahli rushed to a private hospital in Phusro city, where they were undergoing treatment, while one Raju Saw who has been referred to BGH, Bokaro, said sources. All occupants of the Auto belong to Khutri village in Phusro. Local residents and passers-by immediately rushed the injured to the nearby hospital following the incident. The police were informed who reached the accident spot and started investigation in the matter.

जिला दण्डाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, लोहरदगा। (सामान्य शाखा)

आवश्यक सूचना

सरकार के अवर सचिव, गृह, कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग, झारखण्ड राँची के पत्रांक 5749 दिनांक 22.10.2018 के आलोक में लोहरदगा जिला के वैसे सभी शस्त्र अनुज्ञापितधारियों जिनके द्वारा UIN (Unique identification Number) Generate नहीं कराया गया है उन्हें दिनांक 31.03.2019 तक UIN (Unique identification Number) Generate कराना आवश्यक है। UIN Generate कराने हेतु संबंधित अनुज्ञापितधारी विहित प्रपत्र में अपने शस्त्र संबंधी सभी सूचनाएँ भर कर स-समय कार्यालय में उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें।

बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ। उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी, लोहरदगा। PR 195586 (District) 18-19 (D)

Government of Jharkhand Koderma Nagar Panchayat, KODERMA
 Very Short Term (e-Expression of Interest) Ref No.-12/2018-19Date:-10-11-2018

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Details
1	Name of Work	Floating Water Screen Inviting With Lazer Effect & Supporting Nozzles.
2	Work Descriptions	Supplying, Installation & Maintenance for 3 year of Floating Musical Fountain in Raja Talab at Koderma in Jharkhand.
3	Method of Selection	"LCS (Least Cost Selection method)
4	Cost of e-Expression of Interest	Rs. 10000/- in favor of Executive officer, Nagar Panchayat, Koderma
5	Bid Option	Double Bid Envelop System (Technical & Financial)
6	Date of Publication of e-Expression of Interest	12-11-2018 up to 5:00 PM
7	Last Date / Time for receipt bid on online of e-Expression of Interest	19-11-2018 on Office hours
8	Date of Hard copy receiving of e-Expression of Interest	20-11-2018 onOffice Hours
9	Date/Time of Technical Bid Opening e-Expression of Interest	22-11-2018, Time 04:00 PM at Nagar Panchayat koderma office
10	Name & Address of office inviting e-Expression of Interest	Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat Koderma, 825410
11	Helpline no.	+91-7643940660

Executive Officer Nagar Panchayat Koderma
 PR 195642 Urban Development(18-19)D

MODI IN VARANASI 'BJP has done politics for dev, not vote bank'

PM unveils a string of projects for Varanasi

RAMESH K SINGH ■ VARANASI

Making a scathing attack on previous Governments for wasting thousands of crores in the name of making Ganga river clean and pollution-free and neglecting rivers across the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that during the last four years the way development works have been carried out shows that the BJP has done politics only for development and not for vote bank.

"It is also a historic day when for the first time since Independence, waterways transportation began in the country," he said, adding that it is also the 'new vision of new India'.

Addressing an impressive gathering at Wajidpur near Harahuwa where he inaugurated projects worth over ₹2,400 crore on Monday evening, the Prime Minister said: "Contrary to previous governments, we are spending money in making the Ganga river clean and, in this direction, projects worth ₹23,000 crore were sanctioned and out of the same projects worth Rs 5000 crore are being allocated for Namami Gange project."

He said that in the last four years several sewage treatment plants were launched and out of them some were inaugurated, including Deenapur Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), to ensure that not a single drop of sewer water goes into the rivers of Ganga and Varuna. "And all these could become possible only with the cooperation of the people," he said.

Modi said that the government was aiming at the overall development of the waterways transportation which began from Haldia to Varanasi and would help the ancient city to become a gateway to development of the entire eastern India. "When four years ago, we had decided to start inland waterways between Haldia and Varanasi, the Opposition party leaders had made several comments that it could not be possible but today it has become a reality when container vessel (cargo) came here carrying 16 containers," he said, adding that it was not only cheaper transportation but also eco-friendly and hectic works were going on for the development of more than 100 such inland waterways in the country.

Earlier, Modi had inaugurated the country's first multi-modal terminal at Ralhpur in trans-Ganga Ramnagar development worth ₹208 crore where he also welcomed the first cargo from

Haldia. "This will write a new chapter in the development of this city which would become a confluence of nature, culture and adventure," he said, adding that this would not only help vegetable growers of the region to send their products to other markets in eastern India easily but would also help the city to become a global hub for carpet exports from the region.

Modi began his address using local Bhojpur dialects greeting people for recent festivals and also ended the same wishing good luck for the ongoing famous festival of Chhath. "We're working on the development of good connectivity and, in this direction, hectic work has been done during the last four years to improve road, rail, water and air transportation," he said, adding that prior to independent there was good waterways transportation in the country but shockingly after independence the government had totally neglected the same.

Earlier, the function was also addressed by the Union minister Nitin Gadkari, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and state Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Mahendra Nath Pandey. The function was also attended by deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, Union minister Satya Pal, UP minister Suresh Khanna, MP Ram Charit Nishad and many others.

Mizoram CM declares moveable assets worth over ₹1 crore

PTI ■ AIZAWL

Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla has moveable properties worth over ₹1 crore and agricultural land valued at more than ₹2 crore, according to the affidavit submitted by him while filing his nomination papers for the November 28 State Assembly polls.

According to the affidavit, Lal Thanhawla has ₹5 lakh in cash, ₹1,28,06,007 worth moveable properties, ₹2.8 crore worth agricultural land and ₹20 lakh worth non-agricultural land.

He also has a land on which he has constructed a building at New Town, Kolkata worth around ₹3.1 crore and a residential house at Zarkawt in Aizawl, the value of which he has not declared.

Lal Thanhawla's wife, Lal Riliani, has ₹3 lakh in cash, movable properties worth ₹92,13,740.47 and agricultural land worth ₹25 lakh.

She also has non-agricultural land worth ₹15 lakh.

People's Representation for Identity and Status of Mizoram (PRISM) president and the party's chief ministerial candidate Vanlalruata has only ₹30,000 cash in hand and his wife has ₹5,000 in cash, according to the affidavit filed by him.

Vanlalruata has two bank accounts and the total amount of money in both the accounts is ₹2,175, while his spouse has ₹539 in her account with the Mizoram Rural Bank, Khatla Branch in Aizawl.

He has an agricultural land worth around ₹7.50 lakh.

Former two-time chief minister and Mizo National Front (MNF) president Zoramthanga has ₹10 lakh in cash and immoveable properties, including cars and bank accounts, worth ₹57.22 lakh, according to the affidavit filed by him.

Zoramthanga has agricultural land worth Rs 20 lakh and a land and a building at the Chhlang locality in Aizawl worth ₹1.25 crore.

His wife Roneihangi has only ₹7 in cash, ₹43,756 in her bank accounts and moveable properties and a land and a building worth ₹1.5 crore at the Ramhluon Venglai locality in Aizawl.

Zoramthanga's son and daughter have ₹28,398 each in their bank accounts. State Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president John V Hluna did not mention the amount of cash in hand.

He has moveable assets, including bank accounts, worth ₹20,05,147, according to the affidavit filed by him.

All the landed properties, both agricultural and non-agricultural lands were worth ₹1.30 crore.

Zoram Movement's (ZPM) chief ministerial candidate Lalduhoma has ₹70,000 cash in hand and moveable properties, including bank accounts, worth ₹18.34 lakh.

Lalduhoma's total landed properties are worth ₹1.9 crore.

Will move court if permission not granted for Shah's rath yatra: BJP

PTI ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Monday threatened to move court if the State Government does not grant permission for the proposed rath yatras of party president Amit Shah in the State next month.

Ghosh said if TMC tries to disrupt the proposed rath yatras then the people of the State will come out in protest as it is meant for restoring democracy in Bengal.

"The police and the State Government are yet to grant permission. Time and again we have tried to meet the police officials and the Home Secretary, but in vain. Until and unless we have the permission how will we organize the entire route?" Ghosh said. BJP national president Amit Shah is set to kick off three rath yatras which will cover all 42 Lok Sabha constituencies in Bengal on December 5, 7 and 9.

"If the Government is try-



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ing to delay the permission so that our rath yatra programme can be cancelled then it is living in a fool's paradise. If they don't grant us

permission we will move court and fight it out," he said.

At the conclusion of the 'yatra', the party plans to hold a massive rally in Kolkata which is likely to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Locket Chatterjee, the saffron party's West Bengal Mahila Morcha president, had said on Saturday that those trying to stop the Rath Yatra "will get crushed under the wheels of the chariot".

Deb: May Day is for workers, labourers, not for Govt employees

PTI ■ AGARTALA

Tripura Chief Minister Biplob Kumar Deb has justified the reason behind dropping May Day from the list of holidays in the State and said the decision was taken because Government employees did not need one on International Labour Rights Day.

Deb said that May Day is meant for workers and labourers and none else.

He claimed his Government has done justice by granting holiday on May Day only for workers in industrial sector.

Why do Government employees need holiday on May Day? ... I have noticed that it is a holiday on that day in very few States.

"What are the provisions for a holiday? They (previous Left Govt) used to grant holiday to the entire State on this day here," Deb told a conference of the Tripura Gazetted Officers Sangh here on Sunday.

The Tripura Government in a notification on November 3 had said that Government employees would be allowed to avail any four holidays chosen by them out of a list of restricted holidays during 2019.

The list of restricted holidays had 12 festivals or occa-



sions in it.

These are New Years Day, Pous Parban - a Bengali harvest festival, Basanti Puja, Mahavir Jayanti, May Day, Ratha Yatra, Jhulanjatra Samapan, Biswakarma Puja, Akheri-Chahar-Sumba, Bhartridwitiya, Guru Nanak's birthday and the World Disabled Day.

There is holiday on May Day in the industrial sector. That holiday is still valid. But are you workers and labourers in the secretariat? The CM asked.

You (gazetted officers) are not labourers. No. Am I labourer? No. I am Chief Minister. So what for do you need holiday (on May Day)? What will you mourn for (Kya matam manaye aap)? he asked.

The state government took the right decision by dropping May day from the list of the holidays, he said adding holiday was granted to labourers on that day but not for Government employees.

RSS leaders call on Stalin as DMK, allies are busy formalising seat sharing

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Hectic activities are on in the HDKM camp to finalise the sharing of the 39 Lok Sabha seats from the State for the upcoming general election. The DMK has already agreed to give the lone seat from Puducherry to the Congress, according to party insiders. Sources in the DMK told this newspaper that the party would allocate seven Lok Sabha seats from the State to the Congress. "The CPI-M, the CPI and the VCK would get one seat each while the DMK would contest the remaining 29 seats," said the source.

If the alliance to be floated by Pattali Makkal Katchi, which may include some of the caste groups, joins the DMK camp, the party would release four seats to that group. "The DMK would like to contest at least 25 seats while accommodating as many alliance partners as possible," said the source privy to the discussions.

Meanwhile, MK Stalin, DMK president, had some special visitors at Anna Arivalayam, the party headquarters in Chennai on Monday morning.

A delegation of RSS leaders, a bete noire of Stalin, called on the DMK chief and held discussions with him for nearly 25 minutes.



RSS leaders calling on DMK chief MK Stalin on Monday

The RSS delegation consisted of Prof Kumaraswamy, Tamil Nadu president, PM Ravikumar, State organiser and Sambamurthy, State executive member.

In a gesture of goodwill, the RSS leaders handed over to Stalin a copy of the message adopted by the RSS all India meet held at Mumbai condoling the passing away of the DMK patriarch and former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi.

"We discussed with Stalin the good rapport the Sangh had with Shri Karunanidhi. While he was the chief minister of the State, Shri Karunanidhi had helped as in organising the pathsancharan (route march) of the Sangh and Shri Stalin heard it with rapt attention," Prof Kumaraswamy told *The Pioneer* after the meeting. He said it was a cordial meeting..

The Sangh leaders also presented Stalin with copies of the speech delivered by RSS chief Dr Mohan Bhagawat during the three-day seminar held at New Delhi, a coffee table book on the Sangh and also some of the Sangh publications for his reading.

Senior leaders of the DMK, K Ponmudi and T R Balu were present during the meeting. Stalin has been severely attacking the BJP and RSS since he was appointed as the party president on August 29 following the passing away of Karunanidhi. The meeting between the DMK leadership and RSS delegation is keenly watched by political commentators.

"You cannot rule out anything in Tamil Nadu politics. The BJP has not given up the idea of forging an alliance with the DMK and may employ all tricks for the same," said Sam Rajappa, veteran commentator.

Soldier martyred in another Pak sniper attack at border

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Sharpshooters of Pakistan Army on Monday evening targeted one of the forward Indian posts in Mendhar sector of Poonch, killing a jawan and grievously injuring another in a sniping incident.

Fresh sniping attack from the Pakistani side followed in response to a strong retaliatory strike carried out by the Indian army inside Pak territory to avenge the killing of Indian soldiers earlier.

According to unconfirmed reports, "at least two Pakistani troopers were killed and five others received critical injuries in heavy firing from the Indian side on Sunday".

According to Ministry of Defence spokesman in Jammu, Lt Col Devesh Anand, "at about 5.15 p.m on Monday Pakistan army resorted to an 'unprovoked' ceasefire violation in Krishna Ghati sector of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch in which one soldier attained martyrdom while another received critical injuries."

The deceased soldier was identified as Lance Naik



Antony Sebastian KM while injured soldier was identified as Havildar Mari Muthu D. According to Defence PRO, Lance Naik Antony Sebastian KM, aged 34, hailed from Ernakulam district of Kerala and is survived by his wife.

This is the fourth incident in a row in which Indian army has lost its third soldier while one civilian porter attached with the Indian army had earlier succumbed to his fatal injuries on Friday in Akhnoor sector.

Meanwhile, situation continues to remain grim along the line of control as there has been no let up from the Pakistani

side in 'provoking' the situation. According to Defence PRO, "Indian army too retaliated strongly and effectively targeting Pakistani posts on Monday evening".

Earlier, commenting on the repeated incidents of sniping along the line of control, Indian army Chief General Bipin Rawat had told reporters in Pathankot, "sniping has been a regular affair. We have got to make sure our drills are good and we don't give them the opportunity. We also have a snipers ready to snipe at him (adversary) and why just snipers, we should be able to hit him harder".

General Rawat also claimed, "Indian army is continuously engaging the adversary and hitting back in equal measure". He said there is lot happening from our side also but we don't want to blow a trumpet unnecessarily.

Whenever he (Pakistan) is doing something it is a reaction to something. He doesn't take the initiative. He also knows that we are strong and we can take very strong action, he added.

HARYANA PROCUREMENT						
TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD / CORP. / AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE / CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP. / AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HOUSING BOARD HARYANA PANCHKULA	CONDUCTING OF INTERNAL AUDIT OF HOUSING BOARD HARYANA HEAD OFFICE PANCHKULA & ITS FIVE DIVISIONS & ESTATE BRANCHES AT VARIOUS STATIONS IN HARYANA FOR THE YEAR 2017-18	02.11.2018 20.11.2018	5000	http://haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No/HBH/Acts/2018/4944 DT. 30.10.2018	0172-2562041
2	UHVBN	CONSTRUCTION OF PLATFORM BRICK FLOORING AT STORE ROHTAK	05.11.2018 20.11.2018	1.17 LACS	www.uhvbn.org.in Tender No. 25/CCR/2018-19	9354726012 xencivil@hvbnrohtak@gmail.com
3	THE ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD, ROHAK A UNIT OF HDBFC LTD	SUPPLY OF PACKING MATERIAL I.E GHEE POLY FILM, EMPTY GLASS BOTTLE 200ML, CPP BOTTLE 200ML, PP CAP FOR 200 ML BOTTLE, PVC SHRINK LEGS & EASY PEEL RETORT GRADE LID FILM AUGMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN KATHAL TOWN INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AUTOMATION OF WTP, BOOSTING STATIONS AND O&M FOR ONE YEAR DURING LIABILITY PERIOD AND FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER UNDER AMRUT PROGRAM	05.12.2018	1.70 LACS	www.vitalindia.org.in Tender No 9840.10.11.2018	vitahrohtak@gmail.com
4	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KATHAL	AUGMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN KATHAL TOWN INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AUTOMATION OF WTP, BOOSTING STATIONS AND O&M FOR ONE YEAR DURING LIABILITY PERIOD AND FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER UNDER AMRUT PROGRAM	02.11.2018 22.11.2018	2889 LACS	https://ulb.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No 104324 Augmentation of water supply system in kathal town including distribution system, automation	mckathal@gmail.com 9416188848
5	RGTPP, HGCL KHEDAR, HISAR	SETTING UP RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRST AID CENTRE AS WELL AS HEALTH CENTRE ALONG WITH AMBULANCE SERVICE, ROUND THE CLOCK, AT FOR 2*600 MW, KHEDAR, HISAR	06.11.2018 26.11.2018	1.18 LACS	https://haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No 104519	raman.yadav@hgcl.org.in 01693250102
6	HVNL	EXECUTION OF WORK FOR REPLACEMENT OF 132 KV BREAKER CONTROLLING 132/33KV 12.5MVA T-1 T/F WITH HEALTHY 132 KV SF-6 BREAKER OF BUS-COUPLER AT 132 KV STN. BODHINI	16.11.2018	1.05 LACS	www.hvnl.org.in Tender No 104653_35/ez-20/2018-19 DT. 08.11.2018	hvn@hvnl.org.in 0172-2583789
7	HARYANA TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED	NEW INFRASTRUCTURE WORK FOR SURAJKUND INTERNATIONAL CRAFT MELA-2019 (REPLACEMENT OF MAIN LT PANEL & PDG, CAPACITOR BANK PANEL) PROVIDING & LAYING 80 MM THICK INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK IN VARIOUS STREETS IN DHFERA NAGAR 9 (PART A-F) WARD NO. 26 FARIDABAD	12.11.2018 03.12.2018	10.80 LACS	haryanatourism.gov.in Tender No 2018_HBC_71654	haryanatourism@gmail.com 9216400446
8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD	PROVISION OF PROVIDING AND LAYING RMC M-35 GRADE WITH CEMENT 400 KG/CM3 IN NEAR RAJIV CHOWK OLD FARIDABAD TO SEC-18 & 17 T-POINT (LEFT SIDE) OLD FARIDABAD IN WARD NO. 31 FARIDABAD	12.11.2018 10.12.2018	245.65 LACS	https://mcfbd.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No 104814	shvamsingh.anurag@gmail.com 9818643725
9	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF DHOLPUR STONE CANOPY 12' DIA NEAR CIVIL HOSPITAL, SECTOR-10 WARD NO-13, GURUGRAM + 2 OTHER WORKS	12.11.2018 16.11.2018	160.25 LACS	https://mcfbd.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No 104798	shvamsingh.anurag@gmail.com 9818643725
10	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF DHOLPUR STONE CANOPY 12' DIA NEAR CIVIL HOSPITAL, SECTOR-10 WARD NO-13, GURUGRAM + 2 OTHER WORKS	10.11.2018 16.11.2018	26.02 LACS	https://mcfbd.haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No 104692_104683_104684	eeh@mcfp.gov.in
11	THE KARNAL COOP. SUGAR MILLS LTD. KARNAL	SALE OF BAGASSE (5000 MT APPROX.), PURCHASE OF COSTOLINE + 1 OTHER WORK	09.11.2018 15.11.2018	2 LACS	haryanaprocurement.gov.in Tender No. smk-18/P/4711 dt. 10.11.2018	89501e3977

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Public Works Department Government Resolution Number CAT 2017/C.R.8/Building-2, Dated 12th April, 2017.

FORM-1

Government of Maharashtra
Public Works Department
North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri
Telephone No. 022 2623 1964
E-Tender Notice No.39 of 2018-19.

E-mail address:- northmumbai.ee@mahapwd.co.in Telephone/Fax Number 26231964/26205788

E-Tender for the following work in B-1 Form is invited via online e-tendering system from Registered contractor under Public Work Department Government of Maharashtra by the Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri (w), Mumbai-58 in behalf of Government of Maharashtra. Tender Documents are downloaded from Government of Maharashtra portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> & www.mahapwd.com. Right to select or reject is reserved by Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri (w), Mumbai-58. Tender with condition is never accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)
1	MOW to Renovation of office & Furniture work for Sub Divisional Office Bandra, Talathi & Mandal Adhikari Bandra at 3rd floor, 4th floor & 5th floor & for the office of the Dep. Registrar, Co.Op. Societies, H/West Mumbai at 2nd floor of Revenue Dept. Building on land bearing C.T.S. No. F/1297 at Village, Bandra (W), Mumbai.	Rs. 84,09,836/-

The Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri (W) Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.
All registered contractor should note
E- Tender Submission Date 12-11-2018 to 26-11-2018
E- Tender Opening Date 29-11-2018
No.EE/NMD/8337 of 2018

Sd/-
Office of the Executive Engineer,
North Mumbai (P.W.) Division,
Dadabhai Road, Near Bhavan's College,
Andheri (West), Mumbai - 400 058.
Date:- 02/11/2018.

For Executive Engineer,
North Mumbai (P.W.) Division,
Andheri (West), Mumbai
DGIPR2018/2019/4239

REVISION PETITION AGAINST SC VERDICT

Sundaram recuses from Sabarimala case

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

In what is seen as a major setback to the Travancore Devaswam Board, senior Supreme Court advocate Aryama Sundaram recused himself from appearing for the former in the revision petition against the September 28 verdict by the apex court quashing the customary bar on entry of women in the child-bearing age in the Lord Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala. Sources close to the eminent advocate told *The Pioneer* that he may even appear for the petitioners challenging the court verdict.

The Pioneer had reported on Monday that Aryama Sundaram, grandson of the late Sir CP Ramaswamy Aiyar would represent the TDB in the apex court which is hearing the revision petition challenging the September 28 verdict delivered by the Constitution Bench on Tuesday.

The report had stated that Travancore Devaswam Board is a government department administering the temples in Kerala. Though no reason has been given by Sundaram for his decision to recuse from the case, sources close to the senior lawyer told *The Pioneer* that it could be due to two factors.

"He was under the impression that Travancore Devaswam Board was an autonomous enti-



Protest rally held at Perumbavoor against Supreme Court verdict allowing women's entry in Sabarimala

ty like Thirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam at Lord Venkateswara Temple. But when he understood that the Board was a CPI-M controlled body he was shocked and hence the decision. Moreover, he was initially told by the Board to justify the ban on the entry of women to the temple but later on it made a vault face asking him to fight against the revision plea," said the source on condition of anonymity.

The source also said that Sundaram had argued for another organisation justifying the ban on the entry of women in the holy shrine on an earlier occasion. "If he had appeared for the TDB, it would have been against ethics," pointed out the source.

A Padmakumar, president, Travancore Devaswam Board who is also a prominent CPI-M leader told reporters at Thiruvananthapuram that the decision of Aryama Sundaram to

call off from the case was a political one and smacks of politics.

Kerala saw massive protests all over the State against the Supreme Court verdict allowing the entry of women of child bearing age into the sanctum of the temple on Sunday and Monday. T.V Mathew, a former judge and a devotee Christian inaugurated the protest rally held at Perumbavoor on Sunday which saw massive crowd participation. Mathew wanted all women representatives of the three-tier local bodies in Kerala should intimate their views to the Supreme Court while the revision petition is heard. "I see big opposition and resistance from the women to the verdict delivered by the Supreme Court and now it is time for the women members of Panchayath, district panchayaths, municipal and corporation councils to come together and take a call on this issue," said Mathew.

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PTI

Kerala Govt mulling all-party meet on Sabarimala

Thiruvananthapuram: The Kerala Government is likely to convene an all-party meeting to discuss various matters relating to the Sabarimala temple, which has been rocked by the issue of entry of women in the menstrual age, ahead of the annual pilgrim season commencing this week.

"We are thinking of having an all-party meeting. We have not taken a final decision yet. There are plans..." Devaswam Minister Kadakkampally Surendran told reporters here.

The hill shrine of Lord Ayyappa at Sabarimala opens on November 17 for the two-month long season in the backdrop of continuing protests against the Supreme Court order allowing women of all ages to offer prayers at the temple.

A batch of review petitions against the September 28 verdict that ended the ban on entry of women in the 10-50 age group into the shrine, will be heard Tuesday.

Surendran said a decision on the all-party meeting would be taken based on the outcome of the court hearing.

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Bengal BJP wants to field more Muslims in LS polls

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Not only that the Bengal State unit of the BJP has been fiercely demanding to field party president Amit Shah as a parliamentary candidate from North Kolkata in an apparent bid to hammer home the party's sincerity vis-a-vis Bengal, but a large section of the State saffron unit is also wanting the leadership to field far more Muslim candidates in the next year's Lok Sabha elections, sources say.

"Yes we want Amit Shah ji to contest from North Kolkata. His candidature will spice up the workers not only in the city but throughout the State," Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said expressing his wish to introduce more number of Muslim faces in the party's candidate list.

This considering the fact that the State has an effective 30 percent minority voters. "Already we had showed our intention fielding considerable number of Muslims in the panchayat elections to highlight Prime Minister Narendra Modi's philosophy of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas," a State secretary of the party said adding how "we had fielded nearly 900 Muslim candidates in the rural polls."

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Last time the BJP had fielded two Muslim candidates in the general elections "but that was a different story then as we were in number four position. But today we are the main opposition party and the people have started to visualize as the next rulers of Bengal. So we have to include a good number of Muslim candidates so as to reach out to the entire population. And in fact our party wants to reach out to the minorities, take them along in Bengal's development. We will show that the Muslims are not the jagirs of Mamata Banerjee who has done nothing for them save giving lip service," said Hussain Ali another State leader adding the "decision however will be taken by the central leadership.

When asked as to why the RSS was proposing to rename Islampur in North Dinajpur bordering Bihar and Bangladesh as Ishwarpur if at all the BJP wants to project a truly secular face in the State, the leaders said he had no information about that.

According to Dilip Ghosh the BJP does not field candidates according to their religions but "we have received applications from the people from minority community expressing their willingness to contest from our party. This also shows how even Muslims have become fed up with the Mamata Banerjee regime."

Ghosh said how despite BJP being in power in a number of States there was no major riot there and the Muslims were living in perfect peace. "If they can live peacefully in Jharkhand, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and MP, then why can't they live peacefully in Bengal. They will definitely vote for us."

A section of the BJP leaders also feels that the Central Government's "good works" towards eradicating the "vice of Triple Talac" had influenced the Muslim women who would silently vote for the BJP.

However, TMC leader Sadhan Pandey said "no secular person worth one's salt will join the BJP. The Muslims know what Mamata Banerjee has done for them and how she is single-handedly resisting RSS' dangerously radical policy in India. They will never side with the BJP" Shah had fixed a target of 22 out of 41 Lok Sabha seats for the BJP while the TMC calls "more than absurd and a joke." Their leader and Minister Firhad Hakim says "let them first save their two sitting MPs and then look for 22 seats. This time the BJP will be brought to zero in Bengal."

Ayodhya issue: Efforts on for out-of-court settlement

Lucknow: Amidst the cacophony over Ram temple construction, efforts are being made to settle the issue out of court with the Muslim plaintiff, in this case, Haji Mehboob, writing a letter to spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in this regard.

An emissary of Sri Sri, Gautam Vig, met Haji Mehboob in Ayodhya on Monday and conveyed to him the feelings of the Art of Living leader about solving the Ram temple issue out of court. In the evening, Haji Mehboob wrote a letter to Sri Sri, showing his willingness to resolve the issue, but with some riders.

What exactly Haji Mehboob has written in the letter is not known but it is believed that he has shown his willingness to solve this vexed issue out of court.

Another plaintiff in the case, Iqbal Hashim, too, has shown his willingness to solve the issue out of court. He is on record saying that if outsiders leave Ayodhya, the residents of this city will solve the issue themselves.

The Art of Living founder is voluntarily mediating to help the warring parties settle the dispute amicably. Last year, in the mid of November, he went to Ayodhya and held a meeting with the sadhus. He also met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath before visiting Ayodhya. After the meeting, Sri Sri was of the view that majority of Muslims were not opposed to the idea of building a Ram temple at the disputed site. PNS

Hiking cane price a pre-poll challenge for UP Govt

Lucknow: Ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the Uttar Pradesh Government faces the difficult task of satisfying the sugarcane farmers who are pitching for over 25 per cent hike in the State Advisory Price (SAP) of cane for the current 2018-19 crushing season.

If their demands are acceded to by the Government, the sugarcane price will be ₹400 per quintal for the 2018-19 season. The sugar industry, which is predominantly in the private sector, on the other hand, has reiterated its inability to pay even the existing cane price of ₹315 per quintal (common variety) fixed last year for the 2017-18 season.

The farmers and their organisations raised the demand for hike in the SAP during the meeting of the cane price fixation committee head-

ed by the Chief Secretary. The farmers' leaders made a strong demand for hiking cane SAP to ₹400 per quintal on the ground of rise in prices of agricultural inputs like diesel, fertilisers, seeds, etc.

"Both the Central and the State Governments have repeatedly affirmed their agenda of doubling farmers' income and yet there has been insignificant increase in the cane price in recent years," said representative of UP Cane Cooperative Societies, Arvind Kumar Singh, who participated in the high-level meeting.

The Centre has fixed the fair and remunerative price (FRP) of cane at ₹275 per quintal. UP traditionally announces a much higher SAP of cane to be paid by the sugar mills.

The millers have cited

glut in sugar market due to record sugar production in last season (2017-18) which has resulted in high sugarcane arrears of the last season. Currently, the state cane outstanding stands at about ₹7,800 crore for the last season (2017-18). Around 75 private sugar mills have applied for collectively availing a ₹4,000-crore soft loan sponsored by the Yogi Adityanath Government to ease the cane arrears payment situation.

The mills maintain that the fact that the State announced the soft loan package is proof enough that the sugar sector is facing difficulties in making payments and any further hike in price will only compound the problem.

There are about 40 lakh rural households in UP directly associated with sugarcane farming with the sugar and by-products sector infusing as much as ₹50,000 crore in rural economy annually.

In run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha poll, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party can ill afford to antagonise the state farmers, especially in western UP that has higher concentration of sugar mills. So far, about a dozen sugar mills have started their crushing operations in UP, out of the total 119 units in the private and Cooperative sectors.

Minister of State for Sugarcane Development, Sugar Mills (Independent Charge), Suresh Rana on Monday directed sugar mills to commence cane crushing by November 25 and clear the cane arrears by November 30. PNS

VHP performs 'bhoomi puja' at 'dharma sabha' venue

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad performed 'bhoomi puja' of the ground in Ayodhya where the 'dharma sabha' is to be held on November 25, saying a very positive message will emanate from here regarding construction of Ram temple at the designated place and spread across the country within no time.

VHP national vice-president Champat Rai said that Hindus were hurt by the attitude of Supreme Court in solving this issue.

"We were quite hopeful about an early settlement of the case but by deferring the hearing to January, the apex court has played with the sentiments of the majority community," Rai said in a statement after the 'bhoomi puja' on Monday.

He said that those in power should realise that society was not indifferent to the Ram temple issue. He said over one lakh Ram 'bhaktas' would come to Ayodhya on November 25 while over five lakh people would assemble in Delhi on December 9 for the 'dharma sansad' of saints and seers.

"We will organise such 'dharma sansads' at 500 places across the country so that the

court and the people settle the issue at the earliest. Our demand is simple, if the court is delaying the whole process, the government should step in and bring a legislation for construction of Ram temple. The BJP is in power not only at Centre but also in Uttar Pradesh," he said, adding that the common refrain was 'ab nahi banega mandir to kab banega' (if the temple is not constructed now, when will it be constructed).

The VHP vice-president said that since 1950, the issue was pending in the court, sometimes in the lower court and sometimes in the higher court. He said the Allahabad High Court gave a verdict but it was not acceptable to the masses.

"The verdict says the area under the dome is temple whereas we believe the whole land belongs to Lord Ram. One cannot change the birthplace. Will the court say Lord Ram was not born in Ayodhya," Rai said.

"The issue should have been solved by September but it was dragged, keeping Lok Sabha elections in mind. We want the temple to be constructed at the earliest. The sooner it is done, the better for the country," the VHP leader said.

Shiv Sena leader takes a jibe at VHP

Lucknow: Taking a jibe at Vishwa Hindu Parishad's proposed 'dharma sabha', Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut said that Hindu saints and leaders should stage protest outside Parliament House or the Supreme Court instead of holding meeting in Ayodhya if they really wanted a Ram temple.

"What is the use of this 'dharma sabha' in Ayodhya? It is clear now that the construction of temple can start only if the Narendra Modi government gets a legislation passed in Parliament regarding it. The sadhus should pressurise the government to bring a legislation (for Ram temple construction) at the earliest," Raut, who is spokesman of his party, said in Ayodhya on Monday.

The VHP has proposed a 'dharma sabha' in Ayodhya on November 25. The same day, similar meetings will be held in Bengaluru and Nagpur. On December 9, the VHP will organise a 'dharma sansad' in Delhi.

Raut said the Shiv Sena would support the Modi government if it brought a legislation to pave way for construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya. PNS

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Divya**, D/o Ramesh, R/o 9605, Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjabi Basti, Kachhe Ghar, Karol Bagh, Delhi, Aged 22 years, has been missing since Dated 01.11.2018. In this regard a D.D. No. 100-A, Dated 01.11.2018 has been registered at Police Station - Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi. Her physical description is as under-

Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Round, **Build:** Medium, **Clothing:** Wearing not known. Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph.No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi
DP/5843/CD/18 Ph.: 011-2357374, 23613252

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that a unknown dead body of male, Age about 60 years, Complexion Sallow, Wearing Sports pajami was found dead at LNJP, Hospital, Delhi on 19.10.18. In this regard a vide DD No. 47-A dated 19.10.18 has been lodged at PS Narela, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead body may kindly inform to the undersigned.

SHO
PS: Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 27280435, 8750870324
DP/2307/RD/18

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
PALIKA KENDRA, NEW DELHI-110001
e-Procurement Tender Notice
Tender ID No. 2018_NDMC_161755_1
Name of Work: MLA LAD Fund
Sub-Head: Providing and placing precast RCC Public Toilets in NDMC area.
Estimated cost: ₹11,56,472/-
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 08.11.2018
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 20.11.2018 at 4:00 PM
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system Government of NCT in Delhi is mandatory. Sd/- EE (RIP)

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Corrigendum
Notice No: 13/CCR/2018-19 Dated: 06-08-2018
Sr. No. Brief Scope of work Date/ Time of receipt / opening of tender
1 Annual Buildings maintenance and repair of 33 KV S/Str. Under 'OP' Divn. Gohana. Due date of submission of tenders upto 1:00 PM Dated: 15-11-2018 Date of opening of tenders at 3:30 PM Dated: 15-11-2018
Note:- The detail of above NIT alongwith tender documents can be seen and download from <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in>
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XEN Civil Const. Divn., UHVVN, Rohtak
RO NO. 73432 Dt. 12-11-2018

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
The Executive Engineer (Elect), Parliament House Electrical Works Division, CPWD, Parliament House Complex, New Delhi invites on behalf of President of India online item rate bids for the following work:-
1. NIT No - 65/EE(E)/PHEWD/2018-2019, Name of Work - Replacement of Emergency Security Siren System at Parliament House, New Delhi. Estimated Cost- Rs. 16,78,423/- Earnest Money - Rs. 33,568/- Period of Completion- 01 Month. Last time & date of submission of bid - 22.11.2018 upto 03.00 PM
The bids forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.eprocure.gov.in.

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[INDIA'S PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTER]
CIVIL CONSTRUCTION WING: ALL INDIA RADIO
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
The Executive Engineer [E] - Project, CCW, AIR, Room no. 240, 2nd, Floor, Sochna Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on behalf of President of India invites e-tender in two bid system [Step-I: Pre-qualification of agencies & Step-II: Financial bid] from manufacturers and their authorized distributors / vendors working in the field of "Novoc-1230 based automatic fire detection and fire suppression system" for the following work:-
NIT No.: 17/EE [E]-P/NIT/2018-19, dated: 20.10.2018, Name of Work : SITC of Gas flooding system for server room at 5th. Floor, Prasar Bharati House, Mandi House, New Delhi - Balance Work, Estimated cost: ₹ 5, 85, 280/- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 11,706/-, Period of completion : One Month Last date & time of submission of bid: Up to 3:00 P.M. on 16.11.2018.
Note: - The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website: www.tenderwizard.com/AIR
Sd/- Executive Engineer
davp22439/11/0005/1819 [E]-Project

BSES Yamuna Power Limited, New Delhi
... A joint venture with Govt. of NCT of Delhi
TENDER NOTICE Date: 13.11.2018
Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) are invited for following jobs from all bidders
NIT No. Brief Item Description Estimated Cost (Rs.) Cost of EMD (Rs.) Due Date & Time of Submission Date & time of Opening
CMC/BY/18-19/RE/AK/075 Providing Purchase & Store Support Services in Various Offices/Stores of BYPL Rs. 4.27 Crs Rs. 8.54 Lacs 04.12.2018 12:00 HRS. 04.12.2018 15:00 HRS.
Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 1180/-
For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying Requirements, Terms & Conditions, Purchase/Submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com -> Tenders -> BSES YAMUNA POWER LIMITED -> Open Tenders Head (Contracts & Materials)
Regd. Off: BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 | CIN: U40109DL2001PLC111525
TEL: 011-39997111 | Fax:011-39992076 | Website: www.bsesdelhi.com

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1	WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, REWARA	TPT	CLOSING DATE 29.11.2018	NIL	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	porewari.wcd@gmail.com 01274-223694
2	PANCHAYATI RAL, KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF ISI ILBP STREET +5 OTHER WORKS	10.11.2018 30.11.2018	177.49 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in https://etenders.hry.nic.in	prexeeng.kr@hry.nic.in 0184-2262916
3	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF TESHIL BUILDING AT RANIA IN DISTT. SIRSA	CLOSING DATE 20.11.2018	4.67 LACS	https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in	pswd-beed-hisar@hry.nic.in xere.ct.pwd.hisar@gmail.com 01662-225651
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Congress calisthenics

The party's exercises for the Assembly polls are forcing some contortions but victory will make it all okay



The harsh political reality is that the Congress needs to win at least two of the four bigger States, plus retain Mizoram, of the States going to polls over the coming few weeks to be a serious contender for a leading role in the Opposition's plans to unseat the BJP from power in the 2019 General Election. It is, in fact, the worst-kept secret in town. And the leadership of the grand old party is aware of just how quickly all the Opposition bonhomie will dissipate and the Congress pushed into a 'supporting role' for a conglomeration of regional parties if it fails to perform at the hustings yet again.

In Mizoram, the party's last toe-hold in the North-east, the party has deputised AICC general secretary Luizinho Faleiro — who was recently brought back to New Delhi after a couple of years in his home State of Goa — to ensure that his 'magic touch' which saw Congress-led Governments in five North-eastern States till as recently as 2016 helps the party retain power in the face of the BJP and Mizo National Front strategy to fight the elections separately and then come together post-poll. It's a small State but it is vital for the Congress to retain it in terms of the Assembly elections score-line, so Faleiro is pulling out all the stops. That Mizoram is a Christian-majority State helps the Congress which has effectively mobilised Church groups and demonised the BJP — with a lot of help from the utterances of BJP leaders nationally, it must be said. But in the other four States, it's a different story. Madhya Pradesh has seen the party play what is known in popular parlance as the 'soft Hindutva' card with a vengeance. From promising a *gaushala* in every village and committing itself to promoting research and application of cow urine in medicine and healthcare, to Rahul Gandhi, Kamal Nath and Jyotiraditya Scindia paying obeisance to prominent Hindu temples complete with sacred thread, the party has gone whole hog. Further, in keeping with its strategy of portraying itself as comprising the 'real Hindus' and the BJP/RSS as *katarwaadis* (fundamentalists) within the fold, Congress has announced plans to re-impose the ban on Government employees attending RSS *shakhas* or allowing Sangh-related activities in government buildings if elected. Simultaneously, reports from the ground indicate that the Congress leadership, especially veteran Kamal Nath, has persuaded many of the candidates put up by the Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party apart from lesser political groups to 'informally' support and vote Congress come polling day. This tactic, if the Congress can pull it off, may make the crucial difference between winning and losing in a State where the BJP and Congress are widely perceived to be running neck-to-neck. In many ways, Madhya Pradesh, an erstwhile Congress stronghold where the party has managed to retain its rural support base despite 15 years out of power, is the key State for it to win.

Rajasthan, as survey after survey backed up by anecdotal evidence from those who have travelled extensively in the State suggests, is in the bag for the Congress unless it shoots itself in the foot spectacularly. Chhattisgarh looks likely to re-elect Raman Singh as Chief Minister thanks at least in part to the Ajit Jogi-Mayawati combine drawing more votes from the Congress than the BJP though the Congress is still hopeful of propping up Jogi — a la H D Kumaraswamy in Karnataka — if the BJP fails even marginally short. TRS seems headed for a win in Telangana despite a Congress campaign that has over the past couple of weeks shown some signs of coming into its own.

If the above scenario holds, and this is before Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched his election campaign in earnest please remember, the Congress could win in Rajasthan, Mizoram and Madhya Pradesh. With three out of five States in the bag it will be difficult for any Opposition alliance to ignore Rahul Gandhi as he would have finally delivered at the hustings. Congress has all to play for.

Safety last

Drunk drivers and inadequate road barriers; between idiotic users and poor infrastructure, India has a road safety problem



The news that an allegedly drunk female driver lost control of her car, crossed the divider and rammed into a car coming from the opposite side in Delhi a couple of days ago leading to a death is yet another fatal road accident statistic in India. Yes, as modern cars have become safer, fatalities have come down. But there are several worrying issues here. First, the driver is suspected to have been under the influence of alcohol but till a blood-test report comes in, one should treat this report with some scepticism as the police nearly always accuse the driver in an accident of being inebriated. That said, other than

in Mumbai where police have done a stellar job in curbing drunken driving with a massive crackdown, our cities just haven't got this right. This must change and more police personnel should be posted to curb drunken driving; take some cops away from VIP security duties for a start.

The poor quality of road infrastructure in our country, though, often makes a bad situation even worse. Roads have to be as idiot-proof as possible because road users are often idiots. Concrete pavers doubling up as road dividers are not a safety feature. In fact, they can often make accidents worse because instead of absorbing the kinetic energy from an impact which metal and wire barriers do, concrete, particularly the low height concrete dividers that are used in India, can launch a vehicle into the air and into the path of traffic on the other side. And this can happen whether the driver is drunk, distracted or had deliberately rammed into the divider to avoid an accident. Worse still, there are far too many cases where we take road safety for granted. Work on the Delhi-Panipat stretch of National Highway 1 is ongoing with little or no concept of road safety being understood by the contractor. Across Indian highways, workers have little or no regard to their own safety and that of others, water tankers used to water plants on central verges have no warning lights and workers often use a tattered red cloth to warn oncoming drivers of a diversion. This was fine in the era of the Ambassador and the Padmini but today, with cars regularly capable of hitting 200-plus km an hour speeds, our concept of road safety needs to change on both highways and city roads.

In the Dragon's embrace

Imran Khan has received a reality bite: No sops, austerities and repayment of Chinese loans from 2019, all amidst a disintegrating society



SANDHYA JAIN

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's failure to renegotiate parts of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) during his visit to Beijing in the first week of November affirms President Xi Jinping's inflexible commitment to making China a leading world power by 2049, the centenary of communist rule in that country. The Border and Road Initiative (B&RI) and military power are keys to this goal.

While President Xi is extending the B&RI's reach, he cannot be generous with countries that cannot push back like Malaysia, because China has been facing serious problems even prior to the spat with US President Donald Trump. As early as September 2016, the Bank for International Settlements warned that excessive credit growth in China could trigger a banking crisis within three years.

In May 2017, Moody's Investors Service downgraded China's credit ratings for the first time since 1989, saying growth would slow and debt would rise to 40 per cent of GDP by 2018, and 45 per cent by 2020. In October 2017, Standard & Poor's cut China's sovereign credit rating from A+ to AA- for the first time since 1999, because of risks from soaring debt. It lowered the rating on HSBC China, Hang Seng China and DBS Bank China Ltd. and warned that these banks would be "unlikely to avoid default should the nation default on its sovereign debt". Bloomberg noted growing concerns over China's ability to balance economic growth with cleaning up its financial sector. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned (December 2017) that China's growing debt-dependency could trigger a new global financial crisis. Credit growth has surpassed GDP growth; corporate debt is 165 per cent of GDP; household debt has risen 15 percentage points of GDP in the past five years and is linked to asset-price speculation. A serious problem is 'shadow banking' that Moody's in November 2017 put at \$9.8 trillion (86.5 per cent of GDP).

While Beijing has cracked down on debt and the shadow banking sector, the credit squeeze on some sectors has driven companies to the offshore dollar bond market; borrowings touched \$322 billion at the beginning of 2017, a 154 per cent increase from 2016, according to China International Capital Corp. By July 2018, the National Institute of Finance and Development, a regime-affiliated think tank, warned of "financial panic", saying the economy may be on the edge of disaster due to increasing bond defaults, currency depreciation, tightening lending and liquidity, and trade tensions with the United States.

Amidst these pressures, Beijing gave Islamabad a one billion dollar loan to buffer its foreign currency reserves, thus



lending Pakistan over five billion dollar in this fiscal year. Imran Khan fared better with Riyadh post-Jamal Khashoggi murder, but even six billion dollar in investments cannot keep Pakistan's precarious economy afloat. Khan's attempt to raise two billion dollar for two dams in ecologically fragile terrain will remain a pipe dream; an IMF bailout seems the only hope.

Beijing, meanwhile, will resist Washington's economic aggression with its Yuan-denominated oil futures contracts which, since March 2018, have broken the US Dollar's monopoly over the energy trade. Should the oil futures be convertible into gold, it would attract oil-producing nations like Russia, Venezuela, and Iran. Moscow and Beijing are also striving for a gold-backed post-Bretton Woods exchange system to curtail Dollar hegemony and evade US sanctions. Both have been accumulating gold reserves which, if greater than Washington's, can seriously undermine the US Dollar.

Given the scale of China's ambitions, it is not surprising that the joint communiqué appreciated the progress on early harvest projects, especially in the energy sector, and extolled the all-weather partnership in flowery language. Within Pakistan, the visit was perceived as a grand failure; Dawn columnist Adnan Rasool observed that the Pakistani State "is completely clueless regarding the larger objectives of the Belt and Road Initiative", of which CPEC is only one portion.

The B&RI covers around

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60 countries and broadly comprises three overland and three maritime routes. Most projects have not been contracted between governments but between Chinese companies and state-owned enterprises (SOEs). Hence, any attempt to renegotiate contracts (the promise on which Imran Khan came to power) would have to be firm by firm, which is virtually impossible. Moreover, any arbitration involved during renegotiations will go to the B&RI court in Xi'an, under Chinese law, so Islamabad would need a law firm to represent it on each contract to be renegotiated or contest the cases itself.

The B&RI, Rasool asserts, is a system which countries join to share the Chinese Dream of sustained growth for China through trade. Partner countries tie their economic destiny to that of China — as China flourishes, so do others. Since Beijing does the "heavy lifting", it is the senior partner; but others must do their share. The CPEC is a series of projects that serve the larger B&RI scheme, and is not a credit line or bailout package. That is the crux of the matter.

Pakistan has to fix its own economy and use the B&RI to gain market access to other partner-countries, and boost its earnings. Perhaps such a clear understanding could have saved Sri Lanka, Myanmar, The Maldives, Tajikistan, Djibouti, and others from the indebtedness that forced them to make costly debt-for-equity deals with Beijing. With the Asian Development Bank estimating

B&RI to cost over \$26 trillion by 2030, and China's foreign currency reserves hovering around \$3 trillion, Beijing is in no position to cancel or mitigate debt.

Interestingly, the joint communiqué included a commitment by Islamabad to support China in safeguarding its sovereignty and security, and combating separatism, terrorism and extremism including the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM). Concerns for the CPEC's security made Beijing build a counter-terrorism base in Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor in Badakhshan province, where Uyghur militants (ETIM) constitute a serious threat to Muslim-majority Xinjiang province. Kabul has refused to join the B&RI-CPEC because Islamabad continues to host the Taliban and Haqqani terrorist network which attack Afghanistan.

Pakistani doublespeak forced Beijing to take a tough line at the Financial Action Task Force in February 2018, where Pakistan was put on the watch list for financing terror. Imran Khan has received a reality bite: No sops, austerities, and repayment of Chinese loans from 2019, all amidst a disintegrating society as witnessed by the turmoil over Asia Bibi's exoneration by the Supreme Court. Pakistan is caught in a pincer: Faith and a bleak economic landscape make uneasy bedfellows.

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SOUNDBITE

Even though there has been the advancement of civilisation, the threat of war always remains and poses challenges.



Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena's decision to dissolve the nation's Parliament will only deepen the crisis.



Vice President —Venkaiah Naidu

UN chief —Antonio Guterres

Unlike Bollywood, Iranian films are based on realities, real locations, social subjects and human values.



Iranian filmmaker —Majid Majidi

Competition is normal. Contest must not turn into conflict. Differences between India and China should not become disputes.



Defence Minister —Nirmala Sitharaman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scope for improvement

Sir — This refers to the article, "Science in classrooms" (November 12) by JS Rajput. India's ranking in the list of 'ease of doing business' is laudable. The Government and entrepreneurs, in compliance with each other, have proved their calibre of being a development-savvy nation.

Finagled business units have been broken down by the Narendra Modi Government via steps like demonetisation and the implementation of GST, which in turn also raised the nation's GDP to an all-time high of 8.2 per cent. The scope for development has its doors wide open for India and its youth power. The need of the hour is to grab the opportunity and take it forward.

Animesh Gupta
Ujjain

Tackling pollution

Sir — This refers to the report, "No respite for Delhiites" (November 12). The poor air quality of Delhi was anticipated prior to the onset of winter season. One may not hold only the

New weapon in India's bowling armoury

The India-West Indies series has thrown up a new kid on the block — Khaleel Ahmed. The player, who represented Rajasthan in the Ranji Trophy, gave the West Indies a dose of their own medicine especially in the final two ODIs. Good pace and reverse swing is a heady combo, more so if you are a left arm bowler, and Khaleel has both in abundance. The aggression on the pitch, the exultation on scalping a wicket and believing in giving the batsman an eye for an eye are all good attributes of a young fast bowler.

India captain Virat Kohli had praised Khaleel Ahmed by describing him as one of the finds of the ODI series against the West Indies. Khaleel apparently is working on both his bowling and non-bowling arm to better his game. Two former greats have played a significant role in honing the player's skills — Rahul Dravid and Zaheer Khan. In England, where



the 2019 World Cup will be held, the conditions will be quite favourable to swing bowlers. Khaleel is one player India would hope to cash in on. The recent series and the upcoming ones are viewed as tests for players on the edge.

Ganapathi Bhat
Akola

No offence

Sir — May be the proposals by the Uttar Pradesh Government to change the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj was unreasonable. But why was it necessary for Akbar to rename Prayag 444 years ago? If he ever needed a city named Ilaahabad to chime

burning of firecrackers accountable for AQI of 423 in Delhi. Immense burning of stubble in the agrarian States of Haryana and Punjab has always been a major factor for poor air quality especially in the Delhi/NCR region. According to Aditya Handa, Chief Executive Officer of Abellon CleanEnergy, the quantity of crop residues burnt each year ranges from 200 to 240 million tonnes,

which is a matter of cogitation. Although the Government had announced a National Policy on Biofuels, which led to the conversion of stubbles into ethanol, it is still incongruous to the amount of the stubbles produced each year. It is going to be a strenuous task for the Government to curb the surging pollution.

Tushar Anand
Bihar

with his Din-e-Ilahi, why was it justifiable to axe a holy place of the Hindus? If the name of an ancient Hindu *tirth* is restored, that should not be construed as an attack on Muslims. If the act of Akbar was right, as the critics make us believe, ipso facto the act of Yogi Government, too, is right, because different yardsticks cannot be used for the same act.

JS Acharya
Hyderabad

Brilliant innings

Sir — I appreciate the Indian women's cricket team, who chased down the target of 134 with six balls to spare, specially Mithali Raj who smashed an aggressive half-century to guide India to an easy 7-wicket win over Pakistan in the ICC Women's World Cup T20. One hopes that the team will continue to perform well and outclass opposition in the forthcoming matches too.

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FIRST COLUMN

What went wrong?

The anti-immigrant hysteria is almost universal in Eastern Europe and it will bring more illiberal nationalist regimes to power before it is finished



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I first met Viktor Orbán, the not-quite-dictator of Hungary, in 1989 in Budapest — and the man who introduced us was none other than George Soros. Orbán was then a firebrand student leader, anti-Communist and keen for Hungary to join the West. Soros, a Hungarian refugee who became an American billionaire, was devoting his time and money to finding and subsidising young Eastern Europeans who would lead their countries into the European Union and a liberal democratic future. But Orbán is now the Prime Minister of an 'illiberal' Hungarian Government that controls the mass media and regards the EU as the enemy. In last April's election, he portrayed Soros as the Jewish evil genius who, with the EU's help, was planning to flood Hungary with Muslim refugees and destroy the country's culture and identity. That's ridiculous, but Orbán won almost half the votes and more than two-thirds of the seats in Parliament. Poland, a far bigger country, now also has a far-right, 'illiberal' government that is ultranationalist and hostile to the EU (although both countries depend heavily on EU subsidies).

The extremists are not yet in power in other Eastern European countries, but similar trends are visible in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania. The dreams and hopes that drove the anti-Communist revolutions of 1989 are not yet dead, but they are definitely fading. What went wrong? These countries are among the most ethnically homogenous in the world (due to the Holocaust and the widespread 'ethnic cleansing' that followed both world wars). They have admitted almost no refugees, yet their politics is dominated by the fear of being swamped by them.

It's beyond bizarre, but Bulgarian political philosopher, Ivan Krastev, has a persuasive explanation for it. He points out that the question "isn't so much where the nationalism has come from, but where it's been hiding all these years." His answer is that it was hiding in plain sight. During the 1970s and 1980s, the nationalists who wanted independence from Soviet rule, formed a close alliance with the pro-Western activists who wanted a liberal, democratic future. From Poland to Bulgaria, the liberals and the nationalists worked together, and even after the overthrow of the Communists in 1989, they continued to believe (or at least hope) that democracy could accommodate them both.

Maybe it could have, but the nationalist wars that destroyed the former Yugoslav federation in the 1990s put an end to the partnership. As Krastev says, the violence there persuaded liberals that "nationalism was the very heart of darkness, and that flirting with it could only be sinful." So, the liberals broke their alliances with the nationalists, and for a while the nationalists went very quiet. Nobody, not even Polish or Hungarian nationalists, wanted to be seen in the same light as monsters like Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic. But nationalism was the most powerful political force in Eastern Europe throughout the 20th century, and it wasn't going to just fade away. It re-emerged in the early 21st century, shorn of its liberal associations with tolerance and diversity, as a major political force in the region — and the driver behind it was what Krastev calls "demographic panic".

After 1989, many people in Eastern Europe not only aspired to emulate the prosperous liberal democracies of Western Europe. They actually wanted to live in them, and when their countries joined the EU they acquired the right to free movement. If Poles thought that life would be better in England, for example, they could just move there and find work — and a million of them did. Since 1989, 27 percent of Latvia's population has emigrated to Western Europe, and Bulgaria has lost 21 percent. Hungary is not so hard hit, but it has lost 3 percent of its population to Western Europe in the past ten years — and almost all the emigrants are young, leaving behind an aging population with a low birth rate. This is the real source of the demographic panic, but it finds its political expression in a paranoid fear that the country's dwindling population will be overrun by immigrants with a radically different culture, particularly refugees. It doesn't matter that there are virtually no immigrants in Hungary, and that it's about the last place a refugee would want to go. In these matters, perception is all.

The anti-immigrant hysteria is almost universal in Eastern Europe, and it will bring more illiberal nationalist regimes to power before it is finished. The remedy, if there is one, is for the liberals to acknowledge the nationalists' concerns and rebuild the old alliances with them without pandering to the panic. That's not easy to do, but it's what every Western European democracy has actually been doing for generations. Although they're not doing too well with it at the moment themselves.

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DEMONETISATION IS A SHREWD SCHEME THAT ALLOWED MODI'S SUIT-BOOT FRIENDS TO CONVERT THEIR BLACK MONEY INTO WHITE.

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—PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

Steady military modernisation

Efforts over the last four years by the Modi Government to upgrade India's armed forces despite financial constraints and a huge backlog deserve appreciation



PATHIKRIT PAYNE

From September 2019, India would start to receive the much-awaited Dassault Rafale combat aircrafts and the delivery and testing of the entire fleet of 36 fighter jets is expected to be completed by April 2022. India would also start receiving Apache AH-64E multi-role combat helicopters and CH-47 tactical transport helicopters, contract for which was finalised in 2015, as well as M-777 howitzers, which was signed under a contract in 2016. The Indian Army will also receive most of the 1.86 lakh bulletproof jackets, which were contracted for in 2018. From 2020, India would start getting delivery of S-400 air defence systems whose deal was signed last October. It is also expected that by next year, India would have in place a clear roadmap and contract in place for arming the infantry soldiers of the Indian Army with a battle-proven assault rifle to replace the obsolete INSAS.

What Modi inherited: Lack of modernisation of the armed forces for nearly a decade and challenges of grappling with obsolescence of existing equipment in the rapidly changing geopolitical landscape, were two major predicaments that the Narendra Modi Government had to confront in 2014. Rapid pace of military modernisation by both China and Pakistan exacerbated the situation further. There were only two choices in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi — either continue to play politics of delay on big ticket defence acquisitions or take a decisive approach to modernise the forces while brushing aside all inhibitions and delaying tactics of the vested interests. The Prime Minister chose the latter. He preferred to go for fast-paced military modernisation.

First steps: In June 2014, the keel was laid for India's first missile tracking ship at Hindustan Shipyard after it was ordered by Modi Government as part of developing a robust nuclear shield. In less than four years since then, the 15,000 tonne ocean surveillance ship is almost ready and is undergoing trials before final commissioning. In 2015, the Modi dispensation gave approval for the construction of seven stealth frigates under Project 17A and six nuclear powered attack submarines. While Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited would be making four of the frigates, Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers would make the remaining three. The nuclear powered attack submarines would be built at the Ship Building Centre in Vizag.

Big ticket acquisitions: In September 2015, the Narendra Modi Government signed deals with Boeing for acquisition of 22 Apache AH-64 attack helicopters and 15 Chinook CH-47 tactical transport helicopters under a three billion dollar deal. Order for six more Apache AH-64 helicopters were given in 2018. The year 2015 also saw the Government giving nod to acquisition of 10 Heron TP armed drones from Israel for \$400 million.

In September 2016, India and France inked deal for acquisition of 36 Dassault Rafale combat jets. The 59,000 crore deal, apart from a 50 per cent clause for offsets and local sourcing of components, also included a wide array of cutting edge weapon systems, including Scalp cruise missiles with 500-km range and Meteor radar guided beyond visual range (BVR) air-to-air missile with over 100 km of range. This apart, reports



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also indicate that the Rafales made for India would probably be capable of carrying nuclear warheads as well as BrahMos. With one squadron each for the eastern and western battle theatres, the Rafale fleet is expected to significantly boost the combat capabilities of Indian Air Forces. A follow-on order for four additional P8I Poseidon maritime reconnaissance planes for Indian Navy was also signed in 2016.

The Rafale deal was followed by Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) clearing the Acceptance of Necessity (AON) in November 2016 for acquisition of 83 Light Combat Aircraft or Tejas in the MK1A configuration, which would be equipped with AESA radars, self-protection jammers and air-to-air refuelling capabilities. A year later, IAF issued the Request for Proposal to HAL and reports indicate that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has submitted quotation for the same, which is under review by the Ministry of Defence. Incidentally, HAL is yet to get the final operational clearance (FOC) for LCA and conclude the delivery of the first 40 Light Combat Aircrafts (LCA), whose orders were placed in 2006 and 2010 respectively.

Modernising artillery: In the realm of artillery acquisition, the first major step by the Modi Government in restarting the modernisation of artillery regiments of the Indian Army was through selection of L&T-Hanwha Techwin combine in 2015 for making 100 self propelled K9 Vajra howitzers. The contract worth around ₹5,000 crore was signed in 2017. Further, a critical deal with the US was signed in 2016 for acquisition of 145 M777 ultra light-weight howitzers for ₹5,000 crore, a deal which was pending for years during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) era. In 2016, approval was also given for

raising two more regiments of Pinaka rockets for ₹3,300 crore and the fourth regiment of BrahMos for ₹4,300 crore with more advanced versions of the cruise missile, proficient in trajectory manoeuvrability and with deep diving capabilities, to be deployed in northeast.

Bulletproof jackets for infantry: If there was one product whose deficiency tormented the infantry soldier of the Indian Army for decades now, it has to be the availability of new generation bulletproof jackets. Like many other defence files, dust kept on piling on this one too for years. During the 11th five year plan (2007-12) Indian Army was supposed to receive 1,86,168 jackets but nothing much happened. Eventually, it was in 2016 that permission for a one-time 'interim emergency acquisition' by taking the 'revenue route' was granted by the Modi-led Government to the Indian Army for procuring 50,000 bulletproof vests for ₹140 crore from Tata Advanced Materials.

Later in April 2018, another contract worth ₹639 crore was signed by the Ministry of Defence with SMPP Pvt Ltd for procurement of an additional 1,86,138 bulletproof jackets. In 2017, a contract worth ₹180 crore was also given to Kanpur-based MKU for procurement of 1.6 lakh bulletproof helmets, an equipment as critical for the foot soldier, in the battle front, as bulletproof vest and assault rifle.

Modernising air defence: On the air defence front, in April 2017, India signed a two billion dollar deal with Israel Aerospace Industry and another Israeli company, Rafael, for supplying Medium Range Surface to Air Missiles (MR-SAM) to the Indian Army. Additionally, a \$630 million contract in 2017 and a \$777 million contract in 2018 were signed with

Israel Aerospace Industries for Barak-8 Long Range Surface to Air Missile (LR-SAM) to arm India's frontline warships. This was followed by Russia in 2018 for S-400 Triumf air defence systems, capable of shooting down almost all kinds of incoming missiles, fighters and drones.

The deal for 6,000 missiles and associated equipments, including jam resistant phased array radars, was inked in spite of threats of sanctions by US. This was followed in quick succession with a \$950 million deal with Russia for two frigates of Project 11356 class for Indian Navy.

In between, exclusive deals worth almost ₹20,000 crore were also signed by the IAF and the Indian Army for ammunitions, spares and engines to have enough reserve for 10 days of intense fighting in case of any eventualities. Many additional deals are in pipeline including 200 Ka-226 and 48 Mi-17V5 helicopters, acquisition of 464 T-90 tanks and local production of AK series rifles. Some are expected to be signed soon. Further, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's diplomatic efforts resulting in India being inducted into the exclusive Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) club and being granted Strategic Trade Authorisation (STA-1) status by the US also helps the country to enhance the range and quantum of warheads in imported missiles and get access to critical and cutting-edge defence technologies hitherto restricted for India.

Efforts over the last four years by the Modi Government to modernise India's armed forces in spite of financial constraints and a huge backlog deserve appreciation.

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#MeToo: Clarion call to something bigger

Men should be educated about the nuances of their acts and the consequent impact that they have on a victim. Despite changes that are required in law, the movement should first ignite social change



RAGHAV PANDEY **NEELABH BIST**

The common incidents that take place in almost every woman's life, incidents that were hushed behind closed doors, have finally found a platform to come out in the open, in the form of the #MeToo movement. The campaign has caused a ripple effect in India, which looks promising enough to bring about a change for good.

However, there is an underlying fear because of which certain women haven't come out with their ordeals — the fear of not being believed, the fear of loss of repute and more importantly, loss of their jobs and the associated trauma.

Normally, the legal consequences of bringing out the mis-

deeds of someone can result in a nullity if there is no strong evidence to substantiate the claim. In fact, you can end up being the one on the wrong side of the law, as a defamation suit can be filed against you. The same had happened with writer-producer, Vinta Nanda, as a suit for defamation had been filed by actor Alok Nath as a reply to her harrowing contribution to the #MeToo movement.

The whole scenario leads us to essentially question the legal framework within which the #MeToo movement stands. Does it provide enough protection to the victims?

The answer is a big "no", as the accused can only be convicted on the production of substantial evidence against him, which is very difficult to obtain, especially in a sexual harassment case.

Now, if the accused cannot be convicted for his actions then what exactly can be changed so as to create the perfect balance wherein the victims of such harassment, or worse, can be protected, and at the

same time, the framed people can enjoy their fair bit of protection as well?

From the experience drawn from the US, where the #MeToo movement had seen its inception, many valuable lessons can be learned on how to reform the law. The first change that the law should provide for is an opt out option in non-disclosure agreements (NDAs).

It was observed in the United States that a big impediment in the reporting of sexual misbehaviour was the NDA. In many cases, the NDAs were so much customised to such effect that a victim was compensated with a financial settlement while gagging him/her from speaking about the abuse.

Another big problem with the law is that it provides a time frame within which the complaint has to be lodged. Section 9(1) of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 provides for three months from the date of the incident or the date of the last incident in case of a series of events, for

reporting of the complaint. This can be increased to another three months by the internal or local committee adjudicating the claim.

Now, the narrative — that such a limitation should be placed so as to balance the interest of justice between the complainant and the accused — falls short on the count that this is a protective legislation. Such legislations are created because the subjects that they deem to protect are vulnerable and, therefore, need an affirmative protection of the State.

With limitations like that of time period, the Sexual Harassment Act tends to defeat the purpose for which it was enacted as it has to protect each and every individual who faces harassment without any prejudice to the time when she finally gathers the courage to speak up in the patriarchal system.

Further, in the court of law, if such a matter comes for adjudication, it should be reasonably expected from the court that they do not expect an exact testimony from the

victim, in excruciating detail. This is to say that the courts usually expect the victim to recall their experience in a linear fashion by requiring them to provide specific names, dates and facts of the assault. In this manner, the legal system wants the victims to remember and pen down the horrendous experience which they usually try hard to forget. While the accuracy of the events does not destroy their case, it provides an easy way for the defence attorney to do the same by creating a reasonable doubt of the innocence of the accused.

Now comes the question which has created immense fear in the minds of many misogynists since the #MeToo movement has begun: How will the falsely accused men be protected? Well, these people will be happy to know that if a malicious or false complaint or a complaint made with forged or misleading document is made, then under Section 14 of the Sexual Harassment Act, action can be taken against the complainant.

However, it also provides that the mere inability to substantiate a complaint or provide adequate proof need not attract action against the complainant, thus protecting the victim as well.

Despite the changes that are required in the legal sphere, it can be safely said that the #MeToo movement should first ignite social change, which should then take the form of legal change.

Men should be educated about the nuances of their acts (which might seem casual or commonplace to them but is actually harassment) and the consequent impact that it has on the victim. #MeToo is being termed as a clarion call to something bigger, and with a Constitution which is feminist, hopes are high that India will finally wake up to a better future.

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MISSING LEGITIMACY OF THINK TANKS

Brexit has changed the atmosphere of political debate in profoundly damaging ways. For the newly aggressive leave vanguard, represented by a clutch of think tanks, it has legitimised their dangerous heresy and redefined the previous orthodoxy as being biased and an out-of-touch remain, liberal worldview.

(The Guardian editorial)

Sensex falls 346 pts as crude prices rise

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The equity benchmark Sensex on Monday dived about 346 points owing to an intense fog-end selling mainly in auto and energy stocks as fresh worries about weakening rupee and rising crude oil prices resurfaced.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty fell by 103 points to 10,482.20 points. The benchmark Brent crude snapped its four-day losing streak and rose 2.09 per cent to 71.62 per barrel after Saudi Arabia, the world's top crude exporter, said Sunday it will cut oil output from next month, as major producers held a key meeting to discuss shoring up sliding prices.

Further impacting domestic market sentiments, the Indian rupee again breached the 73-mark, dropping 57 paise (intra-day) to 73.07 against the dollar.

Besides, a caution prevailed among investors ahead of key macro data — index of industrial production (IIP) for September and CPI inflation for October — to be released later in the day.

Mixed leads from most other Asian markets and a lower opening of European shares too fuelled the downturn.

"Markets failed to hold the early gains and lost nearly a per cent, pressurised by weak global cues. Participants were in profit-taking mood from the beginning and mostly sectoral indices traded in tandem with the benchmark index. The decline was wide spread and broader market indices too ended with loss of nearly a per cent each," an analyst said.

The 30-share Sensex opened on a strong footing at 35,287.49 and advanced to scale a high of 35,333.22 in line with a firming trend at other Asian markets and fresh inflows of funds by foreign investors.

However, profit-booking by investors at better prices wiped out initial gains and the Sensex slipped to a low of 34,756.80 before settling 345.56 points, or 0.98 per cent, down at 34,812.99.

During the volatile session, it swung over 576 points on alternate bouts of hectic buying and selling. The gauge had lost 79.13 points on Friday.

The broader NSE Nifty slipped below the 10,500-mark by falling 103 points, or 0.97 per cent, at 10,482.20. It touched a high of 10,645.50 and a low of 10,464.05 during the day.

Meanwhile, on a net basis, foreign funds bought shares

while a net ₹614.14 crore, worth domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares to the tune of ₹337.28 crore on Friday, provisional data showed.

Selling was more pronounced in auto, oil and gas, PSU and banking stocks which dragged the indices into the negative zone.

Among Sensex constituents, Tata Motors was the worst hit, plunging 4.84 per cent, followed by Hero MotoCorp at 3.82 per cent.

Other laggards include PowerGrid 2.87 per cent, Maruti Suzuki 2.64 per cent, Adani Ports 2.61 per cent, Vedanta Ltd 2.59 per cent, Yes Bank 2.24 per cent, M&M 2.06 per cent, SBI 1.86 per cent, Bajaj Auto 1.80 per cent, Asian Paint 1.74 per cent, Coal India 1.55 per cent, HDFC Bank 1.35 per cent and RIL 1.34 per cent.

Also, ITC Ltd, HDFC Ltd, Sun Pharma, Axis Bank, Bharti Airtel, NTPC, HUL, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, Wipro and ONGC succumbed to selling pressure and lost up to 1.23 per cent.

In contrast, Tata Steel, Kotak Bank, Infosys, TCS and L&T emerged gainers, rising up to 1.67 per cent. However, consumer durables index remained on the top by rising 1.38 per cent and IT by 0.46 per cent.

Retail inflation cools to year-low of 3.31 pc in Oct

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retail inflation fell to a one-year low of 3.31 per cent in October on the back of cheaper kitchen staples, fruits and protein-rich items, official data released on Monday showed.

The inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 3.7 per cent in September 2018 and 3.58 per cent in October 2017. The retail inflation number is the lowest since September 2017 when it touched 3.28 per cent.

The rate of price rise in the food basket contracted by 0.86 per cent in October compared to 0.51 per cent rise in September, according to the Central Statistics Office data.

Vegetable prices declined by 8.06 per cent in October against a 4.15 per cent contraction in September.

Inflation also slowed to 0.35 per cent in the fruit basket as against 1.12 per cent recorded a month ago.

The retail inflation also cooled in protein-rich items like cereals, eggs, milk and related products.

However, inflation quickened to 8.55 per cent for the 'fuel and light' category against 8.47 per cent in the previous month.

₹ drops 39 paise as crude oil rebounds

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Monday dropped by 39 paise to settle at 72.89 against the US currency as oil prices rebounded after Saudi Arabia announced plans to cut production and the dollar strengthened in global markets.

Cutting short the 10-day selling trend, crude oil prices rose by around 1 per cent to touch \$71 per barrel mark after the world's largest oil exporter Saudi Arabia announced plans to cut production by 500,000 barrels per day from December and called for a global output cut of one million barrels per day to support oil price.

The dollar also rose to an 18-month high against its global peers after the British pound tumbled nearly 1 per cent due to growing worries about the Brexit deal with EU.

Weighed by heavy dollar demand amid firming crude oil prices, the rupee opened lower at 72.74 and fell further by 57 paise to the day's low of 73.07.

"Oil reversing successive days of fall, and dollar's resurgence dragged rupee lower today. This bucks the trend of strengthening rupee in the last few days, which was helped by FII buying in equities. Key retail inflation and industrial production data due for release later in the day also kept the rupee tentative," Anand James, Chief Market Strategist at

Geojit Financial Services said. The rupee finally settled at 72.89 per dollar, showing a loss of 39 paise or 0.54 per cent over the last close.

"OPEC talked of cutting supply next year to support falling crude oil prices. Traders rushed to cover their shorts and crude oil surged by 1 per cent in today's trade. Dollar strengthened across the board as jitters over the BREXIT deal in the UK stroked uncertainty in global markets. Rupee was also not spared," said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Group, HDFC Securities.

Domestic stock markets also tumbled on worries about resurging oil prices and caution ahead of the release of key macroeconomic data.

BSE Sensex dropped by 345.56 points or 0.98 per cent to close at 34,812.99. The broader NSE Nifty slipped below the 10,500-mark by falling 103 points, or 0.97 per cent, at 10,482.20.

FII remained net buyers in capital markets with net purchases of ₹832.15 crore, provisional exchange data showed. Foreign investors had put in more than ₹600 crore on a net basis on Friday.

Meanwhile, Financial Benchmarks India fixed the reference rate for the US dollar at 72.9078. It set the rate for the British pound at 93.9947 and at 82.4315 for the euro. Japanese yen was pegged at 63.91 for 100 yens.

Business Corner

BHEL COMMISSIONS 120 MW PULICHINTALA HEP IN T
With the commissioning of the fourth and final 30 MW hydro generating unit, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned the 120 MW Pulichintala Hydro-Electric Project (HEP) in Telangana. The other three units of the 4x30 MW Pulichintala HEP, commissioned earlier by BHEL, have been operating successfully. Located in Suryapet district of Telangana, the greenfield project has been set up for Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TSGENCO) on the river Krishna.

GAIL GAS SIGNS MOU WITH EESL
GAIL Gas Limited, a subsidiary of GAIL (India) Limited, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) for fast-tracking the implementation of co-generation and tri-generation projects and use of natural gas in industrial and commercial segments. The MoU was signed by AK Jana, Chief Executive Officer, GAIL Gas and Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director, EESL in the presence of Gajendra Singh, Director (Marketing), GAIL (India) Limited & Director, GAIL Gas and Rajeev Mathur, Director GAIL Gas at INSPIRE 2018 conference.

KARNATAKA WOMEN MUNICIPAL COUNCILORS VISIT NDMC
Aiming at the capacity building in respect of strengthening of the local democracy and citizen participation in the urban areas, especially for women empowerment, a delegation of Women Municipal Councilors from Karnataka visited New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) Head Quarter at Palika Kendra in New Delhi on Monday. The visit has been organized by Urban Research Centre, Bangalore.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK OBSERVED IN POWERGRID
'Vigilance Awareness Week' was observed in Powergrid from 29th October to 02 November 2018. The week started with administration of pledge to all the employees posted at RHQ, NR-1, & Telecom jointly by AK Arora, ED & by RK Arora, Chief GM, NR-1 respectively. All the employees participated enthusiastically in various programs, like, essay, online-quiz, debate, slogan writing competitions, Nukkar Natak & Walkathon conducted for "Vigilance & Anti-corruption". A Vendors' Meet was also organized at RHQ, NR-1.

NHPC CELEBRATES 44TH RAISING DAY
NHPC Limited, India's premier hydropower company celebrated its 44th Raising Day on 12th November 2018 at its Corporate Office at Faridabad with great enthusiasm and fervor. RK Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In his address, Singh extended his warmest greeting to everyone present on the occasion of NHPC Raising Day.

Jet Airways reports net loss of ₹1,261 crore

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Jet Airways on Monday reported a whopping ₹1,261 crore in consolidated net losses for the three months to September against a profit of ₹71 crore in the same period year ago, impacted by higher fuel cost and the ongoing plunge in the rupee.

Already its larger rival Indigo had reported a net loss of ₹652.13 crore in the September quarter compared to a profit of ₹551.56 crore a year ago, making it the

first loss since becoming a publicly traded company.

On a standalone basis, the Naresh Goyal promoted airline, which has been facing cash crunch from some time leading to delayed salaries and other payments, reported a net loss of ₹1,297.46 crore against a profit of ₹49.63 crore a year ago.

Total sales rose to ₹6,363 crore during the reporting quarter, which is a growth of 6.9 per cent from ₹5,952 crore over the same quarter last fiscal.

Niti Aayog to hold meet with digital payments industry on KYC issue

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Niti Aayog will hold a meeting with all the stakeholders in digital payments industry over customer authentication issue after the Supreme Court verdict that restricted the use of Aadhaar details for KYC in availing host of services, including banking and telecom.

"I will have a round table with the stakeholders. There are

some issues which have come up from the industry, we will sit down and see what the issues are and find out how to move forward. The industry is saying that it may hamper the digital payments system," said Ratan Watal, Member Secretary — PMEAC and Principal Advisor, Niti Aayog on the sidelines of a digital payments programme.

Ficci and the Niti Aayog on Monday jointly organised a

workshop on the 'Online Digital Payments Programme' aimed at capacity building and imparting training to the officials working in this area.

In its ruling on September 26, the Supreme Court had declared the Government's flagship Aadhaar scheme as constitutionally valid but struck down some of its provisions including its linking with bank accounts, mobile phones and school admissions.

DSP MUTUAL FUND LAUNCHES DSP HEALTHCARE FUND

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd. announced the launch of DSP Healthcare Fund, an open ended scheme investing in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sector. The fund will be predominantly investing in equity and equity related securities of healthcare and pharmaceutical companies with some portfolio allocation to foreign securities. The NFO is scheduled to open on November 12 and close on November 26, 2018.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE
SALE NOTICE THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 CUM NOTICE TO SALE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS, RULE 8(6) UNDER SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

In exercise of powers conferred under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and pursuant to the possession of the secured assets of the Borrower(s)/ mortgagors mentioned hereunder, the public and all concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors, their legal heirs/ representatives, as the case may be are hereby informed that offers are invited by the Karvy Financial Services Ltd for purchase of the properties listed below.

Whereas the authorized officer of the Karvy Financial Services Ltd has decided to sell the properties described herein below on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AND "AS IS WHAT IT IS BASIS" under rules 8 & 9 of the said Act, through online public auction

Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (₹P)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Total Loan Outstanding (As on 31st July 2018)
MR. BALJINDER SINGH (BORROWER) MRS. DALJEET KAUR (CO-BORROWER) Plot no. 2, Sukh Vihar, NDMC CHBS Ltd, Parwana Road, New Delhi-110051 (Loan Code No. 409903, 505665 and 419032)	19/10/2016 for Rs. 37,196,901/-	THE PROPERTY BEARING PLOT NO-2, (UPPER GROUND FLOOR, FIRST FLOOR AND THIRD FLOOR) Sukh Vihar, New Delhi-110051. Admeasuring Built up Area 180 sq. Yds & UGF, FF, AND TF Prop Area 1296 Sq.ft.	Rs. 4,30,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Lakh Only)	Rs. 43,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Only)	Rs. 5,06,48,257/- (Rupees Five Crore Six Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Two hundred Fifty Seven Only)

IMPORTANT TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The auction sale will be "On line E-Auction / Bidding through website www.bankeauctions.com on 30/11/2018 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each.
- Intending bidders shall hold a valid email address and they should register their names at portal www.bankeauctions.com and get their User-Id and Password free of cost whereupon they would be allowed to participate in online auction. For details with regard to E-auction, please contact M/s. C1 INDIA PVT. LTD. UdyogVihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem Building, building no.301 Gurgaon Haryana, pin: 12205 help Line No. +91-124-4302020/21/22/23/24 +91-9821690968 Help Line email ID Support @bankeauctions.com. at the web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com
- Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from M/S. C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.301, 1st Floor, Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Gurgaon, Pin-122015
- Tender shall be submitted online only in the prescribed format with relevant details, as available in the website from the date of publication.
- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT to the credit of Account of HDFC Bank, in favour of Karvy Financial Services Ltd, Karvy E-Auction deposit at Manekji Wadia Bldg, Ground Floor, Nanik Motwani Marg, Fort Mumbai - 400023, Maharashtra, Current A/C No. 00600340049390, IFSC Code- HDFC0000060 before submitting the tender online.
- Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed, tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 27/11/2018 within 5:00 PM. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
- EMD amount shall be adjusted in case of the highest/successful bidder, otherwise refunded within 7 working days of finalization of sale. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
- A copy of the Tender Form along with the enclosures submitted online (also mentioning the UTR No.) shall be forwarded to the Authorized Officer, Karvy Financial Services Ltd, at Branch office: Karvy Financial Services Limited, BF/4, Janakpuri, 2nd Floor Above Dominos, B-Block Main Red light of Jail Road, Delhi -110058 so as to reach on or before 27/11/2018 (48 hours before the E auction).
- The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price and bidders shall improve their further offers in multiples of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the purchase amount (including Earnest Money already paid), immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings on the same day of the sale in the mode stipulated in clause 6 above. The balance of the bid amount shall have to be deposited within 15 days of acceptance/confirmation of sale conveyed to them. Failing which entire deposit shall be forfeited.
- The highest bidder shall be declared to be successful bidder/purchaser of the properties mentioned herein provided always he is legally qualified to bid.
- The Karvy Financial Services Ltd has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn / postpone / cancel the sale / modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.
- This publication is also thirty day's notice to sale under Rule 8(6) of the said Rules, to the above borrowers/guarantors /mortgagors.

* For further details, contact the Authorized Officer, at the above mentioned Office Address.

Special Instructions and Caution:
Bidding in the last minute/seconds should not be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Karvy Financial Services Ltd nor the Service provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the vendor, in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

For SD/-
Authorized Officer
Karvy Financial Services Limited

Date : 13th November 2018
Place : NEW DELHI

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
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E-Tender Notice No.4 year 2018-19 (Second Call)

Commissioner of Fisheries, Maharashtra State, Mumbai, is inviting E-tender (Second Call) in B-1 form for 2 works from the contractors registered with Public work Department of Maharashtra State in IV A class. The details of tender can be seen and downloaded from web site: <http://mahatenders.gov.in> The right of acceptance & rejection of any tender is reserved by the commissioner of fisheries, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.

Online E-tender available period	Date from 14.11.2018, 17.31 Hrs IST to 23.11.2018, 17.30 Hrs IST
Date of online E-tender opening	Date : 28.11.2018, 12.00 PM If possible

All information regarding E-tender is available on below web site. <http://mahatenders.gov.in>
(If there is any change in tender notice same will be displayed on above website)

Sd/-
(Arun Vidhale)
Commissioner of Fisheries
Maharashtra State, Mumbai

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Extract of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter Ended 30/09/2018 (Rs in lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter ending (30.09.2018)	Preceding 3 months ended (30.06.2018)	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year (30.09.2017)	Year to date figures for current period ended (30.09.2018)	Year to date figures for the previous year ended (30/09/2017)	Previous year ended (31.03.2018)
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	2582.63	2531.30	1701.71	5113.93	3060.09	9973.52
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax and Exceptional items	90.19	63.49	69.14	153.68	103.61	386.86
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and after Exceptional items	90.19	63.49	69.14	153.68	103.61	386.86
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional items	74.92	52.78	60.53	127.70	70.79	245.74
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	74.92	52.78	60.53	127.70	70.79	250.70
Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs 10 each)	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98
Other equity	—	—	—	—	—	2608.26
Earnings per share for discontinued & continuing operations (of Rs. 10/-each):						
(a) Basic	0.73	0.51	0.59	1.24	0.69	2.40
(b) Diluted	0.73	0.51	0.59	1.24	0.69	2.40

Notes:

- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on November 12, 2018.
- This statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The company is engaged in the blankets business, therefore, there is only one reportable segment in accordance with the Accounting Standards on Segment Reporting (Ind AS 108).
- The blankets business is seasonal in nature and accordingly financial results for the quarter are not representative of the whole year.
- Previous year/ quarter figures have been regrouped wherever required.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.prakashwoollen.com)

By Order of the Director
For Prakash woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited
Sd/-
Vijay Kumar Gupta
Whole Time Director & CFO
DIN: 0035325

Place : Village Amhera (Amroha)
Date : 12-11-2018

HEALTH

FishTales

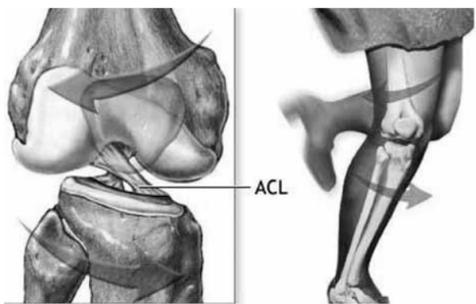
Eating fish like salmon, trout and sardines can significantly reduce asthma symptoms in children, a study led by Australian researchers have found. The results were in line with a growing body of evidence that pointed to a healthy diet being a potential therapy for bronchial inflammation



DOCYARD

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Take care of your bones

Women are more vulnerable to certain injuries like Anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears and stress fractures. Here's why, what you can do to prevent these injuries, and why women athletes should consider seeking care to maintain their health.

ACL
The most common injuries are ACL injuries and pain in the front of the knee joint. Inappropriate mechanics during a squat. As the athlete squats down the knee behind is in line with the second toe which is the proper form of squat. Women often move their knees inward and over the second toe when attempting to squat. This shows weakness of the muscles on the outsides of the hips. Women are also unable to control their knee position when landing from any jumping activity. This causes their knees to move forward and inward while landing, which puts them more at risk for an ACL injury. Such injuries are five times more common in women than men. Knee stability comes from the hip. Weakness at the hip will present as instability of the knee.

Prevention
With any injury, no prevention method is 100% guaranteed; but some approaches can help to reduce your risk:
■ Braces. Support braces may help to support ligaments and keep the knee from twisting over overextending.
■ Technique. Women athletes can learn proper techniques to land in stable positions that protect the knee.

PATELLOFEMORAL SYNDROME
This is characterised by soreness in the front of the knee and around the patella (kneecap). Symptoms include pain and stiffness which makes difficult to climb stairs or kneel.

Women can take steps to reduce the chances of ACL injuries if the muscles are strengthened, especially the hamstrings and the vastusmedialis

OTHERS
Ankle sprain: This is the most common sports injury in both men and women, but it's particularly common among women.
Shoulder troubles: Examples include rotator cuff problems (including tendon inflammation, or tendinitis) and instability.

Knee injuries: These include irritation under the kneecap (called patellofemoral syndrome) and ligament damage (including tears to the ACL), which is especially common among soccer and basketball players.

Stress fractures: These are especially common in the foot or lower leg (tibia) among women with the "female athlete triad," a combination of inadequate calorie and nutrient intake, irregular menstrual periods, and bone loss. Eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, contribute to this triad.

Plantar fasciitis: Abnormal alignment of the foot and flat feet may contribute to these small tears in the supporting tissues along the arch and heel.

To avoid injury
Fortunately, women can take steps to reduce the chances they'll suffer these injuries. The rate of ACL injuries may go down if muscles are strengthened, especially the hamstrings and the vastusmedialis. Training to change direction from both feet (rather than one), training to land from jumps in a safer position, and weight-lifting programmes that target specific muscles may also prove effective. Bracing can help limit ankle sprains. Shoe inserts may provide support and re-alignment for those prone to plantar fasciitis or other foot injuries.

WARMFOODS

TULSI: Rich in vitamin A, C, calcium, zinc and iron, *tulsi* helps the body fight all cold borne diseases like cough, cold, sinusitis, pneumonia and all respiratory disorders. It is also a powerful antiseptic and anti-malarial agent. Taken raw with pepper and honey in empty stomach, it is an excellent remedy for cough and cold.

It acts as a detoxifying, cleansing and purifying agent — both from within and without. Therefore, it is good for skin — both when consumed and applied topically. It is also effective in treating skin disorders, itching and issues like ringworms.

It can be made into teas or can be had raw, powdered, paste or in form of herbal supplements. It has antibiogenic, anti-viral, antibacterial and anti-carcinogenic properties.

Helps relieve stress, strengthen immunity, and facilitate proper digestion. Regular *tulsi* consumption can also aid in balancing various bodily processes. It counters elevated blood sugar levels and is therefore beneficial for diabetics.

It helps in regulating uric acid levels in body, thereby, eliminating risks of developing kidney stones. It is also beneficial for those who have kidney stones. It is great for healthy gums.



FOR HEALTHY CELEBRATION

This festive season, don't let health come in your way of celebrations. Follow these tips related to respiratory problems, burns and eye care, says PIONEER HEALTH

BREATHE EASY

With Air Quality Index at its worst, it is time that we took measures to breathe easy. Here are a few health tips to follow to protect yourself from the harmful effects of pollution.

■ **Visit the doctor:** Before the pollution affects your health, patients with asthma and other respiratory disorders should visit their doctors for a check-up and adjust the medication dose as per his advice if necessary.

■ **Healthy lifestyle:** It is important that the patient maintains a healthy lifestyle throughout the year. It includes good quality sleep, well-balanced nutritious diet, regular intake of water, regular exercise, breathing exercises, *pranayam* and yoga, stress reduction, avoiding smoking and alcohol intake. Medication dose should never be missed. A patient who follows a disciplined lifestyle will be able to cope up better with post Diwali pollution. Control sweet intake and stay well hydrated by regularly drinking water during this month.

■ **Stay away from crackers:** People suffering from asthma and other respiratory disorders should completely avoid areas and functions where there is too much pollution. Harmful pollutants such as toxic metals, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and sulphur dioxide, which, along with the smoke in the air, can trigger an asthma attack in both children and



adults.
■ **Avoid polluted areas:** It is also advisable to avoid places with high levels of pollution, as well as the use of strong incense sticks and scented candles. If you absolutely must go out during this season, ensure that you're carrying a handkerchief or a cloth, when stepping out of the house. The patients must carry their inhaler all the time.
■ **Keep away from dust:** During

this time, try to avoid being a part of the cleaning, as the dust that is swept up can trigger asthma attacks and breathing problems. Keep your inhaler handy at all times as a quick-relief solution for breathlessness, before visiting your doctor.

■ **Take a small holiday:** If you find yourself unable to avoid the present situation in Delhi, get away from the city. Take a short vacation to a hill station or the seaside where the air is cleaner and dust free.

■ **Keep emergency numbers handy:** Respiratory symptoms are aggravated post Diwali. Hence, it is extremely essential to keep emergency ambulance numbers like 1298/108 and other local numbers within reach. Calling for help at the right time without losing valuable minutes can decrease the level of damage and raise the chances of recovery and survival.

To ensure a safe celebration for all, as responsible individuals, one should ensure to celebrate it eco-friendly way. This will help make it a truly happy festival, for yourself, as well as the environment.

— Dr Santosh Datar, medical director, Ziqitza Healthcare Ltd

EYE CARE

Exposure to pollutants present in the smog such as carbon monoxide, ozone, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide can cause itching, watering, unclear vision, redness, dry eyes and burning sensation. You are exposed to these harmful pollutants every time you step out of your home. Here are a few tips that can help you enjoy this festive season:

■ **Splash of cold water:** Always wash your eyes with cold water every time you are back from an outdoor site.

■ **Minimise outdoor exposure:** The protection you can give your eyes is from trying to reduce exposure to smog. The Government has issued advisory — avoid early morning outdoor walks as that is when smog exposure tends to peak. Protection from the eyewear like large size sunglasses is also not best suited, as the polluting fumes will find a way to get in your eyes.

■ **Cool down the inflammation:** Using traditional methods like placing cold cucumbers on your eyes, you can cool down the inflammation and relax. You can also use eye drops for lubrication as per recommendations from your doctor.

■ **Strict no to eye rubbing:** Don't rub your eyes if any tiny pollutants enter. Immediately wash it off with clean water.

■ **Have a healthy diet:** Eat healthy and include lots of carrots, almonds, green leafy vegetables, fish and berries in your diet. These are very beneficial for keeping the eyes healthy. Keeping yourself hydrated is of utmost significance. Do ensure that you keep yourself hydrated from water and non-caffeinated drinks.

■ **Blink blink:** While doing office work, regularly blink your eyes. This will help in lubricating them. Take regular breaks from your screen every 30-40 minutes. You can also close the windows of your vehicles when stuck in traffic to avoid direct exposure to the smog.

The writer is Dr Sandeep Bhatnagar, Global Technical Lead — Eye Health Asia, at Sightsavers

DENTAL CARE

With so much sugar coming our way in beverages, sweets and chocolates, your teeth are going to bear the brunt of this excess and you shall be blamed if they decay due to carelessness. There is no doubt that sugars form the perfect medium for cavity-causing bacteria to grow which are then responsible for tooth sensitivity or pain. Good oral hygiene habits like immediate rinsing after sweets or brushing daily before going to bed can surely ensure prevention of cavities," opines Lt Gen (Rtd) Dr Vimal Arora, chief clinical officer, Clove Dental.

There are precautions that will take care of your teeth. "Ideally, we should avoid having sweets before going

DENTAL CARE



to bed as the bacteria affect our teeth throughout the night and fasten the process of decay," says Dr Priyanka Mathur, Clove Dental. Hence, rinse your mouth immediately after snacking and meals to ensure that sweets do not get stuck in between your teeth. In case you feel, they do, chew a sugar-free gum.

Another solution is to brush

the teeth after grabbing that *laddoo*. Eating and drinking food with sugar weaken the enamel on your teeth. You should first rinse your mouth with luke-warm water after you have had a heavy dose of sugary intake. Wait for an hour and then brush your teeth. Allow your teeth to settle, otherwise you could do more damage than good.

Dentists also advise to eat milk products and chocolates instead of sticky sweets. "You can keep the stickiness in your teeth away by having your desserts before the meals," adds Dr Mathur. This will reduce the risk of sweets staying stuck to your teeth which causes cavities. Have cheese after meal as this reduces the chances of developing tooth decay.

Treat that burn

Research suggests that women and children are more prone to burn injuries. Women usually wear loose fitting clothes such as sarees and *dupatta* which catch fire easily and make them susceptible to burn injuries. Children sustain burn injuries while bursting crackers-unsupervised. Even though Diwali is over they continue to burst left-overs. Careless handling of firecrackers leads to an increased incidence of injuries in their case. India registers about 7 lakh to 8 lakh burn admissions annually. When it comes to burns, prevention is certainly better than cure. There are few things that one can do to manage burn injuries:

■ **Minor burns sustained during cooking or from fireworks can be treated at home.** In such cases, the burnt part should be immediately placed under the tap water for 15 to 20 minutes.
■ **Once it cools and the pain starts to subside,** the patient should consult a burn specialist who is mostly a plastic surgeon in India.
■ **For major burns of larger proportions,** the burnt clothing is usually removed first and the patient is covered with a clean sheet and taken to the hospital. It is advised that no ointment or cream or



anything like toothpaste or ink be applied to the burnt area as it makes it difficult for the specialist to identify the depth of burns.

■ **The process of cleaning the wound can further damage the wound,** so it's important to seek treatment from a burn specialist, and if he/she is not available, then a general surgeon can provide the initial treatment.

— Dr Rajeev Ahuja senior consultant, plastic & cosmetic surgery, Sir Gangaram Hospital, Delhi

DadiKaKehna

Those living in Delhi are constantly inhaling impure air due to vehicular pollution. But the air quality worsens from October end. A few simple home remedies can minimise the ill-effects, says ROSHANI DEVI



People wait for this Festival of Lights; there is an air of happiness and celebration. But there is a flip to it as well when it comes to breathing clean air. During this time several things combine together to make the air poisonous. But a few simple home remedies can help reduce the ill-effects. Here's how:

We all know the benefits of *neem* when it comes to treating skin problems, but did you know that the leaf can also be used to reduce the effects. Boil neem leaves in water. Take a bath with this. It will help to wash off the pollutants that stick to your skin and hair.

Though the leaf is bitter to taste, try eating four-five leaves daily after washing them properly.

Tulsi is another leaf that can come to your rescue. If

you don't have a plant, buy it today. It absorbs pollution. Also, drink 10 ml of *tulsi* juice.

Eat garlic and onions. You can cook your veggies with it to help you boost immunity.

Include ginger in your diet. Add grated ginger to your cup of tea or chew a fresh piece with a pinch of salt.

Eat plenty of citrus fruits like oranges. The Vitamin C not only helps boost immunity, it lessens the effects of air pollution as well.



TIPTOP

After Jaipur and Ahmedabad, a team of experts has now reached the state of Madhya Pradesh to conform Zika cases. The team from the National Centre for Disease Control and the Emergency Medical Response has gone to the state following information about three persons being detected with the virus.

The virus is transmitted through the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. It causes fever, skin rashes, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain. The virus is harmful to pregnant women, as it can lead to microcephaly, a condition in which a baby's head is significantly smaller than expected, in newborn children. The symptoms are akin to that of dengue and it is a public health emergency.

Dr KK Aggarwal, president, HCFI, said: "Last year in May, the WHO con-

firmed the first three cases of laboratory-confirmed Zika virus infection in India from Ahmedabad in Gujarat. With other such similar cases, it seems Zika is now here to stay in India. A pregnant woman can pass Zika virus to her fetus. Infection during pregnancy can cause serious birth defects such as microcephaly and other congenital malformations, known as congenital Zika syndrome. Other complications include pre-term birth and miscarriage.

Pregnancy loss due to asymptomatic virus infection may be a common but under-recognised adverse outcome related to maternal virus infection."

The virus infection is also a trigger of Guillain-Barré syndrome, neuropathy and myelitis, particularly in adults and older children. The incubation period is three to 14 days.



SLIMLINE

A drink containing a compound that makes tumour cells glow has helped surgeons in Britain to spot and safely remove brain cancer. The research was carried out with patients who had suspected glioma, the most common form of brain cancer. Treatment usually involves surgery to remove as much of the cancer as possible, but it can be challenging for surgeons to identify all of the cancer cells while avoiding healthy brain tissue.

The researchers used a compound called 5-aminolevulinic acid or 5-ALA, which glows pink when a light is shone on it. Before surgery, each patient was given a drink containing 5-ALA. Surgeons then used operating microscopes to help them look for fluorescent tissue while removing tumours from the patients' brains. The tissue they removed was sent to the pathology lab where scientists could confirm the accuracy of the surgeons' work.

MYTHS ABOUT CONTACT LENS



SHASHWAT KEDIA busts myths associated with using contact lenses

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Contact lenses are great alternatives to regular eye glasses for correcting your vision problems. They are also ideal for patients with active lifestyles as they will not slip, fog or fall. But many avoid wearing them because they are of the many myths associated with wearing them. Here is the truth:

■ **Myth: The lenses will get lost behind your eye.**

Truth: This will never happen as a thin membrane called conjunctiva covers your eyes, making it impossible for your contact lenses to get lost behind them.

■ **Myth: They can pop out of your eyes.**

Truth: Modern contacts fit closer to your eyes, preventing them from falling out even during physical activities.



■ **Myth: They require too much maintenance.**

Truth: One has to follow the easy instructions provided by the eye specialists to make sure they stay clean before one wears them.

■ **Myth: Contact lenses are uncomfortable to wear.**

Truth: One might have to adjust to them at first, but they will get more comfortable over the time.

■ **Myth: They can get stuck inside your eyes.**

Truth: The solution that comes with your contact lenses keeps them moist, preventing them from sticking onto your eyes. Following the simple instructions from the lens company can make your tasks smooth.

■ **Myth: Lenses can melt on your eyes.**

Truth: Only high temperatures can melt the contact lenses, so they will not easily melt while you are wearing them. If you feel like your lenses are sticking to your eyes, all you need to do is to add more moisture.

■ **Myth: One should put in contacts after putting your makeup on.**

Truth: It is always advised wearing contacts before you apply any makeup, oil, or primers. Your hands should also be clean before you use your contacts. When removing makeup, make sure you remove the lenses first.

The writer is Founder-CEO, Lensico

STUDYCENTRE

The cerebellum of our brain that was once believed only limited to movement control has now been associated with playing a key role in higher functions like attention, thinking, planning and decision-making, researchers have found.

The cerebellum is like the person at the end of an assembly line, the researchers said, adding "it's where all your thoughts and actions get refined and quality controlled."

The findings led by researchers at Washington University in St. Louis showed that the sensory networks — vision, hearing and touch — are missing from cerebellum's functions.

Only 20 per cent of it is devoted to movement, roughly the same amount as in the cerebral cortex — the crumpled outer layer of the brain, the remaining 80 per cent is occupied by networks involved in higher-order cognition.

These include the attention network; the default network, which has to do with daydreaming, recalling memories and just idly thinking; and two networks that oversee executive functions such as decision-making and planning.

For the study, published in the journal *Neuron*, the team had access to more than 10 hours of scans on each of 10 people and used the cortex's networks as a template to identify the networks in the cerebellum.

— IANS

At least six killed in Kabul suicide attack

Kabul: Six people were killed when a suicide bomber blew himself up in Kabul on Monday, close to where scores of Afghans had been protesting against Taliban attacks on the minority Hazara ethnic group. The attack is the latest in a wave of violence across war-torn Afghanistan as the Taliban intensify pressure on beleaguered Government security forces, which are suffering record high casualties. Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said 20 were wounded in the blast, which struck in front of a high school in the downtown area of the Afghan capital. Initial reports indicated most of the victims were members of the security forces, but Danish said civilians, including several women, had borne the

Trump largely alone as world leaders take aim at nationalism

AP ■ PARIS
For President Donald Trump in Paris, America First meant largely America alone. At a weekend commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the president who proudly declares himself a "nationalist" stood apart, even on a continent where his brand of populism is on the rise. He began his visit with a tweet slamming the French president's call for a European defense force, arrived at events alone and spent much of his trip out of sight in the American ambassadors' residence in central Paris. On Sunday, he listened as he was lectured on the dangers of nationalist isolation, and then he headed home just as the inaugural Paris Peace Summit was getting underway. Back at the White House on Monday, Trump tweeted that "much was accomplished" in his meetings, but voiced a familiar complaint about America's allies. He said the US pays billions "protecting other countries, and we get nothing but Trade Deficits and Losses." He added: "It is time that these very rich countries either pay the United States for its great military protection, or protect themselves." His France trip made clear that, nearly two years after taking office, Trump has dramatically upended decades of American foreign policy posture, shaking allies. That includes French President Emmanuel Macron, who on Sunday warned that the "ancient demons" that caused World War I and millions of deaths were once again making headway. Macron, who has been urging a re-embrace of multi-

Lankan parties move SC against Parl dissolution

Colombo: Sri Lanka's major political parties and an election commission member on Monday dragged President Maithripala Sirisena to the Supreme Court, challenging his controversial move of dissolving Parliament, almost 20 months before its term was to end. Sirisena dissolved Parliament on November 9 and announced snap polls to be held on January 5 next year after it became evident that he did not have enough support in the House to prove the premiership of 72-year-old Mahinda Rajapaksa, whom he has appointed PM after abruptly sacking Ranil Wickremesinghe on October 26. Rajapaksa needed the support of minimum 113 parliamentarians in the 225-member House to prove his majority. Wickremesinghe's United National Party (UNP), the main opposition Tamil National Alliance (TNA) and the leftist JVP or the People's Liberation Front (PLF) were among the 10 groups that filed the fundamental rights petitions in the apex court, seeking declaration of the president's action as illegal, officials said. The petitioners also include Election Commission member Prof Ratnayek Hooles. The Supreme Court adjourned till Tuesday morning the hearing of the petitions. The petitions were taken up for hearing before a three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice Nalin Perera, Justices Prasanna Jayawardane and Priyantha Jayawardane. **PTI**

Grim search for more fire victims; 31 dead across California

AP ■ PARADISE
As wildfires raged at both ends of California, officials released another grim statistic: six more dead in a swath of Northern California wiped out by fire, raising the death toll there to 29. It matched California's record for deaths in a single fire and brought the statewide total to 31. Another 228 remain unaccounted for as crews stepped up the search for bodies and missing people. Two people were killed in a wildfire in Southern California. Ten search teams were working in Paradise — a town of 27,000 that was largely incinerated last week — and in surrounding communities in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Authorities called in a DNA lab and teams of anthropologists to help identify victims. Statewide, 1,50,000 remained displaced as more than 8,000 fire crews battled wildfires that have scorched 400 square miles with out-of-state crews continuing to arrive. Whipping winds and tinder-dry conditions threaten more areas through the rest of the week, fire officials warned.

GLOBE TROTTING

DUTCH EMBASSY IN PAK DENIES ITS CLOSURE
Islamabad: The Dutch embassy in Pakistan on Monday rejected the reports of its closure over security concerns after the Netherlands gave shelter to the lawyer of Christian woman Aasia Bibi who was recently acquitted of blasphemy charges.

ROCKETS FIRED FROM GAZA TOWARD ISRAEL
Gaza City: A number of rockets were launched from the Gaza Strip toward Israel on Monday, while Israel's army said an Israeli bus was hit by fire from the Palestinian enclave.

175 DEAD BY NIGERIA CHOLERA OUTBREAK
Lagos: Suspected cholera cases have jumped in northeast Nigeria where Boko Haram violence has forced tens of thousands of people to seek refuge in crowded camps, the Norwegian Refugee Council said on Monday.

POLLUTION MAY UP HEART, LUNG DISEASE RISK
Washington: Exposure to certain air pollutants may increase emergency department (ED) visits for respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, a study has found.

B'DESH POLLS PUSHED BACK TO DEC 30
Dhaka: Bangladesh poll authority on Monday deferred the date for next month's general elections by a week to December 30, a day after the country's main Opposition alliance demanded delaying the polls by a month to allow them to prepare for the poll.

MINISTER: REPORTS OF ASIA LEAVING PAK 'FAKE'
Lahore: The Pakistan Government on Monday rejected the reports claiming Aasia Bibi has fled abroad, saying the images on the social media showing the recently-acquitted Christian woman being greeted overseas are "fake".

TULSI PLANS TO RUN FOR US PRESIDENCY IN 2020
Washington: Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu lawmaker from Hawaii in the US Congress, is considering to run for American presidency in 2020, according to sources close to her.

NEPAL NAMES EX-LAW MIN AS ENVOY TO INDIA
Kathmandu: The Nepal Government on Monday nominated former law minister and senior politician Nilambar Acharya as ambassador to India.

Saudi urges to cut oil production to 1 mn barrels/day

Cairo: Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Khaled al-Falih on Monday said the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies have agreed to reduce oil supply by 2019 to some 1 million barrels per day. Al-Falih, who made his remarks at the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), pointed out that the technical analysis reviewed on Sunday showed the reduction was required to rebalance the market, Efe news reported. The Saudi Energy Ministry said on Sunday that Al-Falih appreciated the cooperation of all

producers to ensure the "stability of the markets" and that there were "sufficient supplies".

For his part, Suhail bin Mohammed Faraj Faris Al Mazrouei, the UAE Energy Minister and President of the OPEC Conference in 2018 — said the member countries of OPEC, mainly the UAE and Saudi Arabia, were prepared to meet the needs of the world crude market in case of a fall in supply for political reasons. The OPEC previously pointed to rising oil prices, while the experts of the organization pointed to geopolitical tensions, in reference to sanctions imposed by the US on Iranian crude since November 5. **IANS**



In China's Himalayas, a wine 'flying above the clouds'

Adong: A \$300 bottle of wine sold in the US and Europe is made in the unlikelyst of places: at the foot of the Himalayas in China, where farmers sing traditional songs while picking grapes. A stone's throw away from Tibet, Ao Yun's vineyards are located beneath the sacred Meili mountain at altitudes ranging up from 2,200 metres in the southwestern province of Yunnan. Wine consumption is soaring in China, it is not known as major producer, but French luxury giant Moet Hennessy has bet on this remote location to show Asian country can produce first-class bottle of red. It took four years to find ideal spot in vast country and result was Ao Yun, Chinese for "flying above the clouds", which debuted in 2013. "The place is magical, it has this wild side," Maxence Dulou, Ao Yun's estate manager, said as he carefully inspected grapes at one of vineyards. Dulou said he had "dreamed" of discovering a great "terroir" — the unique French term for the ground and climatic conditions in which grapes are grown — in China since his university days. The company wanted to show that a great wine could be made in China, where even local consumers trust French wines more than homegrown products, he said. **AFP**

China displays J-20 jet's missiles for the first time at airshow: Report

Shanghai: China has shown the missiles in its advanced J-20 stealth fighter jet to the public for the first time at its largest airshow, the Global Times newspaper reported. The newspaper said two J-20 fighter jets opened their missile bay doors during a fly-past on Monday, revealing that each jet had four missiles in its fuselage and one on either side of the aircraft. Citing Chinese experts, the newspaper said the demonstration, which came on the 69th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) Air Force, displayed the J-20's superiority to the top US fighter jets, the F-22 and F-35, as well as the PLA's growing confidence. It also quoted military expert Song Zhongping as saying the four missiles in the J-20's fuselage were long-range air-to-air missiles, while the two on the sides were short-range combat missiles meant for aerial combat. **Agencies**

69% Pakistanis between ages 15 to 65 don't know what Internet is: Survey

Islamabad: Around 69 per cent Pakistanis between the ages of 15 and 65 do not know what the internet is, an information communication technology (ICT)-based survey has revealed. The survey was conducted by LinreAsia, a think-tank based in Sri Lanka that carries out ICT research, Dawn news reported on Monday. The report is based on a survey of 2,000 households in Pakistan. LimeAsia claims that the sampling methodology was designed to ensure representation of 98 per cent target population aged 15 to 65 at a national level. Conducted between October-December 2017, this demand side survey helps understand how users use or do not use ICT services. "The 152 million active cellular subscribers mentioned on Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) website, despite a good SIM registration system, tell nothing about the subscribers — whether they are men and women, rich or poor and does not really help understand access and usage gaps," LinreAsia CEO Helani Galpaya said in the report. The study points out that lack of internet awareness is a considerable problem across Asian countries, including Pakistan, where just 30 per cent of the population in the age group of 15-65 is aware of the internet (they were asked if they use the 'internet' without explaining what it is). **IANS**

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e-Tender Notice
Selection of System Integrator for Procurement, Implementation & Support of Human Resource Management System (HRMS) in Bihar

e-Tenders are invited by Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. for "Selection of System Integrator for Procurement, Implementation & Support of Human Resource Management System (HRMS) in Bihar" from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) or their duly authorised Business partner (for participation in this particular tender). For further details the tender document with all timeline is available on the website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in. Last date of submission of bid is 03.12.2018 till 17:00 Hrs.

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2.	ICICI Bank Ltd v/s Shabi Mohammad in CS. No 458/18	Yamaha FZ (FZS-F1)	DL3S DM1740	2016	40000/-	4000/-

Date and Time of Auction: 28.11.2018, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.
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Contact person: Mr. Ankit Dhapola, Mobile No: 9205390365.
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The particulars of the said assets specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. The interested participants/bidders are required to deposit EMD as mentioned above in favour of ICICI Bank Limited, Payable at Delhi.
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Tender Notice

Upendra Maharathi Shilp Anusandhan Sansthan, Dept Of Industries, Govt. of Bihar invites bid for supply of the tool kits for different handicrafts of Bihar under Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicrafts scheme, Development Commissioner- Handicraft, Ministry of Textiles. Experienced and reputed suppliers/ authorized dealers/ registered firms can participate in the bid process for supply of the tool kits related to Applique/Kashida, Bamboo, Jute, Madhubani painting, Manjusha painting, Sikki art and craft, stone craft, Sujani, terracotta, Tikuli and wood craft of Bihar.

Description of Work	Cost of Bid Document	Important Dates
Supply of tool kits for various handicrafts of Bihar under the direct assistant to artisans.	Rs. 5,000/- in the form of DD in favour of "Upendra Maharathi Shilp Anusandhan Sansthan" payable at Patna	Pre-bid meeting: 11.00 am, 19 th November, 2018 Bid Submission: 3.00 pm, 4 th December 2018 Bid Opening: 4.00 pm, 4 th December 2018

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Trend Blazer

Anushka hopes to save tigers

Actress **ANUSHKA SHARMA** has joined hands with Discovery channel to promote a global awareness movement to save tigers from extinction. She will soon be promoting *Project C.A.T. Conserving Acres for Tigers*, aimed at raising awareness on tiger habitats. Says she, "Tigers, the glorious wild cats, are in real danger of getting extinct and they need our help. As a large predator, tigers are an umbrella species and play a critical role in ensuring that the delicate ecological balance in the wild is maintained. The current situation is a sad reflection of us as human beings."

'Manikarnika is a very special project for us. We've got tremendous positive feedback for our teaser's VFX. With the kind of passion and dedication our team is working towards the deadlines is heart-warming. We are very excited for the film's release.'

—**Kangana Ranaut**



Actors **FARHAN AKHTAR** and **PRIYANKA CHOPRA**, who are in the capital to shoot for their next film *The Sky is Pink*, are battling the city's pollution levels with masks. Farhan uploaded a picture on Instagram in which both the actors are seen wearing anti-pollution masks. "Masking our emotions in the Delhi air. Priyanka Chopra, your pose is just," he captioned. Priyanka commented: "Arre Delhi... what has happened to you?" Priyanka shared a photograph of herself basking sun. "The sun and I.. Delhi here we go."

Miley, Butler lose house in wildfire

Hollywood celebrities **MILEY CYRUS** and **GERARD BUTLER** have completely lost their homes in the raging California wildfire, which has left filmmaker Guillermo del Toro's home partially damaged. Cyrus said, "Completely devastated by the fires affecting my community. I am one of the lucky ones. My animals and love of my life made it out safely and that's all that matters right now. My house no longer stands but the memories shared with family and friends stand strong. I am grateful for all I have left."



POP OUT OF THE JEWEL BOX

This wedding season, help a young couple set up a beautiful home instead. Here are a few ideas by TEAM VIVA

Wedding gifting in India has mostly been about ceremonial grandeur or scale. If it's not a piece of jewellery, then it has to be a fat ribbon-crust-ed gift cheque or an exotic vacation. Seldom do we realise that the couple intends to settle back into a normal life after the big day and could do much more with practical aids than having to think of a heirloom closet. A gift for a couple can be equally thoughtful, beautiful and no holds barred. Make sure that the gifts get out of the box and are used, touched and felt everyday.

If you do choose to gift jewellery, leave the traditional gold behind. Trust us it would only be transported to bank lockers and be taken out for other wedding soirees. Opt for a combination of coloured gems and diamonds that has a more cocktail feel. Gift a statement piece like a diamond earring with a square emerald stone or a floral design earring with a pearl and coloured stone that can be worn at any party.



Wall plates by Fabuliv

IF YOU'RE FOCUSING ON THE GROOM, CEREMONIAL BUTTONS, CUFFLINKS, BOWS, SHOES OR AN ATTIRE LIKE A BANDHGALA WILL BE A GREAT PERSONALISED GIFT



Pearl and diamond earrings by TBZ



Bow tie by House of Sunil Mehra



Sterling silver goblets by ArgentOr

mugs, if you want to gift something casual. An antique coffee bean churner or leather boxes can be great pieces for the den of the house. Imagine how thankful a coffee loving couple will be with a churner that can get them a freshly ground brew every morning. The boxes bring character with their textured feel.

If you want to focus on the groom, ceremonial buttons, cufflinks, bows, shoes or even an attire like a *bandhgala* will be a great personalised gift. Present him with an emerald green bow, in Italian cotton velvet, embellished with a crown figurative embroidery from a famed designer. The small piece can amp up the groom's outfit. Step away from the vases and miniatures if you want to gift home decor. The latest trend in wall decor comprises decorative plates and dimensional wall art like wall sculptures, 3D wall art and wall panels. Use of dimensional art gives the decor space a layered look that feels more complete. Wood carvings or even raw pieces of metal can solve the purpose of expressing your design vision. For a piece to decorate a table surface, opt for beautifully painted plates.



A wild wide world

Artist **ROB** divulges the secrets from his imaginarium. By **ASMITA SARKAR**

A dinosaur out of automobile parts or a spatula for painting with a playing card, materials can be used in multiple ways only if we let our imagination soar. Harun Robert or Rob, who used to host the famous do-it-yourself TV show M.A.D on POGO, is bringing a live art show *Imaginarium - It's a Wonderful World* that aims to teach children about the importance of going green and recycling everyday materials like bottles, packets and more for decorative or functional purposes.

A performer and art educator, he's worked with children for years and understands what makes them tick. "Children are interested in spending time outdoors and working with materials. So we wanted to create a space for them to watch and be part of it. This is a dream project of mine. I realised there are no live art shows where they can come and experience and be part of something as spectacular as we are planning," he said.

He also sees himself as a non-preachy green warrior. "You have to treat kids like adults and every time you tell them that you have to recycle and pollution is a problem, they won't listen to you because they are there to have fun. So, I only encourage them to recycle and use the materials lying around. If a child understands the value in recycling, they will get joy in creating something and will value materials and that they are contributing to a bigger change. My goal and mission is to focus on recycling materials," he added. But how does he make children listen to him? "There is no formula. Kids are the most challenging audience to please and also the most honest. They'll appreciate an idea if you do something great and if it's not well done, they don't care how long you spent on it, they will let you know. I keep in mind that I don't talk down to them. I try to teach in a fun way. I show them that I am a friend not an art teacher and am having fun creating things with trash, so you can have fun too. I don't direct them to do stuff," he said.

Robert is a trained artist who studied art, animation and filmmaking at National Institute of Design. But even before that, with his curious mind, he started picking up things

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to figure out what and how they are made. He spent hours wondering and converting discarded everyday materials to bring them to life. His most loved creation is a 20 feet dinosaur made with autorickshaw and scooter parts that was installed at NID, Ahmedabad. He is also proud of a mural with images of Mary Kom and Milkha Singh that he made on a flyover in Mumbai's Andheri to promote the motto he teaches children, to recycle and reuse. The most popular one though is a painting of Amitabh Bachchan that he made on his show for POGO.

Sometimes, before he starts teaching, he would start with a magic trick to get their attention. "When we are kids, our imagination is more vivid and wide. The growth process according to laid down norms only restricts us. Children absorb and observe. If you break it down, it's easier for them to follow through. Once, for the show, I broke down a really complicated method I learned in art school. And the children could easily follow it," he said.

Many of his creations need as much science as art, both different points on a spectrum of creativity. "Science and art go hand in hand. When we were learning the basics in art school, we would use science. You need art too to make science workshop models or drawings. If you are doing something in a fun way, you can do anything. We do a lot of projects around science, history and geography. I try and add visual elements to most of my stuff and work with basic material lying around the house, so it's not a challenge for the child," he said.

EXTRAORDINARY TAKE

Veteran actor **SANJAY KHAN** is ready to tell the world about his richly lived life



'TV is making much more money than films these days. It has a greater reach. I have some exceptional stories for that. There is one on the British Raj. It's called the Beginning of an Empire'

Veteran actor-filmmaker Sanjay Khan, popular for producing and acting in the television series *The Sword of Tipu Sultan*, says he is planning to make movies, but he also has some extraordinary stories that can be told on the small screen.

It was back in 1989 that a major fire accident took place on the set of *The Sword of Tipu Sultan*, based on the 18th century Mysore ruler. After surviving near fatal burns, years later Sanjay produced shows like *The Great Maratha* and *Jai Hanuman*.

"The last time I faced the camera was for...*Tipu Sultan*. I have been busy doing other things like building a five-star hotel in Bengaluru. We are planning several motion pictures now. Three or four pictures in the coming months," Sanjay said.

When asked him about the TV shows, he said, "TV is making much more money than films these days. TV has a greater reach. I have some extraordinary stories for that. There is one on the British Raj. It's called the *Beginning of an Empire*. I would like to make it a series of three or four seasons capturing the long duration of the British Raj in India."

He has historical stories on mind for the big screen as well. "There is one on a Brigadier, who died fighting for his country and I have another one on the 1965 war. I have always made stories that have a national appeal and are meaningful."

Sitting an example, he said, "When I made *Jai Hanuman*, I got great satisfaction. Hindu ladies said 'We are grateful to you sir for showing us the childhood of Hanuman.'"

There has been immense buzz ever since director SS Rajamouli has announced his next project. What makes the film more exciting is its massive star power with names like Young Tiger NTR and mega powerstar Ram Charan.

Creating euphoria amidst fans of Rajamouli, NTR and Ram Charan, the film was launched recently in the presence of industry bigwigs.

A special event was held on November 11 where Chiranjeevi, Prabhas, Rana and top directors from the industry were present. Having the working title as RRR, the multilingual film is being touted as National Cinema's most ambitious project. The film makers are leaving no stone unturned to present a cinematic experience surpassing the grandeur of SS Rajamouli's last

Bigger than Baahubali?

The writer-director **SS RAJAMOULI** creates euphoria amongst fans by announcing his multi-starring next

outing *Baahubali: The Conclusion*.

Speaking about the same, producer DVV Danayya said, "It is a matter of honour to be producing probably the most awaited film of Indian cinema. This whole project is like a dream or maybe I can call it a dream come true. Working on a film with the combination of stars like NTR, Ram Charan and Rajamouli is something that is really exciting for me. There are already great expectations on the film with both the Nandamuri HariKrishna fans and



all movie goers expecting something out of the ordinary. I promise, I will make sure no stone is left unturned from my side in that regard. We will make no compromise on anything the team requires. This film will surely remain as the pride of Indian cinema. The shooting of the film will commence on November 19. The first schedule will contain NTR and Ram Charan shooting for a high octane action episode. We will soon make an announcement about the rest of the cast." The dialogues of the untitled

project are written by Sai Madhav Burra and Madan Karky and editing will be done by National Award-winning film editor Sreekar Prasad.

Rajamouli's next will also reunite the dream team that worked on *Baahubali* series with celebrated names like Vijayendra Prasad, who has penned the story, costume designer Rama Rajamouli, VFX Supervisor V Srinivasa Mohan, music composer MM Keeravani, production designer Sabu Cyril and cinematographer KK Senthil Kumar.

Presented by D Parvathy, the film will be made under DVV Entertainment banner. Rajamouli has worked on the film's screenplay as well.

Baahubali: The Beginning and *Baahubali: The Conclusion* had broken records to collectively earn more than ₹1,000 crores.

The Manipuri *Raas Lila* at the IIC Festival became the ultimate closure for a festival that celebrated the beauty and dynamic indigenous tapestry of the Northeastern states. The pristine sound of the instruments and the voice of the soloist became the invocation and the intonation for an evening of exquisite grace and divinity.

Lord Krishna dwells in those who believe in his presence. He embodies the supreme reality — the Brahma Tatwa, which is dense concentrated bliss, which is of the nature of the pure consciousness, which is without parallel or comparison and is totally free of time and space limitations.

SACRED AND SUBLIME

The recital opened with the *Basanta Varnam*, which describes the beauty of the *van* in *Sringara Raas*. Fluid movements and delicate flourishes echoed the trance that you could be drawn into. Haunting lyrics and peeling notes added to the evocation that stepped into the night.

The *Natya Shastra* states that *Sringara* has two varieties: union and separation. As the evening wore on, you sensed the articulation of an arduous theme that was deftly translated into dance. You also realised that an indigenous dance is able to educate both the connoisseurs and the uninitiated, making it a matter of edutainment. One wishes there was a commentary of the narrative to make the understanding of esoteric easier. The romantic verses of the narrative moved from physical yearning to spiritual elevation (masculine and feminine energies inherent in nature), the crux of the *bhakti* philosophy of those times and therein lay the power and the passion.

SWAN-LIKE GRACE

From the word go, the *Basanta Varnam* unravelled the epoch of the *sthai bhava* in which its soul depicts a bright attire; for whatever in this world is white, pure and beautiful is appreciated in terms of *sthai bhava*.

The second performance was the *Samode Damodar (Hari Riha)*, based on the first canto of Jaydev's *Geeta Govindam*. This gave way to the incantation of the Manipuri folk song — *Thoibi na Loi Karakpa* — a rendition that was a repos-

KRISHNA'S LILA

The dancers performed with a swan-like grace and their floating movements evoked a celestial imagery. By UMA NAIR



itory of both resonance and heartfelt lyricism. The evening belonged to the finale, the heady *Basanta Raas* that celebrated the yearning as well as the union of Lord Krishna with Radha.

You could watch the swan-like grace of the dancers, watch their floating movements as if on a cloud and imagine the setting — the glances where the eyelids are

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not fully opened, the look of sweet surrender and serenity, perhaps tears of joy, in the alchemy of the moment which in the sacred texts is called *snigdha* (loving). It grows out of divine love.

MUSIC OF THE GODS

Lessons from the Puranas came through the exquisite evening. Watching

them sail through the sacred notes, you imagine that every human being is at once milkmaid and Krishna. We yearn for the music of the Gods and are also capable of creating the music. Lord Krishna is like a universal goalpost embodying infinity that inspires. Can we in this millennial world full of materialism attempt to walk in that direction?

Scholars state that in the *Raas Lila*, Lord Krishna makes music not for his pleasure but for the uplift of the milkmaids. The flute is both the melody and the instrument of divinity and delight in the coalescing of deep love. If the melody invites, it also encourages us to partake of the divine play in full spirit but with purity in our souls.

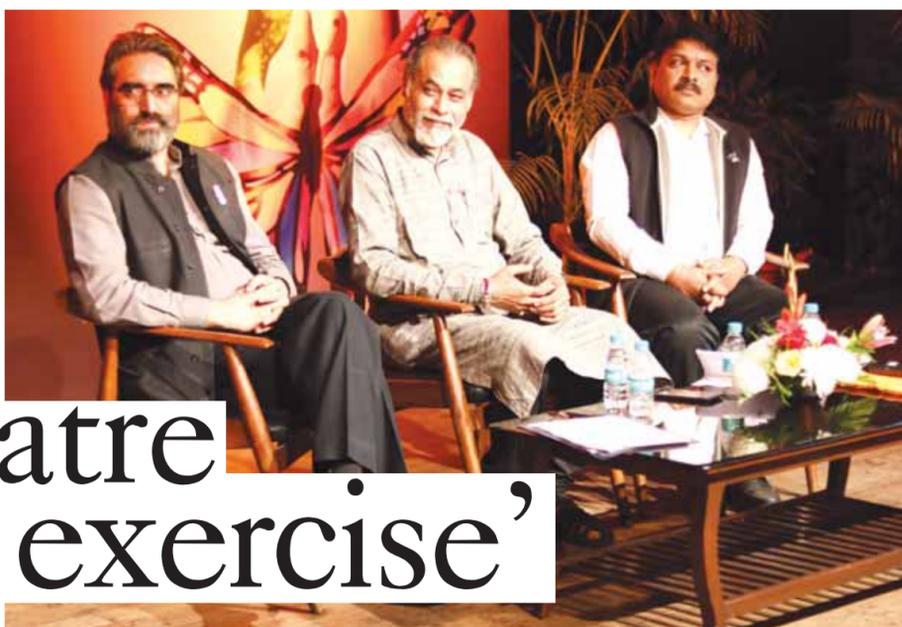
KING BHAGYA CHANDRA

The evening bore testimony to King Bhagya Chandra who composed three of these dances and created history. Rajarshi Bhagya Chandra, also known as Jai Singh Maharaj and Ningthou Ching-Thang Khomba, the 18th century monarch of the Meitei people who adopted Gaudiya Vaishnavism, recorded and systematised Manipuri dance, elaborating the basics of dance in the text *Govinda Sangeet Lila Vilasa*. He is credited with composing three forms of the *Raas Lila* — *Kunja Raas*, *Basanta Raas* and *Maha Raas*, which were staged during his reign at Imphal's Sri Sri Govindaji temple.

SILENT BEAUTY

The leitmotif of the evening lay in the distinctive *abhinay*, the expression that is exhibited through the movements of the body and the feet and the face is cloaked and clothed in serenity with a diaphanous veil. All feelings emanate from the movement of the limbs, at once smooth as satin and flowing like a river. *Shringar* or love then consists of *viyog* (separation) and *sambogh* (union). Graceful restraint and unparalleled fluidity strung an evening worth remembering. The nodes of India's heritage lie in its indigenous arts and it needs to be supported, nurtured and cherished for the ages. For the North Eastern Council and the IIC, this was an epic statement. (The writer is an art critic.)

As NSD launches its 14th edition of *Jashn-e-bachpan: International Children's Theatre Festival*, chief ABDUL LATIF KHATANA and director SURESH SHARMA talk about inclusivity. By TEAM VIVA



'Theatre is an exercise'

Learning isn't just confined to schools and classrooms anymore. And at a time of digital detoxification, engagement with culture and arts is a sureshot way of nurturing the creative potential of the next generation. *Jashn-e-Bachpan*, a nine-day theatre festival for children, brings in plays from various regions and languages under one roof, featuring some of the most eminent and emerging theatre directors and groups working with and for the children.

As the festival features more than 500 participants this time, director of National School of Drama, Suresh Sharma, felt, "It is one of the greatest achievements and accomplishments this year as the entries escalated to more than 200 groups. With a total of 221 entries, 24 groups have been selected."

The entries have come from various states like Maharashtra, Assam, Rajasthan, Gujarat, New Delhi, West Bengal, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura. The plays will be performed in a range of languages like Assamese, Marathi, Bengali, and Malayalam besides English and Hindi. Sharma lauded Ram Gopal Bajaj, who is responsible for all such festivals including this one, Bal Sangam and Bharat Rang Mahotsav.

As the festival is a part of Rang Sanskar Toli, an initiative by the Theatre-In-Education (TIE) Company, its chief Abdul Latif Khatana said that initially, it only aimed to attract more and more children to theatre. But "it has become an institution" that aims to teach children outside the conventional school classrooms. The *tolis*, through theatre, highlights various social issues that are crucial for children to know at a tender age, believes Khatana. He added, "Theatre is an exercise — physical, mental, emotional and social — that makes people capable of handling emotions as well as look at the world through a completely different perspective as it exposes them to a society that teaches through experiences."

He reveals that many children from NGOs from around the country have also been considered to participate as they are "the unrecognised sections of the society who aren't much privileged of many such opportunities."

However, the question arises, what kind of an audience does it cater to? "It is a festival that not only acts or shows but also educates both the viewer and the actor. It is a dramatic representation of childhood, which if talking about a certain issue in the society or a background, addresses all

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kinds of families and their backgrounds — upper, middle and backward class. Because that is how they will relate to and understand whatever they are displaying."

The plays, hence, are divided into four categories — performance by children, by adults and children, by adults for children, and puppet performances.

While various Indian states will be a part of the festival, participants from three countries — Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Switzerland — will also be performing.

Sharma shared his vision, "The idea behind the initiative is to celebrate childhood and hence children from even the underprivileged section of the society from Delhi-NCR have been invited to attend. It also aims to bring theatre into prominence as it has lost its sheen in the modern era due to technology and digital media. None of the schools has theatre as a mandatory subject, hence they are not much aware of theatre these days. They watch films on cinema and mobile phones, but hardly take interest in drama."

(The festival begins from November 17 to 25 at the Sammukh, Abhimanch, Abhikalp, and the Little Theatre Group (LTG) Auditoria at National School of Drama.)

Epitome of emotions

Artist DIMPY MENON showcases bronze sculptures in an acrobatic motion. Flight of fancy perhaps? By AVUSHI SHARMA

From emotions like joy to sorrow, aspiration to celebration, artist Dimpay Menon has tried to convey all aspects of humankind in her works. With her elongated, elegant human forms that are sculpted in an acrobatic motion, she said that she conceived them as lyrical. "I have given the title as *Breaking Bounds* because it is basically about breaking boundaries and pushing limits. The forms in my works are very acrobatic and there's a lot of movement in them. Although there has been a certain evolution over the years, the human form has remained central in all of my works," said the sculptor.

She added, "I have used the 5,000-year-old lost wax process which has prevailed from the time of Mohenjodaro and Harappan civilisation. With progress and change, there has been a slight change in the treatment of the material. But otherwise the method is exactly same. It's a long and gruelling process. One has to work at high temperatures. The metal will melt at about 900 degree centigrade. It's a very arduous kind of job. It took me six months to create these sculptures."

Lost-wax process is a method of metal casting in which a molten metal is poured into a mould that has been created by means of a wax model. After the removal of the mould, the resultant wax shell is filled with a heat-resistant mixture. Wax tubes, which provide ducts for pouring bronze during casting is fitted to the outside of the wax shell, which is then modelled by the artist. Next, the prepared wax shell is completely covered in layers of heat-resis-



Still on the wall



God's voice

outer plaster and core are removed and the bronze is given the final touches.

Irony is evident in her works as she has used a tough medium of bronze to create the sculptures that appear weightless and in flight. It kind of defies the gravity of law. The artist said, "It is difficult using something that is so heavy to symbolise and capture the essence of lightness. It's not an easy acceptance of the way I have used the material."

Dimpay seeks inspiration from life. She believes that the resilience of the human form, both in terms of spirit and body, is inspiring. She said, "If we set our minds on something it can easily be achieved. We are the epitome of creation. And as I'm a figurative artist, I really like how the audience can effortlessly and immediately relate to a human form. That is the reason my sculptures are loaded with expressions and with great values of humans. With each work there is a different emotion and different content. I have used it, as one uses language to express oneself. It's the form that I have very lovingly nurtured and broken my back over. I have also used a lot of other elements too but the crust of my work has always been the human form. It majorly revolves around the human form, the rest is all embellishments."

The curator and founder of Art Pilgrim, Gayatri Singh, said, "Dimpay has created the work that truly integrates with the space it is built for and hence it is for both homes and public spaces. Her sculptures depict emotions through action and body language. It is absolutely amazing how she manages to make a 100 kg bronze figure appear so light."

tant plaster, and the whole is inverted and placed in an oven. During heating, the plaster dries and the wax runs out through the ducts created by the wax tubes. The plaster mould is then packed in sand, and molten bronze is poured through the ducts, filling the space left by the wax. When it cools down, the

WATCH OUT



November 19 TIME: 7 pm WHERE: Kamani Auditorium, Copernicus Marg.

Natya Vriksha presents Geeta Chandran's *Swarna*, a solo classical dance performance to pay tribute to her Guru, late Swarna Saraswathy, showcasing salient elements of the Devadasi style of Thanjavoor Bharatanatyam that her teacher practised. **WHEN:**

Vadehra Art Gallery presents *The Changing Mood of the Lotus Pond* and *Insignificant Incarnations*, a distinctive exhibition of paintings and drawings by A Ramachandran. It showcases the artist's visual language, exploring sensuous beauty of lotuses and nature. **WHEN:** November 13 to December 22 **TIME:** 11 am to 8 pm **WHERE:** Vadehra Art gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam.

Directed by Song Seung-hwan, the non-verbal comic musical play, *Cookin Nanta* comically portrays episodes in a kitchen while using Korean traditional rhythm with contemporary music. **TIME:** 2 pm and 7 pm **WHEN:** November 13 **WHERE:** Siri Fort Auditorium.



Slippery Memories: Unhinged Histories, a series of digital art works by Masuram Ravikanth brings together elements of the modern world blended with local and personal history and memories. He cleverly positions himself into the archival photographs with his dotted geometric designs. **WHEN:** Till November 21 **WHEN:** 11 am to 8 pm **WHERE:** Digital Art Gallery.



Felicity Theatre presents magnum opus play, *Mahabharata*, written and directed by Puneet Issar. It is presented through the view point of Duryodhana and Karan and highlights the causes that led to the destructive war. **WHEN:** November 17 **TIME:** 4 pm and 7 pm **WHERE:** Siri Fort Auditorium.



Juve keep flying high

Mandzukic and Ronaldo score either side of half-time while Higuain was sent off in Milan's loss

AFP ■ MILAN

Cristiano Ronaldo scored as Juventus bounced back from their midweek Champions League defeat by Manchester United with a 2-0 win over 10-man AC Milan in Serie A, as Gonzalo Higuain missed a penalty before being sent off for the hosts.

Mario Mandzukic headed in the opener in the eighth minute at the San Siro on Sunday with Ronaldo adding a second on 81 minutes as Juventus maintained their six-point cushion ahead of the international break.

It got the defending seven-time Serie A champions back on track after suffering their first defeat of the season by United following two late goals despite Ronaldo's stunning volley.

"Winning tonight was the only way to put aside what happened in the final five minutes of the Champions League game," said Juve coach Massimiliano Allegri.

"It was important to win without conceding a goal and to regain the six-point advantage over Napoli who are having an excellent championship."

A third loss of the campaign, however, saw AC Milan drop out of the Champions League places behind Lazio who moved back into fourth despite a 1-1 draw at Sassuolo.

Juventus have 34 points from 12 games -- six ahead of Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli with Inter a further three behind.

"I'm very happy, especially for the team, because playing away to Milan is always very difficult," said Ronaldo.

"It was important to win, because Napoli beat Genoa last night and we had to keep our distance."

Allegri's side rarely looked threatened by AC Milan with Mandzukic rising highest to nod in

an Alex Sandro cross to dampen spirits among the 75,000-capacity crowd at the San Siro.

The Croatian World Cup runner-up could have made it two shortly after, meeting a cross this time from Ronaldo but Milan skipper Alessio Romagnoli blocked.

Higuain returned from a back problem to face his parent club but it was to be a nightmare outing for the forward who had been loaned out to Milan last summer to make space for Ronaldo.

The Argentine missed a penalty awarded after Medhi Benatia handled in the area five minutes before the break with Juventus goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny tipping the ball onto the post.

Ronaldo tested Gianluigi Donnarumma in the AC Milan goal early in the second half before finally blasting in nine minutes from time for his first goal at the San Siro.

Minutes later Higuain saw red after shouting at the referee in frustration after a foul on Benatia, and was led off the pitch in tears.

"I told him not to exaggerate, to calm down and not to risk a major penalty," said Ronaldo of what he told Higuain on the pitch.

"He was nervous, he was losing, but we must not blame him, he didn't say anything."

"I know that we are an example for all children, for those who play football, for the people watching, but we are not robots, and we carry things within us," Higuain said after.

"We are human, we feel emotions, the game was not going the right way and it was one of those days."

"I think sometimes the referees should understand the situation," added Higuain, who won two Serie A titles with Juventus after joining from Napoli in 2016.



Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball during a Serie A match against AC Milan AP

AFP ■ MADRID

Real Madrid director Emilio Butragueno has said the club are delighted with Santiago Solari's spell in charge after the team posted their fourth consecutive win by beating Celta Vigo on Sunday.

Madrid claimed a 4-2 victory at Balaidos and the expectation is Solari will now be given the job full-time, following a transformation in results.

Four victories during his tenure have brought 15 goals scored and just two conceded while Real have cut the gap behind Barcelona to four points in La Liga.

The win over Celta was the club's last fixture before Solari's two weeks as an interim coach ends during the international break.

"He has done excellently," Butragueno said on Sunday. "He arrived in a very particular moment and has achieved very good results, above all today against Celta in a very difficult game. We are very happy with how things have gone."

Butragueno would not confirm whether Solari's position would be made permanent but it is likely the Argentinian will remain in the post, at least until the end of the season.

"We will see," Solari said. "I usually don't plan too far ahead but in principle, it's my day off tomorrow."

"The important thing is to do everything for the good of the team and Real Madrid. Nothing else is important for me."

Madrid defender Alvaro Odriozola said the players are behind Solari.

"These things are decided by those at the top, we just have to work to get out of the crisis," Odriozola said.

Solari leads Los Blancos to 4th win



Sergio Ramos after scoring the third goal against RC Celta Vigo AP

SOLARI TO COACH REAL MADRID

Madrid: Real Madrid have submitted documentation to make Santiago Solari their first team coach on a permanent basis.

The former midfielder took over the club at the end of October, replacing Julen Lopetegui.

Madrid have since won four games in a row under Solari and have now given him a permanent contract, which has been sent to the Spanish FA (RFEF).

Marca has confirmed the news after contacting the RFEF on Monday. Agencies

"We'll go to the death with him, he's a great coach and of course we want him to continue."

Madrid dominated a chaotic match against Celta that featured three goals and a red card in the final 10 minutes.

Karim Benzema scored a brilliant opener before instigating a second, his shot cannoning in off Gustavo Cabral.

Hugo Mallo pulled one back for the hosts in the second half but Sergio Ramos chipped in a late penalty to put the result beyond doubt and Cabral was sent off for receiving a second yellow card. Dani Ceballos' stunning effort made it four, with Brais Mendez adding a late Celta consolation.

"The team showed a lot of personality to come through all the circumstances of the game," Solari said.

Madrid suffered a spate of injuries as Casemiro, Sergio Reguilon and Nacho were all forced off. Gareth Bale took a knock to his left ankle in the first half but was able to continue.

"Gareth made a massive effort, his ankle was very swollen," Solari said. "Celta played very aggressively, on the edge of the rules."

SINGLES

CHHETRI OUT OF JORDAN FRIENDLY

NEW DELHI: India's star striker Sunil Chhetri will miss the upcoming international friendly against Jordan due to an ankle injury that has ruled him out for at least two weeks. Chhetri suffered the injury during Bengaluru's Hero ISL match against Kerala Blasters on November 5. The BFC Medical Team have shared the MRI reports and medical assessments and we have scrutinised them thoroughly. Sunil needs rest of around two weeks and proper rehabilitation after which he can get back to training," said Indian team's physiotherapist Gigy George. The match against Jordan is slated to be played at the King Abdullah II Stadium in Amman on November 17. The Indian will depart for the game on November 15.

EVES FACE MYANMAR IN OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS

YANGON: India will have their task cut out when they face hosts Myanmar in their third and final match of the 2020 AFC Women's Olympic Qualifiers here on Tuesday. Coach Maymol Rocky's charges will have momentum on their side as they go into the match on the back of a stunning 7-1 win against Bangladesh. After playing out a 1-1 draw in their opener against Nepal, the Indian women responded with a resounding victory in their second game, with Bala Devi getting on the scoresheet four times and Kamala Devi scoring twice. India have four points from two matches, the same as Myanmar who won their first match by a 5-0 margin against Bangladesh and followed it up with a surprising 1-1 draw against Nepal on Sunday.

HARIKA BOWS OUT OF WORLD C'SHIP

KHANTY MANSIYSK: Indian challenge ended at the World Women Chess Championship with grandmaster D Harika bowing out following a defeat against former champion Alexandra Kosteniuk of Russia in the second set of tie-break games here. Harika had carried the Indian hopes nicely till the tie-breaker of the third round. However, she got a jolt in the first game of the rapid tie-break where both players had 25 minutes on their clock. The Indian looked down and out but a major comeback was on the cards as she won the return game with white pieces to level scores. But in the 10-minute games, Harika again lost the first game with black on Sunday.

LAHIRI LOGS TOP-10 AT MEXICO

PLAYA DEL CARMEN: Anirban Lahiri secured his first Top-10 finish since the first week of August after carding a three-under 68 on the final day of the Mayakoba Golf Classic here on Monday. Lahiri, who once again was off to a brilliant start on the front nine with four birdies against no bogeys - he had five on the front stretch on the third day, aggregated 16-under 268 to finish T-10th. Lahiri's last Top-10 finish was at the WGC-Bridgestone where he signed off at Tied-6th place. In the six starts in between those two Top-10s, Lahiri had four missed cuts and a best finish of T-63 at CIMB Classic. "It was some relief, though it could have been much better," said Lahiri, who is now due to play for India at the World Cup in Melbourne alongside his teammate Gaganjeet Bhullar.

EAST BENGAL HOST CHENNAI IN I LEAGUE

KOLKATA: On a high after two successive away wins, East Bengal will look to begin their home campaign on a rousing note when they face Chennai City in a top-of-the-table I-League clash here on Tuesday. Eyeing an elusive I-League title, East Bengal began their campaign with wins against Neroca FC and Shillong Lajong in the hills and, before playing their first home game of the season at the Salt Lake Stadium. Chennai City, who have played one match extra, have two wins against Indian Arrows and Gokulam Kerala and were held by Churchill Brothers. The last meeting between the two teams at this ground, nine months ago, resulted in a disaster for Chennai City with East Bengal pumping in seven goals. Agencies

Cavani's hat-trick adds to Henry woes

AFP ■ MONACO

Thierry Henry's disastrous start as coach of Monaco continued on Sunday as Edinson Cavani's VAR-assisted hat-trick helped Paris Saint-Germain to an easy 4-0 win in the principality that saw them extend their perfect record in Ligue 1 this season.

Neymar netted a penalty to complete PSG's victory, as they made it 13 wins from 13 league games under Thomas Tuchel, further stretching their start to the season that is a record in France and in Europe's so-called big five leagues.

They go 13 points clear of second-placed Lille at the Ligue 1 summit, the club who have been their main challengers in recent seasons continued their deeply worrying slump, with Henry again left to look on helplessly from the touchline.

Champions in 2017, Monaco are in the relegation zone and five points away from outright safety having failed to win in six matches in all competitions since the Arsenal and France great took charge.

They have now gone 16 games with-



Kylian Mbappe, center, battles for the ball with Benjamin Henrichs during Ligue 1 at Stade Louis II AP

out a win altogether, with this result following a 4-0 home reverse against Club Brugge which knocked them out of the Champions League.

Monaco are on their worst run in

France's top flight in 32 years.

"We are playing for survival, nothing else," said Henry, who has picked up a squad cursed by injuries.

Here he was missing a dozen players

NEYMAR NETTED A PENALTY TO COMPLETE PSG'S VICTORY, AS THEY MADE IT 13 WINS FROM 13 LEAGUE GAMES UNDER THOMAS TUCHEL

due either to injury or suspension at kick-off, while both Belgian international Nacer Chadli and his replacement Jordi Mboula had to come off hurt.

"We lost two more players tonight, so it is starting to become a lot," he said, adding: "I am staying positive because even with all that we managed to create chances against PSG."

PSG went ahead in the fourth minute when Neymar drove the ball across goal

for Cavani to convert.

The goal was initially disallowed before being given by the Video Assistant Referee, and the same thing happened in the 11th minute when Cavani turned the ball in again after the flag was wrongly raised for an offside against Moussa Diaby.

In contrast to those two goals, a fine Julian Draxler finish in first-half stoppage time was initially given before being disallowed on review.

However, Diaby squared for Cavani to complete his hat-trick in the 54th minute, and Neymar then rolled in a penalty after Kylian Mbappe had been fouled by France teammate Djibril Sidibe.

"I am very satisfied with the result, and with the fact we showed the hunger to win a 13th straight game. That is extraordinary," said Tuchel.

"Monaco and Henry are in a very difficult situation with lots of players out injured. This wasn't the night for Monaco to challenge us. They can do that if they have all their players back but not today."

Sindhu sets eyes on Hong Kong title



PV Sindhu prepares to return a shot BWF

PTI ■ KOWLOON

PV Sindhu will look to continue her consistent run when she spearheads the Indian challenge at the Hong Kong World Tour Super 500 tournament beginning here on Tuesday.

Sindhu finished second best in the last edition after her gallant fight ended in agony against world No 1 Tai Tzu Ying and the Indian will have to once again bring her best to the fore to salvage any hopes of making the podium again in a tough field.

Sindhu begins her campaign against Thailand's Nitchanon Jindapol and is likely to face China's He Bingjiao in the quarterfinals, an opponent who has defeated her thrice this year.

Saina Nehwal, who claimed a second Commonwealth Games Gold and a Bronze at the Asian Games this season, will have a tough task at hand when she faces the formidable Akane Yamaguchi, the second seeded Japanese.

In the men's singles, Kidambi Srikanth will face Hong Kong's Wong Wing Ki Vincent in the opener and might face compatriot HS Prannoy in the second round if he crosses the opening hurdle.

Prannoy opens his campaign against Denmark's Anders Antonsen, an opponent he had defeated at the Japan Open last year in their only meeting.

Also in action will be Sameer Verma, who won the Swiss Open and Hyderabad Open this season. The 24-year-old will take on Thailand's Suppanyu Avihingsanon in the first round.

B Sai Praneeth, who won the Singapore Open last year, will also face a Thai player in Khosit Phetpradab in the opening round.

The men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, who reached the semifinals at the French Open, will have to fight it out against former world No 1 and London Olympic Silver medalist combination of Mathias Boe and Carsten Mogensen of Denmark.

Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy will take on Thailand pair of Bodin Isara and Manepong Jongjit in the opener.

In women's doubles, Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will square off against the second seeded Japanese pair of Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi in the opening round.

Ashwini will also pair up with Satwik to take on Wang Chi-Lin and Lee Chia Hsin in mixed doubles.

Federer crashes to Nishikori in opener

AFP ■ LONDON

Roger Federer suffered a shock straight-sets defeat to Kei Nishikori at the ATP Finals, severely denting his bid for the 100th title of his illustrious career.

The Swiss, who has won the season-ending event a record six times, produced an uncharacteristically error-prone and fractious display in the round-robin match on Sunday as the Japanese seventh seed prevailed 7-6 (7/4) 6-3.

The result means Federer is now in danger of failing to qualify for the semi-finals for just the second time in 16 appearances at the event.

"I felt we both struggled, you know, throughout the first set," he said.

"You could tell it was sort of a first round. I had my chances maybe a bit more than he did."



Kei Nishikori reacts after winning AP

"Then I started to feel better in the second set. I think we both did. The level went up. Unfortunately I couldn't keep the lead that I got early. That was important, I think, at the end. That was the key of the match."

Federer, 37, has beaten Nishikori in Shanghai and Paris

in recent weeks but despite having the backing of a full house at the O2 Arena, he never really settled into a groove.

The normally cool Swiss was warned by the umpire for ball abuse in the 12th game after Nishikori produced a staggering backhand winner down the line.

The Swiss great made 20 unforced errors in the first set and Nishikori capitalised, forcing a tie-break in which he raced to a 6/1 lead before sealing it 7/4.

Federer, showing real urgency, broke Nishikori immediately at the start of the second set but it proved a false dawn as he lost his own serve immediately Nishikori broke again in the sixth game and kept his nerve, serving out for victory.

"I lost to him twice in the last two months so I played more aggressively and things started working, especially in the second set. There were some lucky points but I played well today," said Nishikori.

Overall the statistics made grim reading for Federer, who made a total of 34 unforced errors against 19 winners.

Federer denied that cutting back on his schedule increased the pressure on him to do well at the tournaments he did play. "I don't think, per se, I'm playing worse because of it," he said. "I think I've had that pressure, not going out early, most of my career."

The ATP Finals is contested by the eight players who have accumulated the most ranking points over the season separated into two groups, with the best four players reaching the knock-out semi-finals stage.

Hamilton wins in Brazil, Mercedes take constructors



AFP ■ SAO PAULO

New five-time world champion Lewis Hamilton steered his Mercedes to a nail-biting victory in Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix, a triumph that clinched the constructors championship for a fifth consecutive season for the team.

The 33-year-old Briton took advantage of a collision that cost Max Verstappen the lead in the closing stages to regain the initiative and then hang on with worn

tyres as the Red Bull came home second.

Kimi Raikkonen finished third on his 150th start for Ferrari ahead of Daniel Ricciardo in the second Red Bull, Valtteri Bottas in the second Mercedes and Sebastian Vettel who came home sixth for Ferrari.

The result ended Ferrari's hopes of stopping Mercedes' title triumph, brought Hamilton his tenth win of the year and 72nd of his career.

It was also the first time he had

won a late-season race after winning the drivers' title.

Charles Leclerc finished seventh for Sauber ahead of the two Haas cars driven by Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen with Sergio Perez 10th for Force India.

Hamilton said: "It was an honour to drive for them (Mercedes) today. I saw it happen. I wasn't surprised by it. I saw them racing and they weren't racing for the same position."

Australia different ball game: Rohit

Limited overs deputy believes even without Smith & Warner winning first Test series in Australia will be a tough challenge

AFP ■ CHENNAI

Batsman Rohit Sharma said India were brimming with confidence after their crushing home victories over the West Indies -- but warned that winning their first Test series in Australia was a challenge of a different order.

India completed a 3-0 Twenty20 series sweep over the West Indies on Sunday, to add to their 2-0 Test whitewash and 3-1 victory in the ODIs, extending their dominating home form.

But Sharma said an away series against old rivals Australia, even without their batsmen Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft, who are banned for ball-tampering, would be a much sterner test.

"Australia is always challenging when it comes to going out there and performing. Every time you go there, you are tested as a player, as an individual and as a team as well," the veteran opener said after Sunday's win.

"I think we have got to be at our best and when you win a series like this (West Indies) and when you play like that in the tournament you are high on confidence. It's all about taking that confidence to Australia and doing what we did as a team."

India barely have time to catch their breath before heading on Friday to Australia, where the first of three T20 matches is in Brisbane on November 21. They will also play four Tests and three ODIs.

The world's number one Test side are only too aware that away from



Rohit Sharma plays a shot during his record fourth hundred run innings in second T20

PREPARING FOR AUS TOUR BY WATCHING VIDEOS: SHAMI

KOLKATA: India pacer Mohammed Shami on Monday said he is preparing for the Australia series by watching videos of their opponents in order to get the line and length right. The Indian pace attack impressed in England but it's the batsmen who let them down to lose the series 1-4. "As a fast bowling unit, we did well in England. We are preparing for the Australia series and watching a lot of videos. The plan is to focus on the series as much as possible as the opponents are very strong. We will work on getting the line and length right," Shami told reporters here. Shami, who was part of the Test and ODI squads in their just concluded series against West Indies, was back home and visited the Eden Gardens on the sidelines

of Bengal's Ranji Trophy match against Madhya Pradesh. "We will always try to do our best. Winning or losing also depends on luck. We will give our 100 per cent," Shami said. According to reports, suspended duo of Steve Smith and David Warner may be reconsidered. "If those two don't play, they will obviously be weakened. But in the end, you have to stick to your plan and work on your strengths," Shami added. Asked if he's looking ahead to the World Cup next year, Bengal pacer Shami said: "It depends on who is fit and who is not during that time. My performance will be evaluated and I will expect to get a chance if I do well."

home, their form is fragile. They went down 2-1 in South Africa and then 4-1 in England this year.

Sharma said India must "start fresh" and forget about their recent wins if they are to take their home consistency to Australia.

"Australia will be a different ball game I completely understand. But I think the things that we have been doing as a team and as a player, we keep repeating it," he said.

"The best teams in the world keep repeating those performances. It will be important for us that we start fresh. Not think about what we have done in the past."

Sharma, the only batsman to hit four T20 centuries, is part of India's squad for the Tests which start in Adelaide on December 6 after being overlooked for the five-day games in England.

"I am someone who doesn't think too far ahead. So I am focusing on the T20 series first," said Sharma.

"Of course the Test match is something that I was looking forward for a long time and it will be nice to go out there and represent India in Tests, but we want to win the T20s first." He added: "The last time (2015-16) we played a T20 format in Australia we won 3-0."

Finch warns faltering batsmen of shake-up

AFP ■ HOBART

Australia's one-day batsmen are under mounting pressure to keep their places after a lacklustre series defeat to South Africa, captain Aaron Finch warned on Monday, with a potential shake-up looming.

Finch admitted "we're all under pressure when we lose, no doubt about that" and hinted at changes ahead of their next series against India, ranked two in the world, in January.

"Between the batting line-up not having got it right for a little while now there's going to be questions asked whether it's Maxi, Lynny, Heady, or myself or Stoin," he said, referring to Glenn Maxwell, Chris Lynn, Travis Head and Marcus Stoinis.

"It's important that we really nut out the balance of the side and get that right over the next two months."

"We have to either adapt our game plan a little bit around the way the side structures up best or we slightly change our personnel to fit a style that we think can win."

Big-hitting Lynn was elevated to open the batting in Hobart in



Aaron Finch, right, returns to pavilion

a bid to get quick runs on the board, but it failed spectacularly when he was out first ball.

Despite this, Finch said the powerful right-hander, a prolific scorer in twenty20s, is likely to open again as Australia look for more aggression early in the innings.

"Yeah, it could be a long-term plan," he said.

"It was an attacking option to put Chris at the top, to change him and Travis (Head), to put a couple of guys up there who can get us off to a flyer. It was an attacking move."

"If I had my time again I'd still do it."

AFP ■ DHAKA

Rahim's record innings puts B'desh on top

Mushfiqur Rahim became the first wicketkeeper-batsman in history to score two double hundreds in Tests as Bangladesh built a strong total in the second Test against Zimbabwe in Dhaka on Monday.

Mushfiqur hit an unbeaten 219 to help Bangladesh declare their first innings at 522-7 an

hour into the final session, before the hosts reduced Zimbabwe to 25 for one at stumps on the second day.

Taijul Islam removed Hamilton Masakadza for 14 after an edge flew to Mehidy Hasan at first slip for Bangladesh's first break-

through. Brian Chari, 10 not out, and nightwatchman Donald Tiripano (naught) prevented further damage.

Zimbabwe, ahead in the two-match tournament 1-0, needs at least a draw to win their first Test series in seven

years. But it was Mushfiqur who shone, pulling leg-spinner Brendon Mavuta for a single at square leg after the tea break to become the first wicketkeeper-batsman ever to score two double tonnes in Test cricket. "I wasn't in bad form in

Tests, but yes I wasn't getting a big innings. I believed that it was around the corner," Mushfiqur said at the close of second day's play.

"I knew that converting a fifty would ensure a big score. I had a lot of self-belief. I had my preparations in place."

Mushfiqur, who played 421 balls and hit 18 fours and a six, also surpassed Shakib al Hasan to become the highest individual scorer in an innings for Bangladesh in Test cricket.

Skipper Mahmudullah Riyad called the batsmen to the dressing room soon after

Mushfiqur nudged Sean Williams for a single to pass Shakib's 217 against New Zealand at Wellington in 2017.

Mushfiqur shared a record 144-run in their unbroken eighth wicket stand with Mehidy Hasan, after Kyle Jarvis took two scalps in the after-

noon session to complete his third five-wicket haul in Tests.

Mushfiqur also had a hand in the previous eighth wicket record when he added 113 with Naeem Islam against England in 2010.

Jarvis, who claimed three wickets on the opening day, removed Mahmudullah for 36 and Ariful Haque for four but Mushfiqur and Mehidy denied the visitors further success.

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