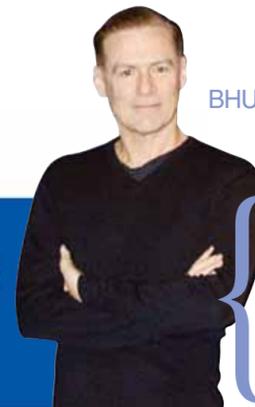


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Cut oil prices: Modi to producers

Soaring crude must be tamed before it kills global economic growth, says PM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Flagging concerns of oil-consuming nations like India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday pointed out to oil producers like Saudi Arabia that higher crude prices, which have already sent retail petrol, diesel and LPG rates to record highs, are hurting global economic growth and they should do more to bring down the rates to reasonable levels.

He also asked them to review the payment terms in order to provide relief to a weakened rupee. He was speaking at the third annual brainstorming meeting with chief executives of top global and Indian oil and gas companies and experts.

Modi's nudge to countries like Saudi Arabia comes against the backdrop of ever-increasing prices of fuel and public unrest amid increased concerns within the ruling dispensation ahead of the five Assembly elections, considered the semi-finals, in the next couple of months before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls finals.

The PM also appealed to the oil producing countries to channel their investible surplus to pursue commercial exploitation in the oil sector in developing countries, a statement from his office said. During the interaction, the Prime Minister highlighted the significant positioning of India in the oil and gas market and said the oil market was producer driven and quantity and prices were determined by oil producing countries.

"Though there is enough production, the unique features of marketing in the oil sector have pushed up the oil prices. The PM made a strong case for a partnership between the producers and consumers in the oil market, as it exists in other markets. This will help stabilise the global economy which is on path of recovery," said the PMO statement.

Modi highlighted that the consuming countries, due to rising crude oil prices, face many other economic challenges including serious resource crunch. "The cooperation of the oil producing



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with the CEOs and experts from the oil & gas sector from India and abroad, in New Delhi on Monday

countries would be very critical to bridge this gap.

He appealed to oil producing countries to channel their investible surplus to pursue commercial exploitation in oil sector in the developing countries," said the PMO.

He also sought the role of private participation in the distribution of gas sector.

On technology, he appealed for assistance in areas where high pressure and high temperature technology applications are relevant to commercial exploitation of natural gas. Modi reiterated for review of payment terms so as to provide temporary relief to the local currency, the statement said.

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Tharoor's Ram Temple barb puts Cong in a fix

BJP latches on to comments, asks Rahul to clarify stand

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ram Temple issue is yet again in the centre stage notwithstanding Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's clarification pertaining to his statement regarding its construction. The BJP on Monday latched on to his remarks that "no good Hindu would have wanted to see the Ram temple built by demolishing somebody else's place of worship (Babri Masjid), to accuse the Congress of using its leaders to build a momentum against its construction.

The BJP also targeted Congress president Rahul Gandhi wondering if he was a Hindu or not.

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said he is astonished that Tharoor believes that true Hindus don't want a Ram Temple in Ayodhya. "This could be a view of Tharoor or his party chief Rahul, not of people. This shows how cut off they are from reality and how they only become Hindu during elections," said Javadekar.

Following the storm over his statement, Tharoor came out to clarify that his remarks



on the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya were quoted out of context by the media. Tharoor asserted he never said Hindus do not want a temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya. Tharoor tweeted that he made the remark at the literary festival in a personal capacity when he was asked for his opinion. He said his remark should not be seen as the Congress's view on the matter.

"I condemn the malicious distortion of my words by some media in the service of political masters. Most Hindus would want a temple at what they believe to be Ram's birthplace. But no good Hindu would want it to be built by destroying another's place of worship," he tweeted.

"I was asked for my personal opinion at a literary festival and gave it as such. I am not a spokesperson for my party and did not claim to be speaking for Congress party," he added.

But the BJP was unrelenting in its attack. BJP spokesperson GVL Narasimha Rao said his party wants an early verdict from the Supreme Court on the Ram Temple case but the Congress is trying everything to delay it.

The BJP wants a grand Ram Temple and will wait for the court's verdict, Rao said, asking Rahul to clear his stand. "You (Congress) are conspiring to ensure that there is no verdict from the court," he said.

The Congress is doing "vote bank politics," he said, alleging that Rahul had earlier claimed that his party was a "Muslim party".

Rahul wears his "Shiv bhakti" (devotion to Lord Shiv) on his sleeve but he should answer whether he is a Hindu or not, Rao said.

The Congress took a defensive stand and stated that Tharoor has already clarified what he said. "I have not heard his statement.

Unyielding Akbar files criminal defamation

Journalist Priya Ramani named in suit; MeToo accusers say they stand by their charges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister MJ Akbar on Monday filed a private criminal defamation complaint against journalist Priya Ramani for levelling charges of sexual misconduct against him amid a rising MeToo campaign in India, even as the Congress demanded his resignation and the BJP continued to back him by maintaining that the junior External Affairs Minister has already presented his side of the picture.

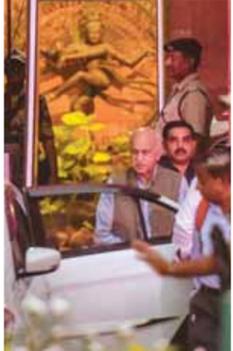
Soon after returning from his Africa tour on Sunday, Akbar had dismissed the charges by nine women journalists as "innuendos, hearsay, false, fabricated", saying that he would take legal action which he did on Monday accusing Ramani of "wilfully, deliberately, intentionally and maliciously" defaming him.

He sought her prosecution under the penal provision on defamation.

"The complainant (Akbar) also had a long career in journalism, he launched India's first weekly political news magazine..." the complaint said and listed out defamatory imputation made by Ramani on social media against him.

The MeToo movement has singled the media and entertainment industry in India. Last week, the movement stirred many women scribes to accuse many senior journalists, including Akbar, of gross sexual harassment and misuse of their position as editors.

While Akbar sought to fight out a legal battle, the



Minister of State for External Affairs MJ Akbar coming out of the MEA at South Block in New Delhi on Monday

women journalists too have said that they stood by their charges and would strike back legally. Incidentally, not a single legal case has been filed against Akbar by any of those who have levelled the charges.

The women, who accused Akbar of sexual harassment, include Priya Ramani, Ghazala Wahab, Shuma Raha, Anju Bharti, Suparna Sharma and Shrutapa Paul.

Akbar's complaint against Ramani said while it is apparent that the accused (Ramani) has resorted to a series of maliciously serious allegations which she is diabolically and viciously spreading in media, it is also apparent that false narrative against the complainant (Akbar) is being circulated in a motivated manner for the fulfilment of an agenda, it said.

- Soon after returning from his Africa tour on Sunday, Akbar had dismissed the charges by nine women journalists as "innuendos, hearsay, false, fabricated"
- BJP spokesman GVL Narasimha Rao said at a Press conference that he (Akbar) has given his version on the row and that it is not about whether the party agrees or disagrees with him
- The Youth Congress activists staged a protest near Akbar's residence demanding his "immediate resignation" over allegations of sexual misconduct by several female journalists

Bollywood sanskari baap moves court for damages

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A week after writer-director A Vinta Nanda accused senior film and television actor Alok Nath — known for his "sanskari" father on-screen image — of sexually violating her 19 years ago, Alok Nath filed a civil suit against her at Dindoshi sessions court here demanding an apology and compensation of ₹1.

Meanwhile, Nanda's lawyer Dhruvi Kapadia said that his client would fight the battle against Alok Nath legally. "At the moment we are awaiting the decisions of various associations where my client has filed her complaint, like Cine & TV Artists Association (CINTAA), Screen Writers Association (SWA), and Indian Film & Television Directors Association (IFTDA). Pursuant to (their) decisions, we will decide our next step of action. It is pertinent to note my client

is further humiliated in continuity for which we will take legal recourse," said Kapadia.

In another application filed before the Andheri Metropolitan Magistrate on Saturday, Alok Nath and his wife Ashu sought a direction to the suburban Amboli police station to take cognisance of the letter sent by them seeking defamation proceedings against Nanda. As part of the application filed by her and her husband before the Andheri Court, the actor's wife Ashu appeared before Magistrate RM Nerlikar and recorded her statement before the Magistrate and pressed for initiation of defamation against Nanda.

The Magistrate has now scheduled the application for further hearing on November 1. On that day, the court is expected to record the statements of three witnesses on behalf of Alok Nath and his wife.

Trapped in river current for 5 hrs, jumbos swim to safety



PNS ■ CUTTACK/ ATHAGARH

All the five elephants which were swept away while crossing the Mahanadi river near the Mundali Barrage on Monday morning swam to safer places near the Naraj Barrage on the outskirts of Cuttack city in the afternoon and found their ways into the

rescue of the pachyderms throughout the day.

"At least five elephants, including two calves, of a herd of around 20 were trapped in the heavy current while crossing the river near Athagarh.

A sudden release of flood waters at the Mundali Barrage trapped them. Soon, they were swept away and detached from the herd. Only after the Mundali Barrage gates in the downstream were opened to release the excess water, the elephants swam to safer places," said Forest Ranger RK Nayak.

Struggling in floodwaters for nearly five hours and swept away for over 15 km, the elephants appeared very tired and tense as they managed to reach the right embankment of the river.

"Taking rest for about an hour, the elephants found their way back to the Athagarh forest in the evening," Nayak said, adding that forest officials succeeded in convincing local villagers not to disturb the stressed animals.

21 more feared dead in Gajapati landslides

PNS ■ PARLAKHEMUNDI

A day after 15 bodies were recovered from the landslide-hit Baraghar village in Gajapati district on Sunday, reports on Monday said that as many as 21 more people were feared dead after landslides in Kainpur panchayat of Rayagad block in the district.

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The reports said 15 persons had gone missing after the landslide out of which seven persons' bodies were recovered on Monday. The deaths were reportedly confirmed by the Kainpur PEO and the sarpanch.

Meanwhile, a body of a person among the two missing in Lakshampur was recovered while some persons were reportedly missing from the Gandahati and Lalai areas of the district following the Cyclone Titli.

Sources said the death toll may go up as rescue teams were yet to reach many areas, which have been cut off after the cyclone left a trail of destructions.

However, according to Government reports till now, 18 people have lost their lives in the district.

"A total of 18 casualties have been confirmed so far in Gajapati district," told Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi to mediapersons after a review meeting at Paralakhemundi on the day.

"The bodies have been recovered.

A team of doctors, a Magistrate and police have visited the place to verify other reports that are coming from the cyclone and flood-hit areas," he added.

27 SHIPS IN 20 HOURS Paradip creates record in vessel movement

PNS ■ PARADIP

The Paradip Port has added yet another feather to its cap by successfully completing movement of 27 vessels within 20 hours, i.e., from 6 am on October 13 to 2 am on October 14.

In the first shift, 12 vessels, in the second shift, 11 vessels and in the third shift, four vessels were handled by the PPT Marine Department.

They include 16 berthing, one single-point mooring, three outward movement of vessels, one shifting from one berth to another berth and six smaller vessel movements.

PPT officials told reporters that 16 berthing movements



are a rare feat as most of the berths were vacant due to the passing of Cyclone Titli; and

cargo operation/shipping movements were stopped for the previous two days.

The stoppage of port operations for the two days was recovered in a single day.

Despite having no control over the impending natural calamities from time to time, the way the PPT recovered shows the vibrant mindset of its employees to convert challenges as opportunities.

It also resulted in the highest-ever single-day cargo handling of 6,39,000 MT surpassing the previous record of 5,34,000 MT achieved on September 25, 2018.

The previous record stood at 24 vessels in a period of 24 hours on December 3, 2017.

The port is now gearing up to enhance the cargo throughput as it is vying for the coveted top position in the country with a slew of infrastructure and modernisation facilities.

PUJA GIFT DA for State staff, pensioners hiked 2%

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Considered as a Puja gift, the Dearness Allowance (DA) for State Government employees and pensioners was hiked by an additional two per cent after a proposal in this regard was approved by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday.

With the current hike, which is applicable retrospectively from July 1, 2018, the DA will now effectively increase from the earlier seven per cent to nine per cent.

Besides, the Government also hiked the Dearness Relief by two per cent.

Similarly, work charged

employees and staffs and Lecturers of fully-aided non-Governmental colleges will also be entitled for the two-per cent hike in the DA.

The move came after the Union Cabinet recently hiked the DA for Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners by two per cent with retrospective effect from July.

The DA hike for Central Government employees was in accordance with the accepted formula based on the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission.

The State Government had earlier hiked the DA by two per cent in April 2018.

'Sans a cause, don't suspend internet services'

UNION COMM SECY TELLS STATE GOVT

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR
 With the State Government frequently suspending internet services, the Government of India has come down heavily and has asked not to resort to such options when public emergency or public safety is not impacted.

Ministry of Communications Secretary Aruna Sundarajan brought to the notice of the State Government in general about the frequent suspension of internet services in various places, leading to harassment of the citizens.

She said that it has come to the notice of the Ministry of Communications that several State Governments are suspending internet services though there is no public emergency or safety issues involved.

Citing the rules, Sundarajan said Temporary

has urged the State Government to constitute a Review Committee headed by the Chief Secretary to review such orders within five working days from the date of issuance of suspension order for internet services.

The Law Secretary will be taken as a Member of the State Level Review Committee and the Home Secretary will be convener of the committee for such review, said the Union Secretary.

Once suspension order is sent to the district authorities approved by competent authority, the copy of the order will be sent to the State Level Review Committee for Review on the very next day, pointed out Sundarajan.

She urged the State Government to sensitise the senior officers in this regard and take necessary steps so that citizens are not left harassed due to suspension of internet services.

In fact, the Government of India has embarked upon a programme to deliver services to citizens through mobiles and internet services apart from promoting cashless economy.

In absence of internet services, access to various citizen centric services is hampered and people are harassed, she told. She also pointed out that in absence of internet connectivity banking transactions are affected leading to hardship to the citizens.

The Government of India

Dama holds meeting at Erasama

Baijayant, Panchanan don't turn up

JAGATSINGHPUR: Paradip MLA Damodar Rout after being axed from the BJD, in his maiden visit to his home turf Erasama on Monday, addressed a public meeting. Thousands of people from Erasama, Balikuda and Kujang blocks gathered at Thana Chhak in Erasama where Rout held a public meeting attended by scribe Rabi Das, Jaineswar Babu, RTI activist Pradip Pradhan, among others.

The gathering was organised by Balikuda-Erasama Durniti Pratirodha Sangrama Samiti. Former MP Baijayant Panda and former Minister Panchanan Kanungo were invited by the organisers to attend, but they did not turn up. Addressing the gathering, Rout vehemently criticised the State Government and also spewed venom at Balikuda-Erasama MLA Prasanta Muduli describing him as an agent of the Third Floor. However, the BJD leaders not supporting Damababu said the meeting was a failure. They dubbed it as sponsored by the Congress and the BJP.

Odisha and Vietnam have striking similarities

demical and cultural exchange and strategic studies between both the countries. In the current global scenario, the South China Sea is very relevant to India; so, the IVCC is acting as a bridge between both the countries.



"My temple is the holiness of the heart's affection and my kingdom, though I never possess it, is the wide open world," thus says an exponent of occidental philosophy and a seminal thinker of India, Acharya Adi Shankar. So also is the quintessential message of Odisha's legendary Santhakabi Bhima Bhoi, whose teachings are inscribed on the walls of the UN Headquarters buildings, "Let myself be in deluge, but let the world be redeemed and resurrected". Admittedly inspired by the seminal minds and their teachings, Dr Abhinna Chandra Hota has chosen a

Please enlighten us about the historical relationship between the two nations?

Two thousand years back, traders from Odisha went through the Basudevpur seaport to Vietnam and founded the Champa kingdom, which is the ancient name of Vietnam. It was a Hindu kingdom. If you compare the temple structures of Ho Chi Minh city and Hanoi with Bhubaneswar, you will find striking similarities.

How far IVCC has moved in achieving remarkable achievements in bilateral ties?

In July 2018, the IVCC arranged a collaborative road shows at a Bhubaneswar hotel to showcase the Vietnam tourism in eastern India. Five international airlines along with several tour operators participated in it making it a huge success. On October 8, 9 and 10 (last week) a 13-member high-level Ministerial delegation from Huang Hua province of Vietnam visited Bhubaneswar which included the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Ministers of Agriculture, Finance, Industry and Investments. Several issues pertaining bilateral trade were discussed and two memorandums of understandings were signed.

How far we have advanced our relationship in key strategic areas between the two countries?

We have made some big strides in the South China Sea, in which the ONGC Videsh is investing heavily for oil exploration. During his last visit there, Prime Minister Modi has signed a number of treaties of mutual interest in Defence cooperations.

What are your plans for entrepreneurs of Odisha to explore possibilities of various avenues in Vietnam?

Recently, we signed two memoranda of understanding, one in the field of monitoring and evaluating environment-related projects and the other in producing ethanol from sugarcane molasses which is available plenty in Vietnam.

This is a step forward on our efforts to produce clean and green energy. Odisha has a lot of commonalities with Vietnam. We are looking forward for collaborations in agro, food processing, marine products processing units, medium-scale enterprises and steel plants. The current volume of trade between India and Vietnam is 1 billion dollar; it will go up to 5 billion dollar by 2020.

Elderly man dies in cracker blast

Grandson critical

CUTTACK: A man died and a minor boy was critically injured in a powerful cracker explosion at Boilo village under the Kissannagar police station of Cuttack district on Monday morning. The SCB Medical College Hospital sources here said Debendra Samal (65) died while undergoing treatment and his grandson Sambit (6) is now in a very critical state with over 90-per cent burn injuries. Quoting villagers, police said Debendra was bursting crackers in the morning while his grandson was playing around when the mishap happened injuring both critically. "The elderly man died of self-inflicting injuries; and no written complaint is received yet in this connection," said Kissannagar Police Inspector Pravash Chandra Sahu.

Govt team visits collapsed bridge in S'garh

6 of 20 injured admitted to RGH

PNS ■ ROURKELA
 A team of the State Government officials led by ARWD Chief Engineer visited the collapsed under-construction bridge over a nullah on the Jamudihi-Kunjani road under Bonei subdivision in Sundargarh district on Monday and conducted an on-the-spot inquiry. Although the team didn't reveal anything, it was informed that weak centring work was the reason behind collapse of the under-construction bridge that left 20 workers injured on Sunday afternoon.

Six of the injured are now undergoing treatment at the Rourkela Government Hospital and their condition is reported to be stable.

Following the report of bridge collapse, the State Government formed a team comprising RWD Chief Engineer BN Mishra, RWD Superintendent Engineer SN Mohanty and some local administrative officials.

"The Chief Engineer and Superintendent Engineer visited the spot and conducted an inquiry into the matter on Monday. They will submit a report to the State Government soon," said RWD Executive Engineer KK Mishra.

Guv expresses grief over cyclone deaths

ASKS GOVT TO EXPEDITE RELIEF OPS, PAY ASSISTANCE

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal has expressed deepest condolences over the loss of lives due to a landslide in Gajapati district, describing the incident as unfortunate.

He advised the Government to expedite relief operation and pay assistances to victims of Cyclone Titli and the aftermath floods.

"The Cyclone Titli and subsequent severe floods have wrecked the State, causing casualties, loss of property and homelessness. Along with restoration of supply of drinking water, road connectivity and power, there is also an urgent need to closely monitor the situation to avert outbreak of any water-borne disease by the Health Department," said the Governor.

He asked all concerned departments to work in coordination with each other and take every step to mitigate untold miseries suffered by people in flood affected areas and bring normalcy in all these areas.

KISS-AZIM PREMJI PROJECT

Transgenders to stage plays, visit pregnant women

Spread awareness on health, nutrition, sanitation

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives and the Sakha with technical support from the KISS launched a first-of-its kind innovative community media initiative to promote behavioural change among pregnant and lactating mothers through largest transgender network of Odisha.

It is a research mode project. The main aim of the project is to aware the pregnant and lactating mothers about their health, nutrition and sanitation. It will also help the transgender to involve in mainstream society and create acceptance in society.

This unique community theatre based initiative will start from Rayagada and Gunupur blocks of Rayagada district in the first phase. It is a project under State Multi Sector Odisha Nutrition Action Plan. Subsequently, it will be implemented across Odisha.

The Asha and Anganwadi Workers are presently spreading awareness on the issue. Now the transgender will be involved to take the work forward. The KISS will be involved as advisor in the programme and provide all kinds of technical support.

The transgender will engage themselves giving social message for creating awareness among mothers and women through street plays and they will also visit each family individually and make the pregnant and lactating mothers aware about health, nutrition and sanitation. Founder, KISS and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta said the project will help involve transgender with the public directly and they will get more acceptances in the mainstream society.

LETTER

BSNL: 'Disconnecting India'?

The lofty slogan of the BSNL is that it is "Connecting India". But at times, the connection snaps within a second after the link, evoking annoyance among the customers. This state of affairs has now become a regular feature. A complaint has been lodged in the BSNL mobile section vide no. 1503 (gsm), but no improvement has taken place so far. It is needless to say that even today the BSNL is still the no. 1 service provider, but due to lack of proper monitoring and field supervision, this public-sector company is becoming defamed day by day. A if this type of service continues then this Government undertaking may be merged with a private company in near future. It is high time the Ministry of Telecommunications realised the sufferings of the BSNL customers. The most pitiable thing is that the complaint message comes back as "complain has been resolved" without resolving that key issue. It's blatantly hypocritical.

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CM won't celebrate birthday today

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will not celebrate his birthday on Tuesday in view of the damages caused by the Cyclone Titli and the subsequent flood.

Speaking to mediapersons here on Monday, Patnaik said, "I should not be celebrating my birthday tomorrow because as you know the recent cyclone has caused several damages in the State."

It may be mentioned here that Patnaik had also not celebrated his birthday in 2013 and 2014 for the Cyclones Phailin and Hudhud, respectively, that had left thousands of people



homeless and killed more than 20 persons in the State.

Besides, the CM wished the people of Odisha on Durga Puja.

Noted.Thanks for informing.Happy Birthday!

Panda has reasons to get his copters back!

URGES CM TO RELEASE HIS CHOPPERS FOR RELIEF WORK

ANIL DHIR ■ BHUBANESWAR

Former Kendrapada MP Baijayant Panda seems to have some points in his support to get out of the alleged flying over 'no-flying' Chilika case. Many view justification in Panda's claim of not committing a mistake in flying and that seizure of the IMFA hangar and his copters are just a conspiracy against him.

Panda has written to the Chief Minister to release his copters so that they can be lent free of cost for relief work.

Panda, while appearing before the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), strongly refuted the charges that he had flown his helicopter over the no-flying Chilika Lake and called it a conspiracy to stop him from meeting people in the State.

He had also mentioned that many people had flown in that area before him, but no action was taken against them. Stating that the complaint against him was changed five times, he hoped that the DGCA would do justice to him.

The police has seized his choppers and sealed the hangar where the R-44 helicopter along with two other helicopters was parked. The police was under the impression that the Flight



Data Recorder (FDR) and the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) will hold evidence in the case against him. Incidentally, FDRs and CVRs can only be decoded by the HAL at Bangalore or the National Transportation and Safety Board in the USA. Little do they know that the Robinson R44 Raven II helicopter is in all probability not fitted with a FDR or the CVR.

As per rule, no person is allowed to operate a helicopter of maximum certified take-off mass of over 7,000 kg without a CVR and a FDR fitted with it. Baijayant's helicopter has a

takeoff weight of only 1134 kg; hence he is not required to fit the FDR and CVR. He knows this, so that is why he is so cocksure. However, his copter has a standard GPS system. The Garmin GDU 700L TXI GPS fitted in VT-BDP has a "save flight data" function, from which parameters like time, position, altitude, direction,

and speed changes for the occurrence flight will be available. If this function has not been disabled by Baijayant, then the record of the last ten flights will be there and all the parameters mentioned above can be determined. The data can easily be downloaded by an interface cable onto a laptop and the truth of his low flight proved.

Interestingly, Baijayant had a free run in his heli-hopping jaunts all over the State. While it is said that exact no-flying zones have not been designated, the airspace over Odisha, with the numerous sensitive defence installations, is certainly not one in which joy rides should be permitted. Panda should have known better.

GST: Consuming States look better off

SHORTFALL IN ODISHA, PUNJAB, U'KHAND, C'GARH DUE TO STRUCTURAL CHANGES



SAHADEV SAHOO

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) has completed one year and a quarter and has thrown up some indicators to make assessment of the new

system. The GST in India is unique in the sense that a lot of compromises have to be made to make it implementable in a federal country where the fiscal powers between the Centre and States are well defined.

Experts had many reservations on GST. It was believed that introduction GST would escalate the prices of commodities, at least in the first year of its implementation. Multiple tax rates would complicate the compliance.

Manufacturing States were of the view that they would lose revenue due to the destination principle in which tax goes to the State where the goods or services are consumed rather than where those are produced. A little more than a year's experience has proved the contrary. First, GST did not

result in inflation. The tax rates of goods and services under GST are fixed taking into account pre-GST incidence of taxes. For example, Excise Duty, Central Sales Tax, Entry Tax and VAT were collected on cement.

Taken together, a consumer paid 29 per cent during pre-GST period on cement. All these taxes are subsumed in GST and cement is taxable at 28 per cent under GST. Of course, one rate is ideal for GST, but considering the Indian conditions, multiple tax rates fixed under GST prove to be justified. In future, when GST stabilizes, the number of tax rates can be reduced. Second, the manufacturing States were not inclined towards the destination principle of GST. Central Sales Tax (CST) was collected

by the producing State on inter-State transactions, but in GST, tax will be collected and transferred to the States of consumption on inter-State transactions.

The States like Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, etc., had the grouse that they invest in infrastructure, create conditions in the State for investment that often cause pollution, but they would lose tax to other States.

But experience of more than one year has shown that the manufacturing States get comparatively more revenue under GST. Because the level of consumption of goods and services is high in those manufacturing States and the destination principle in GST helps them.

Constitution guarantees

compensation for the loss, if any, to the States on account of introduction of GST for five years. The year 2015-16 is taken as the base year to calculate the protected revenue of a State and 14 per cent is assumed to be the growth rate.

The assumed growth rate is applied to the base year and the next each year's revenue collection so arrived, to determine the protected revenue in a year. The shortfall between the protected revenue and the actual collection of a State is compensated.

The shortfalls after one year and two months of the implementation of GST in Punjab (36%), Uttarakhand (35%) Chhattisgarh (25%) and Odisha (24%) are high. The gainers are the States like Mizoram, Manipur, Sikkim etc

which have exceeded their protected revenue, so also Andhra Pradesh. The States like Telangana (4%), Maharashtra (4%), Tamil Nadu (6%), etc., have low shortfalls; and it is expected they will also exceed the protected revenue soon and will not require any compensation.

The north eastern States like Mizoram and Manipur depend on their rich neighbouring States for goods and services and the tax collected on inter-State transaction is transmitted to their States. The consumption level of rich States like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, etc., is high and they gain under GST because of the destination principle.

The shortfall in the States like Punjab, Uttarakhand,

Chhattisgarh or Odisha is due to structural changes in GST. Punjab used to get a substantial amount of purchase tax from paddy, rice and wheat. Purchase tax has been subsumed in GST.

Odisha collected a good amount of VAT from paddy, rice, atta, maida, suji, besan and pulses, but these goods have been exempted under GST. Odisha is consuming as well as a producing State. A major chunk of revenue was CST collected on inter-State transaction of minerals and products of mineral based industries like sponge iron, steel or aluminium. These goods are either exported or sold to other States. Odisha lost CST. VAT and Entry Tax on mineral was 5% and 0.5%, respectively. Entry Tax has been subsumed in

GST. Now under GST, the State gets 2.5% instead of 5.5% it got earlier. It is hoped the shortfall can be made up in course of time by increasing compliance and tax base when GST will stabilise.

Initially, the GST network had some glitches and GST had some implemental issues, which are being sorted out. The GST processes are being simplified by way of amendment of rules and procedure. The GST Amendment Bill has been passed in the Parliament and State legislatures to make it simpler. It is hoped the GST will stabilise within a year or two and produce the desired result.

(The writer is an Additional Commissioner, GST in Odisha. The views expressed are his own)

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CS VISITS GAJAPATI

Each family to be given 50 kg rice, ₹1K

RESTORATION WORKS TO END BY OCT 20



TARINI PRASAD PANDA ■ PARALAKHEMUNDI

Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi on Monday visited Cyclone Titli and floods-affected villages in Gajapati district and assured people that all support would be given to the affected people. "Huge damages have occurred in Gajapati district due to Cyclone Titli and subsequent floods. The State Government has already undertaken relief distribution and restoration works on war-footing basis. All the affected families will be provided ade-

quate assistances," Padhi told reporters here. Earlier in the day, Padhi along with some senior officers of the State Government came here by a special helicopter. He conducted a review meeting at the district Collector's office over damages and ongoing relief operations. He said State, district and block level officials have been engaged in relief work now. The Chief Minister has directed to expedite the process to provide required aids to affected people. He said that 50 kg of rice and Rs 1,000 would be given to each affected families

first. He said drinking water and electricity restoration would be completed in Paralakhemundi by Monday night. All restoration works would be completed in Gajapati district by October 20, he said. He too informed that Government assistance would be given to family of each deceased person. Similarly, teams comprising police personnel, magistrate and doctors have been formed to trace out missing persons and provide treatment to them. District Collector Anupam Shah and other senior officers were present.

'Govt must take over Mahuda pharmacy college'

Lok Shakti too seeks impartial probe into funds embezzlement

PNS ■ BRAHMAMUR

The Lok Shakti Abhiyan on Monday alleged that the State's oldest pharmacy college, the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mahuda, Ganjam, has remained neglected for the last 40 years and has, thus, become an institution of corruption and scam.

"The College of Pharmaceutical Sciences was established in 1979. The State Government had provided Rs 4 lakh in two installments. But, the Government has not conducted any audit into accounts of the college for the last 40 years. Now, the Ganjam Phulbani Chemist and Druggist Association (GPCDA) is running the college with its licence number, they remarked. They alleged that the GPCDA has been siphoning off college funds for 30 years now. "The GPCDA is not a democratic body. The BPCDA secretary and others have been looting funds of contributed by poor students. A non-Odia and unskilled person has remained as Principal of the college for long. We demand that the Principal be transferred and the Government takes over the



college forthwith," they demanded while reminding that the Government had in 2010 promised in written to take over the college. In 2006, former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam had unveiled its 'Cancer Chemo Therapy Research Unit'. While it was alleged that Rs 80 lakh was embezzled, no investigation or audit was done into the spending. The Abhiyan demanded that an impartial probe be conducted into the allegation to bring out the figures and facts. Abhiyan Gajam district president Madhusudan Sethi presided over the Press meet.

INBRIEF

25 INJURED AS BUS OVERTURNS IN MALKANGIRI

Malkangiri: A bus carrying around 40 persons overturned near Govindapalli in Malkangiri district on Monday injuring 25 of them. The bus was on its way to Chitrakonda from Jeypore. Some elderly persons and children are among the victims, reports said. Locals rushed to the spot, rescued the injured ones and admitted them to hospital.

7-FT-LONG PYTHON RESCUED FROM M'GIRI HOSP

Malkangiri: Panic gripped the District Headquarters Hospital here after a seven-ft-long Indian rock python was spotted in its premises on Monday morning. After an hour-long operation, Snake Helpline members rescued the huge reptile from a pipe at the hospital's main entrance. The python would be released into forest. A series of python rescue in Malkangiri town in recent past indicates that snakes are moving towards urban areas due to destruction of forests. Earlier, a python was rescued from an almirah of a house. Another python was caught from a temple kitchen in the town.

POLICE HOLD MARATHON TO REMEMBER MARTYRS

Jajpur: Police on Sunday held a half marathon in Jajpur town in the memory of four martyrs of the district. The marathon was flagged off by Superintendent of Police Charan Singh Mina. The run began from Jodipua Chhaka to Gandhi Chhaka covering three km. The martyrs' family members were felicitated. The martyrs are Gopa Prasad Mohanty, Prasant Biswal, Satyananda Panda and Pramod Satapathy.

GANJAM DISTRICT ADMN SENDS RELIEF TO GAJAPATI

Brahmapur: The Ganjam district administration under the chairmanship of Brahmapur Municipal Corporation (BeMC) Commissioner Chakravarti Singh Rathore on Sunday sent relief materials to Gajapati district which was most affected in the Titli. In the relief materials flattened rice, jaggery, matchboxes, candles and drinking water bottles were sent. Among others, local MLA Dr Ramesh Chandra Chyau Patnaik, Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) Chairman Subash Moharana, former Corporators R Murali Mohan and Surendra Moharana were present.

12 KG GANJA SEIZED; 2 PEDDLERS HELD IN K'MAL

Phulbani: The Phiringia police in Kandhamal district on Sunday arrested two persons while they were transporting 12 kg of ganja by an auto-rickshaw. The arrestees were identified as Tuna Bindhani (20) of Loharasahi in Gochhapada village and Krushna Chandra Swain (21) of Pathanasahi in Nuapadar.

LIVELIHOOD BRINGS CHEER FOR D'NAL VILLAGERS

Bhubaneswar: The Livelihood Restoration Programme launched by the GMR Kamalanga Energy Limited (GKEL) for project-affected families in Mangalpur and Kamalanga panchayats in Dhenkanal district has gained momentum by generating sustainable livelihood opportunities in farm and non-farm sectors. The project which was implemented for the benefit of around 1,500 project-hit families has helped raise the standard of living of Project Affected Families by increasing household income in both panchayats with 28 livelihood interventions.

HARASSMENT OF MINOR GIRL BY IIC

NHRC directs Jajpur SP for action

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has ordered the Jajpur Superintendent of Police to take appropriate action in the case of a minor girl who has been mentally and physically harassed by the Kaliapani police station Inspector-in-Charge (IIC). The NHRC passed the order based on a petition filed by civil society organisation Human Rights Watch secretary Sangita Swain. In her petition, Swain alleged that a minor girl Rajashree Das, of village Koliposi under Kaliapani PS was allegedly mentally and physically harassed by Kaliapani police station IIC Jubaraj Swain.

THE NHRC PASSED THE ORDER BASED ON A PETITION FILED BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH SECRETARY SANGITA SWAIN. An FIR filed by the minor victim was not registered in Kaliapani PS. The FIR's copy was also submitted to the Jajpur SP and DGP but no action was taken against the accused IIC. Swain further alleged that violates human rights due to inaction by the concerned authorities. She prayed the NHRC to take criminal action against the responsible police authorities, provide protection to the victim and pay Rs 5 lakh compensation to her.

Youth shot at over old enmity in Sambalpur

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

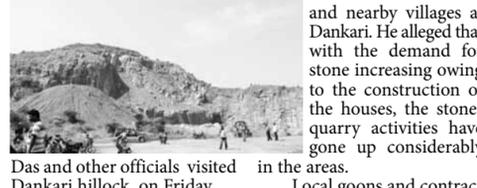
A 30-year-old youth sustained injuries after being shot at over past enmity at the Budharaja daily market in Sambalpur town on Monday. The victim was identified as Mantu Podha, a vegetable seller. Reports said Mantu was hit by a bullet on his left leg after Siria Jena (45), of the locality opened fire at him on broad daylight. While the victim was rushed to the Sadar hospital, the Ainthapalli police have detained Jena for interrogation. Sources said the murder-ous attack was a fall out of past enmity as Mantu had slapped the accused for harassing a girl, a month ago. In order to take revenge, Jena arrived at the market on a bike and tried to shoot Mantu in full public view. However, the latter had a narrow shave after the bullet hit his leg.

Sec 144 clamped; stone quarrying stopped in Jajpur

After NGT passes order over pollution

PNS ■ JAJPUR

Launching a crackdown on illegal mining of minor minerals, Jajpur district administration on Monday imposed Section 144 of CrPc and conducted raids at the Dankari hillock under Dharmasala block. "We stopped all the stone quarry works at Dankari. Of the 16 spots where mining activities were being carried, as many as 13 units were found to be operating without obtaining mandatory operational clearance from State Pollution Control Board," said Jajpur Collector Ranjan Das. Last week, Jajpur SP and senior officials had visited Dankari hillock to submit a report to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) regarding illegal stone quarrying from the hillock. As per the direction of the NGT, district Collector



and nearby villages at Dankari. He alleged that with the demand for stone increasing owing to the construction of the houses, the stone-quarry activities have gone up considerably in the areas. Local goons and contractors have been illegally quarrying in many hillocks but the authority is not taking any steps against them, Behura had complained. It may be recalled here that Union Petroleum Ministry had earlier approved setting up of an underground oil reservoir project in Dankari hillock region. A 400-acre stretch land was required for the project. Though the project was announced four years back, it is yet take off as the State Government has failed provide land required for the project. Incidentally, the land earmarked for the project has come under illegal mining operation.

Hirakud Dam spillway work from Oct 24

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

The additional spillway work at the left dyke of the Hirakud Dam on the Mahanadi river would begin from October 24, an official source said. The project would be jointly carried out by the Tata Projects Limited and the AGE Group of Turkey. Knowledgeable source said experts from the IITs and outside country have reviewed the condition of the Hirakud Dam. The dam authorities had earlier proposed for 15 drills. However, the experts have proposed for making another 15 drills. The geological survey work has also been completed. While the officials of both the companies are staying in camps in the dam premises, the officials from other countries are also monitoring the project, informed Hirakud Dam Chief Engineer Jyotirmaya Rath.



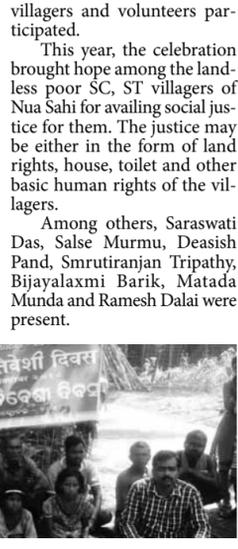
Notably, the additional spillway is a World Bank-funded project. It has been proposed to enhance the flood water discharge capacity of the dam. The length of the spillway will be 91 metre with five sluice gates and the width of the spillway channel will be 300 metre. The proposed spillway channel will originate from near the Gandhi Minar on the left dyke of the dam reservoir and meet the Mahanadi near

the Jawahar Udyan. The estimated budget of the project is Rs 369.53 crore. Currently, there are 98 gates to release around 15 lakh cusecs of floodwater from the dam, out of which, 64 are sluice gates and 34 are crest gates. With the construction of the proposed additional spillway, the water discharge capacity of the dam will increase to 18 lakh cusecs.

Neighbourhood Day celebrated in Bhadrak

PNS ■ BHADRAK

Neighbours are important for everybody, for an individual, for a village, for a town, for a State and for a nation, said Universal Neighbourhood Day founder, Supreme Court lawyer and rights activist Radhakanta Tripathy while celebrating the day for the third consecutive year on Monday. The day was celebrated with a message of spreading universal humanity at Nuasahi in Korkora GP in Bhadrak district in which more than 150 villagers and volunteers participated. This year, the celebration brought hope among the landless poor SC, ST villagers of Nua Sahi for availing social justice for them. The justice may be either in the form of land rights, house, toilet and other basic human rights of the villagers. Among others, Saraswati Das, Salse Murmu, Deasish Pand, Smrutiranjana Tripathy, Bijayalaxmi Barik, Matada Munda and Ramesh Dalai were present.



State urges Centre to fund Paradip PCPIR

Also to revise PCPIR policy

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Secretary AP Padhi has urged the Government of India to consider providing the necessary budgetary support for the development of external and internal infrastructure in the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) at Paradip. Padhi said that as special emphasis is being laid by the State Government for the development of the PCPIR at Paradip by providing the right mix of industrial infrastructure and fiscal incentives, support of the Union Government is needed. He said that owing to the proactive and progressive governance, the State of Odisha is fast emerging as the manufacturing hub of Eastern India. Speaking in the India Chem Meet at Mumbai recently, Padhi said that live investment growth, year on year, during 2015-16 and 2016-17 for

Odisha was 16.5 per cent, whereas the same stood at 4.6 per cent for India. The Industrial Policy Resolution 2015 recognises chemicals and petrochemicals as a priority sector and a number of attractive fiscal and non-fiscal incentives for the promotion and development of the sector has been laid out in the policy. The Odisha Industrial Development Plan 2025 has been developed to broaden the industrial base of the State by leveraging its strategic advantages of infrastructure, geographic location, abundant natural resources and skilled human resources. Petrochemicals form a key component of this Vision 2025. Support from the departments of Ministries of Road Transport and Highways, Railways and Shipping for increasing the road and railway connectivity, port capacity and creation of internal waterways in the State would propel the growth of the region. Besides, the existing poli-

cy on PCPIR needs to be revised in consultation with the stakeholders and a comprehensive integrated policy for petroleum, petrochemicals and chemicals must be developed. This will help the PCPIR to gain momentum and realize the objective for which it was envisaged. IOCL, being the anchor tenant of the Paradip PCPIR, will play a pivotal role in the development of PCPIR. Padhi said the IOCL is on track to complete the development of projects planned at Paradip-Polypropylene, MEG, Paraxylene-PTA Complex and petcoke gasification, as per schedule and operationalize all of them by 2022-23. The Government has also developed a plastics park at Paradip which has seen an encouraging response from the investors. He said that the IOCL has come forward to take equity stake in the project and assured dedicated supply of raw material for the units being set up in the park.

'N'giri activist's arrest attack on democracy'

Rights forums target R'gada police

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Several right groups have condemned the illegal detention and custodial torture of Daddhi Kadra, an activist of Niyamgiri Surakshya Samiti (NSS), by the Rayagada police. They also condemned the threats to Lingaraj Azad, an advisor of the NSS, by the Rayagada SP not to organise any meeting and protest in the locality and postpone a proposed rally against police brutality on October 23 at the dis-

trict headquarters town. They described the incident as an attack on democratic rights of people as well as State sponsored attack on dissent voices for the interest of corporate like Vedanta. It may be noted that on October 6, the police picked up Kadra from his village without any warrant and severely tortured for four days and left him in a nearby police station on October 10, who is now incapable to walk. On the other hand, the SP, Rayagada threatened Azad not to organise any meeting, protest and rally against the administration. He even pres-

surized him to postpone a proposed rally on October 23 at Rayagada by NSS against the police brutality and unwarranted arrest of local tribes. Various persons from different organisations like India People's Forum (AIPF), Bhalachandra Sarangi from AIKMS, Debaranjan from GASS, Srikant Mohanty from Chasi Mulia Sangh, Odisha, Pramodini Pradhan from PUCI, Satya Mahar from Sachetan Nagarik Manch, Kalahandi, Prashant Paikray from PPSS, Sini Sae from Bisthapan Birodhi Janamanch, Sukinda, advocate Bansidhar Das from Committee for Release of Political Prisoners, Gopinath Majhi from CSD, Odisha, Balabhadra Mallick from Banabasi Surakshya Parisada, Kandhamal, Satish Mishra from INSAF have condemned the incident.

About 200 contract labourers of Idcol Ferro Chrome and Alloys Limited (IFCAL) here staged a demonstration in front of Managing Director's office on Monday demanding enhancement of Puja bonus and gift. Notably, two days back, their leader MLA Pritee Ranjan Ghadai along with a few union leaders had finalised puja bonus at 8.33 per cent rate and gift amount of Rs 2,000. When almost all the workers and labourers of the plant agreed to it by seeing the plant's present miserable condition, the dharna was incited

IFCAL workers stage stir for Puja bonus

PNS ■ JAJPUR ROAD

allegedly for vested interest, said sources. On Monday morning, about 9 am, the labourers blocked the General Office till evening. The officers and workers working in the General Office including HR, Finance, Mines, MD Office, Purchase Office etc were detained without lunch. The dharna was held even without prior notice either to the plant authorities or the administration and police. DLO Siba Sankar Mishra said that he was not informed.

Rahman directs SRK for HWC song

Song, video to be released by Oct-end

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR
A ace musician AR Rahman directed Shah Rukh Khan for the first time as they created magic to bring alive the official Hockey World Cup (HWC) video, "Jai Hind Hind, Jai India". The song "Jai Hind Hind, Jai India" in itself has pulsating rhythm composed by Rahman and magical lyrics penned by Gulzar. The music video will showcase the new India and have visual elements from the

contemporary and urbane to the grassroots India even, as it's the core of hockey and Team India.

The song and the video are slated to release at the end of the month when the Team India returns from the Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat.

SRK last week took to twitter extending his support and pledging his heartbeat for Indian Hockey saying, "Mera dil hockey ke liye bahot tez dhadakta hai." Cheering the Men in Blue to get the cup back home, SRK in his tweet also termed hockey, "the pride of India" and urged everyone to get

behind the Team India and support to the game.

With SRK and Rahman combining forces to inspire one and all, it is certain that the sport will attract a larger fan base, as India takes on rest of the world at Bhubaneswar in November.

The Hockey World Cup opening ceremony will be held on November 27 at the Kalinga Stadium where Khan and Rahman perform live.

The HWC is scheduled to set begin from November 28 to December 16 at the stadium.

A total of 16 nations will participate in the tournament.

PM to hoist Tricolour on Oct 21 at Red Fort

ON PLATINUM JUBILEE OF AZAD HIND GOVT

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Survivors of the Azad Hind Fauj or Indian National Army (INA), Indian armed force veterans and followers of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose plan to raise the Indian flag at the Red Fort on October 21 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of Azad Hind Government.

Netaji's grand-nephew and BJP Bengal vice-president Chandra Kumar Bose and

chairman of SNSMT Suparno Satpathy had requested the PM to inaugurate the Azad Hind museum at Red Fort on October 21 and hoist the Tricolour there to commemorate the occasion to which the PM has acceded.

"The record of India needs to be set correct; our first Government came into being on October 21, 1943 and not on August 15, 1947," said socio-political leader and chairman of SNSMT Suparno Satpathy.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on October 21, 1943, had established the provincial Azad Hind Government in



Singapore. On August 14 the next year, the Bahadur brigade of INA, led by Col Saukat Ali Malik, captured Moirang, a town in Manipur on the Indo-

Myanmar border. Moirang remained under the control of the Azad Hind Government for nearly four months during which its cur-

rency and stamps too were used.

The Azad Hind Government had then been recognised by 11 countries and it had its embassies in other countries too.

INA members who are still alive, including Lalti Ram, Jagir Singh, Pramanand, Jag Ram and Ram Gopal, will be among the many other participants. Veterans of Indian armed forces will be led by the highly decorated Maj Gen (Retd) GD Bakshi who has also authored the bestseller book 'Bose or Gandhi Who got India her freedom?'

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
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| 2. No. of Works | 26 Nos. | | | | | |
| 3. Estimated Cost | Varies from Rs.6.25 Lakhs to Rs.26.09 lakhs (approximately) | | | | | |
| 4. Class of Contractor | "B", "C" & "D" Class. | | | | | |
| 5. Period of Completion | 03(Three) Calendar months (90 days) | | | | | |
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| Executive Engineer, M.I. Division, Balasore | M.I-E-07/2018-19 | 26Nos | 25.10.2018 at 11.00. AM | 05.11.2018 up to 5.00 PM | 08.11.2018 up to 5.00PM in the box located at M.I Division Office, Balasore. | 09.11.2018 at 11.00A.M | 15.11.2018 at 11.00 A.M. |

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation Division, Balasore.

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TENDER CALL NOTICE

9-TT Letter No: 571 /SH Bhubaneswar Dated: 15.10.18

Sealed Quotations / Tenders are invited from the intending suppliers / authorised firms having valid GST Clearance Certificate, TIN, PAN for supply of Dress Materials, Shoes Materials and Game Equipments for the inmates of different Sports Disciplines of Sports Hostel, Bhubaneswar for the year 2018 - 19. The detail terms and conditions and list of items intended to be procured will be available either in the website of Sports & Youth Services Department, Govt. of Odisha www.dsodisha.gov.in or in the office of Coach In-Charge Sports Hostel, Kalinga Stadium Premises, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar - 751012, Dist. Khorda during the office hour on all working days in between 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM

The .rate should be inclusive of all taxes and deliveries of the material are to be made in the Sports Hostel, Bhubaneswar Office. Sealed Quotations/Tenders along with required documents and samples will be received by the undersigned up to 3.00 PM on 05.11.2018 and will be opened on the same day at 4.00 PM in presence of Quotationers /Authorised Representatives. Bids received beyond this stipulated date, time and without samples shall not be considered.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject /cancel any or all the Quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Coach-In-Charge
Sports Hostel, Bhubaneswar

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e- Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No.- DMID / 07 / 2018-19
No 2596 / Dt. 12.10.2018

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division Dhenkanal on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate tender through "e" procurement for the works as detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.

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| Name of the work | Improvement of Check Dam/Construction Balance work of MIP/ Repair to Building in different Block of Dhenkanal District for the year 2018-19 |
| No. of Works | 56(Fifty Six) Only |
| Estimated Cost | Varies from Rs 2.64 to Rs. 35.36 lakhs (Approximately) |
| Cost of Tender Paper | Varies from Rs 2000/- to Rs 6000/- (Non- Refundable) |
| Period of Completion | Varies from 02(Two) to 03(Three) Calendar months |
| Availability of bid documents for sale and receipt through on-line | From dt.30.10.2018, 10.00 A.M, to dt.13.11.2018, up to 5.00 P.M. |
| Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal | 13.11.2018 (5.00PM) |
| Date of opening of bid through online | On dt. 14.11.2018 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the E.E, M.I. Division, Dhenkanal. |
| Mode of payment of Bid Cost and Bid security | Online |
| Digital Signature Certificate of Bidder | The Bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC). |

The detail tender call notice can also be seen in the DOWR web site <http://dowrorissa.gov.in>

Name & Address of the OIT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Dhenkanal.
At P.O / District - Dhenkanal.
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Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
M.I.Division, Dhenkanal.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

1. Station Commander ECHS Chilka invites application for engagement of Contractual Staff at **Angul, Balasore, Dhenkanal and Puri** ECHS Polyclinics for the posts of Medical Officer.

2. For application form, Terms & conditions and remuneration visit ECHS website https://echs.gov.in/img/down/appl_echs_form.pdf

3. For any query, contact Stn HQs ECHS, Chilka **Tele No. 06756-257033** and E-mail: echs.chilka2018@gmail.com.

4. Hard copy of the application by post or scanned copy of application in PDF format via email to echs.chilka2018@gmail.com will be accepted. Special qualifications, if any, are to be mentioned in the application. Duly completed application (with mobile number and email ID) to be forwarded to the following address:-
The Officer-in-Charge
Stn HQs ECHS, INS Chilka,
PO - Chilka, Dist - Khurda, Odisha, Pin- 752037.

5. Last date of receipt of application is **20 Oct 2018**.

6. Date and time of interview will be intimated telephonically/ by e-mail. Candidates are to bring original qualification / experience certificate(s) at the time of interview.

7. No TA/ DA is admissible for the interview.

Davp/10702/11/0115/1819 **Stn Cdr ECHS Chilka**

Old Town sanitation gets a boost

CORE MONUMENT AREA IN FOCUS

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Heritage Core Area in the Old Town around the famous Lingaraj Temple and other temples has come under a special sanitation plan.

The City Health Office has plans for more provisioning of dustbins, increase in manpower from 12 to 20 for better door-to-door collection of waste, bush cutting activities in and around monuments and temples, strict vigilance over use of polythene and plastic and last but not the least, immediate lifting of construction and demolition waste.

It can be mentioned here that the entire Heritage District or Ekamra Kshetra or the Old Bhubaneswar Art is about 1,110 acres. Out of this vast stretch the Heritage Core Area is about 145 acres.

The core area is having the maximum concentration of shrines and the heritage structures are 191 in number, including the temples, heritage water bodies, mutts, old educational institutions and medicinal plant garden.

The core area model will be later replicated in other areas to make them cleaner and visitor-friendly.

Spread over BMC Ward No. 54, 55 and 60, the Heritage Core Area has become very important for the city especially after the

success of the first guided heritage tour of the city, i.e. Ekamra Walks and the proposed Bhubaneswar Art Trail-2018, which would be held between November 18 and December 18.

The coming BAT-2018 would open the entire Old Town area to an international perspective through art, heritage, and tourism and also through sports as the event is planned on the sidelines of the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup.

City Health Officer Dr Ramachandra Rout said, "Already the work like sweeping the streets three times a day has started and they are being done during morning, afternoon and late evening.

The additional cleaning staff would be provided by the cleaning agency in the Heritage Core Area."

"We completed a portion at Sari Deula. However, the Archaeological Survey of India should also come forward in the cleaning activity as many of their monuments remain locked. They should coordinate with us for a better view of the monuments," the CHO added.

Rout added that strict vigilance has been maintained in the core area, in which use of polythene would be restricted, and the cleaning of plastics, polythene and other floating debris and weeds from holy lake Bindusagar, was also started.

Goyal wants long-term plan for adequate coal to consumers

PNS ■ IB VALLEY/TALCHER

Union Coal and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday stressed on increase in coal production and long-term planning to ensure adequate coal supply to consumers.

The Minister was on a day-long visit in Odisha to inspect mining operations in both Ib Valley and Talcher Coalfields of the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), which has an ambitious target of producing 162.5 million

tonnes during the current fiscal.

Taking a note of mines' low performance following the delay in shifting of Y-curve siding, Goyal directed both MCL and Railways officials to take up this project on fast track so that production from mines does not hamper.

"We need to review mine-wise, regarding coal dispatch capability of the mines," Goyal said while suggesting for long-term planning of 20 years to overcome bottlenecks and



ensure adequate supplies to consumers.

The Minister was hopeful of the MCL achieving its otherwise uphill production target.

"I can see you have a potential to achieve, rather exceed, your target of 100 MT coal output from the Talcher Coalfields alone," he said.

The Minister, who was welcomed by a large number of villagers and their representatives, including the Talcher MLA, assured that the increase in the coal production from mines would directly benefit

the district and also help the State execute more developmental projects.

Goyal was accompanied by Coal Secretary Inderjit Singh, Coal India Chairman AK Jha and MLCL CMD RR Mishra.

Notably, the MCL, which produced over 143 MT of coal in 2017-18, plans to produce a record 100 MT from the Talcher Coalfields in Angul district and 62.5 MT from the Ib Valley Coalfields in Jharsuguda and Sundargarh districts.

CIFA holds Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Divas

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) observed the Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Divas here on Monday. This day was also being celebrated as the International Day of Rural Women to recognise the role of rural women in agriculture and rural development.

Utkal University Public Administration Head Dr Swarnamaye Tripathy attended as chief guest and highlighted the contribution of women in agriculture and allied sectors. SISU Organic, Bhubaneswar Director Sugata Nayak stressed upon upliftment of rural women through adoption of organic farming.



students and staff actively participated in the event. A videography presentation depicting the involvement

ICAR-CIFA Director Dr Bindu R Pillai mentioned multidimensional role of women. She highlighted how women are backbone of rural and urban development. She also informed that ICAR-CIFA is actively involved in gender mainstreaming and capacity building of women in aquaculture.

Around 120 farmers including 70 women farmers from Odisha and scientists,

of women in freshwater aquaculture and allied activities were also shown. The institute also felicitated 13 women farmers for their immense contribution in aquaculture development of the State. An exhibition was also organised by women farmers. Among others, ICAR-CIFA Principal Scientist Dr SC Rath, STO Dr UL Mohanty and Dr Snatashree Mohanty were present.

Illegal liquor seized; 7 held in Khordha

PNS ■ KHORDHA

The Khordha Excise squad on Sunday conducted raids in different villages under the Khordha Sadar PS limits and seized 72 litres of illegal liquor from four shops and arrested four in the connection.

The arrestees were identified as Aswin Kumar Jena (26) of Bangdia village, Company Pradhan (40) of Niamala village, Amina Baliarsingh (35) and Shankar Dalei (32) of Dalatola village.

Similarly, on Monday raids were conducted in Badaberana, Madhapur and Gobindapur villages under the Begunia PS area



and about 22 litres illegal liquor from three shops were seized and three persons were arrested.

The arrestees were identified as Laxman Nayak (41) of Gobindapur village, Laxmidhar

Swain (34) Madhapur village and Phagua Mallick (40) of Badaberana village.

All the accused were produced in the Khordha SDJM Court.

TO EASE TRAFFIC AROUND SHRINE Lingaraj Market Complex to be demolished

TRADERS TO BE RELOCATED AT NEW MARKET COMPLEX

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Tourism Minister Ashok Chandra Panda recently visited a new market complex nearing completion, behind the Anantavasudev Temple in the Old Town area and discussed the progress of the mega tourism development plan for the Ekamra Kshetra.

It may be noted that 58 shop owners would be allotted shops in the beautiful market complex, which is along the new road, being planned between Devi Padahara and Kotitirtheswar Lane for better circulation of traffic.

After the traders are shifted from the dilapidated Lingaraj Market Complex near the Bhajan Mandap, the old structure would be demolished creating more space for parking as during peak tourism seasons the Devi Padahara parking lot for tourist vehicles remains inadequate to accommodate all incoming ones, creating traffic problems in and around Old Town.

Secondly, the Devi Padahara area will be connected to the road connecting Garage Square and Lingaraj Temple, allowing vehicles from Puri to come directly to the parking lot and they need not jam the roads in and around the temple and Samantarapur localities.

Once the road behind the

Anantavasudev Temple is complete, there is a proposal to make the road in front of the temple pedestrianised, i.e. only pedestrians would be allowed to walk down the lane.

The people, who come to the famous temple for 'prasad' or 'abadha' would have to go either from the Kotitirtheswar end or Devi Padahara end on the new road.

While the Tourism Department is funding the major infrastructure part, the entire revamp of the area would be done jointly by the Bhubaneswar Development Authority, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Works Department, Public Health Engineering Organisation and Central Electricity Supply Utility.

The Minister during his visit also urged all the agencies concerned to expedite the work before the World Cup Hockey to the Bhubaneswar Art Trail-2018 (BAT) as both the events are expected to attract more visitors to the city.

He also informed that the Odisha Tourism Development Corporation would run a Jatri Nivas on the second floor of the new market complex in future and for the visitors there would be two lifts at the market complex.

The ground floor and first floor would be used by traders.

AIMED AT SCREENING ECONOMIC THREATS Govt mulls policy to filter investment proposals

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

In a move that is aimed at using economics as a tool for furthering diplomatic agenda, the Centre is working on a policy framework to screen threats emerging from big-ticket investments in strategic sectors by a host of countries including China.

The Union Home Ministry is examining a proposal from the Intelligence Bureau (IB) to filter all sensitive investment proposals from foreign entities into three broad categories under "entities of concern", "countries of concern" and "sectors of concern" to check any unwanted investments into strategically important sectors like telecommunication, power and infrastructure.

As part of the policy level interventions to counter Chinese threat, the Union Home Ministry is mulling over the proposed scheme to examine proposals from the point of view of these three parameters. When approved, the scheme would cover threats from Chinese entities as well.

Chinese firms have emerged as the lowest bidders in many infrastructural projects in India with active support of Chinese Government. Such Chinese footprints were increasingly being

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noticed in States like Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Haryana. "There is a large-scale presence of Chinese companies in States like Chhattisgarh where major investments were in the sectors of telecommunication, engineering and manufacturing," a senior Intelligence official said.

The Intelligence agencies have noted with concern the visit of Chinese business delegates to Betul Island in Goa near INS Khadamba to explore business opportunities. The other area of concern is the award of contracts to non-Chinese firms, which in turn employ Chinese firms/persons, as was the case in the Dhamra Port Company in Odisha, which is strategically located near APJ Kalam Island (Wheeler Island).

Amid huge investment agenda

of the Chinese Government under the ambitious Belt and Road Initiative, there is a significant uneasiness due to Chinese ascendancy. The aggressive nature of the Chinese trade and culture promotion poses risks to economic engagement including the Indian Ocean Region.

China is also aggressively using its soft power through the setting up of Confucius Institute to gather intelligence in the host countries.

According to Intelligence estimates, increased business and tourist activities besides Memorandums of Understanding with Indian universities and colleges for promoting Chinese language and culture through various student exchange programmes pose a threat to Indian interests. China is also attempting through its businessmen to gain access to decision making levels in Indian establishments.

"As part of the existing policy formulations, the Chinese investment proposals are cleared by the Government in consultation with the security agencies on a case to case basis. The new framework will further help in better identification of threats and restricting investments that may harm the Indian economy in the longer run," the official added.

Rahul: PM gave many speeches but forgot to give food to people

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying while he gave speeches and "enjoyed life", he forgot to give food to the people. He attacked Modi citing a global survey on hunger that ranked India 103 among 119 nations.

The Global Hunger Index (GHI) published by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Welthungerhilfe, ranked India 103, clubbing its position with Nigeria in the index, according to media reports.

"The chowkidaar (watchman) gave a lot of speeches, but forgot about people's stomach. Did a lot of Yoga and enjoyed life, but forgot to give food to people," Rahul said in Hindi on Twitter.

Termining the matter "very serious", senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot said it was a matter of shame that India was ranked 103rd among 119 countries in the global hunger index. The NDA Government should set its priorities right, he said.

Gehlot targeted Modi on India's ranking in the index, claiming Modi and his team never talked about hunger. If they do not even acknowledge it how will they make policies to feed the people, he said.

"India stands at a lowly 103rd posi-



tion among 119 countries, in GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX report, which is a matter of shame. This is a very serious concern and one which needs urgent attention. But for NDA Govt, the grave issue of hunger doesn't exist. "Modi ji or his Ministers never talk about poor, hungry people. If they do not even acknowledge problem then can we expect them to make policies to feed hungry mouths. NDA needs to set its priorities right. 1st priority should be to eradicate hunger and provide food to all," Gehlot tweeted. In 2017, India stood at the 100th rank among 119 countries, while it was 97th in 2016. India was behind its neighbours Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh, which stood at 67th, 72nd and 86th ranks in the index for 2018, as per a report.

Bose dead or alive? CIC asks National Archives of India

New Delhi: The Central Information Commission has directed the National Archives of India to give a "categorical" response to an RTI applicant who asked the Prime Minister's Office whether freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was dead or alive.

In his application, Avdhesh Kumar Chaturvedi also wanted to know why the Prime Minister had paid tributes to Bose on his birth anniversary in 2015 and 2016.

Not getting a satisfactory response, Chaturvedi approached the CIC, the highest appellate authority in RTI matters. He submitted that he had not received any authentic information regarding the death of Bose.

The Prime Minister's Office said the subject matter of this RTI application pertained to the Culture Ministry, so they had transferred it to the Ministry.

"Further, he (the PMO Central Public Information Officer) informed that all the files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were declassified and sent to the National Archives of India for permanent



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retention," Chief Information Commissioner R K Mathur said.

Mathur said the CPIO of the National Archives of India should give a "categorical" reply to the appellant as per this RTI application, within 15 days from the date of this order.

Bose had founded Indian National Army, commonly known as Azad Hind Fauz, in 1942 to fight British with the support of Japanese forces.

January 23 is celebrated as his birth anniversary. **PTI**

Delhi HC gets four new judges

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Four new judges were on Monday appointed to the Delhi High Court, taking the strength of the court to 38 as against the approved strength of 60.

According to separate Law Ministry notifications, advocates Jyoti Singh, Prateek Jalan, Anup Jairam Bhambhani and Sanjeev Narula have been appointed as judges of the Delhi HC.

The Delhi High Court has an approved strength of 60, but was facing a shortage of 26 judges before these four appointments were made.

As of Monday, there are 34 judges in the Delhi HC. Once the new judges take oath, the working strength will go up to 38.

The collegium had also recommended the name of advocate Manoj Ohri.

But he does not figure in Monday's list as the Government has decided not to go ahead with his appointment "as of now", a senior Government functionary said.

In a first, India, China together to train Afghan diplomats

NEW DELHI: In the first such initiative, India and China came together Monday to provide assistance to Afghanistan through a joint training programme for Afghan diplomats.

The Joint India-China Training Programme for Afghan diplomats, from October 15-26, began Monday as part of an understanding reached between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan.

Ten Afghan diplomats started training at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) here after an event where statements by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi were read out by the diplomats of the two countries.

China's Ambassador to India Luo Zhaohui, in his remarks at the inauguration of the programme, said such a 'China-India Plus' cooperation should be extended from Afghanistan to other countries such as Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Iran and Myanmar. Describing India as a "regional major power", he said China and India can also join hands under the mechanisms of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Forum for Regional Cooperation (BCIM), to promote regional peace, stability and prosperity.



"Both of us (China and India) support an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process. Both of us uphold that Afghanistan should realise peace, stability and prosperity. Both of us are against terrorism. "We are talking a lot about the regional connectivity initiatives, such as International NorthSouth Transport Corridor, India-Afghanistan-Iran transit and trade arrangement and ChinaPakistan-Afghanistan cooperation. All of these have provided a solid foundation for the current and future cooperation between China and India in Afghanistan," he said. Noting that the training programme is

the first step for the 'China-India Plus' cooperation in Afghanistan, the Chinese envoy said this was just the beginning. Swaraj, in her statement that was read out by FSI Dean Ambassador J S Mukul, said the seeds for joint cooperation in Afghanistan were sown at the meeting between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi when they met in Wuhan in April 2018.

"Today, we see it blooming with the initiation of this training programme. This marks the beginning of what we visualise as a long term trilateral partnership for the benefit of Afghanistan," Swaraj was quoted as saying.

EC'S ADVISORY TO POLITICAL PARTIES Shun religious, communal tone on public broadcast

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Monday issued guidelines to political parties advising them against attacking religions and communities during their radio broadcast and TV telecast for campaigning through public broadcasters like Doordarshan and All India Radio. The poll regulator also came out with the time schedule for the parties for the upcoming Assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Mizoram and Telangana.

The Commission categorically stated that political parties will be required to submit transcripts and recording of the broadcast and telecast. "The parties can get this recorded at their own cost in studios, which meet the technical standards prescribed by the Prasar Bharati Corporation or at the Doordarshan/All India Radio Kendra," it said.

"A base time of 45 minutes will be given to each national party and recognised State party (recognised in respect of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh



& Mizoram) uniformly on the regional kendras of Doordarshan network and All India Radio network in the above mentioned States and Union Territories," the EC said. In a single session of broadcast, no party will be allocated more than 15 minutes.

The EC has imposed complete prohibition on broadcasting or propagating election-related material on TV, Radio or even Newspapers. Any such material influencing the voters would not be permissible during the 48 hours before the poll in any constituency.

"Advising television, radio channels and cable networks to stop broadcasting any material that could effect the prospect of any candidate or

influence election result, the poll body writes. "During elections, there are sometimes allegations of violation of the provisions of the above Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 by TV channels in the telecast of their panel discussions/debates and other news and current affairs programmes," it said.

However, any advertisement being published in the newspapers on February 3 and 4 requires prior permission or certification from the EC, he said, adding that all electronic media advertisements, except the bulk SMS, IVRS and social media are banned for broadcasting during the last 48 hours ending with poll.

The elections in Chhattisgarh will be held in two phases on November 12 and 20. The other four states will go to polls in a single phase. Voting in Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram will be held on 28 November while voting in Rajasthan and Telangana will be held on December 7. The counting of votes will be held on December 11.



President Ram Nath Kovind pays floral tribute to former President the late APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday

72 Zika cases detected in Jaipur; Centre asks States to intensify steps to control spread

New Delhi: As the number of people infected with Zika virus rose to 72 in Rajasthan, the Union Health Ministry on Monday asked States to check mosquito breeding and intensify vector control strategies to contain the spread of the disease.

Sanjeeva Kumar, Additional Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare held a meeting with various state representatives through video conferencing. He asked them to implement

the guidelines as prescribed under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme for effective control of Zika.

"States have been asked to intensify vector control strategies which include anti-larvae activities and fogging, and also follow the guidelines as prescribed under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme for effective control of Zika virus disease," a Health Ministry official said.

States have also been asked to strengthen their surveillance systems.

Zika is caused by aedes aegypti mosquito which also transmits dengue and chikungunya and breeds in open stagnant water.

Twelve new cases of Zika virus were detected in Jaipur Monday, taking the total number of infected people to 72.

"Sixty out of the total 72 patients are healthy after treatment," a Rajasthan health department official said. **PTI**

Environmentalists vow to take forward GD Agarwal's fight to save Ganga

New Delhi: Environmental activists on Monday said they would take the message of 'Save Ganga' crusader G D Agarwal to every nook and corner of the country.

Agarwal died at a Rishikesh hospital on October 11, 111 days after he began a fast for a pollution-free Ganga. He was 86.

Sanjay Singh, national convener, Jal Jan Jodo Abhiyan, said as a first step they would organ-

ise a march from Delhi to Banaras to carry the message of 'Save Ganga'.

"We will also talk about the dreams of Agarwal in every capital city of the country so that his message reaches each and every person," he said.

Another activist Rajendra Singh said they would also carry the message of cleaning Ganga to those attending the Kumbh festival next year. **PTI**

INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SURVEY IN 9 STATES 75% women's participation in production of major crops

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A research by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) conducted in nine States shows that the participation of women is 75 per cent in the production of major crops, 79 per cent in horticulture, 51 per cent in post-harvest work and 95 per cent in animal husbandry and fisheries.

In an address on the occasion of Mahila Kisan Diwas, Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh said that as many as 38.78 lakh women have been trained in the last two years under the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI). "As many as of 53.34 lakh women have benefited



during the year 2016-17 and 2017-18," Singh added. About 400 women from 26 states participated in the two-day event that started on Sunday. Mahila Kisan Diwas is celebrated on October 15.

As per Census 2011, 65 percent of the total female workers in India is engaged in agriculture. Of the total cultivators (118.7 million), 30.3 percent are women. Out of

144.3 million agricultural labourers 42.6 per cent are Women. In 2001, female agricultural labourers were 21 per cent which increased to 23 per cent in 2011.

The Minister lauded the contribution of women in the development of agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, animal husbandry and beekeeping sectors. Singh pitched for appointing more women in agriculture extension service and said the Centre would write to states on this matter.

"More than 98.14 lakh women farmers have been trained so far under the Agriculture technology management agency (ATMA) scheme," he said. Alongside, it is focusing on women self-help

groups to connect them to micro credit through capacity building activities and to provide information and ensure their representation in decision-making bodies.

The Minister noted that in 2016-17, 21 techniques related to women were evaluated and 2.56 lakh women were trained in agriculture-related fields like sewing, manufacturing, value addition, rural handicraft, animal husbandry, beekeeping, poultry and fisheries.

In order to bring women in the agriculture mainstream, he said the Government has allocated more than 30 per cent of funds for women under various major schemes/programmes and development related activities.

J&J FAULTY HIP IMPLANT Victims allege lack of transparency in deciding compensation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Johnson and Johnson faulty hip implant victims on Monday questioned the credibility of a Central Government panel to determine the compensation amount for them and alleged the entire process lacked transparency and followed no proper guidelines.

In a letter written to Union Health Minister J P Nadda, a group of over 30 victims also expressed reservation over the involvement of the multi-national company (J&J) in the process and threatened to boycott the entire exercise if their concerns were not addressed.

The Government has set up the five-member Central Expert panel to determine the quantum of compensation to be given

to patients who received "faulty" hip implants, manufactured by DePuy International, a subsidiary of J&J.

The patients have also questioned the credibility of the panel. They said they are distressed to see the Government continuing its consultation with the J&J while the patients who suffered grievous injuries "have not been consulted even a single time".

"Given the lack of transparency and any guidelines, there are grave concerns about whether the committee will be fair, just, equitable and reasonable in determining compensation. "A committee operating without guidelines, framed through a consultative process...lacks credibility and effectiveness," they said in the letter. The patients said their apprehensions are compounded by issues such as the lack of clarity on which cases will be considered appropriate for compensation and the documents required by patients to make their claims.

They also expressed concerns over the manner in which compensation will be calculated, the "lack of expertise" in the committee to compensate for broader harm caused (for example, mental and physical pain, suffering, trauma), and the absence of any patient representative.

Earlier, a committee headed by Dr Arun Agarwal was formed by the Government to look into complaints of alleged faulty implants. The committee stated in its report that "the ASR (articular surface replacement) hip implants manufactured by DePuy International Ltd were found to be faulty which resulted in higher instances of revision surgeries globally including India".

SHIVAMOGGA LOK SABHA BYPOLLS

Sons of three former Chief Ministers in fray

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

Even though it is for a short period of time, the bypoll to Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency is poised for a very interesting political development in Karnataka. The sons of three former Chief Ministers are in the fray fighting for the prestige of it, ahead of 2019 general elections. The Shivamogga constituency has fallen vacant after BJP strongman BS Yeddyurappa quit to get elected to the Assembly to play his crucial right wing politics from Shikaripura constituency.

SHIVAMOGGA WHICH CONSIDERED AS THE STRONGHOLD OF LINGAYAT STRONGMAN YEDDYURAPPA OF THE BJP IS FIELDING HIS SON AND FORMER MP BY RAGHAVENDRA FROM BJP TICKET

The resignations of BS Yeddyurappa and B Sriramulu of the BJP and CS Puttaraju of the JDS necessitated the bypolls to Shimoga, Bellary and Mandya Lok Sabha seats. Even though the political parties were not ready for the short period of by elections to lok sabha ahead of 2019 general elections the Election Commission of India's (ECI) decision came as a shock to them and with no other option before them but to go for polls. According to political observers this may have no bearing on the general elections a few months away, but significant in deciding the fate of the coalition Government of JD(S) and the Congress.

These elections before Assembly polls in five States might also indicate the political wind and its direction. For the BJP it is crucial to recapture Karnataka as the entry to the south. For its Lingayat strongman Yeddyurappa this battle is crucial as it decides his position in the saffron party. The unity of opposition parties which got started in Karnataka to take on BJP, Modi Shah combine has fizzled out and BJP is Karnataka is expected to garner more seats to help the party it loss in other States.

In Bellary where Reddy brothers still control the BJP has fielded former MP J

Shantha for the by poll for Lok Sabha. She is the younger sister of party strongman and MLA B Sriramulu. The Congress has fielded MLC VS Ugrappa, ignoring the claims of Congress MLA B Nagendra's brother Venkatesh Prasad for the ticket. In Mandya Lok Sabha by poll, a stronghold of JDs the election looks one-sided. The JDS swept all eight seats in the recent Assembly polls and the BJP lost deposit in all seats. The JDS-Congress has fielded former MLA LR Shivaram Gowda and BJP has fielded retired Government official Siddaramaiah from Mandya. But the local Congress workers and leaders openly expressed displeasure over the alliance with JDS and the BJP is trying to woo some of them.

Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy said the Congress has given the seat to us. Madhu is a strong candidate." In the recently held Assembly elections, Congress and JDS together polled over 90,000 more votes than the BJP in Shivamogga," he said.

State Congress president Dinesh Gundurao said that Congress had asked JDS to field its candidate only to give a good fight to BJP.

In Ramanagara Assembly seat vacated by Kumaraswamy after he won from two seats, his wife and former MLA Anitha Kumaraswamy is contesting on JDS ticket backed by the Congress. The BJP has fielded local Congress leader and MLC CM Lingappa's son L Chandrashekar against her. This is the Vokkaliga heart land and the fight is between them. In Jamakhandi Assembly seat, the Congress has fielded deceased Congress MLA Siddu Nyamagouda's son Anand Nyamagouda. The BJP has fielded former MLA Srikanth Kulkarni against him.

AI air hostess falls from aircraft while closing door, hurt



TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a freak mishap on Monday morning, a senior air hostess suffered severe injuries after she fell off a New Delhi-bound Air India aircraft as it was preparing for take-off from the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) here.

The incident took place shortly before 7 am when the 53-year old air hostess, identified as Harsha Lobo, was closing the door of the Mumbai-Delhi flight AI-864 for the push back prior to taxiing.

She fell all of a sudden from the aircraft onto the hard tarmac at least six metres below. Before long, some ground staffers around rushed immediately to Lobo's help.

She was taken to nearby Nanavati Hospital for treatment. Terming the incident as "unfortunate", Air India said that Lobo had suffered injuries on her legs.

"In an unfortunate incident, one of our cabin crew (members) Harsha Lobo, fell down on the tarmac from the Boeing 777 aircraft door while closing it," an AI statement said.

She fell all of a sudden from the aircraft onto the hard tarmac at least six metres below. Before long, some ground staffers around rushed immediately to Lobo's help. She was taken to nearby Nanavati Hospital for treatment

The flight later departed for Delhi after over an hour's delay.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued later in the afternoon, Dr. Rajendra Patankar, COO, Nanavati Super Specialty Hospital said: "The patient (Lobo) is suffering from right leg compound fracture, fracture in both heels and soft tissue injury in chest, abdomen and lower spine. She also suffered from a sprain in the neck (cervical spine).

"She is being treated under Dr. Prakash M Doshi, Director of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. She is currently under observation".

One more lion dies in Gir forest; toll now 24

PNS ■ GANDHINAGAR

Amidst the ongoing controversy over the death of lions in the Gir National Park and Sanctuary, one more carcass of an Asiatic lion was found around 2 km away from the sanctuary.

The carcass of the adult lion was found in the western part of the Gir forest near Visavadar town in Junagadh district. According to Chief Conservator of Forest DT Vasavada, prima facie the death of the lion near the western side of the sanctuary seemed to be natural and it has nothing to do with the death of 23 lions which died due to multiple reasons in Dalkhanian range situated on the opposite eastern side of the Gir forest.

Vasavada said that the age of the lion would be around 2-3 years.

The body has been sent for post mortem to confirm the cause of the death, he said adding that there was no symptoms of Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) infection in the big cat's body.

It is worth mentioning that since September 12 this



year, as many as 23 lions were died in Dalkhanian range of Gir Sanctuary and most of them reportedly died of CDV infection.

The other reason of the deaths of these beasts according to officials is infighting and territorial war among the strong lions. Gir forest and surrounding areas are considered as the only abode of Asiatic Lions in the world.

As per the last lion census in the area conducted in the year 2014, there were 523 big cats in eight districts of Saurashtra region that including 109 mature male, 201 female, 73 sub-adults and 140 cubs (below one year).

A sub-adult lion rescued

A team of the State Forest Department rescued a sub-adult lion from a well in the eastern part of Gir forest on Monday morning. Sources said that the lion fell down in the 25 feet deep well near Devla village when it was in search of water. As soon as the message pertaining to the lion came, a team of experts reached the spot and rescued the big cat after efforts of three hours. The lion around the age of 18-20 months got injured due to the sudden fall. After rescuing the beast, it was sent to Jashadar animal care centre.



Devotees take pictures of an idol of goddess Durga displayed at a makeshift venue for worship ahead of Durga Puja in Kolkata on Monday. The festival is scheduled to run from October 16 to 19

Goa BJP ally warns against Assembly dissolution

IAN S ■ PANAJI

Goa Forward Party president and Agriculture Minister Vijai Desai on Monday warned against dissolution of the Assembly even as the State Chief Minister is fighting a serious illness.

Goa Forward Party is an ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party, which leads the State Government.

Sardesai asked the BJP's central leadership, including party president Amit Shah, to "keep their word" and ensure continuance of the coalition Government in Goa and not go in for dissolution of the Assembly.

Sardesai's comments assume significance as Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar remains seriously ill, plunging the State into political uncertainty.

"People of Goa are watching them because national parties need to keep their word. If they don't keep their word, people don't trust them. Now the onus is on them and they will have to fulfil their commitment to ensure that this Government completes its term and gets the continued support of the Central Government," Sardesai said in a video statement issued here on Monday.

The BJP is ruling the State in alliance with Goa Forward Party, and Maharashtrawadi

Parrikar advised week's rest

Panaji: Ailing Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar has been advised to take a week's rest by the doctors, a statement by his office said on Monday.

Parrikar, who has been undergoing treatment for advanced pancreatic cancer at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi, was suddenly discharged and arrived in Goa on Sunday.

"Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar's condition has improved further. He had a chat with his family members today morning. Doctors have advised him to take rest for a week," the statement said.

Parrikar was admitted to AIIMS on September 15. He has been in and out of hospitals in Goa, Mumbai, New York and now Delhi for



the last seven months. On Sunday, state Power Minister Nilesh Cabral told the media here that he was awaiting a miracle to ensure Parrikar's quick recovery.

"However, he may be, we only hope that he recovers fast, a miracle happens and he leads us in the future. That is all we ask," Cabral said.

SARDESAI ASKED THE BJP'S CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING PARTY PRESIDENT AMIT SHAH, TO "KEEP THEIR WORD" AND ENSURE CONTINUANCE OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT IN GOA AND NOT GO IN FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

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 Regd. Office: Mandhana Bithoor Road, Village Choudharipur, Bithoor, Kanpur-209201
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NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held on, **Wednesday 14th November, 2018, at 03:30 P.M.** at the registered office of the Company inter-alia to consider and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended **30th September, 2018**.

This Intimation is also available on the Company's website at www.rtclimited.in and on the Stock Exchange website at www.bseindia.com.

Place: Delhi
 Date: 09.10.2018

For RTCL Limited
 Sd/-
 (Vidhal Saxena)
 Company Secretary

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| TENDER NOTICE | | | | | |
| SR. NO. | NAME OF DEPARTMENT | NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE | AMOUNT (APPROX.) | WEBSITE |
| 1 | IRRIGATION DEPTT. HARYANA, PANCHKULA | SUPPLY, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF ACOUSTIC DOPPLER CURRENT PROFILER (ADCP) | 13.10.2018 08.11.2018 | 124 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in http://hid.gov.in |
| 2 | IRRIGATION DEPTT. HARYANA, TOHANA 01692-230001 hid.ewestohana@yahoo.com | REPAIRING /RASING OF LINING AND STRENGTHENING BANK FROM RD 0 TO 30950 DHAMTAN LINK CHANNEL + 3 OTHER WORKS | CLOSING DATE 05.11.2018 | 154 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in |
| 3 | IRRIGATION DEPTT. HARYANA, REWARI | DEWEEDING OF DEWANA DISTY. FROM P.H. DD-1 (K.M. 5790) TO P.H. DD-2 (K.M.14.700) FOR RABI + 8 OTHER WORKS | CLOSING DATE 22.10.2018 | 8.4 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in |
| 4 | IRRIGATION DEPTT. HARYANA, FARIDABAD 0129-2288504 xen_fbd@yahoo.co.in | PROVIDING BRICK WALL ON THE EDGE OF SIKRI DISTY + 3 OTHE WORKS | CLOSING DATE 20.10.2018 | 14.55 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in |
| 5 | IRRIGATION DEPTT. HARYANA, ROHTAK | REPAIR AND STRENGTHENING OF DEWERR SUB M/R FROM RD 4670 TO 5800 + 8 OTHER WORKS | CLOSING DATE 30.10.2018 | 46.86 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in |
| 6 | IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. KARNAL | REHABILITATION OF V.R. BRIDGE AT RD 20478 OF CHHAPRION DRAIN. | CLOSING DATE 19.10.2018 | 11.05 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in |
| 7 | PANCHAYATI RAJ, KAITHAL 96137-13988 | CONST. OF ISI MARK INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK STREET AND TOE WALL AT VILLAGE PAI + 1 OTHER WORK | 12.10.2018 25.10.2018 | 10.48 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 8 | PANCHAYATI RAJ, HISAR 01662-234172 prexeeng_hsr@hry.nic.in | SUPPLY OF REFRESHMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR ROAD SAFETY AT CHOUDHARY RAMBIR SING AUDITORIUM, GURU JAMBHESHWAR UNIVERS.ITY, HISAR + 1 OTHER WORKS | 13.10.2018 17.10.2018 | 33.43 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 9 | PANCHAYATI RAJ, BHIWANI 01664-243929 prexeengbhw@hry.nic.in | SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR THE FUNCTION OF KHEL MAHAKUMBH (STATE LEVEL) AT BHIM STADIUM BHIWANI +1 OTHER WORKS | 13.10.2018 18.10.2018 | 9.19 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 10 | PWD B&R NARAINGARH 01734-284035 pwd-eeep-naraingarh@hry.nic.in | CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE WITH RESIDENTIAL QUARTER AT VILLAGE BHUREWALA IN AMBALA DISTT) | 19.10.2018 03.11.2018 | 320.33 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 11 | PWD B&R KARNAL 0184-2251029 pwd-eeepkarnal@hry.nic.in | PROVIDING 75MM THICK WBM PATCHES +PC WITH SEAL COAT PATCHES ON VARIOUS ROAD UNDER PROVINCIAL DIVISION NO.1 KARNAL. | 12.10.2018 26.10.2018 | 142.10 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 12 | PWD B&R SONEPAT | CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VETERINARY HOSPITAL IN VILLAGE BIDHLAN IN DISTT SONEPAT +1 OTHER WORKS | 11.10.2018 17.10.2018 | 63.55 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in http://haryanaepwd-bandr.org |
| 13 | PWD B&R, NUH 01267-271237 | CONSTRUCTION OF EVM WARE HOUSE (2000 UNITS) IN MINI SECT.AT NUH | 12.10.2018 28.10.2018 | 174.82 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in http://haryanaepwd-bandr.org |
| 14 | PWD B&R, CHARKHI DADRI 01250-220073 | WDG, STG, & RAISING BOND ROAD TO SONF KASNI VIA MIRCH APP. +3 OTHER WORKS | 05.10.2018 25.10.2018 | 485.6 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 15 | PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH 0172-2793574 pwd-eeed-chandigarh@hry.nic.in | CONSTRUCTION OF PUCCA RASTA FROM VILLAGE NAULTA JAITHAL TO VILL. KAMLI (PARWANOO) IN PANCHKULA DISTT. +2 OTHER WORKS | 12.10.2018 30.10.2018 | 178.01 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in http://haryanaepwd-bandr.org |
| 16 | PWD B&R, JIND 01681-249416 | SPECIAL REPAIR OF INTERNAL ROAD IN PWD REST HOUSE CAMPUS AT SAFIDON AND AROUND REST HOUSE JIND | 05.10.2018 25.10.2018 | 11.58 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 17 | PWD B&R, PALWAL 01275-252006 pwd-eeed-palwal@hry.nic.in | CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VETERINARY DISPENSARIES AT VILLAGE MANPUR IN PALWAL DISTT | CLOSING DATE 19.10.2018 | 24.11 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 18 | PWD B&R, SIRSA 01666-220530 pwdp1sirs@hry.nic.in | CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VETERINARY DISPENSARIES AT VILLAGE KHEOWALI, JHORAR ROHL, LAKHUANA AND MITHIRI DISTT SIRSA | 11.10.2018 22.10.2018 | 117.24 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 19 | PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT., GOHANA | CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. BOOSTING STATION INCLUDING RISING MAIN 1. NO. SHALLOW TUBEWELL INCLUDING RISING MAIN AND INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE | 12.10.2018 26.10.2018 | 28 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in TENDER NO. 101815 |
| 20 | PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT., NUH | IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME TAORU TOWN BY CONSTRUCTION OF BOSSING STATION AND LAYING OF DISTRIBUTION PIPE LINE RISING MAIN IN TAORU TOWN DISTRICT NUH. | 01.10.2018 19.10.2018 | 457.97 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 21 | PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT. BAWAL | PROVIDING & INSTALLATION OF TUBEWELL WITH PUMPING MACHINERY AND 1000 LPH CAPACITY REVERSE OSMIS BASED WATER TREATMENT PLANT + 3 OTHER WORKS | 01.10.2018 21.10.2018 | 80.35 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in (TENDER NO. 100858, 100857, 100862, 100852) |
| 22 | PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT. TOSHAM | ROHAT VILLAGE SPECIAL REPAIR OF WATER WORKS STRUCTURES ,REPLACEMENT OF PUMPING MACHINERY, LAYING OF PIPE FOR GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL DHANI ROHAT AT VILLAGE ROHAT | 12.10.2018 30.10.2018 | 31.70 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in |
| 23 | PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT. SIRSA 01666-221925, 9034357793 | AUGMENTATION AND RENOVATION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME TO VILLAGE DHOOKRA DISTT SIRSA +5 OTHER WORKS | 12.10.2018 19.10.2018 | 59.88 LACS | https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in TENDER NO. 101774 TO 101779 |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in | R.O. No. 72868 Dt. 15-10-2018

ATTACKS ON MIGRANTS

A Cong conspiracy: Rupani

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Monday assured that the people of Uttar Pradesh were fully secured in his home State and blamed the Congress for hatching a conspiracy to malign the image of Gujarat which had developed due to the support and hard work of the people of other states.

"I can assure you that the situation is normal and every non-Gujarati individual is safe and secure. It is the tradition of all Gujaratis to safeguard the life and property of non-Gujaratis," Rupani said while claiming that Gujaratis and non-Gujaratis had mixed in the state like "milk and sugar" and they all were behind the development of Gujarat.

Addressing a press conference here on Monday along with his Uttar Pradesh counterpart Yogi Adityanath, Rupani said that everyone knew who was behind the conspiracy.

"We have arrested around 700 people for the conspiracy in which more than 50 are Congress leaders and workers. They also conspired through social media in which 70 people have been arrested," the Gujarat Chief Minister said.

Without taking the name of Congress MLA Alpesh Thakor, who was allegedly behind the conspiracy, Rupani

said the government had initiated legal action against the legislator.

However, Rupani was critical of Congress president Rahul Gandhi, saying just a tweet against his MLA was not enough.

"Gandhi should have taken action against his MLA and not just tweeting and forgetting everything," he said, adding that it was surprising that the alleged MLA was also the party in-charge of Bihar and had conspired against the people of Bihar.

Giving reason for such conspiracy by the Congress, the Gujarat Chief Minister said that the party, which was lagging behind Bharatiya Janata Party in the country, had tried to implicate the Gujarat Government just before the assembly polls in several States and also to counter the move of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the Statue of Unity at Sardar Sarovar dam on October 31.

UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath in his brief interaction said that he has accepted the invitation of Rupani to attend the inauguration function of Statue of Unity on October 31. He further said that the Gujarat CM has also accepted the UP's demand for land to construct a guest house near the Statue of Unity.

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Statue of Unity, the world's tallest

um of Sardar Patel, who was instrumental in bringing 562 independent states in India under the fold of the country after Independence.

"There is a lift which can take 50 people at a time up to the bust of the statue from where people can witness the scenic beauty of the place and there is also an exhibition hall," he said.

For the comfort of tourists, there is a tent city and a three-star hotel while 100 guides are being trained to help the tourists. Besides, a tribal market, valley of flowers and other attractions are also nearby.

Rupani said that Gujarat had always welcomed the people from other parts of the country and it was the contribution of non-Gujaratis that Gujarat had developed to such an extent.

"In Surat, Baroda and other parts of Gujarat, north Indians are working efficiently to develop the state," he stated.

He also appealed to the people of UP to visit Gujarat, particularly religious places of Somnath and Dwarka, tourist places like Kutch and Gir forest and Sabarmati Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi, which was the ultimate place for all the people.

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BJP'S IDEOLOGICAL PUSH

Saffron book stalls at Durga Puja pandals

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal BJP leadership appears to have come out of the Ram Mandir campaign for now and walked into the Durga Puja pandals to push forward its ideology.

Believing that the party will definitely return to power in Delhi in 2019 and enter Bengal Assembly through Parliament two years later, the BJP has concentrated on preparing the voters mentally through ideological books. The party is peddling ideological books at Durga Puja pandals this time round.

And aware that the Hindutva flavour was getting repetitive on the ideological platter the State party has decided to bring about some changes in flavour by filling the book racks with biographies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

"We will try to reach out to the people through books so that the anti-propaganda generated by the Trinamool Congress is successfully countered," said a senior leader adding about 2,000 —3,000 book stalls will be put up throughout the State including Kolkata.

"The books will mostly be on our ideological background, lives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee who was a local hero and was even elected from South Kolkata," said the leader.

Booklets on national register for citizens were also being distributed, sources said "so that misgivings on what it is all about is put out."

Despite anti-campaign by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on NRC in Assam, "we shall try to tell the actual story of NRC," the leader said adding it was not directed against Bengalis.

State BJP president Dilip Ghosh said that his party will use Durga Puja pandals to propagate about NRC in Assam and how it is done for the benefit of that state and country, contrary to the propaganda of the TMC. "We are also writing articles on violence and misuse of TMC government and the developmental work done by the Modi government," he said.

The leader also said that though the party had received requisitions from many parts of the State for setting up stalls "the local Trinamool leadership is disturbing us from doing so.

I want to ask if the Left parties are allowed to sell their books why not the BJP?"

For years, political parties particularly the CPI(M) have been setting up stalls outside Puja pandals to sell their books and also as a public relations exercise. Now the BJP follows suit.

Ghosh said the party had already set up stalls in many places. "We are getting support from the locals and hope to increase the number of our stalls to a record number," he said adding the people will back BJP's move and not listen to the dictates of the TMC.

"We will get a feel of the general political atmosphere through the sale of the books" because Kolkata itself is likely to witness about 50 lakh people hopping pandals for 24 hours all the 5-6 days the leadership said.

The BJP is targeting more than 22 parliamentary seats in 2019 general elections. While the Chief Minister has said that the TMC will win all the 42 seats, BJP leader Kailash Vijaybargiya said things will be clear in few months time as most of the TMC leaders will not be in a position to contest the polls as they will be in jail in chit fund case.

Opp flays move to rename Allahabad

Lucknow: The Opposition parties slammed the move of the Yogi Adityanath government to rename Allahabad as Prayagraj ahead of the Kumbh Mela beginning in January next year.

Even as a formal order for the renaming of Allahabad is about to be issued, the religious leaders of Ayodhya have raised the demand for renaming Faizabad as Ayodhya.

The saints of Ayodhya have decided to raise the demand before Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath when he visits Ayodhya for Deepotsav (lighting the lamps) ceremony on the bank of river Saryu on Diwali.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav criticised Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over the move to rename Allahabad as Prayagraj, saying he was "doing nothing for the people and claiming credit by just renaming cities".

"Raja Harshvardhan made 'Prayag Kumbh' great by offering donations but the present day rulers are trying to take credit for the work just by renaming the city to Prayagraj," the former Chief Minister tweeted on Monday.

"They (BJP) have even renamed Ardh Kumbh as Kumbh. This mocks our tradition and belief," he added. The Congress also hit out at the ruling dispensation. Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee general secretary Onkarnath Singh said changing the name of the historic city to Prayagraj was an attempt to fiddle with the history of the nation.

Nun rape case: Kerala HC grants bail to Bishop Franco Mulakkal



PTI ■ KOCHI/KOTTAYAM

POLICE OPPOSED THE BAIL APPLICATION OF MULAKKAL, SAYING INVESTIGATION WAS STILL ON IN THE CASE. THE COURT, HOWEVER, GRANTED HIM CONDITIONAL BAIL CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT INVESTIGATION IN THE CASE WAS ALMOST OVER

The Kerala High Court on Monday granted conditional bail to Roman Catholic Bishop Franco Mulakkal, three weeks after he was arrested over allegations of repeatedly raping and sexually assaulting a nun.

Granting the bail, Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan directed the accused to leave Kerala and surrender his passport.

He has been directed to appear before the probe officer once in two weeks on Saturdays. This condition would be applicable till a charge sheet is filed in the case.

Earlier on October 3, the High Court had dismissed the bail plea of the clergyman while accepting the prosecution argument that the accused, holding a high position in the society, would try to influence witnesses in the case, if given bail.

The 54-year-old bishop, currently lodged in a sub-jail in Pala in Kottayam district, moved the high court again after a magistrate court extended his judicial remand.

Police opposed the bail application of Mulakkal, saying investigation was still on in the case.

The court, however, granted him conditional bail considering the fact that investigation in the case was almost over.

Fellow nuns of the vic-

timised nun, who had staged public protest in Kochi seeking the bishop's arrest, expressed concern over the "speedy bail" of the accused, saying Bishop Mulakkal was very powerful who can influence the witnesses in the case even if he stays outside the State.

They said there was a security threat for them and there was no guarantee that they would be alive tomorrow. Welcoming the decision, a Jalandhar diocese spokesperson said, "Thanks to the God."

Without elaborating, he said the case was under the consideration of the court and "let the court decide".

The bishop was arrested on September 21 after intense interrogation over the last three days. The Vatican had relieved him "temporarily" of all pastoral responsibilities as the bishop of the Jalandhar diocese of the Missionaries of Jesus congregation to which the alleged victim also belongs.

31 Bangladeshis held at Guwahati rly station



Police official stands guard as suspected Bangladeshi nationals who were detained sit on a platform of a railway station in Gauhati on Monday

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

A group of 31 suspected Bangladeshi nationals who allegedly entered the country illegally were apprehended on Monday from Guwahati Railway Station, according to police.

The group was detained when they were preparing to board Kanchanjunga Express to go to Agartala this morning, Railway Police Deputy Superintendent Iftekar Ali said.

The detained include eight women and 13 children, he said. "They could not produce any valid document to prove

their Indian citizenship. ... They then confessed that they hail from Bagerhat district in Khulna division of Bangladesh," Ali said.

During interrogation, the detainees said that they had entered India illegally two to three years ago and had moved to Bangalore where they did some petty jobs, the police official said.

The group had reached Guwahati yesterday by the Bangalore Express and spent the night on the station platform. "They were on their way to Bangladesh via Agartala to visit their homes ... Investigation is on," he added.

I believe in serving, not seeking vote: Nitish

'No compromise with crime, corruption and communalism'

FAIZAN AHMAD ■ PATNA

Chief Minister and JD(U) president Nitish Kumar is now fully in an election mode. He is taking all attempts to woo all sections of the voters in a bid to expand his electoral base. His party is holding separate conclaves for backwards, dalits, minorities as well as women and youths of all sections and telling them the Government's steps taken for their welfare.

Incidentally, all these sections had wholeheartedly backed Nitish from 2005 except the 2014 Lok Sabha polls but regained the support of these

social groups in 2015 Assembly polls which he fought in alliance with Lalu Prasad and Congress.

Amid the apprehension that his party was losing the support base of particularly the dalits and minorities, the JD(U) on its own trying hard to maintain its hold on these sections because its main rival the RJD is also heavily banking on these social groups.

After holding the dalit conclaves at some places and one in Patna four days back which was also attended by Nitish, Monday was the day to host meeting on minorities issues. The emphasis of the CM was on maintaining communal harmony and addressing the problems faced to the Muslim community.

"I have never and will never compromise with crime, corruption and communalism. I believe in working and serving the people and not concerned for votes. I have committed to



serve and believe in 'kaam' (work) and not the caste. All my schemes are universal and for the welfare of all and not any particular section," he declared at a meeting organised by the minorities welfare department.

The CM unveiled projects on minorities residential schools, wakf development and madrasa modernisation. He also approved the Indo-Islamic design for new construction of historical and iconic building Anjuman Islamia Hall in downtown Patna and said it should be completed Eid in 2020. He also listed the works done for

various Muslims institutions and students, wakf boards and financial corporation, Arabic & Persian University, minorities hostels and stipends. He said minorities residential schools will be opened in each district. The budget for minorities employment loan scheme has increased from Rs 25 crore to Rs 100 crore.

The JD(U) on Monday held a training programme for its proposed 'Mahila Samagam' (women conclave) to be held on 24, 25 and 26 November in all districts. The focal point of these conclave would be governance, prohibition, anti dowry and child marriage, women employment, education and health, said JD(U) national general secretary RCP Singh.

He said the works done by Nitish for the half of the population should be propagated through the 'Mahila Samagam'.

Store Purchase Organisation Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana

Notice Inviting e-Tenders

No. PAU/SPO/GA/2018/3207 Dated: 12-10-2018

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | Last date of submission of tender |
|---------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | B. Twill Gunny Bags Size 94x57cm Weight 580 gm + 8% or - 6% Counts per sq. De. centimeter (a) End Wrap - 64 (+4 or -3) (b) Picks/Welt - 28 (+2 or -2) Other specification as per IS 16186: 2014 standards (Quantity - 50000 Nos.) | 22-10-2018 Upto 11.00 A.M. |

1. For additional details visit website <https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>
2. Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Admn-cum-Accounts Officer
Store Purchase Organisation,
P.A.C. Ludhiana

DPR/15OCT/18C-2890 Dt. 15-10-2018

Office of The Director (Medical Services)
NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Charak Palika Hospital, Moti Bagh - New Delhi - 110021

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender ID No. - 2018_NDMC_160077_1

Subject: Procurement of Dental Materials for Medical Services Department, NDMC

Estimated Cost : Rs. 16,35,111/-

Date of release of tender : 09.10.2018

Last date/time for receipt of tenders : 25.10.2018 at 2.30 P.M.

Date of opening of the tender : 25.10.2018 at 3.00 P.M.

Further details and any Corrigendum 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 of Delhi is mandatory. **DIRECTOR (MEDICAL SERVICES)**
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Corrigendum No. 01 against E-Tender enquiry No. 19/CWD-2/ Vol-IX/2018-19 Dated: 17.09.2018

Last Date of online bid submission is extended up to 22-10-2018 (13.00 Hrs)

Details NIT and tender document is available at website: <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in>
<https://www.hvpn.gov.in>

Executive Engineer/ Civil Works, Division HVPNL, Hisar
RO NO. 72833 Dt. 15-10-2018

Tender of Laboratory Equipment

A Tender hereby invited by Director of Health Services, Government of Tripura, Agartala (on behalf of the Governor of Tripura) from resourceful, experienced and bonafide licensed manufacturer or their authorized distributor in the state of Tripura for **Tender of Laboratory Equipment for the year 2018-19**.

The details of tender, list of items with indicative quantity and tender Documents are made available on website (<http://tripuratenders.gov.in>). The last date/time of submission of the tender documents by online is **5/11/2018 up to 4:00 pm. All future modification/corrigendum shall be made available in the e-procurement portal. So bidders are requested to get the update themselves from the e-procurement web portal only.**

ICA/C-1465/18

Director of Health Services
Govt. Of Tripura, Agartala

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, 14th November, 2018, at 4:30 P.M.** at the registered office of the company inter-alia to consider and approve the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half-year ended **30th September, 2018**.

This Information is also available on the Company's website at www.raghnathintltd.com and on the Stock Exchange website at www.bseindia.com.

For Raghunath International Limited
Date: Delhi (G.N. Choudhary)
Date: 09.10.2018 (DIN: 00012883)
Director

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Jaspreet Singh, S/o Manmit Singh, R/o H.No. 23/41, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi** is involved in case FIR No. 28/13, U/s 341/323/509/506/379/34 IPC, at P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Jaspreet Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Jaspreet Singh**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Jaspreet Singh, in case FIR No. 28/13, U/s 341/323/509/506/379/34 IPC, at P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear on this Court to answer the said complaint on **20.12.2018**.

By Order
Mr. Manoj Kumar,
M.M., Room No. 268, 2nd Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1487/OD/18(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Arvind Shastri, S/o Jagat Narayan Shastri R/o H.No. 4454/41, New Ram Pura Colony, Distt. Panipat (Haryana)** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a FIR No. 93/17 u/s 279 IPC & 33/58 Delhi Excise Act, PS Kanjhawala, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Arvind Shastri** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Arvind Shastri** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Arvind Shastri of FIR No. 93/17 u/s 279 IPC & 33/58 Delhi Excise Act, PS Kanjhawala, Delhi** is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on **05.12.2018**.

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

DP/1485/OD/18

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Madhu, W/o Latori, R/o 160 T-Huts, Pumbari Road, Model Town-1st, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 229/17 u/s 420/468/471/120-B IPC, P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Madhu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Madhu** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Madhu of FIR No. 229/17 u/s 420/468/471/120-B IPC, P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi** are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.11.2018**.

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

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COMMENT & ANALYSIS Sabarimala: Justice downsizes divinity

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Here we go again

We are at that time of the year when pollution level rises and the Government, like every year, steps in to try and control it

There is an eerie similarity between the discomforting presence of pollutants in the atmosphere and the authorities tasked to tackle the problem of air pollution in the Capital. Both seem to work in tandem, making their appearance annually during this time of the year. That, at least, is what has been the trend over the last few years. The Delhi Government's move to bring the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) into force confirms that the authorities have got into the act but not before a sharp spike in air pollution levels was recorded. The emergency action plan has been put into motion as the worsening air quality, which is expected to deteriorate further as we move into the crucial months of November and December. Apart from dust (both roadside and construction) and vehicular pollution, crop stubble burning in the neighbouring States of Haryana and Punjab starts having impact as it has this year, too, by the middle of October, and then there is a sharp spike in air pollution on a couple of days either side of Diwali. What aggravates the situation is that there is no reprieve from rainfall. Instead, as winter approaches, the smog that envelops the atmosphere makes white clouds of September appear as a grey smog. This is exactly the time when the authorities wake up and get into action. It is just like a sick person going to a doctor after her/his illness has got aggravated and s/he cannot take it anymore. GRAP is a response system which merely responds to the way the weather conditions and level of pollutant from different sources change. It's not a pre-emptive strike against the coming danger but follow-up action.

Admittedly, the Capital's battle against air pollution received fresh impetus when in 2016 the Supreme Court ordered the Government to bring GRAP in force and consequently it came into force in January 2017 with the best of intentions. It entailed a systematic approach to tackle each type and level of air pollution. Depending on how critical the situation is, it calls for measures like a ban on construction activities, ban on stone crushing, enhancing parking fees, and rolling out the odd-even road vehicle rationing scheme, besides calling for a ban on the use of diesel gensets. But while GRAP is in force, we cannot just sit back and think the system alone will tackle the situation. The fact is that the graded response formula can never be successful unless the State and the Centre, not to mention various agencies, coordinate among themselves better. Delhi alone has 16 agencies often working at cross-purposes which leads to a delay in decision-making. Politics between the Centre and the State is another issue with even officials nowadays busy exhibiting allegiance to political parties rather than the people of Delhi. Despite knowing that crop stubble burning is a recurring annual problem, enough has not been done to, if not eradicate, then at least minimise it. The ring of fire around Karnal in Haryana, for example, is there for all to see. Appropriate steps have not been taken. It is also ironic that fearing a Supreme Court ban on firecrackers as Diwali approaches, shopkeepers had set up shops months in advance so people could stock up before any restrictions on sale came into force. But then it is we, the people, who buy them. The reality is we need to be prepared for another winter of discontent and ill health.

50 WORD EDIT Saving the Himalayas The Niti Aayog has come up with a proposal to impose a 'green tax' on tourists who visit the Indian Himalayan region. It is a good idea, as the 100 million tourists visiting the region annually, expected to go up to 240 million per annum by 2025, put immense pressure on extant resources. We need to preserve the Himalayas for future generations.

Honour in uniform

The Army owes it to its tradition of discipline to ensure crimes like the Assam fake encounter never happen again

There are many things than can, and do, go wrong when you deploy the Army which is trained to ruthlessly and without mercy eliminate external enemies on internal security duties. No officer or jawan wants to be in a situation where they have to take on their people, i.e. fellow citizens of India. Yet, the political leadership in India has for decades turned to the men and women in olive green to quell armed insurgencies in various parts of the country when their counterparts in khaki were either co-opted by those who have taken up arms against the state or proved singularly ineffective in facing them down. This is not by way of an apology for the excesses of the Indian Army but to contextualise the situation in which seven of its personnel, including a Major General, two Colonels, two captains and two JCOs have been held guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment at the conclusion of a Summary General Court Martial into a fake encounter that took place in Assam in 1994 in which five innocent youth were killed.

It is to the credit of a brave Jagadish Bhuyan, who has been pursuing the case doggedly for 24 years, that justice was finally done. It is also to the credit of the Indian Army which does, as it should, hold itself to a higher standard. Indeed, as Bhuyan himself asserted, the trial and verdict showed that the Army exemplified the best traditions of fairness and neutrality even when it came to their own who had transgressed. The specifics of the case are not important, though it is worth mentioning that the killings took place in the Tinsukia district where the Army men picked up nine student leaders suspected of being ULFA militants and gunned five of them down before releasing the other four into the jungles.

What is quite remarkable is that a number of witnesses were encouraged to come forward and were heard at length by the Army judicial authorities which can only happen when there is trust that the machinery of the justice delivery system will protect them. The Indian Army owes it to its own tradition of discipline and zero tolerance towards human rights violations to ensure such crimes are never repeated. The exemplary punishment awarded through due process to the guilty is another step in that direction.



SANDHYA JAIN

Its inclusive character notwithstanding, Sabarimala has several characteristics consistent with a denominational temple and should have been spared the humiliation that is currently afflicting Ayyappa swami devotees across the country. In hundreds of Ayyappa temples, devotees are welcomed without distinction of gender, jati or even creed. At Sabarimala, Ayyappa, born from the union of Shiva and Vishnu as Mohini, takes the form of *Naishtika Brahmachari* (perennial celibate) and performs eternal *tapas* (meditation); hence women devotees of reproductive age (10 to 50 years) desist from disturbing him. Hindu dharma celebrates divinity in its complex diversity. The same deity has different traits and is worshipped differently according to *naama* (name), *rupa* (form) and *svarupa* (essence). During the Navratri, Devi is worshipped in nine forms. At four major temples in Kerala, Ayyappa takes the form of a 'kumar' (teenager) at

Sabarimala; a 'balak' (child) at Kulathupuzha; a *grahastha* (family man) with wives at Achankovil; and a *tapasvi* (ascetic) in Aranyakavu; these denote the four stages of human life.

Sabarimala is essentially a denominational temple within the Ayyappa panth (stream); it has special rules and regulations appropriate to the deity in that *rupa* and *svarupa*. These rules have been practiced without demur from time immemorial and correspond to settled usage and custom. Violation, as in 2006 when an actress in the prohibited age group entered the temple, defiles the sanctity of the temple according to the Agamas, and requires purification.

The denominational nature of the temple is established by the rigorous 41-day *vrat* (penance) that Ayyappa Himself prescribed when he directed a king to build the temple at the spot where his arrow landed after vanquishing a demon. This includes total abstinence, celibacy, and other forms of asceticism. A person starting *tapas* takes *donings* from his parents, elders and Guru and dons a *hidai* or *rashtrika mala*. The aim is to purify mind and body and establish the Oneness of all beings. On the pilgrimage, each devotee is addressed as 'Swami' as he has become pure. Justice DY Chandrachud's view that, "To suggest that women cannot undertake the 41-day *vrat* is to stereotype them," mocks at the sanctity of custom. That this has caused religious hurt can be seen from the thousands of women pouring out on the



IT IS SURPRISING WHY THE APEX COURT REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE BALAKA GOD AS A MINOR AND A JURISTIC ENTITY, A SETTLED PRINCIPLE IN HINDU LAW. IN THE RAM JANMABHUMI CASE, RAMLALLA (INFANT RAMA) IS A MINOR AND JURISTIC ENTITY ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW AND TO BE REPRESENTED BY A 'BEST FRIEND'

streets of Kerala cities to protest the verdict. Only those who conclude the *vrat* and carry the *Irumudi kettu* on their heads can cross the *Srichakra* and ascend the final 18 steps to the *sannidhanam* (sanctum), to the presence of Ayyappa. *Irumudi* is a twin bundle with offerings for the deity on one side, and the pilgrims' humble necessities on the other. Other devotees worship through a side entrance. The steps represent the stages of knowledge and consciousness, to supreme bliss at the feet of Ayyappa swami. The *vrat* and *Irumudi* distinguish Sabarimala as a religious denomination or section thereof which, under Article 26, has the right to manage its own affairs in matters of religion.

It is surprising why the Supreme Court refused to accept the *balaka* god as a minor and a juristic entity, a settled principle in Hindu Law. In the Ram Janmabhumi case, Ramlalla (infant Rama) is a minor and juristic entity entitled to the protection of the law and to be represented by a 'best friend'. Hindu Gods own wealth and property because they are juristic entities. In 1988, recognizing this principal, a London judge returned the Chola Nataraja of Pattur to India, ruling that so long as even one stone belonging to a temple built by a Chola chieftain remains *in situ*, the temple continues to exist in the eye of law and has the right to own property. Sabarimala is a living temple adhering to distinct agamas; it is incorrect to designate temples as 'public spaces' and deny the deity's

constitutional rights.

We may ask if it is wise to destroy the sanctity of Sabarimala to satisfy the iconoclastic urges (disguised as a quest for equality) of litigants whose *locus standi* is suspect? The principal activists behind the Indian Young Lawyers Association & Ors Versus The State of Kerala & Ors. [Writ Petition (C) No. 373 of 2006] had admitted that they were inspired by the future over actress Jayamala's unlawful entry into the temple.

The erstwhile royal family of Pandalam, where Ayyappa grew up, and People for Grama are seeking a review of the verdict, on grounds that it "has the effect of Abrahamising the core of the Hindu faith, namely diversity, and altering its identity". The organisation laments that the court failed to not enquire if the traditional practice "is essential to the identity of the Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple". Instead, it asked if it is essential to Hindu religion, when the Sanatana Dharma has no Book or Canon with uniform beliefs and practices.

The Sabarimala restrictions have been distorted as derogatory towards women in their fertile years. Different temples run according to distinct *agamas*. The menstrual cycle of Assam's Devi Kamakhya is celebrated in the Ambubachi festival; Rajio, symbolising the menstruation of Mother Earth, is a major event in Odisha. The Mahadeo temple in Chengannur celebrates women's festival, and transgressors have divine status in Kottankulangara.

Only Justice Indu Malhotra, the sole dissenting voice, sifted the evidence clinically and observed that the restriction on women of a certain age group was not based on misogyny or menstrual impurity, but on the celibate nature of Ayyappa swami; "what constitutes an essential religious practice is for the religious community to decide". She questioned the *locus standi* of non-believers approaching the Court and claiming the right to enter the Temple, even as there was no aggrieved petitioner from Kerala. Justice Malhotra warned that in a plural and diverse country, judges must be careful before labelling a practice as discriminatory on the basis of personal morality. "Issues which are matters of deep religious faith and sentiment must not ordinarily be interfered with by courts." In fact, Courts should not interfere unless a practice is "pernicious, oppressive, or a social evil".

The Apex Court's equation of Sabarimala customs with untouchability as defined in Article 17 of the Constitution, which refers to birth-based discrimination against some castes was unfortunate. The Kerala Government's decision to pass The Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Act, 2018 to allow appointment of non-Hindus to the Travancore Devaswam Board was the last straw. *The writer is Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library; the views expressed are personal*

POINT-COUNTERPOINT

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There is a chargesheet against him (Tharoor). What can we say on the statement of such a person? *Wah saach aadhai!* —BJP MP SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY

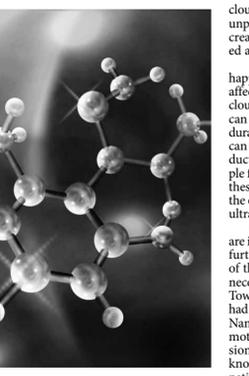
Nanotechnology's major pitfalls

Nanotechnology, which has seen great advances in recent times, proliferating deeper into our lives in amazing ways, also has potential dangers. It's time to raise awareness



SOUMI ROY CHOWDHURY

According to the latest research study, Global Nanotechnology market outlook of 2024; the nanotechnology industry is predicted to grow at a rate of 17 per cent during the forecasted period and is expected to exceed \$125 billion by 2024. These huge market expectations are because of the wide proliferation of this technology in almost all sectors of the global economy, including health, energy, cosmetics, electronics, transport, agriculture among others. However, this window of opportunity must be dealt with caution. Matters at nano-scale exhibit properties different from the bulk matter primarily because of the surface and quantum effects. These factors affect the chemical reactivity of materials and alter their mechanical, electrical and magnetic properties. Hence, the success of nanotechnology relies heavily on the ability of the researchers to address these uncertainties. They must be aware of the risks involved and undertake the necessary steps to minimise their threat. Towards this end, the Government of India had laid out some initiatives, importantly the Nano Science Mission anchoring the promotion of nanoscience in India. The mission is working towards strengthening knowledge on nanotechnology through national and international collaborations. Significant steps are underway to include nanoscience in the curriculum for postgraduate students. A comprehensive document, as the first of its kind, is brought forward by the Nano regulatory Task Force on precautionary measures in handling practices of nanotechnology.



cloud formation. Particulate matters from unprocessed fuel and burning of biomass create dust clouds which can be transported along thousands of kilometers. Therefore, major environmental events happening in one part of the country can affect other far-away regions. Atmospheric clouds leading to lower intensity of sunlight can change the pattern of rainfall and duration of monsoon. This changing pattern can have consequences on agricultural productivity and reduce the production of staple food crops. Furthermore, the toxicity of these particles is responsible for depleting the ozone layer, allowing higher intensity of ultraviolet rays to reach the Earth's surface.

Given that the dangers of nanoparticles are impossible to calculate in the absence of further research, it is essential to be aware of the risks involved and to undertake the necessary steps to minimise their threat. Towards this end, the Government of India had laid out some initiatives, importantly the Nano Science Mission anchoring the promotion of nanoscience in India. The mission is working towards strengthening knowledge on nanotechnology through national and international collaborations. Significant steps are underway to include nanoscience in the curriculum for postgraduate students. A comprehensive document, as the first of its kind, is brought forward by the Nano regulatory Task Force on precautionary measures in handling practices of nanotechnology.

But the regulatory needs of such an upcoming new technology will have to be spread further to have sector based regulations. Sectors of production should be able to separate particles used in macro versus nanoforms. Materials used in nano forms should have regulatory mechanisms different from their bulk properties. This initiative can then be furthered with mandatory reporting of nanoparticles in the finished products. As said before, people are not aware if their consumable products have nanoparticles. Once they are aware, they will be able to take appropriate measures limiting their exposure. Routine regulations of nanotechnology will only work better if we understand the different sources of nanoparticles, the varying levels of concentration by sources, their channels of transmission into living beings, and finally the causal relationships of nanoparticles affecting human health.

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Bhagwat's bunch of Golwalkar's thoughts

Some assume in the aftermath of his outreach that Dr Mohan Bhagwat has distanced the Sangh from Guruji. This couldn't be further from the truth



MANMOHAN VAIDYA

The three-day lecture series in New Delhi by Dr Mohan Bhagwat was an unqualified success and, as expected, conversations triggered by this first-of-a-kind interaction still continue. Among those who attended there were many who were yet to hear the Sangh's views firsthand and have often been misled by propaganda; hence, there was also some disbelief since the Saranghachalaka's speech was contrary to what had been said and reported about the organisation. Opponents of the RSS were numb and into silence, trying to pick apart the speech but failing to come up with an incriminating utterance that confirmed their often-repeated falsehoods. Their efforts, perhaps out of habit and hubris, saw only a desultory revival of their discredited allegations even as in the main the Saranghachalaka's outreach has overwhelmed past prejudice.

In this context, there seems to be some delight or surprise about the clarification the Saranghachalaka has given about the publication of Bunch of Thoughts, a collection of speeches and thoughts of Shri Guruji Golwalkar (the second Saranghachalaka). This analysis takes a further leap and goes so far as to assume that Dr Bhagwat has distanced the Sangh from Guruji! This couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, the entire lecture of the Saranghachalaka on day two about Hindu and Hindutva was based on the intellectual articulation provided by Guruji in different places and different contexts over a period of time. Any self-respecting academic or serious thinker would know that such

a work must be studied and critiqued alongside the study of the times and circumstances in which it was created. Bunch of Thoughts too must be seen in the context of its times—also, it must be emphasised that the period it is associated with is from 1940 to 1965 (not his entire tenure as Saranghachalaka), a specific time in pre and post-Independence history which had its own unique circumstances, leading to wide debate and discourse on nationhood, identity and belonging. Hence it is essential to view the opinions of that time as a subset of the larger dialogue around these issues and the creation of a new country—Pakistan—based entirely on religion.

When Guruji took over as Saranghachalaka, he was a mere 34 years old and destiny had led to the mantle of responsibility being placed on his shoulders. It was a daunting task for the young man to expand and guide this organisation, which had no other parallel to emulate, and would need to forge its own destiny. At the time of his taking over as Saranghachalaka, the call for Pakistan had taken on a pervasive note and echoed across the country. The Quit India movement had also gained force and many *swayamsvaks* had been incarcerated and some condemned to death. It was a tumultuous time—in 1946, there was an election held with the demand for Pakistan. In Muslim majority areas, Hindus were subjected to violence and persecution. As a result of Direct Action, Hindus in Bengal faced widespread violence. India gained independence but it was also amputated. The largest movement of humanity took place. Hindus sought refuge in India, often after facing unseparable violence and losing everything. The *swayamsvaks* were the only group who stood by this population, protecting them and playing witness to their trauma. The psychological impact of those years was profound and lasting on Hindu society and the nation.

On Gandhiji's assassination, the RSS was targeted with falsehoods and a ban was imposed, even though the Government was unable to prove the allegations. This was the beginning of the dirty politics of hate by the Congress party in Independent Bharat. The Government was not ready to prosecute and prove the charges. No door was left open for conversation and Guruji was incarcerated based on these false charges. *swayamsvaks* organised an unprecedented peaceful satyagraha against



this injustice and eventually the ban was lifted. Correspondingly, communist ideology was expanding and divisive theories that undermined national identity were systematically mainstreamed. At the same time conversions by Christians gained ground; the Justice Niyogi commission report led the Congress ruled states of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh to enact an anti-conversion law.

During this time of upheaval, Guruji continued to travel throughout the length and breadth of the country and addressed issues that plagued the national conscience. These contemplations and responses to the prevailing circumstances have been included in Bunch of Thoughts.

On his centenary birth anniversary in 2006, a 12-volume edition, an authoritative compilation of his entire thoughts (Shri Guruji Samagra Darshan) was published. If twelve volumes are too much for some then his ideas have been distilled into a book called—Shri Guruji: His Vision and Mission (Drishiti and Darshan). Dr Bhagwat appealed to everyone to read this book, so where does the question of distancing the RSS from the second Saranghachalaka's thoughts come in?

The answer given by Dr Bhagwat to the query on the selectively quoted sections in Bunch of Thoughts is not any different from what Guruji

has himself said. There was an interview that he gave in the 1970s to Dr Jilani in which he answered these direct questions. It is an interview that is rarely quoted either because critics develop selective amnesia or it doesn't suit their motivated campaign.

Below are the relevant sections of the interview:

Dr Jilani: Much has been said about 'Indianisation' and a lot of confusion has arisen over it. Could you please tell me how to remove the confusion?
Shri Guruji: 'Indianisation' was of course the slogan given by Jana Sangh. Why should there be such confusion? 'Indianisation' does not mean converting all people to Hinduism. Let us all realise that we are all the children of this soil and we must have our allegiance to this land. We belong to the same society and that our ancestors are also common. That our aspirations are also common. Understanding this is Indianisation in the real sense. Indianisation does not mean that one should be asked to quit his religious system. We neither said this, nor we are going to say so. Rather we believe that a single religious system for the entire human society is not suitable.

Dr Jilani: You said it right. It's 100 per cent right. Therefore, I am thankful to the query on the selectively quoted sections in Bunch of Thoughts is not any different from what Guruji

leman wouldn't disagree with you. Don't you think it is high time that a meeting took place between you and such Muslim Indian leaders who would cooperate with you in finding ways and means to remove this communal shroud for all? Would you like to meet such leaders?

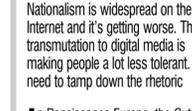
Shri Guruji: I would not only like it, I would welcome it. Well known journalist Khushiwant Singh also interviewed Guruji in 1972, and if you were to read that interview you would be shocked to find that he had been highlighted through some incidents but have a long history of spreading diatribe and violence in society. Though it is necessary to take the Muslims and Christians of Bharat along in the nation-building process, it is also important to be cautious about the extremists, *jihadis* and divisive elements active in the name of so-called minorities. In this sense, Shri Guruji's caution about the threats to the nation are relevant even today.

As Hindu way of life manifests itself with the changing times, same is true with the nature of Sangh work. Perhaps the inherent qualities of the fundamental Hindu philosophy characterised by 'flexible rigidity' and transformation according to the times is its real strength.

(The writer is Sah Sarkarvayah, RSS)

When nationalism takes over the Internet

Nationalism is widespread on the Internet and it's getting worse. The transmutation to digital media is making people a lot less tolerant. We need to tamp down the rhetoric



DIPAYAN PAL

In Renaissance Europe, the Gutenberg printing Press is noted for its pivotal role in challenging the religious and political authority of the Catholic church that eventually culminated in the Protestant Reformation. But before the emergence of religious and political revolutions that would primarily shape political establishments in the West, the printing Press was initially perceived by the church establishment as a way to strengthen its dominance. This shows the one-way nature of Print media: Produced by a few, for the many to consume. The result was a breakdown of classical and medieval forms of authority and the emergence of new sources of political identity. Is it fair to say that the Internet, as a form of media, has had its share of comparable effects on the political establishments in contemporary times?

The advancement of neteic media technologies and discussion fora has added a new dimension to the conventional practices of political contention. Transformed from a remote source of information into a vibrant and interactive political public sphere in its own right, the Internet connects the societal actors, mobilises pressure and frames public opinion. Whereas the Print media allowed for the spread of ideas from the few to the many, Internet media connects at once the many to many. Like the Print media, it acts as a tool of emotionally-driven connectivity through which political communities are (re)imagined. Its two-way character makes for a more dialectical process between producers and consumers of media. This is a promise to enhance a public sphere of debate that is conducive to democracy. The Internet and in particular social media, however, lack the regulatory nature of a news daily. It is this very characteristic feature of social media that makes possible two contradictory forces: First, greater impetus for individuals to express opinions and foster discussions and deliberations; second, the (re)solidifying of communities based on exclusivist, narrow conceptions of identity. In this information age, masses are simultaneously consumers and products of social media. As a result, the dialectical process works both ways in terms of media (Internet), empowering the masses with new ideas, or segregating them through misleading information.

The overriding question is: How to handle this enormous volume of information and individuals' ability to interact directly with one another with unprecedented speed that in ways leads us to broader connections, rather than mistrust. Mistrust seems to come in two major forms: First, based on xenophobia and increased animosity towards those deemed foreign or outside one's community and second, towards remaining sources of fact-checked and institutionalised media. The result is an unprecedented set of tools through which leaders can divide and control populations by disseminating confusion by (mis)information overload (a strategy known during Soviet times as *kompromat*). This becomes all the more complex given the role average individuals can unknowingly play in fomenting hateful sentiments against other groups or communities. Most of us thought as well as believed the digital technology would connect the whole world in new ways. The Internet was supposed to break down those last boundaries between what are essentially 'synthetic nation states' and herald a new era of globalisation. But the Internet age has actually heralded the opposite: fragmentation. We are not advancing towards a new global society, but instead retreating back to old-fashioned nationalism.

The transmutation to digital media environment is making people a whole lot less tolerant of this dissolution of boundaries. For example, scapegoating of a foreign or non-white 'Other' was key to both the breakdown of European Cohesion and the election of Donald Trump. Then there are India's 'cybernationalists' who expound on the violence and mayhem they wish to bring upon those who don't share their vision of national identity. Through the social media, they are effectively muddying the debate on the nature and character of nationalism in India. This all seems to vindicate what Nobel laureate Bradinbaran Tagore had once envisioned. We are perplexed by today's nationalist, regrettably anti-global sentiments. Likewise, major nations of the world are in a cyber-war arms race. We're all being hurt by collateral damage. Governments across the globe have discovered the Internet and everyone is spying on everyone else. At the same time, many nations are demanding more control over the cyberspace within their borders. They reserve the right to censor and spy, and to limit the ability of others to do the same. The prevailing cyberspace mechanism will result in more cyberweapons for attack and more cyber surveillance for defence. Thereby, this will result in less free-market innovation and more Government control over the protocols of the Internet. We are actually intervening an information-age Cold War that could escalate into a full-fledged cyber-war. Globalism has had some genuinely deleterious effects on many of those who are now pushing back. Nationalism is widespread on the Internet, and it's getting worse. We need to tamp down the rhetoric. (The writer is a Student Fellow (elect) of Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALTERNATIVE TO CROP BURNING

Sir—It is a known fact that stubble burning in States of Haryana and Punjab are the major contributors to air pollution in Delhi. Last year itself, the burning led to a severe deterioration in air quality. This year, too, farmers continue to defy rules which call for strict fines. This because they have no alternative at hand.

It is a fact that for most farmers, stubble burning is the fastest, easiest and cost-effective way to steer clear their fields. With lack of affordable alternative they continue to do so. The

issue of stubble burning needs to be addressed with caution.

A toll free number for complaints along with an app in which a 'photo-graph+location' that could be sent to the authorities concerned can help curb the issue. Further, satellite monitoring technologies can be made use of.

Shashank Sharma Via email

BATTILING AIR WOES

Sir—This refers to the editorial, 'Flying unsafe' (October 15). Despite constant expansion, major airports are battling increasing passenger transit.

Even tier-II airports are not untouched. While airport authorities keep trying to improve the infrastructure and systems to keep up with the passenger rush, crowding does affect the performance of aircraft as well.

Today we enjoy a safety rating which is higher than the US according to the Federal Aviation Administration but the problems being faced by Air India and now Jet Airways are portents of a dangerous future. The industry is ordering a large number of new aircraft in anticipation of more passengers taking to air travel and in the process, building up

Riding high on India's #MeToo movement

India's #MeToo movement is gaining momentum, embroiling leading names from the country's political fraternity, film and television industry and the corporate world. As a social media crusade against sexual harassment and assault, especially at workplace, the movement has gone on to encompass even allegations of sexual misconduct.

While many have criticised the online outrage as 'toxic feminism', the fact remains that such incidents of sexual harassment have been rampant for decades now. Often dismissed as a

consequence of the subservient attitude expected of women in the male-dominated society, it does not come as a big surprise that it took the 'aggression' so many years to come out of the shadows of oblivion to accuse their tormentors of various wrong-doings.

However, the drastic changes seen in recent times with moral and legal obligations confirming equal status to women, it becomes difficult to perceive the weaker lot remaining silent. For every distressed female who had the courage to come out with charges

against her persecutor, there is an equal number who are held back by the fear of reprisals. If one is to believe that harassment and abuse are gender agnostic, considering that males too fall prey to such 'tascuous overtures', it would imply that men are not so forthcoming in coming out with their 'ordeals'. There have been ample cases of such sexual misdemeanours. If the #MeToo crusade can change perceptions, it needs to be lauded.

Pachu Menon Margao

financial liabilities that would need to be serviced out of revenues. The global aviation industry is under duress due to fuel costs and we are no exception.

Competitive pricing and increasing cost of operations are taking a toll. Given that aviation has to be predicated on 100 per cent plus levels of safety, the government, the industry and the passenger must share the onus of keeping the exponential growth of air travel safe and profitable. How we do that is the real question.

R Narayanan Navi Mumbai

HANDLE WITH CARE

Sir—The #MeToo campaign has become the talk of the town. Women, both young and old, have come forward to accuse celebrities, journalists and politicians alike of having subjected them to sexual abuse. Public voice too has been demanding action against the accused. But this is a sensitive issue that must be handled with care.

Anna Mary Yonne Chennai

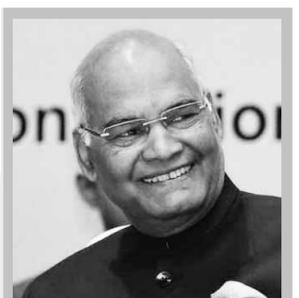
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The focus of further reforms will be the designing of competition law in the country to remove high entry barriers and provide easy access for those suffering from anti-competitive conduct. This is aligned with the Government's aim of improving the ease of doing business and is reflected in reduction in the average clearance time from 24 days to 17 days
Injeti Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs

BUZZ FROM GOVT

Our GDP grew at a scorching 8.2 per cent in the previous quarter. Many of our ambitious national programmes—such as Make In India, Smart Cities, Digital India and Swachhh Bharat — cannot be successful without your efforts. Your careers will provide an enormous platform in this transformational era
Ram Nath Kovind, President of India



NCLAT stays proceedings against IL&FS, subsidiaries

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
 The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Monday stayed all proceedings against IL&FS and its 348 group firms till a further order, after an urgent petition moved by the Government.
 The Ministry of Corporate Affairs swiftly approached the appellate tribunal after the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) turned down its plea to grant 90 days moratorium over the loans taken by IL&FS and its subsidiaries.
 Passing an interim order over the Government's plea, a two-member NCLAT bench headed by Justice S J Mukhopadhyaya stayed all the proceedings "taking into consideration the nature of the case, larger public interest and economy of the nation and interest of IL&FS and 348 group companies".
 The NCLAT also directed to implement the top five lenders of IL&FS and asked to submit their replies over the Government's plea seeking 90 days moratorium.
 "There shall be stay of the institution or continuation of suits or any other proceedings by any party or person or bank or company, etc against IL&FS

and its 348 group companies in any court of law/tribunal/arbitration panel or arbitration authority," the appellate tribunal said.
 There would also be stay on "any action by any party or person or bank or company etc to foreclose, recover or enforce any security interest created over the assets of IL&FS and its 348 group companies including any action under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002".
 The appellate tribunal has also put suspension of temporarily the acceleration of any term loan, corporate loan, bridge loan, commercial paper, debentures, fixed deposits and any other financial facility by the IL&FS and its 348 group companies.
 It has also stayed all banks, financial institutions from exercising the right to set off or lien against any amounts lying with any creditor against any dues.
 The appellate tribunal has directed to list the Government's appeal on November 13 "for admission".
 Meanwhile, the NCLAT also clarified that the interim order will not be applicable to any writ petition filed before high courts or the Supreme Court.

During the proceedings of the appellate tribunal, the Government side was represented by Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. A moratorium period is a time during which the borrower is not required to make any repayment towards the loans.
 The Government, in its application filed before the NCLT, had sought three months' moratorium over "institution or continuation" or any other proceedings against IL&FS and any of its group companies in "any court of law/tribunal/arbitration panel or arbitration authority".
 It has also asked for moratorium over any action by any party "to foreclose, recover or enforce any security interest" created over the assets of IL&FS or its group firms under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act.
 The Government had stated that the newly appointed board is "likely to face certain problems" relating to IL&FS and its group company and there may be a need to "rationalise/rethink" business process and strategies that may ensure effective and more efficient manner of functioning.

Online bidding for SGB FY19 opens from Monday: BSE

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
 Leading stock exchange BSE said its online bidding platform for sovereign gold bond scheme 2018-19 will be open for subscription from Monday, running up to five tranches till February.
 "BSE's online bidding platform for SGB 2018-19 - series 2 will be open for subscription from Monday, October 15 to October 19, 2018, for trading members to subscribe to the issue for their clients," the exchange said in a circular.
 The sovereign gold bonds (SGB) will be issued every month from October 2018 to February 2019.
 According to the exchange, series III will be available for public subscription from November 5-9, series IV December 24-28, series V January 14-18 and series VI February 4-8.
 For the current fiscal, the first tranche of the SGB and its subscription was opened on April 16. SGBs are Government securities denominated in multiples of gram of gold.
 Investors can buy these bonds through authorised Sebi brokers.

China's largest carmaker bringing MG brand with C-segment SUV

KUSHAN MITRA ■ SHANGHAI
 Shanghai Automotive Industrial Corporation (SAIC) the largest carmaker in China has formed up their plans to launch in India in 2019. The carmaker which has an annual production of 6.93 million units in 2017, helped by joint-ventures with General Motors and Volkswagen is aggressively promoting their own brands. In the early-2000s SAIC bought the British carmaker MG and Rover. The latter was renamed Roewe and has become one of the largest homegrown brands in China, however according to Michael Yang, Executive Director, International Business, SAIC, the MG brand will be used to power SAIC's global ambitions. And India will play a key role in that global vision, with former General Motors India Managing Director Rajeev Chaba Harding MG Motors India and the company acquiring GM's old Halol facility in Gujarat.
 Chaba said that several modifications had been made to the Halol facility in order to prepare it for MG Motors including a new press shop as well as a new vendor park. Along with itself, SAIC is also bringing SAIC subsidiaries which will produce parts and handle logistics. "We understand that to be successful in India products will need to have a high-degree of localisa-

If the success of Chinese manufacturers in the mobile phone industry in India is any indication thanks to a blend of features and cost-competitiveness then carmaker's in India should be worried

tion and when we launch we will have over 75 per cent localisation", Chaba said. While it is likely that the company will enter the Indian market with their HS sports-utility vehicle, a C-segment SUV in the same size category as the Jeep Compass and Hyundai Tucson, Chaba refused to confirm this other than to say that whichever product came to India would feature both petrol and Diesel engines.
 Yang added that SAIC has already decided that the second vehicle that MG will bring to India will be a purely electric vehicle. "At the MOVE summit last month we saw the vision that Prime Minister Modi has for electrification, and it is clear that India is walking down the electric path. SAIC is a global pioneer in electric vehicles and it is only right that we bring our products to India", Yang told *The Pioneer*. While he gave no details as to which

vehicles could be brought to India, the carmaker recently launched their new all-electric SUV, the MarvelX in China. The company has also electric sedans and hatchbacks in their product portfolio.
 Chinese manufacturing has often been criticised for copying ideas and technologies from western companies, enabled through compulsory joint-ventures and outright copying of designs. SAIC took pains to prove that they are developing their own designs and technologies in-house. During a walkthrough of the company's Anting facilities, the company showcased their in-house vehicle development abilities including new engines and an advanced Dual-Clutch transmission gearbox. SAIC has also developed their own crash laboratory where they conduct crash tests and all their new products are 'Five Star' certified in China New

Car Assessment Program (CNCAP) which includes front-offset tests at 64 kilometers per hour.
 To be sure, India will play a critical role in SAIC's plans of becoming a global force, with globalisation being one of the four main pillars of the company's strategy. Chaba however did warn that the company was not being overconfident. "We are not expanding manufacturing output from the 100,000 that Halol can currently manage. We are also not adding too many dealers, we have plans for just 45 dealer principals and a 100 touch-points at launch and we will grow with our dealers going forward. Many foreign brands have come to India and failed. We do not want to repeat the same mistakes, we want to focus on customer satisfaction and service".
 SAIC is moving abroad as the Chinese car market growth tempers off, after growing from just over 10 million units to 25 million in just over a decade. Chinese carmaker's which were derided for poor quality in their homegrown products just over a decade ago have dramatically picked up their act which is clearly evident to the casual observer. If the success of Chinese manufacturers in the mobile phone industry in India is any indication thanks to a blend of features and cost-competitiveness then carmaker's in India should be worried.

CARRIER ANNOUNCES NEW ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AT GURUGRAM UNIT

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
 Carrier on Monday inaugurated a new technology development centre located at its Gurugram facility. The new energy-efficient facility features state-of-the-art laboratory and testing facilities to aid in the development of Carrier heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) products; and will serve as an engineering hub in the region.

Vineet Gulati takes over as Member (ANS) at Airports Authority of India
PNS ■ NEW DELHI
 Vineet Gulati has taken over the charge of Member (Air Navigation Services) from 5th October, 2018 on the Board of the Airports Authority of India. Prior to his appointment as Member (ANS), he has served at AAI in various capacities, as Executive Director (Air Traffic Management), General Manager (Air Traffic Flow Management).

RBI data localisation: 80% players comply with norms, say sources

PTI ■ MUMBAI
 With the RBI not relenting on extending the Friday's deadline for data localisation, as many as 80 per cent of industry players including Amazon, Alibaba and WhatsApp have complied with the data storage norms, according to official sources.
 However, they said some debit/credit companies are yet to comply with data storage norms and have reportedly sought more time.
 The Reserve Bank is not contemplating review of its notification on data localisation norms, the sources said.
 In April, the central bank had given six months to global payment companies to store transaction data of Indian customers within India.

Sensex extends gains in cautious trade, up 132 pts

PTI ■ MUMBAI
 Extending gains for the second straight day, the benchmark BSE Sensex on Monday surged about 132 points to end at 34,865.10 on emergence of buying in IT stocks, even as headwinds in form of ongoing global trade tiff and rising

INVESTORS MOOD REMAINED CAUTIOUS DUE TO FRESH WEAKNESS
 crude prices continued to hit investors' sentiments. The NSE index Nifty gained 40 points to close at 10,512.50.
 Investors mood remained cautious due to fresh weakness in the rupee on rising crude oil prices and a subdued trend at other Asian markets, following worries over Sino-US trade dispute, possible slowdown in the Chinese economy and signs of tighter monetary policy by the US Federal Reserve.
 "Market traded in a range bound manner and ended on a positive note. However neg-

ative sentiments over a slowing world economy due to trade war and rising cost of funds is continuing to impact the market," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.
 The rupee again breached the 74-mark against the US dollar to quote at 74.05 (intraday) in the forex market.
 Brent crude, the international benchmark, was trading higher by 0.98 per cent, to \$81.79 per barrel.
 "Rupee continued to be under pressure as oil prices started to move-up due to sudden spurt in tension between US & Saudi Arabia. Q2 result season began on a positive note, with Index heavy weights like IT and FMCG delivering in-line with expectation," Nair said.

Diesel price hiked again; wipes out ₹2.5/ltr cut

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
 Diesel price rose for the 10th consecutive day on Monday to wipe out all of the ₹2.50 per litre cut in rates announced earlier this month through excise duty cut and oil company subsidy.
 The Government had, with effect from October 5, cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹1.50 per litre and asked state-owned oil firms to subsidise the fuel by another ₹1 a litre. However, the retail selling price continued to rise on subsequent days. Petrol costs ₹82.72 per litre and has witnessed an increase of ₹1.22 per litre since the October 4 decision.

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AND WHEREAS the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor - ICICI Bank Limited has decided to dispose off the said secured asset. This notice of sale is published today that the secured asset detailed above will be sold on **Nov 27, 2018** at the above prescribed time and schedule at **ICICI Bank Limited, 10th Floor, Videocon Tower E-1, Jha ndewalan Extension, Delhi-110055**. The Mortgage/Notice in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned and restrained not to deal with the Secured Assets in any manner in terms of Section 13(13) of the said Act and any dealing with the same will be subject to the charge of **ICICI Bank Limited** for the amounts and further interests thereon. The Mortgagees/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **Nov 26, 2018 before 5 P.M** failing which, the secured assets will be sold as per schedule.

The particulars in respect of the secured assets specified herein above in column No. (C) 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 Tenderer(s) / Offerer(s) / Prospective Bidder(s) / Purchaser(s) are hereby notified that the secured assets will be sold with the Encumbrances and dues payable to Statutory Authority (if any) and are also requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves / itself with regard to the above and other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned secured assets before submitting the tenders.

The Tenderer(s) / Offerer(s) / Prospective Bidder(s) / Purchaser(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (EMD) in a sealed envelope super scribed "offer for purchase of property", so as to reach the office at **ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Delhi-110055**, on or before **Nov 26, 2018, before 5 PM**. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised /Scheduled Bank favouring "**ICICI Bank Limited**" payable at **Delhi**. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no **.9650193259/8584874809**. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank's official and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof.
Date : Oct 16, 2018
Place : Delhi
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited.

HEALTH

MentalVision

Children with abnormal vision are likely to have impairment in functions of brain areas responsible for things such as attention, a new study has found. The unequal input causes the brain to ignore information from the weaker eye during brain development



WHAT TO LOSE BELLY FAT

KANCHAN NAIKAWADI shares her thoughts on how to easily burn young belly fat

Childhood obesity is one of the leading public health concerns that affect children and adults alike. Obesity in children makes them prone to develop stress, sadness, depression and low self-esteem. In addition, they are at a higher risk of developing non-communicable disease (NCD) like heart diseases, hypertension, high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, sleep apnea and others in their adulthood.

These days, children become overweight due to the following factors:
 ■ Unhealthy eating patterns
 ■ Environmental factors
 ■ Lack of physical activity
 ■ Heredity and Family History

Although weight issues run in the family, not all kids with a case history are going to be overweight. Children whose parents or siblings are overweight may be at an increased risk of becoming obese themselves, but this can be linked to shared family behaviours like eating and activity habits.

Studies say that adolescents are prone to belly fat. Belly fat is considered even more dangerous than childhood obesity in general, because it's an important indicator for risks like heart disease and



diabetes. Obesity is a rising concern amongst teenagers. The only way to lose fat around the belly is to reduce the amount of calories intake and by increasing the activity level. These actions help in improving the overall health in many ways, and, in addition, help in losing belly fat. Also, parents need to motivate their children to indulge more in outdoor games and activities.

Following the below mentioned tips can help in reducing the fat around the belly:

- **Eat on time:** Eat breakfast around the same time each day. If you tend to sleep till late on weekends, eat as soon as you wake up
- **Keep away stress:** Teens are under stress due to studies, friends, relationship etc. Help them relax through reading, practicing yoga or spending quality time with family
- **Be active:** The best way to burn fat is exercise and limit obesity. Indulge in activities like running, walking, Zumba and many others.
- **Sleep more:** Most children and adults need at least 7 hours of sleep every night to function properly
- **Walk 10,000 steps a day:** Get a pedometer and try to increase the number of daily steps you take
- **Keep yourself hydrated:** Aim to drink an 8 glasses of water eight times per day
- Reduce the daily television time
- Make the portion size of meals smaller and eat after every two hours
- Keep a check on the overall health status through regular checkups

Besides changing diet and exercise habits, successful belly fat loss often requires other behavioural changes. Set reasonable weekly or monthly goals, monitor your weight loss or gain, and find healthy ways to reward yourself. Working with both a dietician and a behavioral specialist can help you put these practices into play. The writer is preventive healthcare specialist, Indus Health Plus

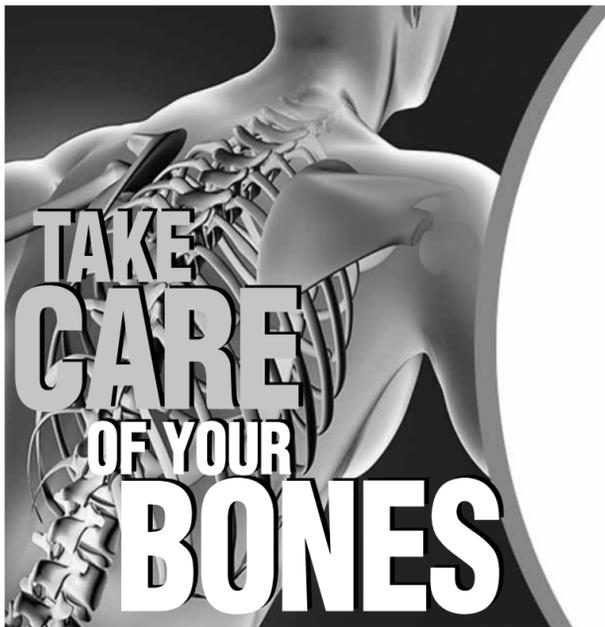
STUDYCENTRE

In its latest 2018 Global Tuberculosis (TB) Report, the WHO has indicated that countries are still not doing enough to end TB by 2030. The global body called for an unprecedented mobilization of national and international commitments and urged for decisive action from nearly 50 heads of state and government. Despite a decrease in the number of TB deaths in the past year, under reporting and under diagnosis of cases continues to remain a challenge.

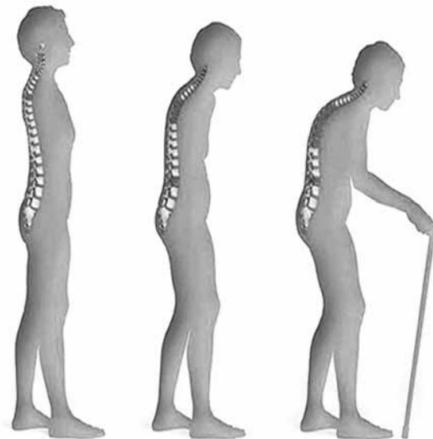
To urgently improve detection, diagnosis and treatment rates, the WHO and partners launched a new initiative in 2018 to set the target of providing quality care to 40 million people with TB from 2018 to 2022. This was while predicting that at least 30 million people should be able to access TB preventive treatment during the period. Tips from Heart Care Foundation of India:

- Wash your hands after sneezing, coughing.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough, sneeze or laugh. Discard used tissues in a plastic bag, then seal and throw it away.
- Do not attend work or school.
- Avoid close contact with others.
- Sleep in a room away from other family members.
- Ventilate your room. TB spreads in small closed spaces. Put a fan in your window to blow out air that may contain bacteria.

To mark the World Osteoporosis Day on October 20, doctors share their insights on preventing and treating the condition



TAKE CARE OF YOUR BONES



OSTEOPOROSIS

It is a condition which leads to weakening of bones. Around 50 per cent of men and women above the age of 50 years will have a sustain fracture of compromised osteoporotic back bone, hip or wrist. The problem can occur in younger people also. The highest strength of bones in an individual's lifetime is around the age of 30 irrespective of the built, sex and the race. This is called Peak Bone Mass. Bone mass keeps on reducing after the age of 30 in both men and women gradually. However, it falls rapidly after menopause in women due to hormonal changes, making them more prone for osteoporosis.

The bone is a dynamic structure having constant turnover of its protein building scaffold and minerals, most importantly calcium salts deposited on it. At the microscopic level, it is like a huge meshwork of protein

Trabeculae with minerals deposited on them. Several factors affect the process of bone turnover.

Quantitative and qualitative decrease in bone framework at microscopic level can lead to osteopenia (osteo—bone; penia — decrease) and more serious osteoporosis when bone density decreases below a particular level and can give disastrous result at times. With osteoporosis, fragility increases because body fails to form enough new bone when too much existing bone is washed away. Osteoporosis can cause suffering and acute pain because of fractures, constant chronic disabling pain because of crumbling bone framework and deformity in back. This disease can be a huge financial burden on individuals and society. But fortunately, it is preventable to a large extent and treatable with simple drugs and active lifestyle.

Dr Yash Gulati, senior consultant, Orthopaedics, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi

WHEN TO SUSPECT

- Unexplained aches and pains all over the body in women around menopause or older men and women.
- Fracture sustained because of relatively trivial injury.
- Continuing back pain in people above 50 years of age.
- Stooping posture in elderly caused by multiple back bone compression collapses. Often silent with little or no pain.
- Sudden acute back pain in elderly because of Vertebral Compression Fracture (VCF).

Dr Gulati

TREATMENT

It can now be treated to a large extent and tendency of bones to break can be significantly decreased by certain drugs and of course by remaining active.

- Specific drugs such as Bisphosphonates Calcitonin and Teriparatide are now available
- Calcium and Vitamin D is important
- Various formulations are available which can be given daily, once a week, once a month or once a year, depending on the severity of disease and certain other factors. This must be done under medical supervision.

You will be asked to take the oral drugs empty stomach with water and to walk for half hour. This is because absorption of these drugs is otherwise poor. Drugs like teriparatide are given by daily injection under the skin (just as in Diabetes).

This is an expensive treatment; to be taken in special cases only.

Dr Gulati

CAUSES

- **Age:** Bone weakens with advancing age and is an important cause of osteoporosis.
- **Lack of Activity:** Sedentary lifestyle, lack of exercise leads to osteoporosis. Since bone is a living, dynamic structure, the more we stress it with activities like walking, jogging and sports, the more bone can remain healthy.
- **Hormonal imbalance:** Female hormone estrogen and certain male hormones have a positive effect on bone formation. Females

- are more prone to osteoporosis around menopause due to hormonal disturbances.
- **Drugs:** Steroids, anti-epilepsy and certain other drugs, can lead to osteoporosis.
- **Alcohol and smoking:** Heavy drinking and smoking have a definite negative effect on bone formation.
- **Low body weight**
- **Race:** Races such as caucasian's and Asians are more prone to osteoporosis.

Dr Gulati

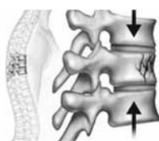
DIAGNOSIS

There are simple non-invasive methods available, like the DEXA scan which can accurately measure bone density and tell us if we have weak bones (osteopenia) or indeed osteoporosis. At the same time, we should check out mineral metabolism, when indicated, by doing blood test for calcium and Vitamin D.

It may be a good idea to check it once around menopause and after 50 year of age in case of men. There after it can be checked once every few years. In case of fragility fracture due to trivial injury after the age of 50 years around wrist, hip or spine, bone density must be checked.

FRAGILITY FRACTURES OF BACK BONE

The VCF can often be treated with medication and bracing. If it isn't successful and in certain fracture patterns, it is now possible to push bone cement into back bone



without giving general anesthesia (vertebroplasty or kyphoplasty). This can give excellent relief in pain and get the elderly patient back on feet very quickly.

HOW TO KEEP BONES HEALTHY

Here are five practices that can help bone manage your osteoporosis better.

Vitamin D and calcium rich foods work wonders with bone strength. Dairy products, dark green vegetables like broccoli, green bell pepper and okhra, soy products like soy milk, tofu are great source of calcium. Adult women in the age group of 19-50 years and men of 19-70 years should have an intake of 1,000 mg calcium per day. Women above 70 should take

1200 mg of calcium

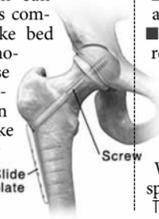
Weight-lifting exercise can improve bone mass and mineral content in young, and helps maintain bone mass in older persons.

Sunrays are a great source of vitamin D and sitting outside at least for 5-10 minutes early in the morning before the rays go harsh can improve bone health

Say no to alcohol and caffeine.
 — Dr Maninder Shah Singh, senior consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, Delhi

SURGERY

In fragility fracture around the hip, surgery is often required either to fix the fracture with nail, plate or sometimes hip replacement may be required. It is very important to get the elderly person with such a fracture out of bed quickly & mobilise them with the help of good fixation of fracture. Early mobilisation can avoid serious complications like bed sores, pneumonia & increase in osteoporosis. This can literally make a difference between life and death.



DadiKaKehna

With the wedding season coming in, every woman wants to look her best even if she is not the bride. **ROSHANI DEVI** shares a few home tips that are easy to follow for a beautiful you



Most wedding invites are sent at least a month or two in advance so there is plenty of time to groom yourself for a glowing complexion. We all know the benefits of drinking water.

If you don't drink two-three litres of water a day, start doing it now. Water hydrates the skin giving you that glow.

This is the festival season and fried food and sweets is difficult to avoid. But oily foods give that patchy and oily look to the skin. The best option is to eat as much as green vegetables and fruits as possible. Go for a cheat day only once a week. Once you have the basics in place, now is the time to

take of the specific problem.
If you have a dry and scratchy skin: Mix equal amount of olive oil or Vitamin E capsule, glycerin rose water and aloe vera gel and apply this on the face before going to sleep. This will often your skin and give it a glow.

If you have an oily skin: Wash your face twice a day. Apply cucumber juice, tomato juice, aloe vera gel, honey and curd mask. This will reduce oil and whiten the skin.

We all love to wear sleeveless but the downside is a tan. Here's what you can do to get rid of it. Mix orange and tomato juice. Add yogurt. Apply it on the area. Wash after 15 minutes.



DOCYARD

DR ABIZERMANKED

Consulting physician & diabetologist

SAIFEE HOSPITAL, MUMBAI



Anxiety? No kidding

Mental illnesses have existed from time immemorial, but for most of history, which includes much of medical history, they have often been considered moods or feelings as opposed to the serious health conditions, which they truly are. Much has changed with regard to people's perceptions towards mental health over the last few years, in large part due to numerous high profile suicide cases by the likes of Anthony Bourdain, Robbin Williams, Avicii, and Chester Bennington to name a few. As a result, what was once a taboo subject is now finally being discussed in the open. But for all the advances in society's openness to discuss the issue of mental health, one very important demographic has been left out; children.

Anxiety is common during childhood; the trouble begins when a prolonged phase results in the child actively avoiding certain activities or places. This is usually accompanied by other closely related conditions like depression and obsessive compulsive disorder. Here are some of the most common mental illnesses affecting children:

GENERALISED ANXIETY DISORDER (GAD)

This is characterised by excessive worrying, usually pertaining to family issues, performance at school, and interpersonal relationships. Children who suffer from it often seek the approval of others to an unhealthy degree and are excessively unforgiving towards themselves.

SOCIAL ANXIETY DISORDER (SAD)

Social Anxiety disorder is characterised by the intense fear of social situations like performing in front of crowds or in more extreme cases, even speaking to peers. It can severely restrict a child's social interactions.

Talking to an expert and gaining knowledge to cope with feelings, anxiety and depression is an excellent way to reduce the impact

PANIC DISORDER

A child is suffering from panic disorder when they experience two or more panic attacks over a short period of time. A panic attack is a period of intense anxiety or fear, an increased heart rate, profuse sweating, shaking, and shortness of breath.

SEPARATION ANXIETY DISORDER

This disorder is said to exist when a child experiences anxiety or apprehension whenever a parent is out of sight. This behaviour, while common in all young children, is indicative of SAD if it persists beyond late childhood.

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER

This disorder affects children and teenagers and can continue into adulthood if not diagnosed earlier. Children experiencing this might be hyperactive and may be unable to control their impulses, or they may have trouble in paying attention. These behaviours interfere with school and home life.

Here are a few simple steps to overcoming mental illness:
 ■ Exercise releases serotonin, a mood regulating hormone that increases the sensation of bliss and reduces feelings of anxiety and depression.

■ Simply talking to a well-grounded expert and gaining knowledge of various exercises to cope with feelings, and anxiety and depression is an excellent way to reduce the impact.

■ The last few years have seen enormous strides in anti-psychotic medications, when therapy is not as effective; medicine has proven to be an excellent second line of defence against mental illnesses. Like any medication, anti-psychotic drugs should only be taken after consultation with a qualified psychiatrist.

■ Yoga and meditation are proven to reduce feelings of anxiety by calming the mind and releasing serotonin.

SUMMERCOOLER

QUINOA: Quinoa is a small seed that's native to South America. It makes a fine substitute for white rice or pasta when you're trying to add more fiber and nutrients to your diet. It's flavorful, easy to digest, gluten-free, and high in protein. It contains almost twice as much fiber as most other grains which helps to relieve constipation and prevent heart disease by reducing high blood pressure and diabetes. Quinoa contains iron that helps keep our red blood cells healthy and is the basis of hemoglobin formation. It also increases brain function because the brain takes in about 20 per cent of our blood oxygen. Quinoa is rich in magnesium that helps to relax blood vessels and thereby to alleviate migraines. Magnesium also may reduce Type 2 diabetes by promoting healthy blood sugar control. It is high in Riboflavin (B2) that improves energy metabolism within brain and muscle cells and is known to help create proper energy production in cells. Quinoa is rich in B Vitamins, nutrients that help treat age spots and other conditions related to skin pigmentation by reducing the deposits of dark melanin in the skin. Quinoa is rich in lysine, which is important for tissue repair and growth. It is the only grain that contains this amino acid.



BIHAR SHARIF SMART CITY LIMITED

Short Notice Inviting e-Tender
(http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

Tender Notice No: BSSCL 1/18-19, BSSCL 2/18-19, BSSCL 3/18-19, BSSCL 4/18-19, BSSCL 5/18-19

Chief Executive Officer, Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited, Bihar Sharif invites online Bids on two stage system for the following works:

| NIT Reference No. | Name of Project/ Work(s) | Estimate Amount (Rs.) | Bid Security / (Earnest Money) (Rs.) | Cost of Document/ Tender Fee (Rs.) | Period of Completion |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tender No: 1/18-19 | Design, Engineering, Procurement And Construction of Jan Suvidha Kendra Building at 20 Locations including Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Internal Piping, Sanitary Works and other Ancillary Works With 3 Years of Defect Liability Period in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission | 11,19,13,960/- (Rupees Eleven Crores Nineteen Lakhs Thirteen Thousand and Nine Hundred Sixty) | 11,19,139/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Nineteen Thousand and one hundred thirty nine Only) | 15000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) | Twelve Months |
| Tender No: 2/18-19 | Construction of E-Rickshaw Charging Station and Tempo Stand in Bihar Sharif including with a Defect Liability Period of Two years under Smart City Mission | 1,69,81,141/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Nine Lakhs Eighty one Thousand and one hundred forty one only) | 3,39,600/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only) | 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) | Six Months |
| Tender No: 3/18-19 | Design, Engineering, Procurement & Supply, Construction & Erection, Testing & Commissioning and Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for 25 Years of Approximate 2 MW (AC) Solar PV Plant on Turnkey Basis along with Grid Connecting Equipment including Associated Electrical & Civil Works. | 13,00,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Crores Only) | 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Only) | 15000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) | Twelve Months |
| Tender No: 4/18-19 | Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Different Capacity Roof Top Solar PV Power Projects under Net Metering Policy in Bihar Sharif City (Smart City Mission) | 36,40,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Thousand Only) | 72,800/- (Rupees Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Only) | 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) | Three Months |
| Tender No: 5/18-19 | Setting up of 2.0 MT Capacity Compost Plant at Bazar Samiti including 2 years of Defect Liability Period and 5 years of Operations and Maintenance in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission | 1,40,58,897/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs fifty Eight Thousand and Eight Hundred Ninety Seven Only) | 2,81,100/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand and One Hundred Only) | 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) | Nine Months |

1. Important data of RFB is as mentioned below:

| Name of Project/Work(s) | Availability of Tender on-line for bidding | | Last Date & Time for on-line Submission of Bids | Date & Time of opening of tender | |
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| | From | To | | Technical Bid | Financial Bid |
| Design, Engineering, Procurement And Construction of Jan Suvidha Kendra Building at 20 Locations including Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Internal Piping, Sanitary Works and other Ancillary Works With 3 Years of Defect Liability Period in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission | 20-10-2018 1100 hrs | 12-11-2018 1700 hrs | 12-11-2018 1700 hrs | 15-11-2018 1500 hrs | To be intimate d later |
| Construction of E-Rickshaw Charging Station and Tempo Stand in Bihar Sharif including with a Defect Liability Period of Two years under Smart City Mission | 20-10-2018 1100 hrs | 12-11-2018 1700 hrs | 12-11-2018 1700 hrs | 15-11-2018 1500 hrs | To be intimate d later |
| Design, Engineering, Procurement & Supply, Construction & Erection, Testing & Commissioning and Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for 25 Years of Approximate 2 MW (AC) Solar PV Plant on Turnkey Basis along with Grid Connecting Equipment including Associated Electrical & Civil Works. | 20-10-2018 1100 hrs | 12-11-2018 1700 hrs | 12-11-2018 1700 hrs | 15-11-2018 1500 hrs | To be intimate d later |
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2. A Pre-Bid meeting is as mentioned below:

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| Design, Engineering, Procurement And Construction of Jan Suvidha Kendra Building at 20 Locations including Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Internal Piping, Sanitary Works and other Ancillary Works With 3 Years of Defect Liability Period in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission | Date: 27-10-2018; Time: 1100 hrs. Place: 1st Floor, Administrative Building, Nalanda, Bihar |
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| Design, Engineering, Procurement & Supply, Construction & Erection, Testing & Commissioning and Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for 25 Years of Approximate 2 MW (AC) Solar P V Plant on Turnkey Basis along with Grid Connecting Equipment including Associated Electrical & Civil Works. | Date: 28-10-2018; Time: 1100 hrs. Place: 1st Floor, Administrative Building, Nalanda, Bihar |
| Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Different Capacity Roof Top Solar PV Power Projects under Net Metering Policy in Bihar Sharif City- (Smart City Mission) | Date: 28-10-2018; Time: 1200 hrs. Place: 1st Floor, Administrative Building, Nalanda, Bihar |
| Setting up of 2.0 MT Capacity Compost Plant at Bazar Samiti including 2 years of Defect Liability Period and 5 years of Operations and Maintenance in Bihar Sharif under Smart City Mission | Date: 29-10-2018; Time: 1100 hrs. Place: 1st Floor, Administrative Building, Nalanda, Bihar |

3. For additional details such as estimated cost, important date, detailed information, qualification and eligibility criteria, visit website http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in for downloading of RFB

4. For participating in the above e-tender, the bidders shall have to get them registered with http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in and get user ID, password, Class 3, digital signatures Certificate (DSC) is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification/ difficulty/ regarding e-tendering process bidders can contact helpdesk on the phone numbers mentioned in the Website.

5. The bidders should keep checking the website for any addenda/corrigenda and the bidder should incorporate the same in their bid documents. No addenda/corrigenda shall be published in the newspaper.

Chief Executive Officer
Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited

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MISSING JOURNALIST

Saudi-Turkish team to visit consulate

AP ■ ISTANBUL

Turkish and Saudi investigators on Monday were to begin conducting what Turkish officials called a joint "inspection" of the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, where Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi went missing nearly two weeks ago.

A team arrived by unmarked police cars at the consulate and said nothing to journalists waiting outside as they entered the building.

International concern continues to grow over the writer's October 2 disappearance. American lawmakers have threatened tough punitive action against the Saudis, and Germany, France and Britain have jointly called for a "credible investigation" into Khashoggi's disappearance.

A Foreign Ministry official had earlier said the team would visit the diplomatic post on Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with Government regulations. Officials in Saudi Arabia did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Turkish officials have said they fear a Saudi hit team that flew into and out of Turkey on October 2 killed and dismembered Khashoggi, who had written *Washington Post* columns critically of Saudi Crown

Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The kingdom has called such allegations "baseless" but has not offered any evidence Khashoggi ever left the consulate.

Such a search would be an extraordinary development, as embassies and consulates under the Vienna Convention are technically foreign soil. Saudi Arabia may have agreed to the search in order to appease its Western allies and the international community.

However, it remained unclear what evidence, if any, would remain nearly two weeks after Khashoggi's disappearance. As if to drive the point home, a cleaning crew with mops, trash bags and cartons of milk walked in past journalists waiting outside the consulate on Monday.

President Donald Trump has said Saudi Arabia could face "severe punishment" if it was proven it was involved in Khashoggi's disappearance. Trump tweeted Monday that he had spoken with Saudi King Salman, "who denies any knowledge" of what happened to Khashoggi.

"He said that they are working closely with Turkey to find answer," Trump wrote. "I am immediately sending our Secretary of State (Mike Pompeo) to meet with King!"

On Sunday, Saudi Arabia warned that if it "receives any action, it will respond with greater

action, and that the kingdom's economy has an influential and vital role in the global economy."

Saudi King denies knowledge of missing journalist: Trump

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump on Monday said he had spoken with Saudi Arabia's king, who "denies any knowledge" of what happened to the Saudi journalist who disappeared after entering the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul two weeks ago. Trump said he had dispatched Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to the region.

What did happen to Jamal Khashoggi, according to the king? Trump said, "He didn't really know. Maybe I don't want to get into his mind, but it sounded to me like maybe these could have been rogue killers — I mean, who knows?"

Trump has been under pressure to take action on the suspected murder of journalist Khashoggi, a Saudi citizen who has been living and writing in the United States,

including columns critical of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Turkish officials say that they believe Saudi agents killed and dismembered Khashoggi after he entered the consulate and that Turkey has audio and video recordings of it.

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Saudi Arabia has pledged to economically retaliate for any US punitive action.

China: IMF should evaluate CPEC projects objectively while granting bailout package to Pak

PTI ■ BEIJING

A cash-strapped Pakistan approached the IMF for a bailout agreeing to share the details of huge Chinese loans obtained for the CPEC, a wary China on Monday said the global lender should "objectively and professionally" evaluate its investments and ensure that any financial package does not affect close ties between Beijing and Islamabad.

Pakistan Finance Minister Asad Umar told the media that Islamabad is ready to share details of the debt related to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with the IMF as he formally sought a bailout package from the international lender. Speaking in Islamabad on his return from Indonesia where he requested International Monetary Fund's Managing Director Christine Lagarde for a bailout package for Pakistan, Umar said the decision to approach the global lender was taken after consultations with friendly countries.

He said an IMF team is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on November 7 to negotiate the programme, likely to span over a three-year period. Reacting to the move by its all-weather ally Pakistan to approach the IMF for a bailout package, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman, Lu Kang said here that China wants an "objective and professional" evaluation of its loans to Pakistan by the IMF. The measures to be worked out by the IMF should not affect China-Pakistan relations, he said.

"As a member of the IMF, China supports the organisation having cooperation with Pakistan in objectively and professionally evaluating the situation on the ground in Pakistan," he said while answering questions on calls for scrutiny of Chinese loans by IMF and US officials.

"Also we support the IMF (helping Pakistan) in coping with the current difficulties. Their measures shall not affect normal bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan," he said.

Imran Khan's party suffers setback in bypolls; PML-N improves its tally

Islamabad: In a setback to Prime Minister Imran Khan, the Opposition alliance led by deposed premier Nawaz Sharif's PML-N gained five more parliamentary seats in by-polls, reducing the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party's margin in delicately balanced National Assembly.

Elections were held on Sunday in nine National Assembly constituencies in Punjab and one each in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and 24 provincial assemblies seats, including 11 in Punjab, nine in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, two each in Sindh and Balochistan.

Most of the seats where by-polls were held had been vacated by those elected on more than one seat in the July 25 general elections, including Prime Minister Khan who won in all the five NA constituencies he had contested.

In bypolls, Khan's party lost two seats vacated by him. His seat in Lahore (NA-131) was won by former railways minister and a firebrand Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Khawaja Saad Rafique.

In Bannu, Zahid Akram Durrani of the Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA) defeated the PTI candidate Naseem Ali Shah. Former PM Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, who had lost the July 25 elections from two constituencies, easily defeated PTI's Ghulam Mohiuddin Dewan in NA-124 Lahore in an almost one-sided contest. The PML-N and the PTI won four seats each of the National Assembly whereas Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid won two seats and MMA one seat, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) said.

Pentagon: Most F-35 jets resume flights after engine inspections



Washington: More than 80 percent of Lockheed Martin Co-made F-35 fighter jets in the United States and around the world have cleared engine inspections and are now approved for flights, the Pentagon said on Monday.

Last week, all U.S. and international F-35 fighter jets made by Lockheed Martin were grounded so that fuel tubes could be examined.

The Pentagon said it is working closely with United Technologies Corp's Pratt & Whitney, the maker of the F-35's engine, to rapidly procure more parts to minimise the time it will take for remaining repairs. The issue is not expected to impact F-35 deliveries and the program remains on track to meet its target of 91 aircraft for the year, the Pentagon said.

GLOBE TROTTER

TRUMP ADMITS CLIMATE CHANGE NOT A 'HOAX'
Washington: President Donald Trump backed off from his claim that climate change is a hoax, but said that it's not man-made with permanent impacts and climate will "change back again".

YAMEEN BLAMES DEFEAT ON 'DISAPPEARING INK'
Colombo: Outgoing Maldives President Abdulla Yameen has told the Supreme Court that disappearing ink and specially treated ballot papers were to blame for his heavy election defeat last month.

FLASH FLOODS KILL AT LEAST 13 IN FRANCE
Paris: Flash floods tore through towns in southwest France, turning waterways into raging torrents that killed at least 13 people, nine of them in just one town, authorities said.

'ASSANGE LET PARTIAL NET ACCESS BY ECUADOR'
London: Julian Assange, who has been holed up in the Ecuador Embassy here since 2012, was allowed limited internet access by the south American nation, seven months after it disabled for alleged breach of asylum terms, Wikileaks has announced.

GERMANY RESUMES REFUGEE REUNIFICATIONS
Athens: Nearly 200 refugees seeking to join their families in Germany left Greece on Monday, the Greek migration ministry said, reviving a reunification programme that had been stalled since last year. The 177 refugees mainly from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq boarded a special charter plane to Munich, the ministry said in a statement.

CHINA PURRS OVER WHITE TIGER TRIPLETS
Kunming: Three playful white Bengal tiger cubs are charming visitors as they clamber around their enclosure at a zoo in China. The rare, blue-eyed triplets were born nearly three months ago at the Yunnan Wildlife Zoo in Kunming, and made their public debut in early October.

RARE INDIAN GREY HORNBILL SIGHTED IN PAK
Lahore: A rare Indian grey hornbill, the species of which is listed as "Near Threatened" by an international nature conservation body, was spotted in Pakistan's Lahore city on Monday.

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UK enquiry finds culture of bullying, harassment in Parl

London: The findings of a new enquiry released here on Monday concluded that a "disturbing" culture of bullying and harassment had been tolerated and concealed for too long in the UK Parliament.

The independent report, commissioned by Leader of the House of Commons, Andrea Leadsom earlier this year amid series of allegations against MPs and parliamentary staff, said there was a tradition of "deference and silence" that "actively sought to cover up abusive conduct" and gave no protection to those reporting bullying or sexual harassment. The enquiry, conducted by retired judge Dame Laura Cox, said parliamentary employees had been subject to a culture "cascading from the top down" and that change would not be possible until the departure of some senior House of Commons officials.

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NIT No -22/EE (Gen.)/MB-II/18-19: Procurement of Various consumables of switchyard at MB-II, Dharasu Power House.
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Original Application No. 86 of 2018 Date: 25.9.2018
HDFC BANK LTD. VERSUS ...Applicant
Phool Kumar & Others ...Defendants
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Aftab clocks 19 years in B'wood

Actor **AFTAB SHIVDASANI** looked back at how life changed for him 19 years ago when he stepped into Bollywood. He debuted in 1999 with Ram Gopal Verma's hit *Mast*, opposite actress Urmila Matondkar. "Over 19 years ago today, a new life began for me. A life I always dreamt of. An opportunity to pursue a childhood dream of becoming an actor. Thank you Ram for giving me this opportunity to realise my dream. Thank you to all those people who believed in me," he tweeted. For *Mast*, Aftab had bagged multiple awards. Currently, Aftab is preparing for *Setters*.



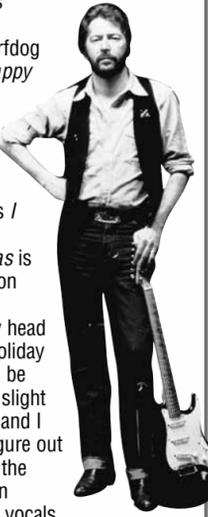
'You haven't won an election to start with to be where you are Mr Akbar. Dear PM of India, you have to sack this serial offender and as soon as possible. So many women telling their story of sexual harassment have nothing to gain from this. Around 50 per cent of your electorate is us.'
—Sona Mohapatra

Actress **SONAKSHI SINHA** has praised actor **Hrithik Roshan** and thanked him for always motivating her to be fit. Lauding Sonakshi's transformation, Hrithik tweeted: "Stunning! I remember a 'before' conversation years ago and now this! Well done Sonakshi you are going to inspire many. Keep going." To this, Sonakshi replied, "That conversation was an inspiration in itself! Thank you for always being so motivating Hrithik! This is just the beginning."



Clapton unveils Happy Xmas

Musician **ERIC CLAPTON**'s album *Happy Xmas* is out now. It released on October 12 on Clapton's Bushbranch Records/Surfdog Records. *Happy Xmas* is Clapton's 24th studio album and his first since 2016's *I Still Do*. "Happy Xmas is here," Clapton tweeted. "I had in my head that these holiday songs could be done with a slight blues tinge, and I started to figure out how to play the blues lines in between the vocals. I got it down and one of the most identifiable songs on the album, the one that became the foundational style, is *Have yourself a merry little Christmas*," he said.



Straight from the heart

When the Canadian singer, **BRYAN ADAMS**, performed on the last leg of his Ultimate Tour, generation X believed that they were 18 till they die — at least for a day, says **SAIMI SATTAR**

Those were the best days of my life, crooned Bryan Adams about the Summer of '69. I can say the same about the winter of '96. Nineteen years back I was a rookie reporter for this newspaper and I started a piece for these pages (which have transformed drastically, I may add) with these epic lines. During the interregnum, I have switched jobs, saw the world as well as India transform, lost a parent, ended a relationship which lasted almost half of my lifetime. But the tumultuous times failed to change my playlist where Adams featured most prominently. So on a personal level, it was befitting that when I am back in the newspaper, the Canadian singer decided to tour the country again for the fifth time and I saw him for the first. And yes, he made sure that it was a *Night to Remember*.

As we wended our way inside the Leisure Valley in Gurugram, we got a sense of how big the turnout was going to be. The access roads were shut to vehicular traffic and people trudged along to what seemed like the biggest walkathon in town — but with people dressed for an evening out rather than running around in track pants and hoodies.

Unlike say an Ed Sheeran or an EDM concert, it was the generation X that dominated the audience largely. Demographically if one was to make bar charts for the 15,000 plus audience at the concert, it was the 35+ category's bar that would see the greatest spike. People who had attended Adams' first concert in 1994 with their girlfriends or boyfriends turned up with their spouses and sometimes children who had abandoned Justin Bieber for the more lyrical and gravely-voiced singer — at least for a day.

The opening act was performed by Harshdeep Kaur but despite popular numbers like *Ek Kabira* and *Channa Mereya*, the crowd was itching for the star performer to come on stage. Even after Harshdeep went off, it took some time for the stage to be prepped up for the main act. Gradually as the screen behind the stage flickered to life with a giant-sized head of Adams which made faces, behaved like a punching bag, came alive and became stoic at different points, the audience began to grow restless.

When Adams burst on the stage, he didn't disappoint. The high-energy and interactive performance saw the audience break out in a frenzy and sing

along with the numbers, especially the more popular ones. The multi-million selling recording artist ripped through two-dozen-plus hits covering nearly 40 years.

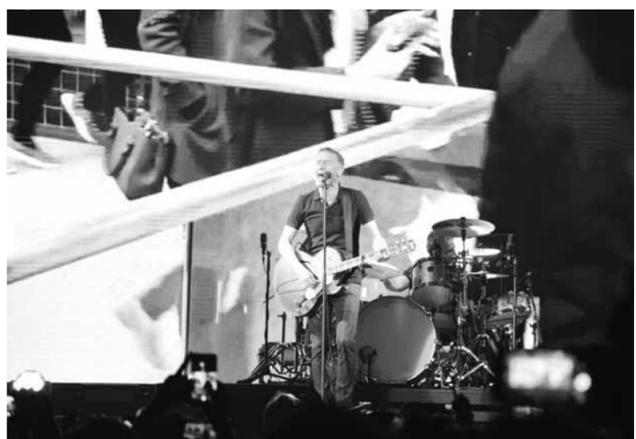
Adams dressed in a blue T-shirt and jeans, on a well-lit stage which had an oversized video wall where lyrics, black and white as well as colour videos played, was accompanied by a guitar player, a bassist, a drummer and a piano player. The 26-song set was heavy on Adams' established hits, especially the ones that are an ode to love.

He kicked it off with *Ultimate Love*, from his newest album. But it was when he played *Can't Stop This Thing We Started*, from his 1991 album, *Waking Up the Neighbours* that made the audience erupt in joy. The crowd was all revved up with *Run To You* that followed after.

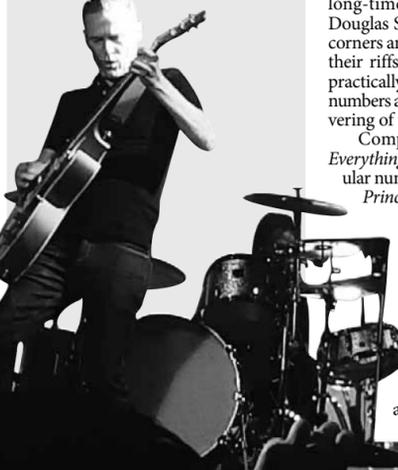
But there was more in the coming. Adams established an instant connect when he said, "Hello, I am Bryan Adams," as if he was any common person introducing himself for the first time as the crowd laughed uproariously. It set the tone and tenor of the show as he went on to tell the appreciative capital's crowd that he looked forward to performing in the city. "Good evening Delhi. We have been coming here since 1994. It is great to be back again and thank you for having us. It's taken long and I've always asked where is my Delhi show," Adams said as the crowd broke out into applause. And when he said "I have all kinds of songs for you tonight, old ones, a few new ones, I'm not sure how much time you have but we have a long show ahead! Tonight we have the biggest party in India," the people answered, "Forever".

The two-way synchronicity was visible throughout. At times the singer asked the crowd to sing along and they were more than happy to oblige. Whether it was *Na na na nana nana* during *Cuts Like a Knife* or to proclaim *18 Till I Die*, the audience was at its enthusiastic best. And when the raspy voice launched into the evergreen ballad *Heaven*, one was almost transported to the promised destination. The vibe was groovy and the couples (and singles) were mesmerised. The whole crowd sang the first verse in unison, accompanied by only a piano.

Here *I Am* did stir up the crowd, yet again but then it was the anthem *Summer Of '69* which was sung by every man and woman in



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attendance. The audience asked for an encore and Adams obliged with a single line from the song sung softly and much mellower. Adams followed it up with *Please Stay* and the audience wanted him to live up to his promise.

When Adams announced that the song which was coming up was a duet with Tina Turner, the audience knew the beat to follow and announced *It's Only Love*. And it was during this number that his long-time guitarist and friend Keith Douglas Scott, sauntered over from their corners and met at centre stage to bounce their riffs off one another. The guitarist practically set the stage on fire in between numbers and during them with his maneuvering of the strings.

Compulsory on the playlist was *Everything I Do I Do it For You*, the popular number from the film, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, the number with which Adams burst into the popular imagination of the generation X in 1991. And did people sing along? Adams followed it up with *Back To You* and *Somebody* which provided more evidence of the polished performers' ability to craft hits with huge choruses.

When Keith, who had accompanied Adams on his first ever India tour, played a tune that

was distinctly Indian, the singer promised to "put the best dancers on stage on the screen" — which he did. Women climbed on their boyfriends shoulders just to "share the stage" for a moment with Adams.

The way Keith plucked at the guitar and created magic, one knew even without being told, that the singer was drifting towards the sensuous and sultry flamenco number *Have You Ever Really Loved A Woman* during which the original recorded video played in the background to heat things up a bit. And when *The Only Thing That Looks Good On Me Is You* followed things just got louder.

The way the 58-year-old bound about on the stage with seemingly endless energy, the audience believed him when he belted out *18 'Till I Die*.

Adams had a story to recount about *Straight From The Heart*. "It is a song I wrote when I was 18. The story is when I was 17, I asked my mother whether we could buy a piano with the \$1,000 we had set aside for my schooling? She knew I was not going back to school and said yes we can do that. So in the summer of 1977, I practised and drove my entire family out of the house with my terrible piano playing... But the point of my story is not about the song but about my parents. They had given the chance to me to be a free musician that I am. Otherwise I wouldn't be standing here today," he said. It was especially poignant given the fact that it has been a tough year for him. Adams took out time to tell the crowd of his father's passing away and his mother's stroke this year which had left her paralysed. And spoke about how he was pronounced "Indian" by a fellow flyer who was accompanying his old father. "This is the Indian way, he told me. And when I said that during the last years of his life, I took care of my father. He said, 'Maybe you are a little bit of Indian too'."

As he spoke, the strobe of light which was focussed on his head was abuzz with insects. The vegan admitted that he had swallowed one.

He ended the show with another film ballad, *All for Love* from *Three Musketeers* which he had sung with Rod Stewart and Sting. As the audience walked out, most of them in a daze, they subconsciously knew that it was the best day of their life.

Photo: Jagjeet Singh



Colours of freedom

The Rainbow Show paid tribute to the historic Section 377 judgement that was repealed last month through colours, frills and all moods of fashion. By **CHAHAK MITTAL**



through their colourful designs. Each designer dressed a model in an ensemble based on the rainbow theme, mainly comprising of six stripes — red, orange, yellow, blue, green and violet — representing diversity and peace.



While designer Suneet Varma's yellow saree with floral motifs looked like a revelation, his model Sonalika Sahay's back said in bold, "Love is all, #377." Designer Rajesh Pratap Singh's attire brought in yet another classic element that left the audience awestruck. As the model made her way to the end of the runway, her pure white dress gradually got splashed with infinite multi colours. Designer Rahul Mishra's attire screamed of simplicity and beauty through a multi-colour striped-blazer which was paired with a floor-length same pattern dress with blue net fabric. Designer Huemn's orange-red sweatshirt with a newspaper print skirt was a perfect example of celebrating

beauty and the fact that it comes in all shapes and sizes. It challenged body shaming as a plus sized model walked the ramp. While designer Gaurav Gupta's attire had colourful lights, designer Manish Malhotra's work brought back the floral motifs with vibgyor frills at the border. Wendell Rodricks's white bikini with colourful polka dots and stripes beneath, with a white superhero robe at the back, made one travel back to the series.

After the vibrance of the bright-coloured dresses, it was actress Huma Qureshi, the showstopper, who looked stunning in a white gown with a feathered jacket with velvet fabrication, who attracted the audience.

Sunil Sethi, FDCI President, said, "Through such a show, we aimed at giving space to experiment with the pre-designed hue wheel and show solidarity with this cause. It's liberated millions of people living shackled by fear of societal pressure and often harsh judgement. We celebrate this victory of choice, dignity and privacy."

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Sunder Nursery is a haven among the urban jungle reminding the coming generations that decay is not all that stands ahead. By UMA NAIR

To restore, to create, to revitalise and rejuvenate beautiful green spaces has been one of the prime goals of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture in recent years and Chief Architect and CEO, Ratish Nanda has been a part of the restoration and redevelopment project of the Sunder Nursery for more than a decade.

The TIME Magazine's declaration of naming the Sunder Nursery (Delhi's Central Park) amongst 100 Best Places in the World comes as a moment of recognition even as it affirms the need and urgency to create green lungs in a country that has forgotten its history, and its temples and monuments stand like fossils in a time warp.

FRENCH GARDENS

History states that parks became a source of entertainment after the French Revolution ended in 1799. More people started going to parks; a pastime that belonged only to the rich but was made available to everyone. Recognising this growing need for public parks, emperor Napoleon III, Baron Hausmann, and engineer Adolphe Alphand created an urban renewal plan which swept France.

This undertaking saw the development of multiple

parks and green spaces throughout France, which included a park at each of France's cardinal points, and the placement of trees to line the main avenue in Paris, the Champs-Élysées. In 1870 alone, the acreage of parks in France increased from 47 to 4,500 and by this time, 2,300 varieties of plants had been introduced to the country.

By 1860, the French journalist Eugène Chapus wrote: "One of the pronounced characteristics of our Parisian society is that . . . everyone in the middle class wants to have his little house with trees, roses, and dahlias, his big or little garden, his rural piece of the

good life." Anchored by scenic settings and recreation, New York's Central Park was designed in the spirit of Parisian public parks of the same period.

SUNDER NURSERY

The Sunder Nursery development in Delhi has been christened the Central Park because it has recreated New York's central feature by blending landscape architecture, city planning and urban park management; and ever-changing notions about recreation, democracy, and the role of public space in relation to both.

The AKTC states that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Central Public Works Department, and the Archaeological

Survey of India, as well as the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the US Embassy through the US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation have all been part of this great plan. Architect Ratish Nanda recalls the services of hundreds of craftsmen — stone carvers, plasterers, masons and gardeners. Nanda also reveres the memory of the late Professor M Shaheer. "He worked with the Aga Khan Trust for Culture for 18 years as the landscape architect for the Humayun's Tomb as well as restorations in Kabul and in Hyderabad.

His contribution to the Sunder Nursery project was immense, from the original master plan through to the detailed drawings," he said.



HARMONY IN SPIRIT

The Sunder Nursery grounds belong to India's cultural history. It was nearly seven centuries ago, when the Sufi Saint Nizamuddin Auliya, walked these paths and shared his teachings of universal love. His message of tolerance and humanity infused the Mughal empire and assisted by the Grand Trunk Road spread throughout the country. What ensued was the dispersing of a remarkably pluralistic and harmonious spirit.

For Nanda and his team the Sunder Nursery beholds the same spirit of universal harmony. Aligned with the large entrance plaza of Humayun's tomb, Sunder Nursery features a spectacular pedestrian central axis conceived in three parts, as a progression of formally arranged gardens around the heritage structures and merging at its end with the proposed arboretum and water gardens.

WATER GARDENS AND ARBORETUM

"An arboretum exhibiting the flora of the Delhi region was a central objective of the landscape plan," explains Nanda. "This recreates various micro-habitat zones of the NCR,

showing the richness and versatility of the native or naturalised flora; these include *kohl* (hill), *khadar* (riverine), *bangar* (alluvial) and *dabar* (marshy) zones, which are all representative of Delhi's fast disappearing biodiversity."

As Delhi's first arboretum, it has almost 300 tree species, the largest number in any of Delhi's parks. A contiguous stretch of dense green cover across Sunder Nursery continues on to the adjoining National Zoological Park and the Batashewala Complex, providing a protected bird habitat for the ground nesting national bird, the peacock.

BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

"Over the last decade, hundreds of truckloads of construction rubble were removed and 20,000 saplings planted, drawing 80 species of birds to the site. Many more are expected now that the water bodies are full. 60 species of butterflies have already made the park their home," affirms Nanda who has worked hard to create an oasis of biodiversity.

In more ways than one, the Sunder Nursery preserves the past and honours the future and that is the message for the millennials that urban decay need not be essential to modern day living. Between the water gardens and the horticulture haven here's a piece of history that brings harmony.



What is good and what is evil? Is dreaming of glory evil? Does human prophecy articulate fate or manifest inert desires? Does the end justify all your actions?

Raising such questions, director K Madavane's recreation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, brings back trivial realities of the current society and the tale of ruthlessness in the journey of human aspiration.

He recreates the tragic tale of Macbeth, who, blinded by his greed for power, mercilessly pursue his desires to eventually his own destruction.

To make a play set in a different era look authentic, there is a need to set up the perfect spotlights, costumes and objects that are not used today, which take up a lot of space on the stage. Just as Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* gave us an empty stage with two beings and a tree in the dark background, what does he give to the stage for *Macbeth*, that is set in the 11th century Scotland? He explains the set up saying that this Macbeth does not quintessentially belong to a particular time, "*Macbeth* deals with tribal people from some country. The set is modern with moving curtains, appropriate costumes and so on. He belongs to every country, to every era, and to every human being. Our *Macbeth* doesn't deal with any particular characteristics."

There is a reason why Madavane, who recently directed Shakespeare's another legendary play *Hamlet* in 2017, chose *Macbeth* to be his next direction. He believes that while choosing a play, one doesn't really know why they are choosing it. He said, "*Macbeth* is a classic play and since I was in the 'Shakespeare mood' after *Hamlet*, I wanted to test myself about what are the new things I could bring to a classic that everybody knows. If they are appear identical, is there a point doing a play then?"

A play that is bound to be performed on the stage often undergoes constant revision, as there is no 'one more take', to recite the written play in words modified for the audience's frolic. So what goes into transform-

Contemporarily old

As director K MADAVANE brings back Shakespeare's *Macbeth* as his next direction, CHAHAK MITTAL questions him the reason for choosing the particular play



ing a written play into a stage performance? Madavane needs at least 900 pages to answer this. For him, none can put the answer to this question on the paper. "And if the answer exists, it will always be personal: for that answer, the questioner should attend all the sessions of the rehearsals from the play reading to the last run through the play, as the process is rigorous."

The play has changed and evolved as it dates back to an era when people could hardly study or write and were bereft of any kind of literature or books, plays were enacted to show them what the book had said. Even though today people can comprehend things and words, those plays still make it to theatres. They indeed depicted reality and are relevant even today. But how has *Macbeth* still remained so contemporary and applicable which can be watched even now? For Madavane, any art form always evolves. However, "how that happens is difficult to answer."

He says, "During the 70s, theatre

took inspiration from the Parsi and Indo-English plays. People thought that *Theatre Walla* or *Shakespeareana/Shakespeare Walla* (family of Jennifer Kapoor/Kendal) was not relevant to India post Independence. There was a need for new genre to evolve. In response, new authors were born like (Vijay)Tendulkar, (Girish) Karnad, (Badal) Sircar and Mohan Rakesh. They all drew inspiration from the rich Indian culture to write their own plays. They have known each other very well and were aware that they were doing a new genre. They translated each other's plays into their own mother tongue."

While Shakespearean sonnets and plays have inspired directors like Madavane, what are the other influences that go in the making of the play? He questions, "In today's world of globalisation, where we don't even have the liberty to decide the manner in which you wash your body or choose a soap without any external reference, how can there be no influence?"

He believes that he is a product of many influences like "my family, the books I read, my friends, writers like Shakespeare (all his plays), and all the classic authors (like Victor Hugo) from so many countries, the movies I have watched. A person who wants to create, always cultivates himself. Even my dog can influence me by showing his happiness."

However, he believes that nowadays, we don't have enough distance to judge ourselves as "it is difficult now to tell where we will be in theatre in the 21st century."

Since Madavane has directed the play globally in Canada, France, Australia, Africa, Indian Ocean Islands, he never structured it to suit any particular audience.

A director, who has been around for decades, has felt the evolution. From people who never read books to know about plays to various art critics, the theatre game has really morphed over the time. Scholars have believed that art, or more precisely, great arts are in a way immortal. It cannot be categorised in any compartment. "Sometimes the different art forms do meet. But most of the time, they prosper in their own space. For so many years, without any financial support of any organisation, all these folk-art forms like Terroukottou, Yakshagana, Khatakali and so on, have persisted."

With the onset of the digital space that is increasingly taking over the young Indian minds and becoming their story-learning mediums, have art forms like theatre and stage performance started to perish? "No." As per Madavane, "Some youngsters want to experiment these art forms as well. They even try it out digitally. However, theatre will not die. It will always remain the same till the end of the human civilisation."

(Presented by Tamasha Entertainment, the play will be staged the last on October 20 at LTG, Mandi House.)

Rising like the skyscraper

Revisiting the Urban brings together artworks by various artistes who hail from small towns and villages, and present their own interpretations of a metropolitan city. By AYUSHI SHARMA

An artist has always been understood as an observer of times, who is able to capture the delicacies of our monotonous routine and matters unseen — that remain hidden under the sawdust of the hustle-bustle of our mundane life.

The artworks from the exhibition *Revisiting The Urban* help us re-understand, re-familiarise and in a way revisit our urban habitation by bridging the seen and unseen aspects of our cities. Their works come across as excerpts from their diaries, brimming with intimate observations of the cities they have dwelled in. They share histories of migration to urban capitals where they question their own identities.

Birender Yadav, who hails from Dhanbad, says, "Coming from a small village to a metropolitan city, I was influenced by the growing urbanisation. I was taken aback by the irony of how modern structures and buildings are constructed for the comfort of masses, but the workers are forgotten. My own experiences allow me to lend an empathetic eye towards these unnoticed masses providing viewers a vantage point to the narratives of their stories of survival against all odds."

He uses gunpowder dust extracted from matches in his works that acts as a metaphor for our fickle-natured society.

An artist from Odisha, Digbijayee Khatua, creates surreal cityscapes by blending elements from nature with mechanical and man-made structures. He creates some complicated crafts by overlapping layers of paper. He makes landscapes from watercolours bringing together different perspectives of a city. Coming from a small town, he says, "I am very fascinated with the city's architectural aesthetics. I have examined the urban man's life. Delhi is a beautiful city with a chaotic journey. I've always observed how everyone here is busy. The 3D work conveys a sense of familiar monotony. My practice is vastly influenced by my shift to



Assemblage of Heritage by Digbijayee Khatua



Pellet Injuries by Sajeev Visweswaran



Inertia of Hidden Dreams by Ravi Chunchula



Mix Match by Birender Kumar Yadav

Delhi." He fuses stylistic elements from miniature paintings with the traditional *Patta* ones. He feels that machines play a vital role. "As we move further into this technological age, we have become more like machines as when we do something, we don't harbour any emotions with it. We just keep on doing it without looking into its humanitarian aspects. My practice also elaborates my complex vision of simple images where characters from past come in."

Other artists were Ravi Kumar Chunchula, whose works delve into histories and political concerns, and Sajeev Visweswaran, whose work maps his observations and memories from his village in Kerala. (The show is on till October 18 at Anant Art Gallery.)

Amidst a society that defaults gender to man and woman and rarely talks about genders that exist out of that binary, Anant



When: October 20 and 23 TIME: 7 pm WHERE: East Wind – Gurugram (Oct 20); India Habitat Centre (Oct 23).



Finding Meaning, a group art exhibition explores the ideas of our existence and the meaning of it all. The world has always searched for meaning, reason, and causality. WHEN: October 19 to 22 TIME: 11 am to 7 pm WHERE: Visual Art Gallery, Indian Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road.

WATCH OUT

jab Khuli Kitaab, a play written and directed by JSaurabh Shukla, brings to you the struggle of a couple, happy in their marriage. Even after 55 years of marriage, Gopal is deeply in love with his ailing wife, Anusuya — until he finds out about her affair from 54 years ago. The play shows that it is never too late for a second chance at happiness. TIME: 4 pm and 7.30 pm WHEN: October 20 and 21 WHERE: Kamani Auditorium.



Palette Art Gallery presents *Reflections in Time*, an art exhibition where the artist weaves together both representation and abstraction, also melding architectural landscapes with still life, creating paintings steeped in prodigious antecedents. TIME: 11 am to 7 pm WHEN: October 19 to November 15 WHERE: Palette Art Gallery 14, Golf Links.



Vadhehra Art Gallery presents Madhusudhanan's solo exhibition, *Granite Lamp & Mirror*, displaying a body of new works, including oil paintings, sculptures, and ink and charcoal drawings, produced by the artist in the last two years. WHEN: Till October 25 WHERE: Vadhehra Art Gallery, D-53 Defence Colony.

SINGLES

AUS A EVES BEAT IND A BY 91 RUNS

MUMBAI: Australia 'A' women cricket team crushed India 'A' by 91 runs in the opening match of the three-game ODI series here on Monday. Electing to bat at the Mumbai Cricket Association's Bandra Kurla Complex facility, Australia 'A' put up a decent 271/8 in their allotted 50 overs before bundling out the hosts for a meagre 180. For the visitors, Tahira McGrath top-scored with 58. The 22-year-old, during her 66-ball-knock, hit 10 fours and a six as she punished the India 'A' bowlers. McGrath received good support from Heather Graham (48) and Naomi Stalenberg (47), who played their parts to perfection as they guided their team to a competitive total. While chasing, the Indian women made a mess of the target and were 55/6 at one stage. For the Aussies, skipper Strano, an off-break bowler, starred with the bowl, too, as she returned with fine figures of 3-23. Australia 'A' are 1-0 ahead in series with the second ODI scheduled at the same venue on October 17.

JAVASURIYA CHARGED UNDER ICC ANTI-CORRUPTION CODE

DUBAI: The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday charged former Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya with two counts of breaching the ICC anti-corruption code. The charges relate to failure or refusal to cooperate with an ACU investigation and obstructing or delaying an investigation, including concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information which may be relevant, a statement said. Jayasuriya has 14 days from October 15 to respond to the charges. The ICC statement further said the global cricket body won't make any further comment in respect of these charges at this stage.

ABD IN DRAFT FOR SA T20 LEAGUE

JOHANNESBURG: South African batting star AB de Villiers was on Monday named among 12 leading players for South Africa's new Mzansi Super League Twenty20 tournament. Six South African and six overseas players were named as marquee players at a Cricket South Africa media briefing. Six teams will be competing for their services in a draft in Johannesburg on Wednesday. England one-day captain Eoin Morgan and fellow England players Jason Roy and Dawid Malan will join West Indians Chris Gayle and Dwayne Bravo and Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan as the leading overseas players. Six teams will be competing for their services in a draft which will take place in Johannesburg on Wednesday. De Villiers, who retired from international cricket earlier this year, heads the list of designated South African players. He will represent the Tshwane Spartans, who will be based at his long-time home ground in Centurion. The league, named after a colloquial term for South Africa, will run from November 15 to December 16.

GOLFER JOHNSON MAINTAINS TOP SPOT

MADRID: United States golfer Dustin Johnson continued to lead the World Golf Ranking released on Monday, followed by England's Justin Rose, as the top 10 players all held their positions this week. The majority of the top 10 spots were held by US golfers, including Brooks Koepka in third, Justin Thomas in fourth, Bryson DeChambeau in seventh, Rickie Fowler in ninth and Jordan Spieth in 10th. For the Europeans, Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland came fifth, Francesco Molinari of Italy came sixth and Jon Rahm of Spain came eighth. Further down the rankings, Emiliano Grillo of Argentina jumped 13 places up to world No 49, after he tied for second at the CIMB Classic in Malaysia on Sunday behind first-placed Marc Leishman of Australia, who climbed to world No. 16 from No 24.

BOLT FUMES OVER DRUG TEST NOTICE

SYDNEY: Sprint legend Usain Bolt says he's stunned after being handed a drug testing notice despite retiring from athletics and having no professional contract as he bids to launch a football career in Australia. The 100m world record-holder quit athletics last year and is yet to be offered a deal by Australia's Central Coast Mariners, where he is currently on trial. "So guys I've retired from track and field looking to become a footballer but look at this," Bolt said Monday via an Instagram video as he zoomed in on the notice. The demand for the out of competition test — to collect urine and blood — appears to have been issued by Football Federation Australia. "How am I going to get a drug test today? I'm not even a professional footballer yet. Seriously," said Bolt. Despite his displeasure, it appears the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority guidelines mean he is eligible to be tested.

INDONESIA FACE HONG KONG IN FRIENDLY

JAKARTA: Indonesia's national football team is gearing up for a friendly match against Hong Kong on Tuesday. The match will take place at the Wibawa Mukti sport stadium in the West Javan city of Cikarang. Interim Indonesia coach Bima Sakti said on Monday that his charges had meticulously planned for the international friendly. "Hong Kong have some good players, which will give us an opportunity to determine which of our players should play more in future matches," he said. Indonesia emerged victorious in their previous international friendly last Wednesday, defeating Myanmar 3-0. Hong Kong head coach Gary White emphasized that his team would be going all-out to get a positive result against Indonesia, noting that Merah Putih had got a good result against Myanmar. "We came here to win," the Englishman stressed, adding: "I am certain that the match against Indonesia will be good and competitive, and we are enthusiastic about it." Agencies

3rd opener, 2nd wk still grey areas for Aus Test tour

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

The Indian team management and the national selection committee will have to address few core issues when they decide on the Test squad for Australia, the primary concerns being a third opener and a second wicketkeeper for five-day games.

The net gains from the lopsided Test series against West Indies that concluded on Sunday, were youngsters Prithvi Shaw and Rishabh Pant cementing their places in the XI for the first Test against Australia in Adelaide on December 6.

But with the team management's backing of KL Rahul, who has had 14 failures in 17 innings, the role of a reserve opener will become very important in the larger context of the series.

"I am sure KL will look at his errors and look to rectify them. There is no doubt about his attitude and how he goes about his game. He is very positive in his head and he is someone who also appreciates people telling him his faults which is a quality to have," Kohli said after the second Test here which India won inside three days.

The skipper's certificate seals the deal with Shaw-Rahul at least getting one more shot as a pair in Adelaide. But what if Rahul fails again? Currently, neither the team man-



Prithvi Shaw, left, congratulates teammate Lokesh Rahul after scoring winning runs in the second Test; (right) Mayank Agarwal bats at net session



agement nor the selectors have a clear idea about it.

Mayank Agarwal, who was the third opener for the West Indies series, is a contender for the yet-to-be-decided squad of 17 that will travel Down Under.

Agarwal has scored truckloads of runs but unlike Shaw, there are doubts about whether he has the game for the highest level and wherewithal to cope with Mitchell Starc's disconcerting bounce, Josh

Hazlewood's 'fourth' stump attack and Pat Cummins' quick deliveries.

It is learnt that selectors are still wary of having Agarwal, Shaw and Rahul as three specialist openers as the line-up will be too thin on experience. And Rahul's poor form will also put pressure on the two youngsters.

In that case, Agarwal might just be unlucky like his statemate Karun Nair as at least one experienced opener will be the order of the day.

In an ideal situation, it would have been veteran Murali Vijay, technically the most accomplished Indian opener of recent times.

However, Vijay's failures in South Africa and England along with his much publicised difference of opinions with chairman of selectors MSK Prasad will be an issue.

But after being dropped from the Indian team, scores of 56, 100, 85 and 80 for Essex in the English County would keep him in good stead.

However, the first couple of Ranji matches will be a big Test for him.

"I think it will be Mayank and Vijay opening in the New Zealand A series where the better performer will be selected. I find it the most logical way of doing things. No selection committee wants controversies and this committee will also want the same," former India opener and wicketkeeper Deep Dasgupta told said on Monday.

"You would like people to know if Vijay is preferred over Mayank without giving the latter the reasons for not selecting him," he added.

The other choice could be Shikhar Dhawan but then he would hardly get any domestic matches to prove his red ball form as he would be playing limited-overs series against the West Indies from start to finish.

Also Dhawan's red ball form in home conditions has never been a clear indicator of his ability as he has consistently failed in pacer-friendly conditions.

There is a belief that since Dhawan is a good horizontal bat player, he can be tried in Australia where the kookaburra's seam would go flat after the first 20 overs.

But then, Dhawan has not shown signs of surviving those initial overs either even in England even though his effort can't be questioned. Dasgupta said, "I think it's time

to move ahead since Prithvi and Rahul have already sealed the first two spots. Plus, Vijay had two very good innings in Australia."

Coming to the wicketkeepers, the options are even less with Wriddhiman Saha yet to attain full fitness. He is unlikely to be selected for the Australian Test tour.

Even if he is selected, Pant has shown that he is a far superior batsman than the Bengal stumper and has the ability to win games for the country.

What happens when Saha comes back, Sanjay Majrekar asked Shastri after the second Test and the India coach just answered in a short sentence, "We will go by current form."

A good enough indication that Saha is not in the scheme of things at least for the time being.

The next option for the second keeper's slot is Kona Bharath, who has been playing for India A and recently got a hundred in a four-day game against Australia A.

"Bharath has been playing for India A for the last six months so you would like to think it will be him," Dasgupta said of him.

"But as I have said earlier, I won't mind looking at someone like Parthiv, who can hit horizontal bat shots well. He can be a reserve opener as well as the second keeper," he added.

SOUTH AFRICA'S WC PLAN TAKE SHAPE

AFP ■ BENONI

South Africa's time for experimentation ahead of the 2019 Cricket World Cup is coming to an end, according to coach Ottis Gibson.

Speaking after rain washed out his team's final Twenty20 international against Zimbabwe in Benoni on Sunday, Gibson said a short limited overs tour of Australia, starting later this month, would be a crucial part of the build-up to next year's World Cup in England.

"We want to go there with an attitude of trying to win," said Gibson. "The squad that we pick will reflect that and reflect our feeling on the formula and the way we want to play cricket."

South Africa were seldom under pressure in three limited overs and two Twenty20 internationals against Zimbabwe but tried to play the kind of positive cricket that will be needed for more demanding encounters.

"There is a lot being said about being positive. The key is having the will to stick with it even when things get tough," said Gibson.

The Barbados-born coach said leading batsman Hashim Amla would miss the tour of Australia because of a finger injury but indicated that veteran bowlers Dale Steyn and Imran Tahir would make the trip, adding to the strike power of fast bowlers Kagiso Rabada and Lungi Ngidi.

"I know what Rabada and Ngidi can do but for me the real excitement was watching Dale Steyn bowling in the second game in Bloemfontein," he said. "It was fantastic to see



him back to that level again, bowling quickly with that skill and accuracy."

"There are a lot of guys we have in our thoughts who will be in the squad to Australia," said Gibson. "For the last 12 months we have been looking at players. In the next couple of months, the players have been told that the window is closing all the time."

After three one-day internationals in Australia, South Africa will have five-match home series against Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"In those series we want to be focusing on a core of 17 to 18 players we will be looking at," he said.

South Africa's squad for Australia will be announced on Thursday.

Djokovic closing in on Nadal's No 1 spot

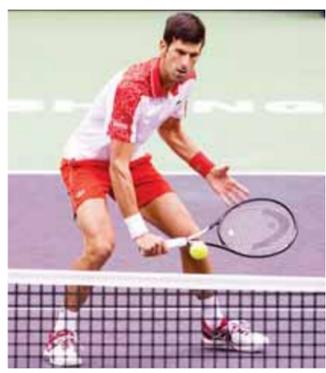
AFP ■ PARIS

Novak Djokovic is closing in on Rafael Nadal's number one spot after winning the Shanghai Masters title, according to ATP rankings released on Monday.

Nadal is struggling with a knee injury and has decided to sit out the current Asian segment of the ATP tour. Last week he joined the clean-up operation after deadly flash floods on his native Majorca.

After his 6-3, 6-4 victory over Borna Coric in the Shanghai final on Sunday, Djokovic is just 215 points behind the Spaniard.

While, Simona Halep has secured the year-end number one ranking in the WTA standings for the second year running. The Romanian spent 40 weeks at No



1 in 2018, a season that saw her win three titles from a tour-leading six final appearances, amassing a 46-11 win-loss record.

This year Halep has won the Shenzhen Open, the Rogers Cup and her debut Grand Slam crown at Roland Garros.

In addition, she reached the title match at the Australian Open, in Rome and Cincinnati.

"Finishing the season as the WTA World No 1 last year was a huge honour for me," said Halep.

"To do it for a second time in 2018 feels like a special achievement, especially having also won my first Grand Slam this year. To be able to see my name again alongside the other legends who have achieved the year-end No1 ranking makes me very proud."

Chung to be star attraction at Tata Open Maharashtra

PTI ■ PUNE

South Korean tennis player Hyeon Chung, who defeated winner of multiple Grand Slam titles Novak Djokovic earlier this year, will be a star attraction at the second edition of Tata Open Maharashtra beginning in December.

The World No 26 is expected to be a top draw at the ATP 250 event to be played at the Mhalunge Balewadi Stadium here.

South Korea's squad for Australia will be announced on Thursday.

Prashant Sutar was excited to sign the Korean as one of the first players for the event.

"Chung is one of the most exciting talents in tennis today. His consistent run across various tour events, since winning the inaugural Next Gen ATP Tour Finals last year has made him a player to watch out for this time at Tata Open Maharashtra," Sutar was quoted as saying in a media release on Monday.

The 22-year-old made waves at the 2018 Australian Open, where on his way to semi-final

against legendary Roger Federer, he stunned world No 5 Alex Zverev in Round of 32.

But what created ripples was handing six-time Melbourne Park winner and his idol Djokovic a straight sets loss in the round of 16.

However, he had to retire from the semi-final against Federer due to blisters.

But by then he had already created history by becoming the first player from South Korea to go past fourth round of a Grand Slam tournament.

Chung started the year ranked No 58 and by April he climbed to a career-high ranking of 19, mostly due to his unprecedented run at the Australian Open.

In November 2017, Chung had announced his arrival winning the inaugural ATP Next Gen Championships in Milan.

Tata Open Maharashtra begins on December 29 when the qualifiers will take place on the first two days to determine the last four entrants for the main tournament.

Prajnesh progresses to 2nd round in Ningbo

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Third seed Ramkumar Ramanathan was knocked out of the ATP Challenger event in Ningbo, China after a stupendous start but his compatriot Prajnesh Gunneswaran advanced to the second round on Monday.

Ramkumar took the opening set for the loss of just one game but Korea's Yuseong Chung turned the tables on the Indian, winning

the opening round match 1-6, 7-6(7), 7-6 (2) in two hours and 16 minutes.

Left-handed Prajnesh moved to the pre-quarterfinals after taming Mohammad Safwat 7-6(2) 6-2 in one hour and 29 minutes. He will next face China's He Li in the \$ 150,000 tournament.

Meanwhile, Saketh Myneni qualified into the singles main draw with an easy 6-0, 6-2 win over Ryota Tanuma and faces Japan's

Renta Tokuda in his first round.

Arjun Kadhe, the national championship runner-up, though stumbled at the final hurdle in the qualifying event, losing 4-6, 1-6 to Japan's Yusuke Takahashi.

Young Sumit Nagal, who has been struggling badly this year for form, will open his campaign against Italy's third seed Thomas Fabbiano, ranked 131 in the world.

The 21-year-old Nagal, who has made a number of

first round exit this season, is placed 312 in the world.

Meanwhile, Yuki Bhambri is making a comeback to competitive tennis after knee problems at European Open in Antwerp, Belgium. He will open his campaign against Spaniard Roberto Carballes Baena, ranked 18 places above him at number 82.

Leander Paes and Divij Sharan will feature in the doubles main draw with their respective partners.

Vermaelen out with hamstring injury

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Barcelona's Belgian defender Thomas Vermaelen will be sidelined for around six weeks after picking up a right hamstring injury while on international duty, the Spanish giants said on Monday.

The 32-year-old, who has been hit by a string of injuries since signing for the Catalan club in 2014, limped off the field in the second half of Belgium's 2-1 win over Switzerland in the Nations League on Friday.

"Tests carried out this morning confirm that first team player Thomas Vermaelen has a right hamstring injury. He will be sidelined for approximately six weeks," the club said in a statement.



The injury leaves Barcelona short of options in defence as the team is already without French centre-back Samuel Umtiti who has a knee injury, with only Gerard Pique and Clement Lenglet at their disposal.

Biraghi gives Mancini first competitive win

AFP ■ CHORZOW

Cristiano Biraghi snatched a late victory to give new Italy coach Roberto Mancini his first competitive victory and keep the Azzurri's Nations League hopes alive with a 1-0 win over Poland in their League A Group 3 clash here on Sunday.

Defender Biraghi, 26, slid in the winner two minutes into injury time for his first goal for Italy in a game his team had dominated. The defeat ensured Poland were relegated to League B.

It gives Mancini his first competitive victory since taking over as Italy coach last May, after the four-time world champions failure to qualify for the World Cup.

"A new cycle has already begun," said Mancini "We dominated the game, we had to score the first goal, it would have been unfair to finish 0-0."

"All the lads are trying to do their best. It's a good win in a very good game." Fiorentina defender Biraghi made the sign '13' with his hands when he scored, as he dedicated his first goal to former Italy and Fiorentina captain Davide Astori who died of a heart attack last March.

"I owe everything to him. I'm here thanks

to Davide who was a mentor for me," said Biraghi, who was called up to Italy for the first time last month at the age of 26.

European champions Portugal lead the three-team group with six points from two games with Italy on four points after three games with Poland relegated to League B with one point.

Mancini stuck with the same eleven he started with in last Wednesday's 1-1 draw against the Ukraine with Federico Bernardeschi, Lorenzo Insigne and Federico Chiesa leading the attack.

Nicolo Barella, 21, was chosen to start over Lorenzo Pellegrini in midfield after making his international debut in Genoa.

Poland opted for the strike partnership of Robert Lewandowski and Arkadiusz Milik over Genoa forward Krzysztof Piatek, who has scored 14 goals in ten competitive games for club and country.

Italy had the best of the first half but once again demonstrated their difficulty finishing

Jorginho rattled the bar within the first minute, with Federico Chiesa also hitting the woodwork after half an hour in the Silesian Stadium.

Poland could thank Wojciech Szczesny



Cristiano Biraghi, center, celebrate with his teammate after scoring the winning goal against Poland AP

for keeping them in the game with the under-pressure goalkeeper denying Alessandro Florenzi, Jorginho, Federico Bernardeschi and Juventus teammate Giorgio Chiellini in the first half.

Italy had a goal disallowed after 65 minutes following a well-worked pass between Bernardeschi and Marco Verratti with Insigne offside in the box.

Poland also had a couple of chances in the second half with Kamil Grosicki denied by Gianluigi Donnarumma, with Arkadiusz Milik curling over.

Just when it looked as if both sides would settle for a draw, off the last corner, substitute Kevin Lasagna, who made his international debut, steered in for the Biraghi to finish off.

"It had looked as if the match was jinxed," said Biraghi. "The minutes were going by and the ball wouldn't go in. When you create a lot and the ball doesn't go in you start to get nervous, even risk losing."

"Instead we stayed calm and believed until the end. This victory is thanks to the group's never say die attitude."

The result ensures Italy stayed in the tier ahead of December's Euro 2020 qualifying draw.

AUSSIES TARGET SERIES WIN

Eyeing first series win in Asia since 2011, Australia lock horn against Pakistan in 2nd Test

AFP ■ ABU DHABI

Australian skipper Tim Paine vowed his team would do its utmost to win the second Test against Pakistan starting in Abu Dhabi from Tuesday for a first series win in Asia since 2011.

The trying conditions of the pitches and hot weather have stopped Australia from winning a series since they beat Sri Lanka 1-0 in 2011.

Since then they have lost 4-0 in India (2013), 2-0 in United Arab Emirates to Pakistan (2014), 3-0 in Sri Lanka (2016), 2-1 in India (2017) and drew 1-1 in Bangladesh last year.

But Paine's side snatched a morale-boosting draw on the fifth and final day in the first Test in Dubai, the skipper and number 10 Nathan Lyon seeing out the final 12.2 overs after being set a daunting target of 462 runs.

"We want to win every series we are involved in," Paine said Monday.

"We are focusing on what we do and if we can do well for five days then we have a really good chance of winning it."

"We are reasonably confident. After the last few days we got a little bit of relief and a little bit of mileage, so we know if we play our best cricket we have got a chance to win this Test match."

"We are coming into this Test with a bit more momentum and guys know what to expect a bit more in these conditions," said Paine, who announced pacer Mitchell Starc



Australian skipper Tim Paine, left, shakes hand with Pakistani players after Australia managed to draw first Test against Pakistan at Dubai

ICC

will play in Abu Dhabi. That is hint enough that Australia are likely to keep the same starting XI.

A 'VERY GOOD TEAM'

Paine admitted Pakistan were a "very good team".

"They have some good batters, particularly in these conditions. We know what we are up against and we know they are an excellent team and even better in these conditions."

Pakistan have been forced into making two changes after opener

Imam-ul-Haq fractured his finger in Dubai. He will be replaced by Fakhar Zaman for his first Test.

They also left out fast bowler Wahab Riaz, who went wicketless in the first Test, and will pick one from uncapped pacer Mir Hamza or leg-

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spinner Shadab Khan.

Pakistan's only series loss in United Arab Emirates — their neutral venue since attacks on the Sri Lankan team bus in 2009 forced them to play here — was last year.

They lost to Sri Lanka 2-0, their first series loss in 10 attempts.

But Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed dispelled any fear of losing.

"There is nothing like that (fear) and you would see that with the way we played the first Test. Throughout we played good cricket but unfortunately we couldn't get across the line," Ahmed said.

"The team morale is high, batsmen have scored runs and bowlers have also taken wickets so we are very much hopeful of performing well to win the series."

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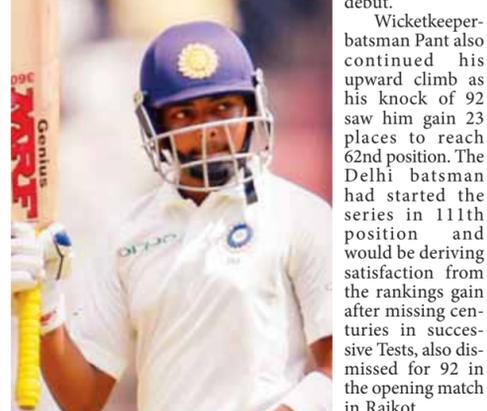
Australia: Tim Paine (capt), Ashton Agar, Brendan Doggett, Aaron Finch, Travis Head, Jon Holland, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Michael Neser, Matthew Renshaw, Peter Siddle, Mitchell Starc
Pakistan: Sarfraz Ahmed (capt), Azhar Ali, Mohammad Hafeez, Fakhar Zaman, Babar Azam, Asad Shafiq, Haris Sohail, Yasir Shah, Shadab Khan, Bilal Asif, Mohammad Abbas, Mir Hamza.

Kohli maintains top spot; Shaw, Pant make big gains

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli remains the number one Test batsman while Prithvi Shaw and Rishabh Pant have made big gains in the latest ICC rankings following the home series against the West Indies.

Shaw, who led India to victory in the U19 World Cup this year, completed a memorable debut series as he finished the Hyderabad Test in 60th place, a gain of 13 slots after knocks of 70 and 33 not out. Shaw had entered the rankings in 73rd place after a century on debut.



Prithvi Shaw celebrates after scoring fifty in 2nd Test

PTI

Wicketkeeper-batsman Pant also continued his upward climb as his knock of 92 saw him gain 23 places to reach 62nd position. The Delhi batsman had started the series in 111th position and would be deriving satisfaction from the rankings gain after missing centuries in successive Tests, also dismissed for 92 in the opening match in Rajkot.

In other movements, Ajinkya Rahane has gained four places to reach 18th position after his knock of 80, while Umesh Yadav has gained four slots to reach 25th position after becoming

only the third India fast bowler to claim a 10-wicket Test haul on home soil.

For the West Indies, captain Jason Holder has made significant gains in all departments. His haul of five 56 in India's first innings has lifted him four places to a career-best ninth position among bowlers while his first innings half-century was good enough to help him gain three slots to reach 53rd position.

Holder has also overtaken South Africa's Vernon Philander to third position among all-rounders.

Other players from the visiting side to advance in the rankings include Roston Chase, whose first innings century helped gain 10 slots and reach 31st position, and Shai Hope, who has gained five places to reach 35th position.

The 2-0 series result sees top-ranked India gain one point while the West Indies have lost one point, without any change of positions in the team rankings.

Jharkhand, Hyderabad reach Vijay Hazare semis



Anukul Roy prepares to bowl

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Left-arm spinner Anukul Roy picked up a four-wicket haul as Jharkhand beat Maharashtra by eight wickets in a rain-hit match to enter the semifinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Monday.

The pace duo of Rahul Shukla (3/35) and Varun Aaron (2/47) provided the early breakthroughs before Roy (4/32) ran through the middle and lower order with a career-best effort to dismiss Maharashtra for 181 in 42.2 overs.

Rohit Motwani (52) and captain Rahul Tripathi (47) steadied the ship after Maharashtra lost four wickets for 72 runs.

Jharkhand's chase was halted in the sixth over due to rain, reducing the target to 174 runs in 47 overs before it was revised to 127 runs in 34 overs.

It was a comfortable ride for Jharkhand, who were 89 for two in 27 overs when the target was revised for the second time.

Shasheem Rathour (53 not out off 81) and Saurabh Tiwary (29 not out off 33) ensured Jharkhand got home com-

Shaw, Rahane boost for Mumbai in Hazare semis

MUMBAI: Formidable Mumbai got a major boost for the crucial semi-final of the Vijay Hazare Trophy tournament with the availability of three top players, two of whom missed the whole or part of the league phase.

Rohit Sharma, teenage sensation Prithvi Shaw and seasoned batsman Ajinkya Rahane are the three batsmen who will turn out for Mumbai in the semis. Of these, Sharma, who played in the quarter-finals of the national ODI tournament, will be available for at least the semis along with Shaw and Rahane, who both featured in the victorious Test match against the West Indies.

Mumbai's chief selector and former India pacer Ajit Agarkar confirmed that all the three players were available to play in the

semis. Mumbai crushed Bihar by nine wickets in a lop-sided affair in the quarter-finals to make it to the semis.

Shaw had played in the initial part of the tournament for the domestic giants before making a spectacular debut in the Test series against the Windies in which he picked up the man of the series award too.

The semi-finals of the national One-Day International (ODI) tournament will be played on October 17 and 18. The five-match ODI series against West Indies begins on October 21 with the first match scheduled at Guwahati in Assam. Rohit Sharma is named as vice captain for the first two matches of the series, the squad for which was announced earlier.

fortably, with 10 balls to spare and the loss of just two wickets.

Jharkhand will face Delhi in the second semifinal on October 18.

In the other quarterfinal, Hyderabad beat Andhra by 14 runs. Bavanaka

Sandeep top-scored for Hyderabad with 96 off 97 balls as his team posted 281 for eight in 50 overs. Sandeep ended up upstaging Andhra captain Hanuma Vihari, whose 95 off 99 balls went in vain with Andhra managing 267 for nine in

50 overs. Mohammad Siraj, who was released from the Indian squad after he couldn't find places in the Test squad against West Indies, made an impact with three wickets.

Hyderabad made a competitive 281 after put into bat, even though openers Tanmay Agarwal (31) and Akshath Reddy (18) failed to give a good start, but Sandeep rescued the team by smashing 96 off 97 balls after hitting seven boundaries in the company of skipper Ambati Rayudu (28).

Sandeep left the scene in the last over of the innings after giving a catch to Srikanth Bharat off B Ayyappa.

In reply, Andhra fell 15 runs short of their target, despite Hanuma Vihari's 95 and 112-run partnership he stitched with skipper Ricky Bhui.

At 207 for four in 39th over, Andhra were looking to seal the win, but Siraj poured water on to their dreams as they were reduced to 237 for 8 in 47th over.

Ravi Kiran claimed two wickets. Hyderabad will now face Mumbai in the first semifinal on Wednesday.



Indian player battles for ball against Malaysian counterpart during Youth Olympics summit clash

Sindhu, Saina to lead in Denmark Open

PTI ■ ODENSE

Olympic medallists PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal will lead a strong Indian challenge at the Denmark Open badminton tournament which gets underway here on Tuesday.

While Sindhu has been seeded third in the event, world No 11 Saina is unseeded here.

Sindhu will take on USA's Beiwen Zhang in the opening round of the women's singles. Saina, on the other hand, will be up against Cheung Ngan Yi of Hong Kong.

In men's singles competition, world No 6 Kidambi Srikanth will be India's best bet and has been seeded seventh in the tournament.

Srikanth will face Hans-Kristian Solberg Vittinghus of Denmark in the opening round, while B Sai Praneeth will



Saina Nehwal prepares to return a shot during her game

play Huang Yuxiang of China.

However, it will be a difficult opening encounter for another Indian, Sameer Verma, as he will square off against third seed Shi Yuqi of China.

The other Indian in fray, HS Prannoy also faces a tough first round match as he will be up against sixth seed Son Wan Ho of Korea.

Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap, who lost his passport at Amsterdam and sought the Indian government's help on Friday, however doesn't feature in the men's singles draw.

In men's doubles, the Indian pair of Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy will take on local hope Kim Astrup and Anders Skarup Rasmussen in the opening round.

Ashwini Ponappa and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy will face the Korean combination of Seo Seung Jae and Chae Yujung in the first round of the mixed doubles competition.

Ponappa will pair up with N Sikki Reddy and play the American duo of Ariel Lee and Sydney Lee in the opening round of the women's doubles event.

Maiden Silver for Indian hockey teams

PTI ■ BUENOS AIRES

The Indian men's and women's hockey teams went down in their respective finals but managed to script history by picking up their maiden Silver medals in the five-a-side competition of the Youth Olympic Games here.

While the men lost 2-4 to Malaysia, the women's team suffered a 1-3 defeat at the hands of Argentina in match that took place Sunday night. The Silver medals claimed in the Argentine capital are India's first set of hockey medals in the Youth Olympics.

The Malaysian men and Argentine women made history of their own by winning their first-ever Youth Olympic Games Hockey5s Gold medals.

Argentina men and China women secured the Bronze medals respectively following 4-0 and 6-0 wins over Zambia and South Africa.

In the men's Gold medal match, India took the lead after only two minutes through captain Vivek Sagar Prasad.

However, just about two minutes later Malaysia levelled through Firadus Rosdi, but the lead was short-lived as Prasad grabbed his second goal of the match for

India in the fifth minute. India took a 2-1 lead at the half-time stage.

After the break, Malaysia came out all guns blazing as Akhimullah Anuar brought the teams level again in the 13th minute before Amirul Azahar steered Malaysia to a lead three minutes later.

With only two minutes left on the clock, Anuar sealed the Gold by scoring Malaysia's fourth and his second goal of the day to win their first-ever Youth Olympic Games medal.

Later in the women's final, hosts Argentina were inspired by yet another capacity crowd.

India took an early lead after only 49 seconds through Mumtaz Khan.

But once the early nerves settled, Argentina got into their stride and Gianella Palet levelled after six minutes.

Sofia Ramallo then edged Argentina ahead with nearly nine minutes on the clock to give the hosts a 2-1 lead at half-time.

In the second half, Brisa Bruggesser made it 3-1.

While India tried their best to get back in the game, Argentina held on to win their first Youth Olympic Hockey5s Gold medal in front of a jubilant home crowd.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's hockey captain Manpreet Singh says the Asian Champions Trophy is not only a redemption chance for them after below-par show at the Asian Games but also an opportunity to test the waters before the World Cup at home.

India had lost to Malaysia in semifinals at the Asian Games in Jakarta but beat arch-rivals Pakistan to win a Bronze medal.

"We have had a tough few months as we could not achieve our target of winning the Gold medal at the 18th Asian Games, but it is time now for all of us to rejuvenate ourselves and prepare well for the Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018," Manpreet said before leaving for Champions Trophy, to be held in Oman.

World number five Indian team will begin its campaign against hosts Oman on Thursday.

"The Asian Champions Trophy will give the team a chance to face some of the best Asian teams, who will also be



Indian players pose during official photoshoot

will give the Indian team the opportunity to avoid committing the mistakes like those happened in Jakarta.

"We have trained well during our National Camp in Bhubaneswar, and have focused on minimizing the mistakes in our overall play. We all knew that there were areas that needed work and the team has been determined in making things right as we approach the biggest two months in all of our careers," said the captain.

India are the defending champions, having won the title in 2016 when they beat Pakistan 3-2 in the final match in Kuantan, Malaysia.

"We have won the tournament twice before in 2011 and 2016, and we go into the 2018 tournament as defending champions. Our focus is on producing good performances throughout the five Pool stage matches in order to qualify for semifinals.

"We have strong opponents in Malaysia, Pakistan, Japan and South

Korea, therefore we will need to give our 100% at all times, and make sure that we play like the highest ranked team in the continent," said Manpreet.

'INDIA IS FAVOURITE'

With barely three days to go for the Hero Asian Champions Trophy here, reigning Asian Games champions Japan chief coach Siegfried Aikman on Monday backed defending champions India to retain the title.

Aikman, a Dutch national of Indian origin, praised the Harendra Singh-coached side's skills, tactical awareness and fitness but at the same time pointed out India's weakness in handling pressure situations.

"India are undoubtedly the contenders for winning the tournament. They have the skills, tactical awareness and fitness but they are vulnerable under pressure and that's the area which we need to capitalize if we want success against them," Aikman said in a statement.