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## 15 die on bloody Sunday in J&K

7 civilians killed in blast, 3 terrorists, 2 Pak intruders neutralised, 3 jawans martyred

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ SRINAGAR/JAMMU

The State of Jammu & Kashmir witnessed a 'bloody' Sunday with 15 deaths reported from different parts of the State in incidents of firing, explosion, and attack by the Border Action Team (BAT) of Pakistan Army along the Line of Control (LoC) in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri.

Seven civilians lost their lives in accidental blast in Laroo area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district soon after the security forces neutralised three local terrorists in a fierce gunfight early on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, three Indian soldiers attained martyrdom after the BAT, comprising heavily armed terrorists and elite commandos, ambushed patrol party of the Indian Army in the forward area of Sunderbani sector on Sunday afternoon.

Two Pakistani intruders were later neutralised by the Indian soldiers in the fierce gunfight. The surprise attack was 'purposefully' carried out by the Pakistan BAT team close to the LoC with an aim to provoke strong Indian retaliation. The latest incident is set to further escalate the tension in the area.

In Jammu, Ministry of Defence Spokesperson Lt-Col Devendra Anand said, "At about 1.45 pm on Sunday, the Indian Army in Sunderbani Sector on the LoC had a fierce encounter with heavily armed Pakistani intruders. The patrol



Army soldiers moves towards the damaged house where terrorists were hiding during an encounter at Kulgam district of South Kashmir on Sunday

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party killed two intruders and recovered warlike stores including two AK-47 rifles.

"Immediate reaction from other posts effectively cordoned the area and the search and destroy operation is in progress," he added.

Lt-Col Devendra Anand said, "In the ongoing operation three Indian soldiers attained martyrdom while fighting the intruders and one soldier suffered grievous injuries and has been air evacuated to Army Command hospital,

Udhampur. His condition is reported to be stable."

Ground reports suggested massive cordon and search operations were launched in the forward area to track down presence of another group of intruders in the vicinity.

The three soldiers martyred along the LoC in Sunderbani hailed from Jammu region have been identified as Havildar Kaushal Kumar, resident of Nowshera; Lance Naik Ranjeet Singh, resident of Doda and Rifleman Rajat Kumar

Basan, resident of Pallanwala.

Another injured soldier has been identified as Rifleman Rakesh Kumar resident of Samba. Since January 1, 2018 this year more than 1,050 incidents of ceasefire violations have been reported along the 740 km long LoC between India and Pakistan. As many as 145 infiltration attempts have been made this year. Of them, 70 have been successful.

Tensions had escalated between the two neighbouring countries ahead of the United

Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session in September 2018 following abduction of BSF jawan in Ramgarh sector of Samba along the International border across Jammu frontier.

The dead body of the Indian soldier was later recovered in badly mutilated state with slit throat and marks of bullet injuries and torture close to the barbed wire fence along the International border in the forward area.

In Srinagar, at least seven civilians were killed in a blast triggered soon after joint team of security forces eliminated three local terrorists in Laroo area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district early Sunday morning. Due to impact of the blast, these civilians received grievous injuries and were rushed to the nearby hospital where they succumbed to their fatal injuries. Chaos prevailed in the area soon after the security forces called off the operation. According to local reports, "Large number of locals in the area converged inside the house to clear the debris and retrieve valuables from inside the house when powerful blast took place injuring large number of civilians." Police spokesman in Srinagar said, "Immediately after the gunfight ended and the forces withdrew from the spot, civilians rushed to the encounter site where an explosive substance went off resulting in death of six civilians." Another civilian succumbed to his fatal injuries late in the evening, police spokesman said. "Despite requests to not visit the spot till thorough search is done for explosives, several civilians visited the encounter site immediately after the operation. While they were there, some explosive substance went off, resulting in on spot death of a civilian and injuries to several others," the police official said.

## No 2 in CBI says FIR against him at behest of boss

**Knocks on Govt, CVC doors; Asthana files 2nd complaint against Alok Verma**

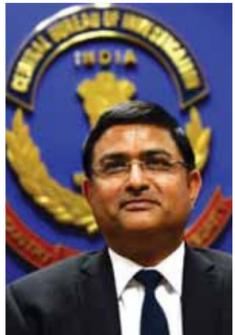
RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The ugly war within the CBI has intensified as Special Director Rakesh Asthana has approached the Government and the Central Vigilance Commission complaining that a false FIR was registered by the agency against him for the allegations of bribery leveled by CBI Director Alok Verma.

Asthana's complaint, dated October 18 to the CVC, also marked to the Cabinet Secretary, comes soon after the CBI booked him in a bribery case on October 15 for allegedly receiving a bribe of ₹2 crore from controversial meat exporter Moin Qureshi. This is Asthana's second official complaint against his boss.

In a complaint to the Cabinet Secretary on August 24, Asthana alleged that Verma had received a bribe of ₹2 crore from Satish Sana, the complainant against Asthana. Sana is also an accused in the Moin Qureshi case.

The CBI has registered a criminal case against Asthana on October 15 bearing no RC 13 (A) of 2018 under IPC



Sections relating to criminal conspiracy and under various provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act on the basis of complaint filed by Satish Sana alleging that Manoj Prasad and his brother Somesh Prasad demanded and obtained illegal gratification in lieu of stopping his further interrogation for clean chit in a CBI case.

Manoj Prasad, a resident of Dubai, was taken into custody on October 16 upon his arrival from Dubai. He was formally arrested on October 17 and is currently under police custody till October 25.

Satish Babu Sana, a Hyderabad-based businessman, is an accused in criminal case registered vide RC 01 of February 16, 2017 against Moin Akhtar Qureshi and others.

## Steel Ministry conclave tomorrow

**CM, 5 Union Mins to attend**

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Union Ministry of Steel will organise a conclave on "Capital Goods in Steel Sector: Manufacture in India" here on October 23 (Tuesday).

Briefing mediapersons in New Delhi, Union Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh said that the proposed conclave would be held to promote domestic capacity and capability building and manufacturing of capital goods in the steel sector. It would be organised with support of MECON and CII. The objective is to transform India into a world class manufacturing hub through massive collaborative efforts with best-in-class institutes and industry around the world, he said.

The National Steel Policy (NSP)-2017 envisages setting up of 300 Million Tonnes (MT) steel capacity by 2030-31. There will be a huge investment of over ₹800,000 crore in the sector.

Five Union Ministers, Singh, Commerce, Industry and Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Petroleum and Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Heavy Industry and Public Sector Enterprises Minister Anant Gangaram Geetha and Minister of State for Steel Vishnu Deo Sai along with Chief Minister Naveen Patraik are scheduled to attend the conclave, said an official release.

Twenty MoUs will be signed on the occasion.

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## Six women stopped from entering Sabarimala

PTI ■ PAMBA (KERALA)

Six women were prevented from entering the Sabarimala temple on Sunday by a large number of devotees of Lord Ayyappa as the stand-off over entry of women of menstrual age into the famous hill shrine continued for the fifth day.

Amid high drama, the devotees, up in arms against implementation of the Supreme Court order lifting ban on entry of women in 10-50 age group, chanting Ayyappa mantras blocked the six, all Telugu-speaking women, from reaching the famed shrine.

Sunday is the fifth day since the temple gates were opened for the monthly puja after the apex court last month lifted the centuries-old ban.

A heavy flow of pilgrims was witnessed at the temple despite intermittent downpour lashing the hills and Pamba.

Though attempts had been made by some young women, including an activist, to enter the temple of the 'Naisthik Brahmachari', the eternally celibate deity, since



Devotees protest as several female devotee arrive to offer prayers at Sabarimala temple in the light of the recent verdict by the Supreme Court allowing entry to women of all ages in Sabarimala on Sunday

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Wednesday, the devotees backed by priests have stood their ground, saying they would not allow the tradition to be breached.

By all available indications, not a single woman in the age group of 10 and 50 has so far reached the temple which will close on Monday at the end of the monthly puja.

## Tigress Sundari now kills man in Angul

**▲ Scribe also injured in attack ▲ Irrate people thrash ACF, block NH, burn police vehicles**

BIJAY MISHRA ■ ANGUL

Royal Bengal Tigress (RBT) Sundari has yet again killed a human being, a man, on Sunday, triggering huge public protests in the Satkosia area in Angul district.

The deceased was identified as Trinath Sahu of Tainsi village.

The tigress had been translocated from Madhya Pradesh's Bandhavgarh Reserve Forest to the Satkosia Tiger Reserve in Angul district. But it had gone controversial after it allegedly killed a woman in Hatibari, a forest village of Satkosia, on September 12.

According to sources, Trinath Sahu had gone to a nearby place for fishing and was on his way back home when the tigress pounced on him and dragged him into the deep forest.

Following the incident, the

already aggrieved people, who are continuously demanding the shifting of the tigress from Satkosia, thrashed and detained an Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) who visited the spot to take stock of the situation on Sunday morning. The irate people also damaged the vehicles of the forest and police officials. In the meantime, the tigress, which was spotted near the body also attacked a mediator, Raghunath Sahu, and another man Bhagaban Sahu, leaving them injured. Both were hospitalised. Angul SP Mitrabhanu Mohapatra rushed to the spot and tried to pacify the people. However, people, including Tainsi village president Ramakanta Pradhan, demanded immediate shoot-out of the man eater tigress. Apart from demanding Rs 75 lakh compensation to the deceased family, they also demanded resignation of Forest Minister Bijayshree Routray.

Police lathicharged and used tear gas to disperse people who blocked the road with the dead body. In retaliation, the mob threw pellets to the police. Many people and police personnel were injured in the clash.



Agitated people set fire to three police vehicles, including that of the SP.

In a letter to the Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha, the Citizen Action Forum (CAF), spearheading a campaign for safety of the locals in Satkosia from the tigress, demanded that Sundari be

declared as a man eater and necessary steps be taken to capture the tigress dead or alive as per the provision of the law and decision of the Supreme Court. Advocate and president of CAF RP Pattanaik informed that the tigress has already killed two persons along with many domestic animals within two months. It has also attacked many human beings. "It is completely a violation of human rights and criminal offence to have allowed a ferocious man-eater tigress to roam in forest where many human habitations are located," Pattanaik told.

He alleged that after the killing of one woman by the tigress, the Wild Life Department has not taken enough steps to tranquillise the beast as promised. Instead, the officials have tried to cover up the incident and allowed the tigress to take the life of another human being, he said and demanded that criminal proceedings be taken against those responsible for it.

Meanwhile, the irate people from Tainsi with the body blocked NH-55 at Mundasahi of Jarapada police limits. As a result, vehicle movement was completely paralysed on the highway.

## Damababu needs psychiatric treatment: BJD

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In an apparent reaction to the expelled BJD leader Dr Damodar Rout's persistent criticism against Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, the ruling party on Sunday said Rout needs psychiatric treatment and wished his speed recovery.

"Damababu has already lost mental stability. Nowadays, he is talking against every community, be it women or Brahmins or tribals. He doesn't understand what he says. It is disappointing that Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and former MP Baijayantra Panda are using his versions for political gains," said BJD spokesperson Dr Sasmit Patra in a statement.

He said that the BJD wants Rout to undergo right treatment and gets well soon. "The BJD has deep sympathy for him," Patra said.

## Locals protesting Dussehra tragedy clash with police

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab police faced a tough time on Sunday to steer clear the railway tracks from the protesters.

A police commando and a photojournalist were injured when local protesters pelted stones and clashed with security personnel who removed them from a rail track where 59 Dussehra revellers were mowed down by a train on Friday, officials said, adding traffic was restored on the route.

About 500 protesters, mostly young men, had blocked the rail tracks at the accident site and were raising slogans against the State Government, administration and the railways, and demanding resignation of Cabinet Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu. The agitated protesters had warned that they would not let

any train pass on the route unless their demands were met.

Among other things, they were demanding action against the authorities for allowing Dussehra celebrations near the rail tracks, tracing the missing persons and giving adequate compensation to the families of those killed in the tragic accident.

The situation had been more or less peaceful but turned tense after some of the protesters began throwing stones on police personnel.

Seeing the police coming under attack from the protesters, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP-City) Amrik Singh Pawar led the operations and managed to clear the tracks blocked for over 40 hours after the accident. The Rapid Action Force was also present in the area.

## Hot Bay of Bengal brewing yet another cyclone!

**▲ Low pressure formed over north Andaman Sea ▲ LPA to develop to depression by Oct 26, 27 ▲ Depression to cyclonic storm by Oct 29 ▲ Cyclone to move towards Kakinada-Vizag coast ▲ IMD to update info on October 25**

SANJEEV KUMAR PATRO ■ BHUBANESWAR

For the Titli-battered Odisha, the first week of

November holds possibility of another round of deep depression or cyclonic storm induced rain.

The alarming fact for the State is a hotter Bay of Bengal is now apparently in the process of conceiving another such cyclonic storm, post the birth of very severe cyclonic storm Titli.

And this time too, southern Odisha is to receive the rainfall following the system being developing in Bay of Bengal.

However, while the IMD has though in its last weather inference mentioned about the cyclone genesis as it forecasted about formation of a low pressure area (LPA) over north Andaman sea and adjoining south-east Bay of Bengal, it maintained that the LPA has low probability of intensifying into a depression subsequently.

It needs mentioning, how-

ever, here is the IMD would update its forecast on the cyclone genesis in north Andaman Sea again on October 25. But an Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) model suggests the LPA to develop into a depression by October 26-27 and intensify further to a cyclonic storm by October 28.

The INCOIS model also suggests the probable direction of the movement of the 'possible cyclonic storm', whereby the weather inferences drawn reveal that the possible cyclone to move towards the Kakinada-Visakhapatnam coast. The INCOIS weather inferences further reveal that as the factors responsible for cyclone genesis are very much present in the Bay of Bengal, the LPA would develop into a depression and then intensify further into a cyclonic storm.

The Bay of Bengal's surface temperature is now hovering at over 33 - 34 degree Celsius, which is abnormally higher than the normal sea surface temperature during October. Moreover, with the prevailing wind velocity remaining at around 33km/hr and along also with the prevailing of easterly winds as suggested so by the model by indicating the wind direction in Bay of Bengal at around 80 - 90 degrees from north, which would then together host the cardinal factors for development of the LPA to a depression by October 26-27.

An analysis of sea surface temperature (SST) around Odisha coast reveals the SST hovering at around 32-33 degrees Celsius. This reveals the coast adjoining to land-mass of Odisha has a very high atmospheric pressure. And cyclones are systems that

move from low to high pressure fronts. However, what apparently stands on the way of the systems moving towards Odisha is the wind shear, means variation of wind's speed and direction.

The direction of winds around Odisha coast is around 15 - 20 degrees from north, which means they are not vertical. Vertical winds play an important role in sustaining a cyclonic storm and influence its movement too.

It needs reminding that in past Odisha has witnessed two cyclones in a month. The year 1999 saw one cyclone hitting Gopalpur with around 150km/hr on October 17 and another cyclone developed in and around the north Andaman Sea hitting Paradip on October 29 with around 300km/hr. The rest had been a catastrophic story for Odisha, both socio-economically and politically.

# Diesel gets costlier than petrol in State

FINANCE MIN BLAMES CENTRE'S POLICIES

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

For the first time in the State, diesel price has overtaken that of petrol. The price of diesel on Sunday was Rs 80.69 per litre against the price of Rs 80.57 for a litre of petrol in Bhubaneswar.

Sources said the deviation in the trend was mainly due to a slow decrease in the price of diesel in comparison with the petrol price which was slashed by 83 paise on Saturday. The price of diesel per litre was decreased by a mere 35 paise on Saturday.

Utkal Petroleum Dealers' Association secretary Sanjay Lath said, "Usually, there was a difference of 10 per cent in the prices of diesel and petrol. But in the last two months, the basic price of diesel is higher than petrol."



Lath further informed that this is mainly due to tax difference as the price of diesel is 13 paise higher in Odisha while it is 13 paise cheaper in New Delhi.

In other States, VAT on petrol is higher than diesel. But in Odisha, VAT on both petrol and diesel is 26 per cent.

Finance Minister Sashi Bhusan Behera, on the other hand, blamed the wrong poli-

cies of the Centre for the rise in price of diesel.

"It seems that either the oil companies are not in the control of the Centre or there is a nexus between them," said Behera.

Behera further said that the steep rise in the price of diesel would add to further price rise of essential commodities which would directly affect the lives of consumers.

## IN ERSAMA Eggs hurled at Anubhav's vehicle

PNS ■ JAGATSINGHPUR

Eggs were hurled at Rajya Sabha member and Odia actor Anubhav Mohanty's vehicle while he was on his way to attend the Rabana Podi Utsav in Jagatsinghpur district on Saturday.

The incident took place when Mohanty, Tourism Minister Ashok Chandra Panda and Balikuda-Erasama MLA Prasant Muduli were being taken in a cavalcade to the ceremony spot. Police resorted to a mild lathicharge to take the situation under control.

The matter came to light when Mohanty mentioned about the incident while addressing the gathering. "It would have been wise to feed the eggs to a child instead of throwing those at our vehicle," he commented. On the other hand, a person was detained by police for questioning over his suspected involvement in the egg hurling act. Investigation into the matter was underway.



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## Former Minister Panda joins BJP Panda had recently resigned from the Congress citing 'no future' in the party

PNS ■ SIMULIA (BALESWAR)

Former Minister and Congress leader Padmalochan Panda officially joined the BJP during a programme here on Sunday.

Panda joined the saffron party in the presence of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. His joining the BJP could be seen as another blow to the Congress when the party under leadership of Niranjan Patnaik is trying to bring back their erstwhile leaders ahead of 2019 elections. Panda had recently resigned from the Congress citing 'no future' in the party. Panda was elected to Odisha Assembly thrice on Congress ticket from the Simulia constituency. He was Minister of State for Fisheries and Animal Resources Development and Panchayati Raj Departments in 1999 and 2000 during the Congress regime.

## Titli landfall, intensity not as per IMD info

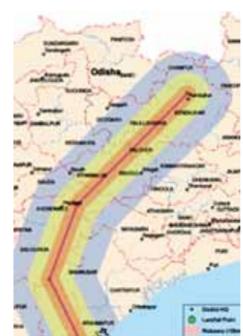
Gale showed some unusual traits

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Unusual characteristics were noticed on very severe cyclonic storm 'Titli', pointed out an expert in Met office, revealing details as to how it presented itself in the State.

According to sources of IMD, information on re-curve of the cyclonic system towards north-eastwards was received on October 9. The IMD, Bhubaneswar upgraded the warning to a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) at 9.45 am on October 10 and the landfall was predicted in the early morning hours of October 11.

But the very severe cyclonic storm Titli weakened into a well-marked low pressure area only after crossing Odisha. Due to the presence of such strong system (2 days) from very severe cyclonic storm to depression, extreme to very heavy rainfall occurred over Odisha for a long time.



Generally any system formed over the Bay of Bengal moves NW wards, but the Titli moved north eastwards and also persisted over the districts of south Odisha. For more than 30 hours, maximum rainfall occurred over the districts of south Odisha, which was not predicted accordingly.

The Titli crossed Andhra Pradesh and adjoining Odisha coasts in the early hours of October 11. Thus the movement towards Odisha coast was correctly predicted along with its re-curve towards north east.

## 2 gunrunners arrested from city outskirts

Gun, ammo, bikes seized



The Commissionerate police Quick Action Team (QAT) along with the Tamando police arrested two gunrunners from the Tomando area on the outskirts of the city on Sunday.

The arrestees were identified as Sunil Kumar Swain and Sangram of Khordha. Reports said the QAT team along with Tomando police arrested the accused duo while patrolling in Kalinga Vihar area.

A country made gun, two rounds of bullets and two motorcycles were seized from their possession.

The accused duo is being interrogated while further investigation is on, police said.

On Friday, the QAT had arrested two gunrunners, identified as Raju Singh of Greenbadi village under the Daringbadi police station and Badal Naik of G Udayagiri in Kandhamal district, from the Tamando area on National Highway-16 near the Behera Dhaba.

One revolver, five rounds of live ammunition, one empty cartridge and two motorcycles were seized from their possession. Of late, clandestine arms trading has become a headache for the city police as a number of firing incidents have rocked the city outskirts, particularly under the Khandagiri and Tamando police station areas.

## Azad Hind Govt's 75th year celebrated

Huge bike rally held in city

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State capital city witnessed a unique scene as slogans like 'Jai Hind', 'Netaji Subhas Long Live' and 'Saheed Veer Amar Rahe', 'Vande Mataram, Inquilaab Zindabad, and 'Bharatmata ki Jay' resounded all through. Viewers and passersby were seen chanting the patriotic slogans waving their hands in appreciation. The procession led by Parishad president Debiprasad Prusti was flagged off by socialist leader Arun Srivastava. Anil Dhir and Prahlad Singh, Kishore Das and Jogashankar Mahapatra graced as guests. Sarita Barik, Gitanjali Swain, Manoranjan Naik, Biswajit Bhukta, Ajay Parida and Ratnakar Sahoo led hundreds of small children to welcome the procession.

Hundreds of youth and students wearing T-shirts with logos of Netaji and Azad Hind began a bike rally from the Buddha Mandir and moved through the city. They garlanded the statues of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, Utkala Gourab Madhusudan Das, Jayi Rajguru, Nabakrushna Choudhury and others at different squares till they reached Rasulgargh Square to garland the

statue of Netaji Subhas Bose. The bikes well decorated with Netaji photos.

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## Old pension scheme revival demanded

NMOPS Odisha team formed to join Delhi stir

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

An emergency meeting of the National Movement for Old Pension Scheme (NMOPS), Odisha branch, was held here on Sunday under chairmanship of its acting president Akhaya Kumar Mallick wherein the Odisha team was formed.

In the meeting, the team prepared the roadmap for a country-wide stir and for the campaign 'Delhi Chalo', which is going to be held on October 29 pressing for the revival of the old pension scheme. Mallick said that under the old scheme, a retiree's pension was equivalent to 50 per cent of his basic salary at the time of retirement and proportionate dearness allowance. The pension was subject to lifelong payment without any deduction from salary of the employee concerned during his service period, he added.

But under the current pension

scheme, the retiree's pension is too less. The new team also said that hundreds of members of the association would hold one-day fast and gherao the residences of MPs of the State on October 28 and submit a memorandum in this regard.

The Odisha team would leave for Delhi to join the convention which would march towards the Parliament on October 29.

They also threatened that they would continue their stir till the old pension scheme is revived.

Among others, secretary Pramod Kumar Bhanja, VP Hemant Kumar Pradhan, Ashok Dutta, Abhaya Kumar Swain, Triloknath Mahapatra and treasurer Ramesh Kumar Behera were present.



## 86 held in Oct 3 Puri violence, says SP

PNS ■ PURI

Total 86 persons have been arrested in connection with violence during Puri bandh on October 3, informed Puri SP Sarthak Sarangi.

"The CCTV footage verification is underway. We will take action on the basis of CCTV footage as per the law against those who might have been involved in the violence, damaging public property, loot or breaking the barricade," he told mediapersons.

Meanwhile, five policemen, including one havildar and four constables were placed under suspension for negligence in discharging duties during the bandh in the pilgrim town when the irate mob ransacked the house of Revenue Minister Maheswar Mohanty.

Worth mentioning, the police have registered cases against some servants of Shreemandir for their alleged involvement in the violence.

Fifteen key persons, including Jagannath Sena con-vener Priyadarshan Patnaik and Congress leader Binayak Das Mohapatra were booked under various sections of IPC.

Besides, cases were registered at Singhadwara police station against the servants and BJP workers Somnath Khuntia and Bhawani Das Mohapatra, servants Damodar Das Mohapatra, Damodar Mahasur and Gopal Panda and lawyer Prasanna Dash. They were reportedly among the protestors who fuelled violence on October 3 in the pilgrim town. They all are booked following probe based on CCTV footage.

The police initiated action to arrest and register cases against the protestors after the Supreme Court-appointed amicus curiae expressed displeasure over the temple administration for violence in holy place.

## BJP for rapid growth in Odisha: Pradhan

Bhubaneswar: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Sunday said that his party BJP is not only fighting for a political change in Odisha; rather it has a bigger aim of effecting rapid development in the State.

Pradhan stated this at a joining ceremony held at Khaira in Baleswar district on the day. Senior Congress leader and former Minister Padma Lochan Panda and thousands of his supporters, senior Congress leader Subhankar Mohapatra, ZP Members, Sarpanches, Samiti Members, former Panchayat Samiti Chairperson and ZP vice-president joined the BJP. "The Naveen Patnaik Government has acted against farmers, poor, tribals, women and youths during the last 20 years. Instead of providing jobs to youths, the Government is looting resources of the State," Pradhan alleged and wanted to know why local youths are going outside in search of jobs.



# TITLI, FLOODS CM urges PM for interim aid of ₹1,000 crore

Govt to compensate house, livestock loss

61 deaths confirmed so far

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to

release an interim assistance of ₹1,000 crore for relief and restoration works in Cyclone Titli and floods-affected districts.

"Kindly consider the grave situation in the State on account of the Very Severe Cyclone Storm 'Titli' and subsequent floods that have caused damage and destruction, killed 57 persons and left 10 persons missing in different districts and release an interim assistance of ₹1,000 crore to the State to enable taking up relief

and restoration works in affected areas," CM mentioned in a letter to the PM.

The Chief Minister also requested the Prime Minister to allocate 57,131 more houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) as the equal numbers of houses have been destroyed in the cyclonic storm and subsequent floods.

He mentioned that a total of 60.11 lakh people have been affected and standing crops in 2.73 lakhs of hectares of land damaged.

On Saturday, Chief Secretary confirmed death of 61 persons in the natural disaster.

"Death of 61 persons has so far been confirmed while death reports of 11 persons are being verified. The casualties include three fishermen from Andhra Pradesh," said Chief Secretary AP Padhi. On Sunday, Deputy Relief Commissioner Pravat Ranjan Mohapatra informed that the State Government would provide financial assistance to people who have got

houses damaged and lost livestock during the calamity.

An aid of Rs 1,01,900 for families in hilly areas and Rs 95,100 in plain areas will be provided towards house building. In cases of partially damaged houses, Rs 5,200 per pucca house, Rs 3,200 per kutcha one and Rs 4,100 per a hut would be provided, said Mohapatra.

Besides, Rs 2,000 for utensils and Rs 1,800 for clothes would also be given to the victims, he said.

Similarly, financial assistance for loss of livestock will be provided at the rate of Rs 30,000 for loss of a cow and Rs 25,000 for the loss of an ox, subjected to a maximum aid for three such animals per family.

In cases of animals like goat and sheep, assistance of Rs 3,000 per family subjected to a maximum of 30 such animals would be given. Similarly, assistance of Rs 50 per family would be provided for loss of poultry upto a maximum of Rs 5,000, the official said.

## City cops detain accused for five days!

Bhubaneswar: Family member of one Bikash Swain of the Khandagiri police in Bhubaneswar unlawfully detained and tortured Bikash for five days from October 15 to 19 and then forwarded him to court in connection with a robbery case.

They said Bikash might file a case against the Khandagiri PS IIC when he would be released on bail.

# Don't wait till your body tyre is flat, rim bends



SANJOY K SATPATHY

If you have a very costly car (your body) but its tyres are flat and the rim is bent, then? The car can be repaired at a cost, but not your fifty years'

old frame! We are very much careful about our facial appearance, hair style, root canal treatment, heart condition, kidney's wellbeing, but we neglect our lower limbs which are most essential part of our body to make us (mobile) move out of our bed and then the house.

Daily 30 minutes of your time to strengthen your leg muscles and spinal muscle is what you need in old age which must start from youth.

Friends, in this age of internet, you know everything. Still then please do this simple exercise to make you mobile.

Asking for a wheel chair

in airport is quite a shameful thing at the age of fifty or sixty, unless you had a stroke or a broken leg?

Build stronger muscles around your joints.

It can help your body absorb some of the shock that normally goes through your joint when you move around during the day.

A strong muscle will prevent a limb from slapping down on the pavement and jarring the joint.

Try to build up the muscles that surround your joint. To improve symptoms in your knee, for example, strengthen the quadriceps muscles, which are in the



front of your thigh. A physical therapist or a personal

trainer with experience in working with people with arthritis can show you exercises that will help. Climbing staircase and walking are good for legs.

Do aerobic exercise. Arthritis pain may make you reluctant to work out, but research shows that pain and stiffness get worse when you aren't active enough.

Regular exercise that gets your heart pumping will boost your blood flow, which keeps cartilage well nourished.

And an extra benefit: it helps you reach a healthy weight. Muscles hold your bone firmly; hence building up of

muscles is essential for a good mobile healthy body. Start from Monday, please.

Stay as active as you can tolerate, but avoid high-impact activities, like jumping and running. Running on hard surface may ruin your knees.

A pair of good fitting shoe is a must for walking and running. Better choices are things like walking, cycling, and swimming. Aim for 30 minutes of aerobic exercise at least 5 days a week.

Slim down if you're overweight. It will help you to take stress off your knees and hips. Every kilogram you lose removes few kilograms of

'pressure' off your knee.

That lessens wear and tear in the joint. Experts say, "You may actually slow the progress of arthritis if you lose a significant amount of weight."

Add 5kg to your matriculation weight—that should be fine. Provided you were thin built then, say weighing between 52 to 56 kg.

What's significant, every 2kg you lose will reduce joint pain by 20%!

Your chassis is your vertebral column and tyres are the legs.

Please take care of them or remain dependent on a helping hand, or your children may put you in old age homes.

# Titli-hit village G'pati still awaits relief

**Tribal inhabitants starving for a week**

**TARINI PRASAD PANDA**  
■ PARALAKHEMUNDI

The Titli cyclone, which took lives of more than 57 people and destroyed houses, standing crops, trees and property, has left nightmarish experience for the local inhabitants in Gajapati district which has been one of the worst affected by the gale.

Most of the casualties took place in the cyclone in Rayagada block of the district. Even after getting the forecast of the cyclone beforehand, the Rayagada BDO did not take appropriate steps to save the people and provide them relief.

Abasingh village of the Rayagada block is a living example, where there are 800 houses and more than 2,000

people residing. Even after seven days of the cyclone and an assurance of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who visited Gangabada panchayat in the block, neither the BDO nor any officials of the block office have yet made a spot visit to assess the situation and streamline the relief distribution works.

Abasingh is a tribal village. Most of the villagers are daily labourers. Their main source of living is planting cashew trees and selling the cashew seeds. The Titli cyclone has completely destroyed their cashew trees and rendered them completely hopeless and heartbroken.

It will take another 10 years for the cashew trees to bear the fruits. The tribals were earning a living from cashew cultivation but the cyclone has completely destroyed the cashew, mango, tamarind and banana fields, said the villagers.

They alleged that they were not aware about the Titli cyclone and



hence, were not prepared to face the storm.

"We have been starving for the last seven days. There is no drinking water. The cyclone destroyed rice, paddy and

all other eatables stored in houses. But no officer or leader has yet visited us," lamented Dr

Ramakantha Bhuyana, a native of Abasingh village who is working as a

Professor in the Berhampur University.

After hearing the plight of the villagers, he rushed to his village with relief material like rice, potato, flattened rice.

Bhuyan said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has ordered the officers to stay in their own panchayats, but they are not doing it. Consequently, the relief and rescue works have gone haywire. He said the post cyclone problems were multiplying day by day.

Subash Bhuyan, a sarapanch candidate and a native of Abasingh village, voiced similar concerns. He demanded the immediate removal of the Rayagada BDO for dereliction in duty. Meanwhile, the villagers demanded that the district Collector send a team to the village for proper assessment and distribution of relief, apart from compensation to the affected families.

# Similipal park to reopen from Nov 1

**PNS ■ BARIKUDA**

The Similipal National Park in Mayurbhanj district would reopen from November 1. The park and the Tiger Reserve were closed for tourists since June 17 during monsoon.

As per the existing rules, the tourists can enter into Similipal through Kaliapani check gate (Jashipur) and Peethabata check gate. While maximum 35 four wheelers will be allowed for entry into the Park through Kaliapani check gate, 25 four wheelers through Peethabata check gate each day. The tourists can book entry tickets from the counters at these check-gates between 6 am and 9 am.

The tourists will have to furnish an undertaking before entering into the park. They need to return from the Park between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

Notably, the Tiger Reserve at Similipal along with the national park and adjoining wildlife sanctuary remain closed by mid-June for tourists in view of monsoon rains.



# Woman's semi-clad body found in Khordha

**Rape, murder suspected**

**Khordha:** Police on Sunday recovered a semi-clad body of a young woman with her throat slit lying in bushes near Tikatala under the Begunia police station in the district.

The deceased is believed to be between 20 to 24 years. She is suspected to have been thrown into the bushes near the National Highway 57 after being raped in some other location.

According to reports, the locals had first spotted the body in the morning following which they informed the police.

Police launched a probe to ascertain the identity of the deceased. They found a tattoo with 'Lipi' written on her left hand. Her bottom wear was also torn up.

Prima facie investigation indicates that the girl was raped somewhere and subsequently murdered. Later, the body was dumped near the bushes. **PNS**

# DHENKANAL JEWELLER'S MURDER

## Wife's lover BSF jawan nabbed from Assam

**Earlier, the woman was held for complicity**

**PNS ■ DHENKANAL**

A BSF jawan was arrested on Sunday in connection with the sensational murder of a businessman of Dhenkanal town on September 3.

The BSF jawan, identified as Sanjay Kumar, was arrested from Dibrugarh in Assam. He was posted on the Nepal-Assam border.

Police said the BSF jawan had killed Mantu Patra, who was running a jewellery store in Dhenkanal town. The murder was plotted by Patra's wife Aruna who had an affair with the BSF jawan after the duo met on Facebook.

Briefing mediapersons, Dhenkanal SP Harekrushna Pradhan said the woman had told the BSF jawan that she will marry him if he eliminates her husband. After devising a strategy, the woman called her paramour to execute their plan.

On October 3, Aruna served breakfast mixing it with

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poison to her husband and when he became unconscious the BSF jawan had slit his throat as per the plan. He then fled the spot soon after the incident, Pradhan added.

Though Aruna had lodged a complaint, the police had arrested her for her complicity in the entire case. Later, she confessed the crime during interrogation.

The police had launched a manhunt to nab the culprit after getting information from Aruna. The BSF jawan was arrested after tracking his mobile phone and examining his Facebook account.

# Youth held for raping minor in Jagatsinghpur

**PNS ■ JAGATSINGHPUR**

Police on Saturday arrested a youth for allegedly raping a minor girl in the Tirtol area in the district.

The arrestee was identified as Litua, a distant relative of the victim.

The girl was admitted to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Manijanga in a critical condition. Later, she was shifted to the District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) here after her condition deteriorated. According to reports, the minor girl was staying with her grandmother in the absence of her parents. Litua allegedly raped her when she was sleeping alone. When she shouted, the accused fled from the spot. The Tirtol police arrested Litua in Manijanga acting on the complaint lodged by the victim.

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# Red Cross distributes relief in Gajapati

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

The India Red Cross-Odisha State Branch (IRC-OSB) distributed relief materials among Cyclone Titli and floods-affected people in unreachable villages in Gajapati district recently.

Teams led by IRC-OSB secretary Dr Binayak Prusty and joint secretary Major Dr Kalpana Dash distributed

reliefs in villages like Baraghara, Gangabada, Gurungi, Badapacheria, Lova and Manikapatin Rayagada block. A team comprising ITI Bhubaneswar Youth Red Cross Counsellor Laxman Swain, coordinator Pradipta Sarangi and volunteers Shasanka Sekhar Swain, Muna Maharan, Suryakanta Sahoo and Deepak Pradhan and others walked 12 km to reach the villages.

Tarpaulins, mosquito nets, kerosene stoves, bed-sheets, lungis and towels and buckets and mugs were distributed.



# 9-YEAR-OLD'S BODY FOUND IN BALANGIR

## Boy was beheaded for human sacrifice: Police

**Deceased's uncle, cousin brother held**

**PNS ■ BALANGIR**

Police on Saturday claimed to have cracked the mystery behind the brutal murder of a nine-year-old boy, whose headless body was recovered from near the Sudhimundra canal in the district earlier this week.

Police said the boy identified as Ghanshyam Rana was beheaded as part of a human sacrifice ritual performed by his uncle Kunja Rana and cousin brother Sambhaban Rana.

Both the accused have been arrested while the murder weapon a knife and a motorcycle have been seized, police said.

Sources said the boy was scarified for 'Tantra' sadhana by both the accused.

"As the incident occurred during Dussehra, we had started

investigation suspecting it to be a case of human sacrifice. Later, during investigation we found that Sambhaban was missing from his house. During interrogation, he confessed to the crime," said Titlagarh SDPO Saroj Mohapatra. Notably, the deceased Ghanshyam alias Mithun had reportedly gone missing from his house at Sindhikela on October 13 and his family members had filed a missing complaint the next day. Police subsequently recovered the headless body of the minor boy after two days of search operation on October 16. Later, the head of the deceased was recovered from a separate place.



# Married couple end life in Bhadrak

**PNS ■ BHADRAK**

A married couple was found hanging in their bedroom in their house at Suan village under the Basudevpur police limits in Bhadrak district on Sunday. The duo identified as Ranjan Malick and Gitarani Malick had tied the knot six months ago.

Although the reason behind the couple taking the extreme step was yet to be ascertained. It was suspected that they committed the suicide over a family feud. Police recovered the bodies and sent them for postmortem.

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After getting information about the suicide from the family, police reached the spot and recovered the bodies.

# Khariar school holds platinum jubilee fest

**RALLY HELD**

**PNS ■ NUAPADA**

The Raja Artatran High School of Khariar in Nuapada district held its Platinum Jubilee celebration on the Vijaya Dasami (Friday).

The school popularly known as Raja AT High School was established on October 19, 1943 on the day of Vijaya Dasami. It has completed 75 years.

On the occasion, the old students' association of the school gifted a ten feet high model of Brahmos Missile to the school, which is to be installed inside the school premises.

"It is a gesture of love and respect for the school which laid the foundation of our career and showed us the way,"



said the old students.

The celebration consisted of a rally and a meeting. The rally was joined by hundreds of students, former students and teachers which started from Utkala Bandhu Primary School and ended in the high school carrying a flame and the module of the Brahmos Missile. It

was followed by a meeting.

Former bureaucrat Shrikant Chatterjee presided over the meeting. Amulya Pattnaik, Balabhadra Mohauly, both former teachers of the school, Dr Fanindam Deo, a former student, were present as guests.

"It is a day to remember

very fondly and gratefully those personalities who had been instrumental in shaping the great institution. The journey of 75 years very graciously bears the marks of their dedication," said the speakers.

The old students stated that they would strive to bring back the old glory of the school.

# Thanks to UAIL's Project Saksham Scores of R'gada women earn a living

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Many unemployed rural women earn a sustainable livelihood and have become self-reliant after an advanced training-cum-garment manufacturing unit at Tikiri in Rayagada district was launched by the Utkal Alumina International Limited (UAIL) under 'Project Saksham.'

With 30 Juki industrial sewing machines and six specialised machines, trainees have already received six months' training on operation and product development, including quality control, to cater to the market demand.

During the training period, participants learnt basic machine operations along with cutting and stitching dress materials such as petticoats, tops, kurtis, chudidar, salwar kameez, skirts, etc.



uniforms for institutional sales, has begun. In a short period,

the products manufactured in the unit have been appreciated

in the market.

With concerted efforts in marketing, the unit received orders from M/s Utkal Alumina International Limited, Essel Mining and Industries Limited, Aditya Birla Skills Foundation - Raipur, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Ekalavya Model Residential Schools, Aditya Birla School, Great News for Asia Public School and M/s Lundrupali Khadi and Silk Weaving Samity, Bargarh.

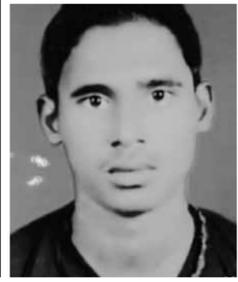
During his visit to the centre, AVP - Admin, Land and CSR Rakesh Mishra urged the trainees to put their best foot forward in learning the advanced skills required to produce designer clothes. While interacting with the trainees, Unit Head and president, UAIL N Nagesh appreciated the venture.

# Youth's mutilated body found in B'pur

**PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR**

In a horrific incident, the Gosani Nuagoan police on Saturday recovered a mutilated body of a youth from a nullah at the Haladia Padar railway flyover near Gosani Nuagoan.

The deceased was identified as Sonu Ghadei alias Jadu. He was working with the Brahmapur Municipal Corporation (BeMC) as a con-



tractual cleaning staff and had been missing since four days.

Earlier, Sonu's mother had filed a 'missing' complaint with the police and the police had started investigation.

Later, locals spotted his body after four days in the nullah and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it for the autopsy to the MKCG Medical College Hospital.

The reason of the death was still unknown; however it was suspected that he was killed over a love affair.

Gosani Nuagoan PS IIC Kulamani Sethi said the preliminary investigation indicated that Sonu was in a relationship with a girl of Phoola Sundari Street and the girl's family members were objecting to the relationship.

Two persons were detained for questioning in connection with the incident, added Sethi.

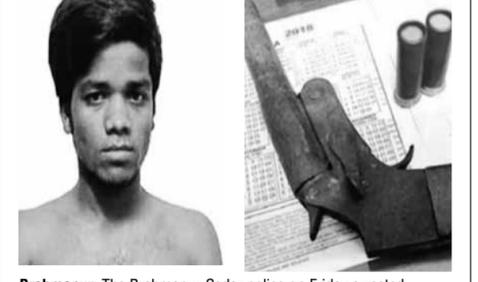
# INBRIEF

**TWO YOUTHS KILLED BY VEHICLE IN K'PADA**  
**Kendrapada:** An unidentified vehicle knocked two youths to death near Tikanpur under the Patkura police limits in Kendrapada district on Friday night. The deceased were identified as Rajan Sutar and Pintu Patnaik of Pandhia village. The duo was returning home by a motorcycle after watching the Durga Puja idol immersion ceremony at Kalabuda. The unknown vehicle hit the two-wheeler from rear near Bhadakamala. Fire personnel rescued the victims in critical conditions and rushed them to the Patkura Community Health Centre, where both were declared brought dead.

**THREE MINOR GIRLS DROWN IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS**  
**Bhawanipatna/Barikuda:** Three minor girls drowned in two separate incidents in Kalahandi and Mayurbhanj districts on Saturday. Two girls drowned while taking bath in a pond at Kesinga village in Kalahandi. They were identified as Namita Sahu and Rosy Sahu of Bagada village. In the other incident, an eight-year-old girl drowned in a pond at Mundathakura village under the Rairangpur police limits in Mayurbhanj. She had gone to the pond to take bath. Through she was rescued and admitted to a hospital, doctors declared her brought dead.

**YOUTH ENDS LIFE ON SUB-COLLECTOR OFFICE PREMISES**  
**Bhawanipatna:** A youth was found hanging in the premises of the Dharmagarh Sub-Collector's office in the district on Saturday morning. The deceased identified as Bhudeb was a street vendor. Police reached the spot and recovered the body. According to reports, Bhudeb was maintaining his family by selling snacks near the Sub-Collector's office. It was suspected that he could have taken the extreme step over a family feud.

**CRIMINAL HELD; GUN, AMMO SEIZED IN B'PUR P**



**Brahmapur:** The Brahmapur Sadar police on Friday arrested notorious criminal Ajay Lenka of Chanchada Palli village under the Digapahandi police limits. The police seized a country-made gun and two bullets in his possession. Brahmapur Sadar PS IIC Siba Sankar Mohapatra said Lenka was forwarded to court under Section 25 of the Arms Act.

**4-YR-OLD TUSKER FOUND DEAD IN S'GARH FOREST**  
**Sundargarh:** A carcass of a four-year-old tusker was found in the Sol Forest Range under the Bonai Forest Division in Sundargarh district on Saturday. The cause of the pachyderm's death was yet to be ascertained. Some locals spotted the carcass of the tusker and informed the Forest Range Officer. An official special team reached the spot and initiated an inquiry. The officials said the cause of the death would be known after postmortem.

# Direct flight to J'suguda sought

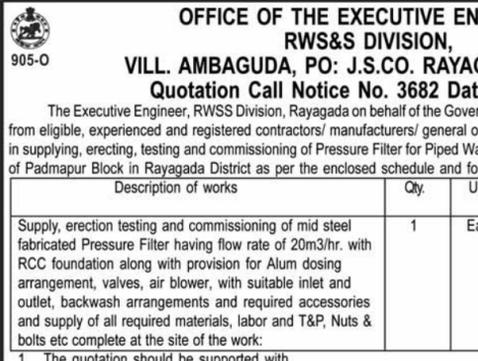
**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Bhubaneswar or from Mumbai to Bhubaneswar can easily go via Jharsuguda. Even if this arrangement is not made for all days of the week, such flights can operate on bi-weekly or tri-weekly basis.

Consul General of India at Dubai Shri Vipul, who himself has lived and worked in Rourkela for about 6 months, promised to take this up with Civil Aviation Ministry in Delhi and request for active consideration for introduction of direct flights.

A group of senior Odia professionals living in the United Arab Emirates have demanded direct air connectivity to the Jharsuguda Airport from major metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata.

According to this group of Odia professionals, currently Bhubaneswar has about 11 daily direct flights from Delhi and about 4 flights from Mumbai. Jharsuguda falls on the flight path of both these routes. To begin with, we urge the Government of India to at least start hopping flights to Jharsuguda. A flight from Delhi to



# BJP D'nal Kishan Morcha meet held

**PNS ■ DHENKANAL**

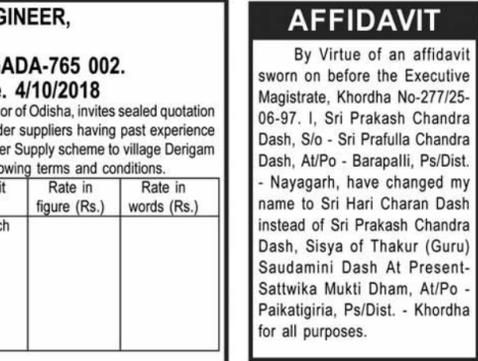
BJP Kishan Morcha meeting was held on Sunday at Dhenkanal. Morcha's district unit acting president Dayanidhi Sahu presided.

BJP Kishan Morcha Dhenkanal Loksabha Pravari Er Debashisha Hota and District Saha Pravari Jayanta Beura were present.

The Morcha's district executive meeting would be at Kamakhyanager on coming October 31. In coming 2019 elections, the Morcha will play a vital role to achieve 120+ mission of the BJP in Odisha.

BJP district president Bibhuti Pradhan declared the names of the office bearers of the Morcha.

Vice presidents are Murali



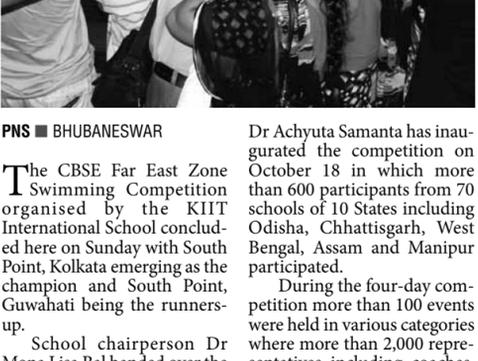
# CBSE East Zone swimming meet ends in KIIT

**South Point Kolkata emerges champion**

in various categories and the overall champion and runner up team in presence of school Principal Dr Sanjay Suar. KIIT and KISS founder

Dr Achyuta Samanta has inaugurated the competition on October 18 in which more than 600 participants from 70 schools of 10 States including Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Assam and Manipur participated.

During the four-day competition more than 100 events were held in various categories where more than 2,000 representatives including coaches, officials and parents joined.



# Ravan Podi held at 3 places in JSpur

**Rout-backed group denied permission at Erasama**

ground in Erasama where Culture Minister Ashok Panda, local MLA Prashant Muduli and RS member Anubhaba Mohanty graced as guests.

Here, the district administration and police were in trouble as two organisations had applied for the permission. The organisation backed by MLA Prasanta Muduli got permission and the organisation backed by Paradip MLA Damodara Rout was denied permission due to delay in filing of application. Notably, Damodar Rout lit Ravana effigy at Erasama every year.

However, Rout lit the Ravan effigy at Ravan Podi held at sea beach in Paradip by the Sagar club.

Former municipality Chairman Kishori Parida chaired the meeting. A few supporters of Damababu were present.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, VILL. AMBAGUDA, PO: J.S.CO. RAYAGADA-765 002. Quotation Call Notice No. 3682 Date. 4/10/2018**

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Rayagada on behalf of the Governor of Odisha, invites sealed quotation from eligible, experienced and registered contractors/ manufacturers/ general order suppliers having past experience in supplying, erecting, testing and commissioning of Pressure Filter for Piped Water Supply scheme to village Derigam of Padmapur Block in Rayagada District as per the enclosed schedule and following terms and conditions.

Description of works	Qty.	Unit	Rate in figure (Rs.)	Rate in words (Rs.)
Supply, erection testing and commissioning of mid steel fabricated Pressure Filter having flow rate of 20m3/hr. with RCC foundation along with provision for Alum dosing arrangement, valves, air blower, with suitable inlet and outlet, backwash arrangements and required accessories and supply of all required materials, labor and T&P, Nuts & bolts etc complete at the site of the work.	1	Each		

- The quotation should be supported with
  - EMD of 1% of the bid value in shape of NSC/ KVP/ POTD/ TDR of any schedule bank pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Rayagada.
  - Xerox copies of PAN card and GSTIN form.
- Quotation with NO. EMD/ part EMD and those received beyond schedule date and time as well as a conditional quotation shall be automatically rejected.
- The bidder should enclose the attested copy/ original work order/ work done certificate from other organization where he has completed the works of same nature in all respect, as proof of experience.
- Experience certificate, performance records of the bidder obtained from the competent authority not below the rank of Executive Engineer should be attached with the quotation without which the tender will be liable for rejection. Experience certificate is strictly mandatory.
- The supplier should hand over guarantee card of the manufacturer.
- An affidavit towards authentication of document must be attached with the Quotation.
- After completion of installation, Testing and commissioning the agency should ensure that the post Turbidity limit of the treated water is within the permissible limit as per the manual.
- The supplier shall provide all labor, materials, free of cost for running/ repair and maintenance of iron removal plants on call as and when required, for a period of one year from the date of handing over to the department.
- 5% of the Basic Cost will be withheld as security deposit for a defect liability period of 12 months from the date of commission.
- GST will be paid extra as applicable.
- All the taxes like income tax labor cess, royalty, etc shall be deducted from the bill as prevailing rule.
- The supplier shall provide all labor and materials free of cost for running/ repair and maintenance of iron removal plants on call as and when required, for a period of one year from the date of handing over to the department.
- The work should be completed within two months from the date of issue of the work order.
- The bidders are advised to inspect the sites and consult the A.E.E, RWSS Sub-Division, Chandikhol before submitting the quotation.
- The last date of receipt of sealed quotation in the tender box at the Office of the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Rayagada is **29.10.18** up to **5.00 PM** and the quotation will be opened on **30.10.2018** in the presence of the tender or their authorized representatives.
- The authority reserves the right to reject any or all quotation or accept any quotation or distribute the work amongst the valid quotationers without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
R.W.S&S Division, Rayagada

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**AFFIDAVIT**

By Virtue of an affidavit sworn on before the Executive Magistrate, Khordha No-277/25-06-97. I, Sri Prakash Chandra Dash, S/o - Sri Prafulla Chandra Dash, At/Po - Barapalli, Ps/Dist. - Nayagarh, have changed my name to Sri Hari Charan Dash instead of Sri Prakash Chandra Dash, Sisy of Thakur (Guru) Saudamini Dash At Present-Sattwika Mukti Dham, At/Po - Paikatigiria, Ps/Dist. - Khordha for all purposes.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C) DR.VIII DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI S.T.P., YAMUNA VIHAR., DELHI-110094.**

**PRESS N.I.T. NO: 04 (2018-19)**

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (Rs.)	Tender Processing Fee (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/ time for tender download through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of damaged rising main 600 mm dia from S.P.S. Vivek Vihar Phase-I, C-Block to Vivekanand Mahila College.	69,91,127/-	1500/-	2018_DJB_160543_1 dtd. 16.10.2018	12.11.2018 upto 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govt.procurement.delhi.gov.in>

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**DELHI JAL BOARD OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M) WS/NW MU-BLOCK, PITAM PURA: NEW DELHI-110034.**

**PRESS N.I.T. No. 10/ (E&M)WS/NW/(2018-19)**

S. No.	Description	Amount put to tender	Tender Fee	Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/ time for tender download through e-procurement solution
1.	AMC Contract for 1 Year for JICA Electrical Automation Panels for DJB Pitapura, New Delhi	Item Rate	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 95,200/-	18.10.2018 ID No 2018_DJB_1_160679_1	02.11.2018 at 12.00 Noon

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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NIFT, Jodhpur invites tenders for under mentioned purchase machinery/material & Services at its campus at Karwar, Jodhpur:-

1. Supply of various type of Fabric	2. Unit Production System (UPS)
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Detailed information such as Tender forms, pre-bid meeting, submission of tender, opening of Technical Bids & Financial Bids etc will be available in NIFT Jodhpur website [www.nift.ac.in/jodhpur](http://www.nift.ac.in/jodhpur) & <https://niftenders.eproc.in>. In future any information regarding corrigendum/addendum, extension of time etc. of above tenders would be uploaded in above mentioned website only. The date of issue /receipt of tenders etc will be valid as per the tender uploaded on website. Purchase Officer

**FDDI Footwear Design & Development Institute**

**CORRIGENDUM**

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**ଜାତୀୟ ମାନସିକ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ**

**ମାନସିକ ରୋଗ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ଜାଣିବା କଥା**

ଆମ ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ବର୍ଷକୁ ପ୍ରାୟ ୧୫ ରୁ ୧୭ ହଜାର ମାନସିକ ରୋଗୀ ଚିହ୍ନଟ ହୋଇଥାନ୍ତି । ତନ୍ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ଶତକଡ଼ା ୫୦ ରୁ ୮୦ ଭାଗ ରୋଗୀ ଆମ ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ବିଲମ୍ବରେ ଚିହ୍ନଟ ହୋଇଥାନ୍ତି । ଆପଣଙ୍କ କିମ୍ବା ଆପଣଙ୍କ ଅଂଚଳରେ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ଠାରେ ନିମ୍ନଲିଖିତ ଲକ୍ଷଣ ପରିଲକ୍ଷିତ ହେଲେ ନିଜର ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟକେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସହ ପରାମର୍ଶ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

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- ★ ବହୁଦିନ ଧରି ରାତିରେ ନିଦ ନହେବା
- ★ ବାରମ୍ବାର ରାତିରେ ଦୁଃସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ଦେଖିବା
- ★ ମନରେ ଅତ୍ୟଧିକ ଭର ଲାଗିରହିବା
- ★ ଅନ୍ୟକୁ ଅତ୍ୟଧିକ ସନ୍ଦେହ କରିବା ଓ ହଠାତ୍ ରାଗିଯିବା
- ★ ମାତ୍ରାଧିକ ସ୍ମରଣଶକ୍ତିର ହ୍ରାସ ଘଟିବା
- ★ ସବୁବେଳେ ଅନ୍ୟମନସ୍କ ରହିବା ଓ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ କଥା ଭୁଲିଯିବା
- ★ ବାରମ୍ବାର ଗୋଟିଏ କାମକୁ ଆବଶ୍ୟକତାଠାରୁ ଅଧିକଥର କରିବା
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- ★ ଅସ୍ୱାଭାବିକ ଆଚରଣ ଓ ବିଶ୍ୱାସୀଳ ଦେଖାଦେବା

**ମାନସିକ ରୋଗକୁ ପ୍ରତିରୋଧ କରିବାର ଉପାୟ**

- ★ କୌଣସି ପ୍ରକାର ତମାସ୍ତୁ ସେବନରୁ ନିବୃତ୍ତ ରହିବା
- ★ ମାଦକ ଦ୍ରବ୍ୟ ବା ନିଶା ସେବନ ନ କରିବା
- ★ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟକର ଖାଦ୍ୟ ଖାଇବା ଅଭ୍ୟାସ ଜାରି ରଖିବା
- ★ ନିୟମିତ ଶାରୀରିକ ପରିଶ୍ରମ ଜାରି ରଖିବା
- ★ ଉଚ୍ଚତା ଓ ବୟସ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ନିଜ ଓଜନକୁ ସନ୍ତୁଳିତ ରଖିବା
- ★ ନିରାପଦ ଯୌନ ଓ ପ୍ରଜନନ ଅଭ୍ୟାସକୁ ଆପଣାଇବା
- ★ ଅତ୍ୟଧିକ ମାନସିକ ଚାପରୁ ନିଜକୁ ନିବୃତ୍ତ ରଖିବା
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# PAK TERRORISTS SHIFT FOCUS IN J&K

## Army on toes to nip spike in infiltrations ahead of winter

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Army is bracing itself to face a determined bid by Pakistan-backed terrorists to infiltrate into Jammu & Kashmir from across the Line Of Control (LOC) before all the ingress routes are blocked by snow in the next few weeks. The latest infiltration bid in Jammu sector is an indication that, having failed to enter from North Kashmir due to snowfall, the terrorists shifted focus to more favourable terrain south of Pir Panjal. Three soldiers and two heavily armed terrorists were killed when an infiltration bid was foiled in Sunderbani region of Rajouri on Sunday.



does not receive snowfall. In fact, Sunday's attempt is one such indication that Poonch and Rajouri may see more such bids by terrorists.

An estimated 250-300 well trained and armed terrorists are waiting in launch pads across the LOC to sneak into Jammu & Kashmir to raise the levels of violence in the State. Moreover, at least 250 terrorists are active in the Kashmir valley with majority of them based in restive South Kashmir and others in North Kashmir. This region is also close to LOC and terrorists try to sneak into the state through mountain passes there, they said.

The fight against terrorism and infiltration has already cost the lives of at least 75 security men this year as compared to 84 for the entire last year. Moreover, 35 terrorists were killed on the LOC this year including the latest incident while trying to come in, officials said and not ruling the

possibility of more or less the same number of terrorists successfully infiltration into the Kashmir valley during these encounters.

The overall figure of terrorists neutralised is 195 so far while this toll stood at 214 for the entire last year. In fact, last year's figures were highest since 2010 when more than 270 terrorists were neutralised, sources said.

They, however, admitted that neutralisation of 200 plus terrorists last year did not prove to be a deterrent as more than 127 local youths including highly educated students joined militancy. The figure this year is alarming as the figure has already crossed the 150 plus mark with two months before the year ends, officials said.

On weather pattern determining the flow of infiltration in North Kashmir, they said the region is expected to experience more than heavy snowfall this year. Last year, snowfall was not that dense as happens every two to three years, officials said.

Given the situation, the Army will thin out its presence in the higher reaches of North and South Kashmir due to expected heavy snow thereby proving a natural deterrence to the infiltrators. However, the troops relieved from their posts in higher reaches will be redeployed in other parts of the State to shore up anti-insurgency grid, sources said adding the tempo of terrorism operations will not slacken even during the winter months in the hinterland.

# PM inaugurates police memorial

## Slams Congress for delaying construction

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday questioned the delay and "indifference" shown by past Governments in erecting a national memorial for police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty since Independence.

Inaugurating a refurbished national police memorial and a museum here on the National Police Commemoration Day, Modi said previous Governments at the Centre let dust gather on the files of this subject.

"I am proud of the new police memorial that is being dedicated to the nation today but I have few questions to ask. Why could this memorial not come into being despite over 70 years of Independence?", Modi said in his speech to police jawans, officers, their families and retired personnel.

The National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year this day to pay homage to the 10 policemen who were killed in an ambush by Chinese troops in 1959 in Ladakh's Hot Spring area.

The supreme sacrifice by



Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays a wreath at a refurbished national police memorial on the occasion of the Police Commemoration Day at Chanakyapuri in New Delhi on Sunday

police personnel at the Hot Springs in Ladakh also took place about 60 years back, he said.

"Why wait for so many years? (to erect a memorial)" the PM asked.

He said the plan to have a national memorial for slain police personnel was first conceptualised during the Government of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and in 2002, the then Home Minister L K Advani laid its foundation stone.

"I agree that work was stopped at this facility due to some legal issues but had the earlier Governments put in a honest and whole-hearted effort, this memorial could have been built much earlier," he said.

Instead, the previous

Governments let the "files gather dust and when we came to power in 2014 we allocated funds for this task and today we are witnessing the reality," Modi said.

"I think probably God has chosen me to do this noble task," he said.

The Prime Minister said it has been made a practice in this Government that the targets are achieved on time.

He alleged that similar "apathy" was shown by past Governments in creating a national memorial for Babasaheb Ambedkar at Alipore Road in Delhi and the Ambedkar International Centre in Japah, also in Delhi.

Both the memorials were inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi earlier this year.

"There is a serious question

in my mind that why there is such an indifference by the past Governments for those who sacrificed their lives for the country," he said.

"This is not our tradition and we are known to hold the unity and integrity of the country even on an empty stomach," he said.

"I am happy that these memorials are now inspiring the world," he said.

The Prime Minister choked with emotions during his speech as he said the country will "never forget" the courage and ultimate sacrifice made by the police and paramilitary personnel at the altar of their duties.

He made a special mention of those personnel who render difficult duties in saving people hit due to natural or man-made disasters.

He announced a new decoration in the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose for police and paramilitary personnel involved in disaster relief.

The PM urged police forces to use technology in their day-to-day works so that the common man does not have to go to a police station for getting their ordinary complaints registered and basic verification of documents.

He urged police personnel to have empathy for the people as they were the "defence and protectors" to the poor, the abused and the marginalised.

# BJP Govt will be dislodged in Raj: Pilot



**Jaipur:** Rajasthan Congress chief Sachin Pilot on Sunday said the people of the State would celebrate Diwali twice this year, first on November 7 and again on December 7 when the Congress will come to power here.

Speaking at a 'Booth Jitao, Bhraashachar Mitao' event here, Pilot said the BJP will be removed from the State and a new Government will be formed on December 7.

He said the BJP and Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje were conspiring to remove tickets of 100 to 150 sitting MLAs to win the upcoming election, whereas the Congress workers were seeking the public's blessings to do the same. He said Congress leaders and workers were establishing contact with the people at 50,000 booths in the State today.

# POLITICS OVER GREAT LEADERS

## BJP desperate to rewrite history, appropriate Netaji's legacy: Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing the BJP-led Centre of making a "conspiratorial attempt" to appropriate the legacy of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the Congress on Sunday said the saffron party was "desperate to rewrite history".

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi said the Congress had always endeavoured to protect, preserve and propagate the ideals of Bose, the brave patriot and secularist. "Those who do not have their own ideas and idol and had zero contribution in the national movement of freedom struggle are trying to appropriate the legacy of our freedom fighters, in an attempt to be perceived as nationalists. Today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi desperately tried to do the same," Singhvi said at a Press conference.

"A desperate BJP is trying to rewrite history and create an imagined rivalry between Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru and between Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Nehru. It has used auspicious occasions for these cheap political tricks," he said.

Singhvi pointed out that Bose and Patel were completely against the "philosophy of sectarianism and bigotry that is espoused by Prime Minister Modi's ideological patriarch — the RSS and the Hindu Mahasabha".



He said Patel, in a letter to Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, had stated that the "activities of the Hindu Mahasabha were a clear threat to the existence of the government and the activities had not died down, despite the ban". Singhvi also pointed out that Nehru was one of the lawyers for Bose during his Indian National Army (INA) trials.

"Was there any person from the RSS to support Netaji?", he asked, adding, "The prime minister and the BJP are desperately trying to appropriate every national legacy." The Congress leader alleged that while the RSS and BJP were praising Bose for his military endeavours to liberate India, their "ideological ancestors had done totally the opposite".

"When Netaji was revamping the Azad Hind Fauj (or INA) in Japan and Gandhiji had given the Quit India call, the RSS was hand-in-glove with the British," he said.

Singhvi also said to get political mileage, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was portraying Bose as Mahatma Gandhi's victim and Jawaharlal Nehru's rival, but in reality, Bose always had the highest regard for both of them.

He pointed out that Bose had, in fact, named two INA regiments after Gandhi and Nehru. It was Bose who first gave Gandhi the epithet of "Rashtrapita" or the father of the nation in a radio address from Singapore in 1944, Singhvi said, adding that the same year, Hindu Mahasabha member Nathu Ram Godse had made his first attempt to kill Gandhi.

Quoting from public documents, correspondences and books, Singhvi claimed that the Congress was never at odds with Bose. He said the Congress had always welcomed the earlier decisions of the Modi Government and the West Bengal Government to declassify the files pertaining to Bose.

"But the BJP has just played politics with it. In the last 53 months, the Modi government has only indulged in news plants and nothing adverse has come against the Congress party as perpetrated by them. We still want all the Netaji files be declassified," he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes salute at a flag-hoisting ceremony to mark the 75th anniversary of the 'Azad Hind Government' headed by Subhas Chandra Bose at Red Fort in New Delhi on Sunday

## Others' contribution deliberately ignored to glorify one family, attacks Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a veiled attack on the Nehru-Gandhi clan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday alleged the contribution of several great leaders such as Sardar Patel, B R Ambedkar and Subhash Chandra Bose to the freedom struggle was "deliberately" forgotten to glorify "one family".

He also said it is high time more Indians knew about the historic role these stalwarts played.

Donning the famous Azad Hind Fauj cap, the PM hoisted the national flag at the Red Fort and unveiled a plaque to mark the 75th anniversary of the proclamation of the Azad Hind Government by Bose.

Traditionally, the prime minister unfurl the tricolour on the ramps of the Red Fort on Independence Day. The plaque will be placed at

barrack number three at the Red Fort where members of the Azad Hind Fauj faced trial. A museum will be also set up in the barrack.

Modi lamented that post Independence, India's policies were based on the British system as "things were seen through British glasses".

"Policies, including those related to education, had to suffer because of this," he said, adding that "Subhash babu always took pride in India's history and our rich values. He taught us that not everything must be seen from a non-Indian prism."

He said in the later decades of independent India, "if the country had got the guidance of personalities like Subhash Babu, Sardar Patel, the conditions would vary greatly".

Modi said that his government is changing that now. "It is unfair that to glorify

one family, the contribution of several other great leaders was deliberately forgotten. It is high time more Indians knew about the historic role of stalwarts Sardar Patel, Babasaheb Ambedkar and Netaji Subhas Bose," he said.

The PM said while Bose focused on the East and Northeast India, the two regions did not get due recognition. Now, he said, his Government is working to make the Northeast the "engine of growth". Hailing Bose's spirit of nationalism, Modi said as a 16-year old, he was pained at the plight of India under the British rule. "His ideology was nationalism... He lived by it. All over the world, people took inspiration from Netaji Subhas Bose in their fights against colonialism and inequality. We remain committed to fulfilling Netaji's ideals and building an India he would be proud of," he said.



Navi Mumbai Police conduct search operation with railway police and Dog Squad inside 22476 Coimbatore-Bilkaner Superfast Train after a bomb threat call at Panvel Railway Station in Navi Mumbai on Sunday

# 6 new zika cases in Raj, total 123

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The deadly disease caused by Zika virus continued to spread in Rajasthan with half a dozen more persons testing positive in Jaipur district on Sunday. Altogether 123 people have tested positive for the virus in Rajasthan, making it the worst affected State in the country.

Much to relief of the officials, the recovery rate has been encouraging. Of the 123 patients, 105 have recovered after treatment.

The State health department also formed a five-member committee on Saturday to investigate, examine and track Zika virus disease in pregnant patients of first trimester. The committee will submit the report to the director public health from time to time, an order said.

Most of the cases which have been reported are from Shastri Nagar area here where fogging and other anti-larvae activities are being carried out to prevent the spread of the virus.

The virus, transmitted through the aedes aegypti mosquito, causes fever, skin rashes, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain. It is harmful to pregnant women, as it can lead to microcephaly, a condition in which a baby's head is significantly smaller in newborns.

In India, the first outbreak was reported in Ahmedabad in January 2017 and the second in

Tamil Nadu's Krishnagiri district in July that year. Both these outbreaks were successfully contained through intensive surveillance and vector management.

The disease is under surveillance of the Union Health Ministry although it is no longer a Public Health Emergency of International Concern under WHO notification since November 18, 2016.

# J&J FAULTY HIP IMPLANTS

## Affected patients seek clarity on compensation amount

**New Delhi:** Amid reports that the victims of Johnson & Johnson's faulty hip implants are likely to get as much as ₹1.2 crore each in compensation, some patients have sought official clarification about the proposed compensation and the basis of deciding on a formula in the absence of any consultation with them.

In a letter to Union Health Minister J P Nadra, more than 30 patients have reiterated their concerns regarding the lack of transparency and patient consultation in the process to decide compensation, including lack of information being made available regarding deliberations of the Arya Committee and the formulation of compensation norms.

"We are unclear about the basis of deciding on a formula in the absence of any consultation with patients to understand the range of our suffering because of the hip implants, the aggravation of pain and misery caused by unjustifiably delayed medical attention and other negative impacts on our lives. "We question why we have to rely on media reports — which quote unnamed sources — for information about an issue that is directly related to our pain and suffering," they said in the letter.

They said that transparency in the workings of the Committee and compensation mechanism is also needed to prevent immense confusion from arising in the future.

"We, therefore, request (for) an official clarification about the proposed compensation mentioned in the...Media report and the details of the formula being considered, if such a proposal exists." Given the statements of Johnson & Johnson to the media, we would also like clarity in respect of the company's engagement with the Committee and its role in determining the compensation," they said in the letter.

# 61,000 posts lying vacant in paramilitary forces

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Over 61,000 posts of central paramilitary personnel are lying vacant in six paramilitary forces in the country, Home Ministry statistics said.

Altogether, 18,460 posts are lying vacant in the country's largest paramilitary force, CRPF, as on March 1, 2018, while 10,738 posts are remaining vacant in the border guarding force BSF.

A Home Ministry official said the vacancies in the paramilitary forces arise due to retirement, resignation, death, creation of new posts or raising of new battalions. "The vacancies are filled through various modes, including direct recruitment,

promotion and by deputation as per the extant provisions of recruitment rules. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process," he said.

As many as 18,942 posts are lying vacant with the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as on March 1, 2018, while 5,786 posts are vacant in the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

There are 3,840 vacancies in the Assam Rifles and 3,812 vacancies in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as on the said date.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is primarily deployed for the assistance of state police forces in internal security, fighting militants in Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast, and in

anti-Naxal operations in Maoist-hit areas.

The Border Security Force (BSF) guards the Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders, while the SSB protects the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders, and the ITBP is deployed along the Sino-Indian border.

The CISF guards the airports, nuclear and industrial installations, sensitive government buildings, Delhi Metro besides others.

The Assam Rifles is deployed for guarding the Indo-Myanmar border and fighting insurgency in the Northeast.

The combined strength of the paramilitary forces is around 10 lakh.

## Health Ministry asks States to set up mental health authority, review boards

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry has asked all the states to set up State Mental Health Authority and District Mental Health Review Board to ensure effective implementation of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017.

The Act got the assent of the president on April 7 last year.

The State Mental Health Authority which will comprise officials of the State Government and other members working in the mental health sector is supposed to oversee the effective implementation of the provisions of the Act, an official statement said.

# TO FIGHT BJP Gowda, Siddaramaiah join hands after 12 years

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

In a major political development in Karnataka, former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo HD Deve Gowda and former Chief Minister and Congress leader Siddaramaiah have come together to fight the BJP in the ensuing byelections.

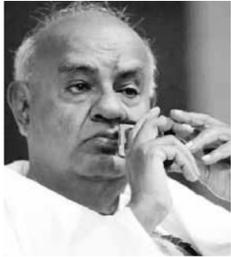
The guru-shishya duo who fought and divided Karnataka politics have come together now in a show of strength to, what they call, defeat the Modi-Shah combine in the State.

Politically it has also given a message to the confused grass root level workers of both the JD(S) and the Congress to vote for the victory of joint candidates in the Lok Sabha and Assembly by-polls.

After fighting each other in the recent Assembly polls, they joined hands to keep the BJP away and formed a fragile coalition Government four months ago headed by HD Kumaraswamy of the JD(S) who has just 34 seats in the 224 House in the state.

In a joint press conference in Bengaluru to send a message of unity to fight the BJP, Deve Gowda and Siddaramaiah insisted that they have to fight the common enemy the BJP led by Prime Minister Modi and Amit Shah. Deve Gowda said, "For the first time in 12 years Siddaramaiah and I are on the same stage. For the first time, we'll be contesting together in the upcoming bypolls. In all five seats, we will bring secularism with all our powers and the problems brought about by the Central Government,"

"I know many of our local leaders might not be able to digest this coalition, but we will work together to ensure that their concerns are addressed. I want to appeal to all local workers to cooperate in this great work. Please forgive our previous mistakes and bless us with votes," he added.



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STITUENCIES WILL BE HELD ON November 3, JDS will contest from Ramanagara assembly constituency, Shivamogga and Mandya Lok Sabha constituencies, the Congress will contest from Jamakhandi assembly and Ballari Lok Sabha constituencies.

Chief Minister Kumaraswamy son of Devegowda who is playing a compromising politics said "There might have been some differences at some point, but that's all in the past. And even though they are two bodies, they are one soul. We are working together not just to win all five seats but all 28 Lok Sabha seats in 2019."

Meanwhile HD Deve Gowda said the country's secular parties will come together under the leadership of the Congress to defeat the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, denying reports that the grand alliance was losing its sheen. The Janata Dal-Secular supremo accused the BJP of indulging in politics of polarisation and exploiting public sentiments, be it the Ram temple issue or the ongoing Sabarimala row.

"Some development will take place before Parliament election (and) some will take place after the election is over." "Whatever may be the differences, they (secular parties) will come together under the leadership of the national party Congress to see to it that the BJP is not in power," he added.

The by polls to three Lok Sabha and two assembly con-

# For now it's advantage Rajinikanth as Kamal Haasan double-faults

CHENNAI: Politics in Tamil Nadu took a new turn as the Navarathri festivities concluded on Sunday. The Congress which was the cynosure of all eyes set the record straight by an outright rejection of the invitation extended by film actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan who had announced last week that he was ready for an electoral alliance with the Grand Old Party if the latter dissociates itself from the DMK.

While speaking to a Tamil TV news channel, Haasan said he was game for a tie-up with the Congress provided it comes out of the alliance with the DMK. Speaking to reporters at Chennai on Saturday, S Thiruvananthapuram, president Tamil Nadu Congress Committee, thanked the actor for his overture to his party. "It is well and good that he is in favour of an alliance with the Congress. But a condition from any new political party that we should leave the DMK first is unacceptable as we are part of the DMK alliance," said the TNCC boss.

Thiruvananthapuram put an end to all speculation of the Congress dumping the DMK in favour of the new outfit Makkal Neethi Maian (People's Centre for Justice) launched by Haasan. The pre-condition put forward by Haasan to the Congress for a tie-up had surprised many as the DMK-Congress alliance is a time tested partnership though there were some temporary misunderstandings between the two during 2013-2014 which were resolved at the intervention of the Congress High Command and late M Karunanidhi, the DMK patriarch by 2015.

T Ramakrishnan, leading political commentator in the State said he had enough reasons to believe that Haasan could be a "decoy" set up by the BJP to weaken the DMK-Congress alliance. "It is certain that the DMK would never have any pre-

poll alliance with the BJP though the latter is probing all possibilities for making an entry to Tamil Nadu. The BJP leadership know that it is difficult to beat the DMK-Congress combination. Hence they may be trying to wean the Congress away from the Dravidian major and make it weak," said Ramakrishnan.

What stands out is that Haasan, in spite of launching his party in February 2018, has not announced any policies and programmes of the party. Though he announced the names of office bearers, details about them are kept as secret. By Saturday, Rajinikanth, who had declared his political dreams on the New Year eve, declared that 90 per cent works connected with the launching of his political party were over and he would soon announce the names and details of the organisation.

Sources close to Rajinikanth said that he has even set up full-fledged booth committees in 200 assembly constituencies out of the total 234. The BJP is yet to have such committees in even 100 constituencies in the State, according to a senior BJP leader.

The CPI(M) and the VCK, potential allies of the DMK, too rejected Kamal Haasan's move to wean away the Congress from the DMK. While Thirumavalavan, leader of the VCK declared that he would always remain with the DMK, the CPI(M) secretary K Balakrishnan said his party would soon launch a joint campaign with the DMK against the BJP.

As Kamal Haasan's political dreams suffered a set back, he is likely to get more involved in his pet movie projects, like sequels for Indian and Thevar Magan. But the possibilities of Rajinikanth emerging as an alternative to the DMK and the AIADMK got brightened as Haasan was cold shouldered by the Congress and the DMK.

Kumar Chellappan

# Chandy: Saritha's sexual abuse FIR politically motivated

IANS ■ KOTTAYAM (KERALA)

Reacting to the Kerala Government registering a new case of sexual abuse alleged by solar scam accused Saritha Nair, former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy on Sunday said the move was politically motivated.

"This has happened before also and now this fresh development has surfaced because of the issues in Sabarimala. I will deal with this case legally and tomorrow (Monday) in the State Capital, I will reveal more details," Chandy said here.

In the State Capital, Kerala police chief Loknath Behra on Sunday told the media that a new FIR has been registered and a special team had been constituted to probe Nair's complaint.

"Now, let the law take its course," said Behra.

In the complaint, Nair said



that in 2012 at Thiruvananthapuram, she was sexually abused by Chandy and Alappuzha Lok Sabha member KC Venugopal.

This fresh move comes after the Kerala High Court while hearing Chandy's petition over the Solar Judicial Inquiry Commission report, said in May that findings of the commission based on Nair's letter need not be considered.

The multi-crore solar energy investment fraud that rocked the Chandy government in 2013 was led by Nair and her live-in partner Biju Radhakrishnan, as it came to light that a section of the Chief Minister's office had links with the couple.

Nair's letter named Chandy and numerous other top Congress leaders for sexually exploiting her.



Muslims shower flower petals on women volunteers of the Hindu group, Rashtia Sevika Samiti, as they march past the shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmer on Sunday

# Surat rape accused arrested in Bihar's Buxar

Patna: A 20-year-old man was arrested from Buxar district in Bihar in connection with the rape and murder of a three-year-old girl in Gujarat's Surat, officials said Sunday.

The accused Anil Yadav was arrested on Friday. He was produced before a magistrate in Buxar and taken to Gujarat on Saturday after a transit remand was obtained, Buxar Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Satish Kumar said.

Yadav was arrested under Dhansoi Police Station limits where a raid was conducted by the Gujarat police team, assisted by the local police. Although the accused was a resident of Itarhi Police Station area, he had been staying away from home," Kumar told PTI over phone.

The Gujarat police team had camped in Buxar for a couple of days before Yadav was finally nabbed, he added. The three-year-old girl went missing from her house in Godadara locality of Surat and her body was recovered from a locked building in the area on October 16.

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# J&K Gujjars demand rights like other tribal communities in country

PTI ■ JAMMU

Gujjars in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday demanded "equality" and "justice", and pressed for rights that are granted to other tribal communities in the country.

The demand was put forth by the community at a meeting organised here by the Tribal Research and Cultural Foundation (TRCF) - an organisation founded by noted Gujjar scholar Javaid Rahi.

The programme was held to discuss identity formation viz-a-viz Gujjars and Bakerwals. The event also discussed the issues of equality, justice, preservation and documentation of centuries-old socio-cultural, behavioural, linguistic, ritualistic and primordial traits of J&K tribes, the TRCF said in a release.

Maintaining that the scheduled tribe status granted to Gujjars and Bakerwals in April 1991 played a key role in their identity formation, the TRCF said it, however, was not enough to lead the tribal communities

on the path of development. "Though reservation has significantly changed the Gujjars and Bakerwal society but a large chunk of tribal population is still reeling under the grip of poverty and backwardness which requires immediate attention," it said.

The TRCF said culture was a powerful tool to highlight the vibrant ethnicity of tribal communities, especially Gujjars and Bakerwals, and there was a need to document their heritage.

It said Gujjars and Bakerwals were still waiting for the grant of rights of political reservation to Scheduled Tribes and extension of Forest Right Act, 2006 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act to Jammu & Kashmir.

The TRCF demanded inclusion of Gojri in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, education for nomadic Gujjar-Bakerwal children, adequate representation in civil administration and police, enhancement of reservation for Gujjars and Bakerwals in professional colleges.

# Mamata pays tribute to INA soldiers

IANS ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday paid tribute to the brave soldiers of the Indian National Army (INA) on the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Azad Hind Government.

"Today is the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Azad Hind Government. My heartfelt tribute to all the brave soldiers of INA who fought for India's freedom under the leadership of Netaji. Jai Hind," she tweeted. On Police Commemoration Day, Banerjee also conveyed her best wishes to the police forces of West Bengal and other states. "On Police Commemoration Day, my best wishes to @wbpolice, @kolkatapolice and all the police forces of all other States for their service to the nation. From festivals to disasters, they always work hard to keep us safe."

# Uddhav attacks BJP, says Centre needs no alliances

PTI ■ MUMBAI

In the first of his statewide rallies, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday made a veiled attack on the BJP by claiming that the ruling dispensation at the Centre "did not need political alliances".

Thackeray addressed public meetings at Shirdi and Ahmednagar.

"When Atal ji's (Atal Bihari Vajpayee) Government was there (at the Centre), it had the support of many political friends. (However), the current Government does not need any political alliances," he said.

In another swipe at the Union Government, of which his party is a constituent, Thackeray asked people to find out the veracity of claims made in the speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"I am asking party workers to find out how many people really benefited from the schemes of the BJP-led Central government. You should put up a poster of your findings next to that of PM Modi and let people decide," Thackeray told the



gathering.

He targeted the BJP for "spreading lies" and raising the issue of construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya for electoral gains.

Speaking at a rally in Shirdi, Thackeray also addressed the frequent criticism of the Sena for hanging on to power (at the Centre and in Maharashtra) despite differences with the BJP.

"I am in power to get those things done that would benefit people. I am not one who will wag his tail in front of power. I am not hankering for power," Thackeray said.

In an apparent reference to the BJP, Thackeray said that "attaining power by spreading lies is sedition".

Training his guns on the Devendra Fadnavis government in the state, Thackeray said that its farm loan waiver scheme was a fraud and fiasco. "If farmers have not benefited from the loan waiver, then we should speak about it," he said.

Thackeray confirmed that sitting Lok Sabha MP from Shirdi constituency, Sadashiv Lokhande, would be renominated for the 2019 general elections.

# BSF pays homage to martyrs on police commemoration day

PTI ■ JAMMU

The BSF on Sunday observed police commemoration day here to pay homage to over 400 martyrs including 12 personnel of the force who fell to Pakistani firing along the International border (IB) this year.

The deaths in the ceasefire violations by Pakistan marked a manifold increase this year compared to last four years when a total of eight Border Security Force (BSF) personnel were killed and 36 others were injured.

Every year, the commemoration day is observed on October 21 to remember the 10 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) men who died fighting Chinese aggression on October 21, 1959, at Hotspring, Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir.

BSF Inspector General of Jammu, Ram Awtar, led his officers to pay tribute to the slain police and paramilitary personnel at martyrs memorial at its headquarters at Paloura on the outskirts of Jammu, a spokesman of the force said.

He said the IG BSF laid wreath and paid homage to the police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Addressing the gathering, the IG BSF read out the names of martyrs and said during last one year a total of 414 police and paramilitary personnel laid their lives in the service to the national, out of which 42 belong to BSF, which is highest among the paramilitary forces.

BSF apart from manning Pakistan and Bangladesh border is also deployed in anti-naxal operation in Chhattisgarh and Odisha and for counter insurgency operations in north east states, the spokesperson said. Majority of the police personnel died in firing from Pakistan, fighting militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, Naxals and other law and order duties, the official added. Over 330 ceasefire violations occurred this year, also resulting in injuries to 37 personnel - which is also the highest in the last four years.



Vietnamese devotees offer special prayers at Mahabodhi temple in Bodhi Gaya on Sunday

# Make Kalam, not Kasab the role model: MRM to youth

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

In a bid to keep Muslim youths away from fundamentalism, the RSS-backed Muslim Rashtriya Manch has started a drive to encourage them to adopt former President APJ Abdul Kalam as their "role model" and not Ajmal Kasab of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack notoriety.

"We have initiated a campaign to make former President Kalam, who was also known as the missile man and made the country proud, as the role model of Muslim students. We are organising national level seminars for this," MRM convenor Muhammad Afzal said.

He said the campaign's objective is to "strengthen patriotism among the Muslim students and encourage them to take the path of Kalam".

When asked about the need for such a campaign, Afzal

said, "We want to convince Muslim students that their role model should be former President Kalam and not terrorist Kasab. We will tell the difference between the two."

"Many a times, Muslim youths divert towards Kasab. We want them to bring close to Kalam's ideologies. It will help the country grow and progress. With his deeds, Kalam had proved that he was a true patriot," he said.

He said "in our campaign, we discuss in detail the life and achievements of Kalam to encourage people. Kalam had rejected even a NASA's offer for a job and gave his prime to the country, working on his dream project Prithvi missile and developing India's space centre. He remained bachelor to serve the country."

Students of madrasas and inter colleges are invited in these programmes and experts,

scientists and officers are called to talk to them," he said, adding the next such programme will be held in Lucknow next month.

One such programme was held in Delhi on October 19 and similar events will be soon be organised in 10 states including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal, he said.

He said though students of all religion participate in the events but Muslim students are given priority.

The MRM was set up in 2002 by former RSS chief KS Sudarshan to enable the Sangh to reach out to Muslims. It had held 'Eid milan' programmes and 'Iftar' parties earlier in a bid to remove, what it believes, are misconceptions among a section of the people about the Sangh and the BJP.

MRM has been reaching

out to Muslims to apprise them of the RSS works and change their views about the organisation, Afzal said.

All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), however, termed the MRM's move as "humiliating", saying the Muslims do not have to prove their patriotism.

"What else can you expect from an organisation affiliated to the RSS? They are putting forward the name of Kalam to show what they feel about Muslims. How can one insinuate as Muslim youths even thinking of having Kasab as their role model, when the community did not even allowed him to be buried in India?," asked AIMPLB member Yasin Usmani.

"Such campaigns which demean Muslims' contribution to the nation building is shameful and humiliating to us," he added.

# Nitish likely to go for Cabinet expansion

PNS ■ PATNA

Two high profile speculations are gaining momentum in political and administrative circles in Bihar. Both are related to governance. While one speculation is about reshuffle and expansion of the Nitish Kumar Cabinet, other is about high level administrative changes.



seen as only next to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The CM is quoted saying sometimes back that he might expand his cabinet, which has 28 members 14 each from JD(U) and BJP as against permissible limit of 36.

Many names are making round in the NDA circles. Most of the new Minister's might be

inducted from Nitish's party which is a major ally. Most of the ministers are currently holding more than two portfolios. Kishor is said to have his major say in selection of the new Ministers and the reshuffle.

Another speculation making round in the administrative circles is regarding new responsibilities to the top bureaucrats who are quite close to Nitish. They included CM's principal secretary Chanchal Kumar and principal home secretary Amir Subhani who is holding this post for many years. It is speculated that the two favourite babus might swap their current office.

# 'Rakshas Raj' in Bihar, says Tejashwi at Opp function

PTI ■ PATNA

Leaders of the Grand Alliance in Bihar chose the State's first Chief Minister Sri Krishna Singh's birth anniversary function in Patna on Sunday to band together against the NDA, where RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav slammed the BJP-JD(U) Government by likening it to 'Rakshas Raj' (reign of the devil).

The Grand Alliance leaders — from the Congress, the RJD and the HAM(S) — vowed to uproot the NDA Governments at the Centre and in the State. They came down heavily on the two Governments, alleging that both the dispensations failed on all fronts, especially in taming price rise, corruption and crime.

The Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee organised the function at SK Memorial hall.

RJD leader and former Bihar deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav slammed JD(U) chief and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, likening the State Government to 'Rakshas Raj' (reign of the devil).

"These people (NDA leaders) used to talk about 'Jungle Raj' (during the 15 years of Lalu-Rabri rule in Bihar). But there is 'Rakshas Raj' in Bihar today. State-sponsored crime is on the rise. This is the double-engine government of crime and corruption," Yadav said.

Taking a swipe at Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi, who had termed Lalu

Prasad's younger son as "rumour-monger", Tejashwi asked what has Bihar got from the Modi Government in its four and a half years.

"When will the special category status be accorded to Bihar? BJP has cheated the people of the state as it has no concern for them," Tejashwi said, adding sarcastically that the BJP has more concern for Lalu Prasad's family.

People should be wary of "back-stabbers", he said without naming anyone.

Former Bihar CM and HAM(S) chief Jitan Ram Manjhi demanded the Bharat Ratna for Sri Krishna Singh, the first Chief Minister of Bihar and powerful leader from the Bhumihar caste who occupied the post till his death in 1961. Manjhi also sought 15 per cent reservation for upper castes by amending the Constitution.

The party's national general secretary and Bihar in-charge Shakti Singh Gohil said, "We will fight together to uproot the NDA Government and install Congress Government at the Centre... We will come out with a blueprint for Bihar's overall development and will fulfil our commitment".

Former Union Minister and Bihar Congress Campaign Committee chairman Akhilesh Prasad Singh announced that the party would soon hold a mega rally at the historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna to "send out a message".

# Bengal Congress suspicious of Didi's future 'BJP plans'

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA



With Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee making it clear that the TMC will go it alone in the coming polls giving the Congress a creased forehead ahead of the 2019 general elections, a section of Bengal Congress leaders have vented their ire asking Banerjee to clear her position vis-a-vis the NDA, post polls next year.

This group is led by former PCC president Adhir Chowdhury who has raised the issue of her possible post-poll tilt.

In Bengal the Congress currently has 4 MPs, the Left and the BJP have two MPs each and the remaining 34 seats are held by the Trinamool Congress.

"Why doesn't Mamata Banerjee make an open statement that she will not join the NDA or support it after the general elections?" he earlier wondered while another senior leader Manoj Chakrabarty said the Chief Minister was trying to make a difference between a 'good BJP' and a 'bad BJP' which "only hints at TMC's opportunistic mindset".

The Congress leaders quoted Banerjee as saying that she always adored tall and impartial leaders like Atal Behari Vajpayee. "She has said in her party mouthpiece about her respect for Vajpayee and other similar leaders which was why she supported the NDA since 1998," said a PCC leader wondering why Banerjee did not make her

stance clear this time round about whether she would back a Modi-less NDA in case of a hung-parliament.

"Her consistent fight against the anti-people BJP Government has drawn public appreciation. But will she continue to do so if there is a hung parliament and if they (the BJP) decide to bring in Sushma Swaraj or Rajnath Singh or anyone else to lead their party in Parliament?" this leader requesting anonymity said.

"We will raise such issues subsequently, when we go to the high command to watch the situation and strengthen the organization," said this PCC leader from Murshidabad an otherwise strong Congress bastion currently "usurped by the TMC with money, muscle and State power".

With the Congress nearly decimated and the Left lingering with 15-17 per cent vote share the Bengal politics seems clearly divided between the Trinamool Congress and

a surging BJP which has claimed that the party will definitely win 22 or more out of the 42 seats in the general elections.

The TMC which enjoys a total control over the State's 30 per cent minority votes however has said that the BJP will not get even the 2 seats (Asansol and Darjeeling) that they won last time.

Incidentally TMC leader Chandan Mitra recently said, despite the ambitious targets set by the BJP "I don't think that there is any serious possibility of Mamata Banerjee's popularity being dented, and her (TMC) seats coming down."

Meanwhile, in an unrelated development the Chief Minister has claimed that her Government has ensured food security to about 8.5 crore people of the State.

The Chief Minister has said that the Khadya Sathi scheme launched by her Government has ensured food security to more than 8.5 crore people of the State. This includes the people of Jangalmahal too, she added.



Antarashtra Hindu Parishad leader Praveen Togadia holds placards during his 'Ayodhya Chal' programme, in Lucknow on Sunday

# Gujarat ATS nabs man from Kashmir in heroin smuggling case

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad arrested a man from Budgam in Jammu & Kashmir in connection with a heroin smuggling case, a senior official said Sunday.

In August, ATS had arrested two men in Gujarat and seized 5 kilogrammes of heroin worth ₹14.84 crore in the international market.

ATS officials said that one of those arrested in August, Rafiq Adam Sumra, had handed over a large part of the contraband to Kashmir residents Nazir Ahmed Thakar and Manzoor Ahmad Mir at Unjha town in Mehsana district. "Manzoor Ahmad Mir has

been arrested from Budgam in Jammu & Kashmir in connection with heroin smuggling case," Gujarat ATS Senior Superintendent of Police Himanshu Shukla said Sunday.

Thakar was arrested from Srinagar last month, ATS officials said, adding that Mir's is the fourth arrest in the heroin smuggling case.

ATS said that Sumra had received the heroin from another accused, Aziz Abdul Bhagad, also arrested in August.

Sumra delivered the drug to Thakar and Mir on the instructions of a Pakistan-based dealer identified as Simranjeet, who is yet to be caught, officials said.

# Cong blames State Govt's 'sycophancy' for CJI visit fiasco at Kamakhya temple

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Senior Congress leader S Debabrata Saikia on Sunday blamed the State Government's 'sycophancy' for the "unfortunate" incident during CJI Ranjan Gogoi's visit to the Kamakhya temple.

The leader of the Opposition in the Assam Assembly said the incident had exposed the "desperate attempt" by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) regime to "please" their "political masters".

The Chief Justice of India (CJI) and his wife had visited the temple on Wednesday when devotees, including VIPs such as BJP president Amit Shah, were also there to offer prayers. The CJI had expressed his

displeasure to Kamrup (Metro) district Deputy Commissioner Virender Mittal over the "crowd management" at the temple.

Following this, the BJP led Assam Government Saturday suspended Guwahati (west) Deputy Commissioner of Police Bhanwar Lal Meena for not ensuring adequate security to the Supreme Court judge.

It has "once again exposed the desperate attempt by the State Government to please political personalities belonging to the ruling dispensation by using Government machinery," Saikia said in a statement here.

These "misplaced priorities" have resulted in a police officer being made the scapegoat, he added. Taking a cue from the

State Government, the officers were busy "bending over backwards to please their political masters at the Centre" and did not depute a commissioner-level officer to look after the CJI's visit as per norms, Saikia claimed.

"The CJI was kept waiting outside the temple while political personalities were being entertained inside," the Opposition leader asserted.

In terms of protocol, the CJI has precedence over any political personality, he said, adding the security and protocol lapse highlighted the breakdown of Assam's administrative machinery. He demanded that an enquiry by a sitting or retired high court judge be conducted to "fix responsibility for the arbitrary way of assigning protocol duties".

# Karuna couldn't harm AIADMK, what can Stalin do: Palaniswami

PTI ■ SALEM

Hitting out at the DMK, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami on Sunday claimed it was levelling graft charges against the ruling AIADMK only out of fear of anticipated adverse verdicts against its leaders in pending corruption cases.

Taking on DMK chief M K Stalin, who has been highly critical of the Government over the issue of corruption, Palaniswami said nothing could be done to the AIADMK even when late DMK patriarch M Karunahidhi was alive and sought to know what his son can do now.

Seeking to turn the tables, Palaniswami alleged that DMK was synonymous with corruption and referred to the Sarkaria commission's report against the M Karunanidhi Government in the 1970s over the Veeranam project to cater to the drinking water needs of Chennai.

It was only after late Chief Minister J Jayalithaa introduced a new Veeranam drinking water scheme later, Chennai was getting "uninterrupted" supply.

Addressing a function at nearby Veerapanandi after distributing welfare assistance, the Chief Minister said the DMK was repeatedly making wrong calculations regarding the survival of the AIADMK ever since it was founded by M G Ramachandran (MGR).

# Huge improvement in ground situation in Kashmir Valley: Guv

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

There is a huge improvement in the ground situation in Kashmir Valley and people coming out to vote in the recent civic polls in a peaceful atmosphere is a positive sign, Governor Satya Pal Malik said here Sunday.

"We are trying a lot to improve the situation at the ground level and as you can see, there is a huge improvement," the Jammu & Kashmir Governor told reporters after addressing a Police Commemoration Day function at Zewan on the outskirts of the city.

The governor said the local body polls were conducted in a peaceful manner and congratulated the police and civil administrations and the people of the State.

"The turnout has been such (low) many times before and I do not want to take such a controversial question this time and I only want to say that the polls were peaceful and for that police, administration and other forces as well as people (deserve credit).

"Without people, it was not possible. If they had come out on roads and indulged in violence, then it would not have been possible. I am thankful that this election was conducted without any loss of life or damage to property," he said, when asked about the low turnout in the elections.

Asserting that the situation

in the valley was extraordinary and polls in the past have seen high as well as low turnouts, the Governor said there were, however, no reports of rigging in these polls.

"I want to congratulate you (police) and I also have been congratulated by Delhi for the peaceful conduct of the polls. The situation here is extraordinary. Sometimes there has been a good turnout and sometimes not, but I have received congratulations from everyone in Delhi and have been told to congratulate the forces as well as the people for the peaceful polls. There have been no reports of any complaints about rigging in these polls," he said.

Malik said people coming out to vote was a positive sign.

"In the last phase, around 10,000 people came out to vote in Srinagar. There was stone pelting on them and in turn those who voted also pelted stones, so police had to save the stone pelters. Some developments are taking place slowly and people are understanding those, but this is not an occasion to talk about them," he said, without elaborating.

He refused to say anything on the independent candidates winning the polls at most places.

The Governor said the Government would provide maximum monetary assistance to the new civic bodies and panchayats.

# BJP true saviour of Dalits: Yogi

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the Bharatiya Janata Party was the saviour of Dalits in true sense because it never treated people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as vote bank and always worked for their betterment.

"In his four-and-half-year rule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proved that he is the true friend of Dalits. He is doing whatever is possible for the uplift of Dalits also because the BJP is the only party in

India which does not believe in caste and works for the betterment of each and every individual," Yogi said while inaugurating the state working committee meeting of the Anusuchit Morcha of the party in Agra on Sunday.

Yogi said the BJP had given respect to Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar while other parties have used him for votes. "He got Bharat Ratna during the BJP regime. It was the BJP government which transformed five places associated with Dr Ambedkar as places of pilgrimage. Has any government



ever thought in this direction?" Yogi said.

"I am a true friend of Dalits. As Member of Parliament, I have fought many a battle for the self-respect of

Dalits and as Chief Minister I have taken many decisions which will help in restoring pride of Dalits," he said.

In his over an hour-long speech, Yogi talked about the achievements of his government, including improvement in infrastructure which includes roads and law and order.

"My government has taken forward the recruitment process in police department. Announcement has been made to recruit 51,000 new constables. This government is alive to the problems that policemen

are facing. We know that they are not getting leaves. My government is working to redress this problem," he said.

In the working committee meeting, nine decisions were taken that include improving party's reach among the underprivileged section of society.

The party leaders were asked to go to the Dalit-dominated regions to ensure that they were getting benefits of government schemes. The party leaders were asked to ensure that those not getting the benefits were enrolled in the schemes.

# AMRITSAR TRAGEDY

# 11 natives of UP among dead

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Among the 60 people mowed down by a speeding train in Amritsar when they were watching Ravan Dahan during Dussehra, 11 are natives of Uttar Pradesh.

While three are members of a family from Sultanpur, two each are from Azamgarh, Hardoi and Ghazipur and one each from Unnao and Amethi districts.

A report released by the State Government said that Dinesh Kumar (35), his wife Priti (33) and their son Abhishek (11), natives of Polbarsa village under Baldirai police station of Sultanpur district, were killed in the incident. However, the couple's two-year-old son Arush escaped unhurt.

Dinesh and his brother Rakesh worked as plumber and were staying in a rented house in Joraphatak area. Dinesh and his family visited the village last time in May.

Similarly, Girendra Kumar (40) and his brother Pawan Kumar (37), who used to sell fruits in Amritsar for the last 20 years, were also killed in the tragedy. They were natives of Behtagokul area of Hardoi district.

A report from Azamgarh said that Ram Milan (24), a native of Rahainghpur village under Tahbarpur police station, was also killed in the accident. He is survived by his pregnant wife and a 2-year-old son. He used to work as a painter and went to Amritsar on October 7. Brajban Ram (20), a native of Savarupur village in

Azamgarh, was also killed in the tragic accident. He also worked as a painter and stayed with his brothers in Amritsar.

Pradeep (22), a native of Bangad village under Karimuddinpur police station in Ghazipur district, and his nephew were also mowed down by the train. He worked with a private company in Amritsar. He went to watch the Dussehra festival along with his nephew Sarthak (4) and niece Kajal (7). Pradeep and Sarthak died in the mishap while Kajal was critically injured.

Ram Shanker (45) of Manikpur under Bihar police station of Unnao district was also killed in the mishap. He used to work in a bag repairing shop and was staying alone in Amritsar while his family members, including wife and

two children, lived in Unnao.

Besides, 18-year-old Deepak, a native of Shivgarh in Amethi district, was also killed in the tragic accident. A student, Deepak was staying with his father in Amritsar, who works with a private company there.

Nine members of a family of Belwa village under Lotan police station in Siddharthnagar district were injured in the mishap. Among the injured, the condition of four was stated to be critical.

The injured include Sudesar (70), Shyam Bahadur (38), Ram Bahadur (34), Santosh (15), Laxmi (11), Vishal (10), Sandhya (10), Amit (9) and Kajal (7).

The condition of Santosh, Sudesar, Ram Bahadur and Vishal is said to be critical.

# Pak agency detains 16 Indian fishermen: Fish Workers' Forum

Ahmedabad: Sixteen fishermen from Okha in Gujarat's Devbhoomi Dwarka district have reportedly been detained in the Arabian Sea by Pakistan maritime authorities, a Fish Workers' Forum functionary said Sunday.

Manish Lodhari, secretary of the Porbandar-based National Fishworkers' Forum, said that the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) had seized two Indian boats with 16 fishermen near the International Maritime Boundary Line.

"We have been told by fishermen sailing in the Arabian Sea that at least two fishing boats with 16 fishermen were apprehended by the PMSA from near the IMBL. Both the boats were registered at Okha," he said, adding that the number of those held might vary.



Sabarimala head priest Kandarraru Rajeevarau giving 'prasad' to a devotee, at Sabarimala temple in Kerala on Sunday

# Avoidable tragedy

### The mishap on the railway tracks in Amritsar is another stark reminder of how cheap life is in India

Views circulating on social media of a train mowing down over 60 people near Amritsar in Punjab while they were celebrating Dussehra is tragic but unfortunately not shocking any more given how cheaply human life is valued in India. Apparently revellers had gathered to view an elaborate Raavan dahan event in an open area close to the railway tracks at Joda Phatak and hundreds of them trespassed on to the railway tracks nearby, unaware and/or unconcerned that a speeding train was approaching which ended up mowing down scores. The railway driver, who was given the go-ahead on the assumption that there was no technical error or breakdown on that line, had no idea that the tracks had turned into a spectator gallery of sorts. Played in a loop on social media, these videos at a slower speed show the horror and the panic of this tragedy. Like with any human tragedy, politicians have engaged themselves in a blame-game of sorts, considering the Congress rules Punjab and the Railways belongs to the Centre. However, it is unfair to blame the Railways for the accident, which was largely man-made. It exposes the challenges of man management around a religious event that attracts a sea of wonder-eyed spectators. Be it Kumbh or Jallikattu, instances of poor crowd management are many, some of them often leading to brutal stampedes. It points to the lacuna in security drills at public events, the scale of which can have a cascading catastrophic effect should all hell break loose. In this case, the district administration and organisers of the function were lax about clearing a venue site that is dangerously close to regular railway tracks. One needs to investigate if proper clearances had been taken or even applied for. Were Railway officials informed about the proposed event so close to a corridor of fast-moving trains? Either permission from local administration was taken and the organisers failed to make appropriate safety arrangements or permission was not sought at all. In any of the two cases, trouble awaits the local administration. The fact that a swollen crowd was allowed to drift into a heavily frequented rail track is downright insane. And if squatting on tracks for multiple reasons is the done thing, then local police administration must coordinate with the RPF to prevent it rather than just abdicate responsibility.

A European health and safety officer would have an aneurysm within seconds of landing in India. It is not as if safety structures and rules are not in place but because there is a complete lack of willful enforcement by the authorities, the public tends to ignore and bend rules. And till there is a tragedy, we think we have contained the situation. At the same time, we allow exceptions for the wildest of reasons, for example, allowing Sikh women to not wear helmets because of 'religious' reasons, placing sanctity above the value of life. If the public is encouraged to ignore safety, so will companies and event organisers like those in Amritsar. Ideally, the railway tracks should have been cordoned off and the authorities should have informed about the event in advance. But in our 'anything goes' line of thought, nobody bothered. India not only has a wealth disparity but also a disparity between the value of life. A labourer from north India is not valued at all, whereas a child from a south Mumbai family is worth much more. Our media coverage reflects this. During the 26/11 attacks, hundreds who died at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus were for a large part ignored because the poor are expendable by hundreds. Besides, enforcement and safety have an associated cost and we as a society choose not to pay it simply because human life is so devalued. Till the latter continues to be negotiable, we cannot enforce laws. And while this passes on to a routine board of inquiry, fact is there is another tragedy waiting to happen with no lessons learnt.

When Ananya was six months old, her family knew she was born with a sight problem. A problem their family believed could never be solved. She lived the next 10 years in absolute blindness. Confined to her little dark world for years, she was finally diagnosed with bilateral cataract at a health camp in her village. After seeking treatment for a few months, she was finally able to see the world around her. And life changed forever. This is not a one-off story. It is the story of millions of people across the world. Of the 285 million visually impaired worldwide, 90 per cent live in developing countries. Today, India is home to 18 per cent of the world's population and approximately 30 per cent of the global blind population. About half of them are blind majorly from cataracts, glaucoma and retinal diseases. Under Vision 2020, the Right to Sight initiative by the World Health Organisation, India pledged to work towards bringing down the prevalence of blindness to 0.5 per cent by 2020, to ensure the elimination of avoidable blindness. And the blinding story in India's ophthalmology is just beginning to unfold with innovation at the forefront. But the question really is: Are these innovations reaching the millions who are waiting for them? Let's understand this with cataract being a case in point. With around 15,000 ophthalmologists practicing in India, Indian ophthalmologists perform five million cataract surgeries annually, of which, 90 per cent include Intraocular Lens Implantation (IOL), which came into the market with an inert biocompatible material. The lens can be implanted in the eye at the same location as the natural lens. Today, IOL technology has made a variety of premium lenses available — monofocal lenses, accommodating lenses, multifocal lenses, extended-range-of-vision lenses and toric lenses. Each of them change the way we see the world. Quite literally! While these innovations are hitting global markets at a blistering pace, and they do travel to India, but do they reach our masses? Even today, India relies on Small-Incision Cataract Surgery (SICS) as a preferred procedure over Phacoemulsification (preferred worldwide) due to various factors. Although India is already making use of foldable IOLs and advanced IOLs at a growing stage, the Vision 2020 goal requires world innovations to each and every Indian. The need of the hour is to bring innovations to see a better future. From implantable visual prosthetics to new molecules in the treatment of eye care, the world is moving towards solutions that promise better patient outcomes. For a developing country like India, where blindness is preventable in at least 80 per cent of the cases, we need to look at these options to make eye treatments not only affordable, but also accessible to all. In fact, the market is replete with the finest multifocal lenses which significantly reduce the need for reading glasses after cataract surgery. We are in times when treatments like femtosecond lasers promise high efficiency without damaging collateral tissue. Computer-controlled optical delivery systems with the use of these lasers have led to precise incisions without any damage to the surrounding tissues. Innovative technologies are changing the world's vision with lenses and surgeries offering additional benefits or features which reduce recovery time. For instance, the femtosecond laser (FSL) is used worldwide in ocular surgeries due to its ultrafast pulses in the range of 10 seconds and its decreased energy requirements for tissue destruction. The lens significantly reduces unintended destruction of surrounding tissues. Precise alignment of lenses, cataract programmes and wide spectrum of IOLs is changing India's vision, but the journey has just begun. Some of the newer fields, where the technology is yet to find feet in India, are Bionic eye, which is a device to make totally blind people see. Some of the other areas where India has to catch up are the field of Oculofacial aesthetics where though the technology is available uptake is not yet on the scale matching with the other countries. Newer technologies are going beyond the scope of conventional treatments and expanding the range of clear vision. At a time when India is undergoing a paradigm shift in the healthcare sector, it is important that new policies open the doors to innovation coming from the global healthcare industry. We need to encourage new technologies to enter the Indian medical industry to ensure people get the treatments they need, without any compromises on the quality. (The writer is senior consultant, ophthalmology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital)

**50 WORD EDIT** Wrong number A 15-year-old boy in Assam fell for the voice of a 60-year-old widow who spoke to him when he dialled a wrong number. They had frequent conversations without disclosing their respective ages but when the minor went to meet the lady they both discovered the facts. The woman's family and villagers, however, overriding objections from both parties, forcibly 'married' them off. The misunderstanding seems to since have been resolved, thankfully!

# Netaji next

### The BJP has spotted an opportunity; and it's making a concerted effort to appropriate the legacy of Subhas Chandra Bose

For long-time BJP watchers it comes as no surprise that the party has been largely ignored or placed on a pedestal lower than that of Jawahar Lal Nehru. This is not to say that Nehru was not among the tallest of our national leaders in the battle for Independence but the Congress Party must take a majority of the blame for fetishizing its first family and thereby opening up an opportunity for an ascendant political party that seeks to create a more holistic sense of India's modern political history and, by extension and association, the BJP's role in it. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, therefore, cannot be faulted in his plans to join freedom fighters and veterans to unfurl the Tricolour from the ramparts of the Red Fort, 21 October, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose or Netaji's declaration of Azad Hind (Independent India). It was on this date in 1943 that Netaji announced the formation of India's first independent Government in opposition to the British colonial state which still ruled over the country. Its political opponents may cavil, but the fact remains that Netaji's legacy that of yet another Congress leader of the freedom struggle after Sardar Patel's the BJP has assiduously and many would argue successfully appropriated. JP and Ram Manohar Lohia, not to mention BR Ambedkar, have already been inducted into the BJP's pantheon of icons which is a remarkable achievement given leaders such as BS Hegdegar, MS Golwalkar, VD Sarvakar and SP Mookerji are also well-entrenched there. Indeed, it is a mark of a political organisation which recognises the ideological-political truisms that when its social base expands so must its iconology. Bose's profile has rightly been raised in West Bengal too by the Trinamool Congress after decades of neglect by the Marxists; at the national level, though, it was the Congress which missed a trick, as it were, and the BJP has been astute enough to fill the breach. It is now only to be hoped that the ruling party will not limit its welcome effort to highlight Netaji's legacy merely to further its political ambitions but will initiate a movement based on Bose's ideals of a truly equal India and his vision for a modern India albeit rooted in its civilizational heritage.

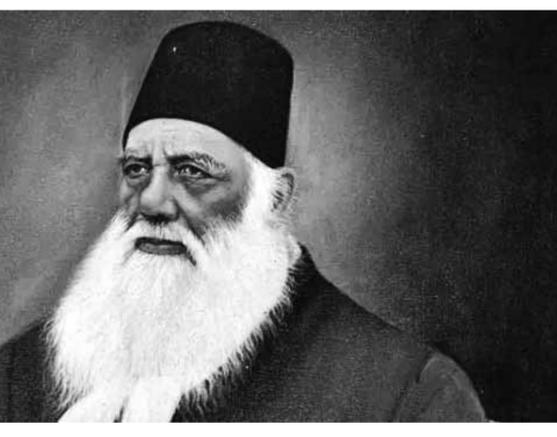
# The real Sir Syed: A British agent

### Contrary to views expressed by those who glorify Sir Syed as a messiah for the Muslim community, he worked ceaselessly for the creation of a separate Muslim nation which proved to be expensive for the community



**BALBIR PUNJ** *Creator of Pakistan, a hero in India?* was the heading of an Article this writer wrote for *The Pioneer* dated October 23, 2017. This made me recall in detail the pivotal role Sir Syed Ahmed Khan played in furthering the divide between Hindus and Muslims in the sub-continent and propagating a paradigm leading to the creation of an Islamic Pakistan. However, efforts to glorify and eulogise him continue unabated, falsifying history and creating a spurious narrative in the process. A case in point is an article, *Sir Syed Khan: The renaissance man*, by Mr MJ Warsi, published in these columns on October 17, 2018. The writer uses all possible adjectives to praise Sir Syed. He has described him as a 'dynamic person, a versatile genius, a scholar, social reformer, educationist, historian, archaeologist and linguist, gifted with rare vision and intellect'. He further adds, "Eventually, Sir Syed

became the man whose destiny had chosen to play the role of a messiah for the community". Mark the word "a messiah for the community", for a man who unabashedly worked to strengthen the British empire, called upon his fellow Muslims to support the foreign masters in the name of Islam, quoted (or misquoted) *Quran* to buttress his thesis that Hindus and Muslims were two separate nations and can never live as equals. The 'messiah' worked ceaselessly for the creation of a separate Muslim nation. His misadventure proved to be expensive for the community. It divided the Muslims of the sub-continent into three separate countries. Sir Syed's biggest contribution is claimed to be the setting up of Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College (MAO) in 1877, which eventually blossomed into the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in 1920. In 1941, Mohammad Ali Jinnah had paid a "handsome tribute" to the AMU students when he described the university as "the arsenal of Pakistan". Addressing the AMU students on August 31, 1941, Liaquat Ali Khan declared: "We look to you for every kind of ammunition to design the battle of independence of the Muslim nation". In 1943, Jinnah had called the Khan "my right hand". For a decade before independence, he was at the centre of all the League's activities. He was the first Prime Minister of Pakistan. In January, 1941, the AMU students union



**SPEAKING IN MEERUT IN MARCH 1888, SIR SYED LAID THE OUTLINE OF A DISASTROUS ROADMAP LEADING TO THE BLOODY PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY IN 1947, AND IN FURTHERING HOSTILITIES BETWEEN HINDUS AND MUSLIMS IN THE SUB-CONTINENT**

passed a resolution that "The best way to achieve Indian freedom and to bring about lasting peace in the country is to strive for the establishment of independent states in the regions of Hindu and Muslim majorities". This divisive AMU mindset has its origins in the "rare vision and intellect" of Sir Syed, described by Warsi as "a versatile genius". Speaking in Meerut in March 1888, Sir Syed laid the outline of a disastrous roadmap leading to the bloody Partition of the country in 1947, and in furthering hostilities between Hindus and Muslims in the sub-continent. Here are excerpts from his speech in which he contemptuously refers to Congressmen as "Bengalis". "The first of all is this — in whose hands shall the Administration and the Empire of India rest? Now, suppose that all the English and the whole English army were to leave India, talking with them all their cannons and their splendid weapons and everything, then who would be rulers of India? "Is it possible that under these circumstances two nations — the Mohammedans and the Hindus — could sit on the same throne and remain equal in power? Most certainly not. It is necessary that one of them should conquer the other and thrust it down. To hope that both could remain equal is to desire the impossible and the inconceivable. "At the same time, you must remember that although the number of Mohammedans is less

than that of the Hindus, and although they contain far fewer people who have received a high English education, yet they must not be considered insignificant or weak. "Probably they would be by themselves enough to maintain their own position. But suppose they were not. Then our Muslim brothers, the Pathans, would come out as a swarm of locusts from their mountain valleys, and make rivers of blood to flow their frontier on the north to the extreme end of Bengal. "This thing — who after the departure of English would be conquerors — would rest on the will of God. But until one nation had conquered the other and made it obedient, peace cannot reign in the land. This conclusion is based on proofs so absolute that no one can deny it. "I believe that the Bengalis (read Congressmen/Hindus) have never at any period held sway over a particle of land. They are altogether ignorant of the method by which a foreign race can maintain its rule over other races. Therefore, reflect on the doings of your ancestors, and do not rest on the British Government to whom God has given the rule of India; and look honestly and see what is necessary for it to do to maintain its Empire and its hold on the country. "You can appreciate these matters, but they cannot who have never held a country in their hands nor won a victory. Oh, my brother Muslims! I again remained you that you have

ruled nations, and have for centuries held different countries in your grasp. For seven hundred years in India you have had imperial sway. You know what it is to rule. Be not unjust to that national which is ruling over you, and think also on this how upright is her rule. "I do not think the Bengali (read Congress) politics is useful for my brother Muslims. Our Hindu brothers of these provinces are leaving us and are joining the Bengalis. Then we ought to unite with that nation with whom we can unite. "No Mohammedan can say that the English are not 'people of the Book'. No Mohammedan can deny this: That God has said that no people of other religions can be friends of Mohammedans except the Christians. He who had read the *Quran* and believes it can know that our nation cannot expect friendship and affection from my other people. (This shall surely find the most violent of all men in enmity against the true believers to be the Jews and the idolaters. And thou shalt surely find those among them to be the most inclinable to entertain friendship for the true believers, who say we are Christians, *Quran*, Chap V)". This is Sir Syed, spelling out his divisive agenda in his own words. Invoking the holy *Quran* to ensure loyalty of Indian Muslims to a colonial power. If he is hailed as an icon, is there hope for the country? (The writer is a political commentator and a former BJP Rajya Sabha MP)

**POINT COUNTERPOINT** *The Government must pass a law to authorise the building of a Ram Mandir in Ayodhya rather than test the patience of society.* —RSS chief MOHAN BHAGWAT *Why did he (Bhagwat) bring up Ram Temple (issue) only before the elections? Why was he silent for the past two years?* —Senior Samajwadi Party leader RAM GOVIND CHAUDHARY

# Justice, but at what cost?

### The apex court's call to bring a law to regulate the legal profession may remain dormant as lawmakers themselves are decorated lawyers who charged exorbitant fees for their services



**PRANAV WAHI** A lawyer, like an engineer, constantly upgrades and builds the society. A lawyer, like a medical practitioner, chronically rehabilitates and heals the impairment caused to the society. They ease the pavement of justice to the citizens and are trusted with fate to uphold their rights and claims. In recent times it's their paychecks which demand the respect attached to their profession and not their integrity and valour. Should they as justice lawyer be paid an exorbitant fee of seven figures? The ongoing struggle of this country has been to make justice accessible to all its citizens. For six decades, the state has been following the fundamental duty to ensure justice for all. The biggest barrier between a claim and its settlement is the cost of the lawyer in this country. And the biggest attraction for lawyers in this industry is also the same fee. AK Goel and UU Lalit in *B Samita V/S State of Telangana* proposed the legislature to opt for flooring and ceiling of fees of advocates. The respondent alleged that the fee charged by her attorney was exorbitant and in violation of the ethics propounded by the Bar. Any claim upon the damages awarded by the court is also in violation of the Advocates Fee Rules. The judgement further throws light on the 131st report dated August 31, 1988, by the Law Commission, which suggested for regulation and standardisation of fees by the member of the legal profession towards the monopolistic character of the profession. It was further interpreted by the court that there is a dire need to strengthen the mechanism to deal with professional misconduct by members of this profession. It was concluded that the success of the administration of justice to a great extent depends on the successful regulation of legal profession confined to the mandate under Article 39A, which promises equal operation of justice to all. As a result to such interpretation, the court urged the Parliament to form legislative framework for flooring and ceiling the fee charged by lawyers. Many countries, such as Germany, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland etc, have adopted a model of remuneration fee for their advocates. This implies that the parties

tions imposed mustn't be arbitrary, should be proportional to the object sought to be fulfilled by the law and justifiable. To combat the need for this restriction, an analysis of the framework is shared below: Arbitrariness: A legislative framework embodying the spirit of regulations of other countries is far from being arbitrary. Law of remuneration of Attorney, 2004 of Germany, Legal Profession Uniform Law Applicable Act, 2014 of Australia, Advocates Remuneration Order, 2015 of Kenya, Advocates (remuneration and taxation costs) rules of Uganda etc, can form the outline to design the remuneration code for fee of an Attorney in India. These regulations not only give a precise monetisation of every service provided by an advocate, but also allows the parties to the contract negotiate a higher remuneration by consent. Proportionality: The object sought to be fulfilled: Price ceiling and flooring has to be done on the basis of current trends and demands of the industry. It shall be done by respective states as the cost of litigation varies inter-state. It would also need regular revision in accordance with the inflation rate. A rationale fee structure needs to be created after a thorough analysis of the pay scale of this group and purchasing power of its consumers which is not discriminatory to either. Justifiability: The profession of law provides a mechanism to shape the norms of society. It ought to be outrageously rewarding. With legal aid programs and *pro bono* schemes, there should be no need to restrict the remittances. Nevertheless, as a person of socio-economic class, the services of a lawyer are considered luxury for its costs and schemes. This regulatory framework shall be seen as an approach to make justice more accessible for every strata of the society and not just the needy. A profession of such sanity shall not remain within the fancies of the wealthy. A suggestion by the apex court might remain dormant as the lawmakers present in the Parliament are themselves decorated lawyers who have charged to the sky for their skill and association. It would rather be surprising if they can fathom the plight of the citizens they work for and make changes to make litigation inexpensive. Regardless, it's a commendable insight pioneered by the apex court in pursuance of its function of promoting justice. (The writer is a fourth-year law student of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi)

# Modi diplomacy redefining India

### Rarely in the recent past has there been any country like India which has been able to extract so many concessions from the US even while successfully meandering through American sanctions against purchase of state-of-the-art defence systems from Russia



**PATHIKRIT PAYNE** In addition to the sanctions imposed previously on Russia by the US Administration in the aftermath of the Ukraine-Russia face-off. Incidentally, under the aegis of the Modi Administration, the S-400 deal is not the first but the second major business deal involving Russia despite American sanctions. The first was the acquisition of age of regional powerhouse which is now evident of its moves and does its homework well before taking calculated risks. More than its efficacy of being a technological marvel, which has the potential to neutralise almost all kinds of aerial threats emanating from China, Pakistan or Pakistan-based radical terror groups, the purchase of S-400 is the pinnacle of India's diplomatic statecraft wherein it meandered most skillfully through the tumultuous contours of American sanctions and yet reached its objective without antagonising too many. Defence deals involving billions of dollars do not happen at the blink of an eye. Signing of contracts is generally preceded by years of hard negotiations. Interestingly, since 2015, even as the Modi Government continued with its price negotiations with Russia for the purchase of S-400 air defence systems, India also simultaneously continued to deepen its relation with the US, which was validated by America declaring India as a 'major defence partner' in 2016. This was followed by India's eventual entry into the coveted Missile Technology Control Regime or MTCR club, Wassenaar Arrangement and Australia Group, albeit with strong support from the US, without which these entries would have been an uphill task. The Modi Administration deserves credit for successfully pursuing the US in supporting India's candidature. Recently, India was also accorded the STA-1 or Strategic Trade Authorisation Level-1 status by the US, thereby paving way for exports of high-tech equipment to India. Additionally, India is now also eligible to avail critical high-end communication and imagery technologies from the US after New Delhi signed the Communication Compatibility and Security Agreement with the US. In between, the Trump Administration renamed the Asia Pacific Command into the US Indo Pacific Command, a reflection of the increasing importance that Washington was giving to the regional powerhouse. All this while, the US was well aware of India's negotiations with Russia on S-400, even as India made it clear



about its reluctance to toe the US line on issues of sanctions on Iran and Russia. Further, it would not be wrong to presume that India also read well the divergence of views that exists between US President Trump and the US Congress on the issue of Russia. During his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Helsinki, Trump tweeted the following, "Our relationship with Russia has never been worse, thanks to many years of US foolishness and stupidity and now, the Rigged Witch Hunt!" Eventually, it was his reluctance to go ahead with the implementation of CAATSA and India's hardball negotiations that were perhaps the reasons for the US Congress to allow provisions for conditional waiver to sanctions on PRATSUSA under the NDDA-2019, specifically for countries like India, in the greater interest of protecting Indo-US alliance. If the US had apprehensions about the confidentiality of radar signatures sold to India, that concern has already been addressed by India through assurances of not sharing any such signature with Russia platform like S-400. After having declared India a 'major defence partner' it would have been difficult for the US to declare sanctions on India. Besides, the American experience of nuclear sanctions on India post nuclear test in 1998 was proof enough that sanctions simply do not work. India did not collapse and on the contrary emerged stronger while the US lost considerable

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business opportunities because of self-imposed sanctions. Eventually, the US was forced to lift the sanctions. Today's India is far bigger economically and more resilient than what it was in 1998. The ball, as is being said, is in American court. It would be interesting to see what Trump eventually does. Reports indicate that the Modi Administration might not just stop at purchase of S-400 system. Also on cards are deeper engagements with Russia with purchase of four additional upgraded Krivak Class frigates, 48 Mi-17V5 helicopters, collaboration on joint production of Ka-226 Helicopters and AK-103 assault rifles in India. Rarely in the recent past has there been any country like India which has been able to extract so much concession from the US even while successfully meandering through US sanctions to buy state-of-the-art defence systems from Russia. If elections could have been won on geopolitical statecraft, then the Modi Administration's diplomatic brinkmanship would have been good enough for him to win the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. (The writer is a New Delhi-based strategic affairs analyst)

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER** Sir — This refers to the editorial, "He had to go" (October 19). MJ Akbar's belated resignation from his post under the duress of growing public clamour seems as a damage limitation exercise. Had the Minister continued to dig in his heels, the Minister would have turned more embarrassing for both the Minister as well as the BJP. Now, he must face the charges of alleged sexual harassment levelled against him by his former female journalist colleagues. Azhar Ali Via web

**KEEP THE LEOPARD ALIVE** Sir — This refers to the article, "Leopards on the prowl again" (October 18) by Hari Shankar Singh. It is true that leopards can thrive with ease in both the urban and big prey. They do not need very large jungle areas or big forests. Even in locations where there are no forests, like in Bera, Jawai in Rajasthan, they seem to live off the cattle and thrive in large numbers. Predators like Leopards are a must where there are no tigers or lions to keep the herbivorous population under control. Estimates of leopard popula-

**PUNISH THE GUILTY** Sir — This refers to the editorial, "He had to go" (October 19). MJ Akbar had to go, not out of his own volition but because he was abroad doing duty for the Government, the timing appears to be appropriate. The journalist-turned-politician had enough on his plate to continue as a Minister of State for External Affairs after allegations were doled out around the neck and fast. But the #MeToo movement proved to be too much for the veteran journalist who is facing a bar-

**MJ Akbar's ouster was imminent** *rage of sexual misconduct allegations from his former female colleagues. Surprisingly, none of Akbar's ministerial colleagues slightly belated but considering he was abroad doing duty for the Government, the timing appears to be appropriate. The journalist-turned-politician had enough on his plate to continue as a Minister of State for External Affairs after allegations were doled out around the neck and fast. But the #MeToo movement proved to be too much for the veteran journalist who is facing a bar-*

*irreparable damage to his reputation. The defamation case filed by the former Minister may or may not go in his favour; but the perception about Akbar as a man of 'many dimensions' will firmly etch in the minds of the people. No doubt, his exit will mean little to the ruling NDA but Opposition parties now have a new weapon to target the Government. All this said, the astounding progress of #MeToo in India is applaudable.* Ganapathi Bhat Akola

*After having declared India a 'major defence partner' it would have been difficult for the US to declare sanctions on India. Besides, the American experience of nuclear sanctions on India post nuclear test in 1998 was proof enough that sanctions simply do not work. India did not collapse and on the contrary emerged stronger while the US lost considerable* Bal Govind Noida

**BETTER COORDINATION** Sir — The train accident in Amritsar is shocking. The gathering of people close to the railway track was a clear case of trespassing as no permission was taken from railway authorities. But lessons must now be taken. Railway authorities, organisers of such functions and local administration must coordinate before permitting such functions. Ramesh G Jethwani Bangalore

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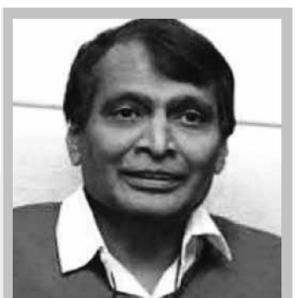
**We were off-loading 75-100 tonnes of onions from the buffer stock in the last ten days. Now, we have decided to release more quantity, at least 200 tonnes, on a daily basis in the wholesale markets. We are going to release buffer stock of onion in the open market till first week of December, by then arrival of new kharif crop will be in full swing**

**Sanjeev K Chadha, Managing Director, NAFED**

# BUZZ FROM GOVT

**One of the problems faced by start-ups is finance. We have called all global players who are into financing. This event (Goa global investors), to be held on December 7, will bring in global players for investment in the sector for the first time**

**Suresh Prabhu, Union Commerce Minister**



## FPIs pull out over \$4 bn from markets in 3 weeks

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Foreign investors have pulled out close to ₹32,000 crore from the Indian capital markets in the first three weeks of this month due to the ongoing global trade tiff, rising crude prices and higher US treasury yields.

This is much higher than the over ₹1,000 crore net outflow seen in entire September. Prior to that, overseas investors had put in a net amount of ₹7,400 crore in the capital markets (both equity and debt) in July-August.

According to the latest depository data, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) sold equities to the tune of ₹19,810 crore during October 1-19 and bonds worth ₹12,167 crore, taking the total to ₹31,977 crore (\$4.3 billion).

FPIs have been net sellers almost throughout this year except a couple of months. However, experts said the swiftness of the exit in October thus far has shaken the market.

Negative sentiments from the global market on concerns over a slowing world economy led by lingering trade war between the US and China triggered the FPI pullout, said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

The sentiment was also



dampened by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) downgrading the outlook for world economy to 3.7 per cent growth earlier this month.

Alok Agarwal, Senior Vice President and Head Investment Analytics at Bajaj Capital, attributed the FPI selling to rise in oil prices and US treasury yields and a tightening of global dollar liquidity.

He further said this is a global phenomena across emerging markets and not limited to India alone. However, the impact of rise in oil prices is higher for India as it imports most of its oil requirement and the matter was further exacerbated by the IL&FS default and the rout in NBFC debt papers, he added.

Vidya Bala, Head of Mutual Fund Research at FundsIndia, said rising rates in

the US, strengthening dollar and higher US earnings have been triggers for money moving out of India and other emerging markets to the US.

Locally, rising oil price, the recent spate of management-related issues in banks and tightening liquidity in NBFCs have been immediate triggers.

Going ahead, Bala said volatility can be expected to continue for other reasons too, like US sanctions on Iran which take effect in November as Iran is a major source of crude oil for India. Besides, India has some key state elections coming up, which could provide cues to FPIs for next year's central elections.

So far this year, FPIs have pulled out over ₹33,000 crore from equities and more than ₹60,000 crore from the debt markets.

## High-level panel to suggest UN model for cross-border insolvency cases: Official

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A high-level panel is likely to recommend a United Nations model for cross-border insolvency cases under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, according to a senior official.

The Insolvency Law Committee (ILC) is looking into the discussion paper related to having the UN model for cross-border insolvency matters as well as the comments received on the paper.

Under the Code, there are provisions to deal with cross-border insolvency matters.

The panel, headed by Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas, is likely to recommend adoption of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) model to deal with such matter. The report is expected to be submitted soon, the official said.

The model would be on the basis of Centre of Main Interests (COMI), which would be defined. In accordance with COMI, the place of main proceedings for cross-border cases would be decided.

Further, the official said it would be essentially a co-operation agreement and the pro-

ceedings would be at one place.

Established in 1966, UNCITRAL is a subsidiary body of the General Assembly of the UN with the general mandate to further the progressive harmonisation and unification of the law of international trade, as per its website.

As per UNCITRAL, 'harmonisation' and 'unification' of the law of international trade refers to the process through which the law facilitating international commerce is created and adopted.

'Harmonisation may conceptually be thought of as the process through which domestic laws may be modified to enhance predictability in cross-border commercial transactions.

'Unification may be seen as the adoption by States of a common legal standard governing particular aspects of international business transactions,' the website said.

In June, the Corporate Affairs Ministry, while coming out with the draft norms, said it was keen to introduce a globally accepted and well-recognised cross-border insolvency framework, fine-tuned to suit the needs of the aspirational Indian economy.

## FinMin extends deadline for filing Sept GST returns to Oct 25

**GSTR-3B of a particular month has to be filed by the 20th day of the subsequent month**

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Sunday extended the deadline for filing summary sales return GSTR-3B for the month of September by five days to October 25.

With this extension, businesses which wish to claim Input Tax Credit (ITC) benefit for July 2017-March 2018 period can do so till October 25.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), under the Finance Ministry, said trade and industry had expressed apprehension relating to October 20 due date for claiming ITC under GST for July 2017-March 2018.

'With a view to give some more time for the same, the last date for furnishing GSTR-3B for the month of September,

2018 is being extended up to 25th October, 2018,' the CBIC tweeted.

The GSTR-3B of a particular month has to be filed by the 20th day of the subsequent month. The deadline for September return filing was October 20.

'The extension of the said due date also implies that the last date for availing of ITC for the period July, 2017 to March, 2018 also gets extended up to October 25, 2018,' the Finance Ministry later said in a statement.

Businesses had expressed concern about the October 20 deadline, saying there would be trouble in reconciling their sales returns with the purchase returns filed by their suppliers.

Since the ITC is availed on the basis of summary sales return or GSTR-3B filed, hence the deadline for ITC claims and GSTR-3B have been kept same.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) was rolled out on July 1, 2017. 'The ministry further said that for those taxpayers who have been recently migrated from erstwhile tax regime to GST regime, the last date for availing ITC for the period July, 2017 to March, 2018, is December 31, 2018 or the date

of filing of annual return whichever is earlier,' the statement added.

PwC India Partner and Leader (Indirect Tax) Pratik Jain said while the businesses which could not file the return by October 20 can avail of the extension, this does not really help most large companies which would have already filed their returns by working overtime.

'Since there is no facility for amendment of the return, these companies can not claim the credit which they might have missed,' he said.

AMRG & Associates Partner Rajat Mohan said the date extension comes as a shock for compliant payers, whereas it would be a tax bonanza for late filers, non-filers and tax evaders.

'It seems that Government has given a date extension (after expiry) only for lifting public perception rather than creating conducive environment for businesses to nurture,' he said.

Jain said the Government should at least extend the due date till November 20 so that credit can be claimed in October return. 'This is extremely critical as amount of credit at stake is huge in many cases,' he added.

## JNPT mulls acquisition of 3 ports in Maha; aims at doubling profits

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Country's largest container port JNPT is mulling to acquire three ports in Maharashtra, as it targets to more than double its profits.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) is also going ahead with its efforts to develop an offshore port at Wadhawan, north of the financial capital.

Union Shipping and Ports Minister Nitin Gadkari told the media persons that the JNPT, which handles more than half of the overall container traffic, is looking to acquire Vijaydurg, Revas and Dighi ports.

It can be noted that of the three, only Dighi is an operational port while the other two are concessions held by corporations with little or no development on the ground.

Gadkari said the Revas

port, where the concession is held by Reliance Industries, is "in problem" and a solution will have to be found in co-ordination with the Maharashtra Government.

The minister also said that the port is in talks to acquire Vijay Kalantri-promoted Dighi Port in Raigad district, which is facing financial trouble and has been undergoing resolution in insolvency courts.

According to reports, the Dighi Port owes over ₹1,600 crore to a consortium of banks led by the Bank of India.

While Gadkari did not elaborate on the Vijaydurg port buy, it can be noted that the port for which concession is held by BJP MP Rajeev Chandrashekar promoted Jupiter Capital will act as the home port for the proposed mega refinery at Nanar, to be built by state-run oil marketing companies.

## Mumbai to host auctions on modern art, automobiles on October 26

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Artworks of masters like M F Husain, S H Raza and F N Souza and memorabilia related to India's finest vintage and classic automobiles will go under the hammer at two auctions here later this week.

Osian's auctions - Indian Modern & Contemporary Fine Arts; and Automobilia: the Art of the Historical Vehicle - will take place on October 26.

Among the 67 lots to be auctioned at the Indian Modern & Contemporary Fine Arts Sale are Ganesh Pyne's 'The Night Watch'; Nicholas Roerich's 'Maitreya Series'; Husain's 'Elephant in Town'; 'Kashmir' and 'Ahmedabad Series'; Raza's 'Paysage Corse Series'; Jamini Roy's 'Cat and Lobster'; 'Landscape' and



'King on a Tiger'; Jehangir Sabavala's 'Still Life with Fruit' and Souza's 'Townscape'.

The automobilia auction will see the sale of select paintings of vintage and classic automobiles and carriages; Hollywood and Indian cinema publicity material related to cars; posters, postcards and letters with an automobile connection.

The opening preview for

both the auctions was held on Saturday.

'Osian's is back to full strength, ready to serve and help rebuild India's cultural infrastructure and the various art and artifacts markets. With the launch of our Historical Vehicles Auction House Division, we are adding a new dimension to our business,' says Osian's Group chairman Neville Tuli.

## 5 of top-10 firms add ₹31K cr in market capitalisation

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Five of the 10 most valued companies in the country together added ₹31,381.39 crore in market valuation last week, with ITC topping the chart.

While HUL, ITC, Infosys, Kotak Mahindra Bank and ONGC saw addition in their market capitalisation (m-cap) for the week ended Friday, TCS, RIL, HDFC Bank, HDFC and SBI finished with losses.

The m-cap of ITC soared ₹16,856.05 crore to ₹3,531,141.45 crore. Kotak Bank's m-cap zoomed ₹5,749.62 crore to ₹2,28,754.68 crore and that of ONGC surged ₹4,941.25 crore to ₹2,066,79.25 crore.

HUL's valuation jumped ₹2,283.7 crore to ₹3,41,841.36 crore and that

of Infosys rose by ₹1,550.77 crore to ₹2,98,185.82 crore.

On the other hand, RIL suffered an erosion of ₹15,687.72 crore to stand at ₹6,98,278.03 crore.

The m-cap of HDFC slumped ₹8,928.55 crore to ₹2,85,319.16 crore and that of HDFC Bank fell by ₹3,586.68 crore to ₹5,34,142.49 crore.

SBI's valuation went down by ₹2,231.14 crore to ₹2,32,797.87 crore and that of TCS declined by ₹506.57 crore to ₹7,19,350.91 crore. In the ranking of top-10 firms, TCS stood at number one position, followed by RIL, HDFC Bank, ITC, HUL, Infosys, HDFC, SBI, Kotak Bank and ONGC.

Over the last week, the BSE key index Sensex fell by 418 points to close at 34,315.63 points on Friday.

## 200 Chinese investors attend seminar on investment in India

PTI ■ BEIJING

A seminar highlighting investment opportunities in India has been organised in the Chinese city of Wuhan to harness the potential for greater trade and investment ties.

The event held on October 19 was part of the Forum on Global Production Capacity and Economic Cooperation, organised by the embassy in coordination with the Hubei Provincial Government.

The seminar was attended by around 200 delegates from more than 120 Chinese companies, mostly from automobile, auto-parts, equipment manufacturing, textiles based in Hubei province as well as media personnel and Government officials, a statement from the Indian Embassy in Beijing said.

## 'People applying for EB-5 visa to circumvent H1-B'



all the laws and then you invest it in US and then that money is used for construction projects like real estate construction and all of that. We have been in this space for the past 16 years our role is to do proper due diligence on the projects because it is not only about investing, but we have to make sure that the developer of the project will not run away.

**How is it different from all other visas?**

EB-5 visa gets you a green card directly, you are not dependent on employer, you are not dependent on admission to a college or anything. This is direct, you are a green card holder, you are like any other US worker. You can start your own business, you can choose not to work. Unless you commit a crime, no one can just throw you out of the country.

**What are the areas where we can invest?**

The last 55 projects we have done were very diverse, we have done it in different areas like New York, Florida, Texas, California and these are a mix of commercial real estate projects, in public-private partnership, we have done naval shipyards. We have built the first private rail road in the state of Florida, we have done hotels, so it has been a mix.

**What is the requirement**

**of money to invest in the United States?**

It is 500,000 dollars or right now 3.5 crore to 3.75 crore.

**Nothing in the agricultural sector?**

No, as agricultural is seasonal, it poses problems because the requirements for EB-5 is that you invest money and then you create 10 American jobs per investor. And if it is a seasonal industry it will be very difficult to create those jobs.

**Does EB-5 visa allow an investor to hire people from his/her own country?**

The jobs are for American; people with green card and they need to be citizens of America.

**What are the trends that you have seen in the EB-5 industry, what are the investor trends that you have seen?**

I have been a part of the industry for the last five years, and as a partner at a law firm previously I used to represent a lot of Indian nationals. So initially back in the day when I used to come to India there were not many investors interested in doing EB-5, there was not much knowledge. And the investors we used to get would be families, where entire family wants to move to US. Now the trend is changing because it has become so difficult to get H1-

B visa etc., what is happening is individuals who are already in US on H1-B visa are also filing for EB-5 visa. Students who are studying there facing difficulty in getting H1-B visa, so they are filing for EB-5 visa instead. So now parents are gifting money to the children and only children are filing because you can only get a family based EB-5 green card if you are under 21, you cannot get it with your parents if you are over 21.

**How do you see the Indian Market? Where particularly you see a lot of aggression when it comes to the EB-5?**

There is a lot of rush from India market because there is a deadline to file these applications, that is December 7th. The last deadline was September 30th which temporarily extended to Dec 7. So, a lot of people are pushing to file before December 7. Additionally, there is an uptake in the number of applications because of the currency devaluation going on. So, if someone was considering applying for EB-5 just 3 months ago to whom you are considering now, their investment amount has increased to 30-45% because of currency devaluation. So, it is becoming more expensive for Indian nationals to file it. Additionally, because of the increase in demand, there is a quota for every country of 700 green cards every

year and if a country exceeds that quota then they will have to wait for next year for the number of visas to open. So, that is also about to happen in India.

**What are the industries that people are actually more interested in?**

Most popular is real estate because primarily EB-5 projects are construction projects because you need to show creation of jobs. And in the real estate project you are building a hotel or something like that, it is easier to see construction workers and the spending.

**If you would like to mention something every off beat like the shipyard that has been set up out there, apart from there if you would like to mention some other off beat projects that has created some jobs out there?**

Off beat yes, the project we did with Philadelphia electric company, they did not use the money to build a power station they used it to overhaul their existing infrastructure. We built the first private rail road in the US and it was a big project. We raised 350 million dollars from 700 investors. So that was a different project. Usually you will find that everyone is building a hotel, but I am scared of hotel projects and the reason is that the valuation fluctuates like anything based on occupancy rate.

## Goa global investors' meet with focus on start-ups in Dec: Prabhu

PTI ■ PANAJI

Global investors will meet in Goa in December to help finance the start-up community in the State, Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu said on Sunday.

He said the Centre was thinking of making Goa as the start-up and logistics hub to create more jobs and that it will also promote agricultural export from the coastal state.

'One of the problems faced by start-ups is finance. We have called all global players who are into financing. This event, to be held on December 7, will bring in global players for investment in the sector for the first time,' Prabhu said.

He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the 'green' building centre at Kudaim Industrial Estate by ACC Cement company in partnership with Goa's ALCON group.

It is a concept introduced by ACC to provide green solutions for building constructions.

Prabhu said the event (to facilitate financing for start-ups) will be held in Goa annually during which the financiers, venture capitalists, investors and growth capital providers will assemble.

'We are thinking of creating a national hub of start-ups

in Goa,' he said, adding that he is also looking forward to see the state become a new hub of 'green ideas'.

'We are working on many things. At the same time we have to create employment for people. If you only talk about green then what happens to people?' he said.

The minister said to create employment and to keep it clean 'we need to think about cleaner ideas'.

Prabhu also said a logistics hub will also be set up in Goa as the state has all the infrastructure required for the facility.

He said when he became the commerce minister, he had logistics as part of the responsibility as for the first time, the prime minister has created a new department for it.

'All logistics-related issues are under my ministry. We are preparing for the first time an integrated logistics plan for India and in that plan, I had said that we will keep a logistics hub in Goa,' he said.

Goa has a port, railway infrastructure and an airport is also being constructed by the Centre (apart from the already existing airport at Dabolim). 'Goa is ideal for creating the logistics hub which will result in huge job creation,' Prabhu said.

**OPEN-ENDED (GROWTH)**

**SCHEME NAV**  
**HDFC MUTUAL FUND**

Index Fund Sensex Plus Plan-Direct Plan	469.996
Index Fund-Sensex Plus (FV-Rs32.161)	462.5623
Index Fund Sensex Plan-Direct Plan	306.1999
Index Fund-Sensex Plan (FV Rs 32.161)	302.8598

**ICICI PRUDENTIAL MUTUAL FUND**

Blended Plan A - Dividend	13.5898
Blended Plan A - Direct Plan Bonus	10.9152
Blended Plan A - Growth	22.7587
Blended Plan A-Direct Plan - Dividend	13.6408
Blended Plan A-Direct Plan - Growth	23.0933

**KOTAK MAHINDRA MUTUAL FUND**

Bluechip Fund - Dividend	31.174
Bluechip Fund - Dividend - Direct	33.929
Bluechip Fund - Growth	207.53
Bluechip Fund - Growth - Direct	220.497
Emerging Equity Scheme - Dividend	21.118
Emerging Equity Scheme - Dividend - Direct	24.451
Emerging Equity Scheme - Growth	34.416
Emerging Equity Scheme - Growth - Direct	36.731
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Bimonthly	20.0732
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Bimonthly Direct	20.2709
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Dividend	10.7524
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Dividend - Direct	11.0562
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Fortnightly - Regular	23.0939
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Growth	25.7284
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Growth - Direct	26.4717
Equity Arbitrage Fund - Fortnightly - Direct	23.569
Equity Opportunities Fund - Dividend	22.581
Equity Opportunities Fund - Dividend - Direct	24.284
Equity Opportunities Fund - Growth	104.197
Equity Opportunities Fund - Growth - Direct	110.77
Equity Savings Fund - Direct - Growth	13.8558
Equity Savings Fund - Direct - Monthly Dividend	11.3139
Equity Savings Fund - Direct - Quarterly Dividend	10.9772
Equity Savings Fund - Regular - Growth	13.4852
Equity Savings Fund - Regular - Monthly Dividend	11.0548
Equity Savings Fund - Regular - Quarterly Dividend	10.8778

**SAHARA MUTUAL FUND**

BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND- GROWTH - Direct	63.7494
BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND- GROWTH OPTION	60.1032
BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND-DIVIDEND - Direct	21.6442
BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND-DIVIDEND OPTION	21.2476
Growth Fund-Dividend	37.3617
Growth Fund-Dividend- Direct	38.0503
Growth Fund-Growth	128.6655
Growth Fund-Growth- Direct	143.7062
Infrastructure Fund FIXED PRICING -Direct-Dividend	20.328
Infrastructure Fund FIXED PRICING OPTION-Direct-Growth	25.2011
Infrastructure Fund FIXED PRICING OPTION-Dividend Option	17.0743
Infrastructure Fund FIXED PRICING OPTION-Growth Option	23.3817
Infrastructure Fund VARIABLE PRICING OPTION-Direct-Div	22.3093
Infrastructure Fund VARIABLE PRICING OPTION-Direct-Growth	27.7442
Infrastructure Fund VARIABLE PRICING OPTION-Div Option	19.942
Infrastructure Fund VARIABLE PRICING OPTION-Growth Option	27.1087
Midcap Fund-Auto Payout	71.3946
Midcap Fund-Auto Payout- Direct	76.2871
Midcap Fund-Bonus	71.3946
Midcap Fund-Bonus- Direct	76.2871
Midcap Fund-Dividend-Direct	31.9594
Midcap Fund-Dividend Plan	31.4874
Midcap Fund-Growth Option - Direct	76.2871
Midcap Fund-Growth Plan	71.3946
Power & Natural Resources Fund - Dividend Option	16.4678
Power & Natural resources Fund- Growth - Direct	20.8016
Power & Natural resources Fund-Growth Option	19.3076
Power & Natural Resources Fund-Dividend - Direct	16.0357
REAL Fund - Dividend Option	19.261
REAL Fund - Dividend Option-Direct	19.6478
REAL Fund - Growth Fund	19.2579
REAL Fund - Growth Fund- Direct	21.2276

Star Value Fund-Dividend - Direct	16.8896
Star Value Fund-Dividend Option	16.6151
Star Value Fund-Growth - Direct	23.0859
Star Value Fund-Growth Option	21.485
Super 20 Fund - Dividend - Direct	16.3573
Super 20 Fund - Dividend Option	18.6546
Super 20 Fund - Growth - Direct	20.2998
Super 20 Fund - Growth Option	18.6727
Wealth Plus Fund-Fixed Pricing Option-Direct-Dividend Option	29.1592
Wealth Plus Fund-Fixed Pricing Option-Direct-Growth	41.1365
Wealth Plus Fund-Fixed Pricing Option-Dividend Option	28.6881
Wealth Plus Fund-Fixed Pricing Option-Growth Option	40.2811
Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Direct -Dividend	34.4842
Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Direct-Growth	48.0798
Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Dividend Option	33.9997
Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Growth Option	46.8964

**SBI MUTUAL FUND**

MAGNUM NRI FLEXASSET PLAN-DIVIDEND	30.3025
MAGNUM NRI FLEXASSET PLAN-GROWTH	30.1918
ONE INDIA FUND - DIV (PREV CLOSE ENDED UPTO 14/01/2010)	10.43
ONE INDIA FUND - GR (PREV CLOSE ENDED UPTO 14/01/2010)	10.43

**OPEN-ENDED (INCOME)**

**DHFL PRAMERICA MUTUAL FUND**

FIXED MATURITY PLAN - SERIES 47 - DIRECT -GROWTH	14.096
FIXED MATURITY PLAN - SERIES 47 - REGULAR - GROWTH	13.9784

**ICICI PRUDENTIAL MUTUAL FUND**

Blended Plan B - Dividend Option - I	15.0425
Blended Plan B - Growth Option - I	23.9631
Blended Plan B - Monthly Dividend Option - I	10.266
Blended Plan B - Daily Dividend Option - I	12.4926
Blended Plan B - Direct Plan - Dividend Option - I	17.7362
Blended Plan B - Direct Plan - Growth Option - I	24.0808
Blended Plan B - Direct Plan - Monthly Dividend Option - I	10.3063
Blended Plan B - Direct Plan - Half Yearly Div Option - I	10.0227
Blended Plan B - Direct Plan - Quarterly Div Option - I	10.7
Blended Plan B - Half Yearly Dividend Option - I	10.3661
Blended Plan B - option I-Bonus	11.9703
Blended Plan B-Direct Plan - Daily Dividend Option - I	12.032
Child Care Plan Study - Cumulative	69.6122
Child Care Plan Study - Direct Plan- Cumulative	72.4243
Dynamic Bond Fund - Annual Dividend	10.6484
Dynamic Bond Fund - Bonus	19.6984
Dynamic Bond Fund - Daily Dividend	10.0171
Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Daily Dividend	10.5669
Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Growth	20.425
Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Half Yearly Dividend	10.2129
Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Monthly Dividend	10.4618
Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Annual Dividend	10.6164
Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Bonus Option	20.23
Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Quarterly Dividend	10.4779
Dynamic Bond Fund - Growth	19.6985
Dynamic Bond Fund - Half Yearly Dividend	10.2388
Dynamic Bond Fund - Monthly Dividend	10.9656
Dynamic Bond Fund - Premium Plus Growth	20.7632
Dynamic Bond Fund - Quarterly Dividend	10.408
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan I - Retail Dividend	10.7894
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan I - Retail Growth	22.5035
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan I - Direct Plan Bonus	12.628
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan I - Growth	17.983
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan I - Direct Plan - Dividend	N.A.
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan I - Direct Plan - Growth	18.0131
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan I - Dividend	10.8172
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan II - Retail Dividend	11.9883
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan II - Retail Growth	22.6497
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan II - Direct Plan - Growth	23.4449
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan II - Dividend	11.8549
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan II - Growth	23.3622
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan III - Retail Dividend	11.7874
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan III - Retail Growth	21.8977
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan III - Direct Plan - Growth	17.7978
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan III - Dividend	10.8352
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan III - Growth	17.7495
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan IV - Retail Dividend	11.6845
Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan IV - Retail Growth	21.7637
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan IV - Dividend	11.7708
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan IV - Direct Plan - Growth	20.4818
Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan IV - Growth	20.4088
Interval Fund - Monthly Interval Plan I - Retail Dividend	10.0016
Interval Fund - Monthly Interval Plan I - Retail Growth	21.1844
Interval Fund Monthly Interval Plan I - Direct Plan - Div	10.0692
Interval Fund Monthly Interval Plan I - Direct Plan - Growth	13.4735
Interval Fund Monthly Interval Plan I - Dividend	10.0015
Interval Fund Monthly Interval Plan I - Growth	13.4637
Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan I - Retail Dividend	10.0025
Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan I - Retail Growth	21.9999
Interval Fund Qtrly Interval Plan - 1 Retail Qtrly Div Payout	10.0022
Interval Fund Qtrly Interval Plan 1 - Direct Plan - Growth	17.6211
Interval Fund Quarterly Interval Plan 1 - Direct Plan - Div	10.0017
Interval Fund Quarterly Interval Plan 1 - Growth	17.5944
Interval Fund Quarterly Interval Plan 1 - Dividend	10.0017
Interval Fund Qtrly Interval Plan 1 Plan - Direct - Qtrly Div Payout	10.0023

Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan II - Retail Dividend	10.0271
Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan II - Retail Growth	22.0296
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval - Direct Plan - Growth	20.0513
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval - Dividend	10.0013
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval - Growth	19.9985
Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan III - Direct Qtrly Div Payout	10.0085
Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan III - Retail Dividend	10.0083
Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan III - Retail Growth	20.7912
Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Plan III - Retail Growth	20.7912
Interval Fund III Quarterly Interval - Direct Plan - Dividend	10.1854
Interval Fund III Quarterly Interval - Direct Plan - Growth	17.5014
Interval Fund III Quarterly Interval - Dividend	10.0061
Interval Fund III Quarterly Interval - Growth	17.4312
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - A - Cumulative	13.9619
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - A - Direct - Cumulative	13.9796
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - A - Direct - Div	10.9291
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - C - Cumulative	14.9423
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - C - Direct - Cumulative	14.9835
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - D - Cumulative	14.9023
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - D - Direct - Cumulative	14.9454
Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - D - Direct - Dividend	10.441
Interval Fund - Series VII - Annual Interval Plan - C - Cumulative	13.774
Interval Fund - Series VII - Annual Interval Plan - C - Direct - Cumulative	13.7979
Interval Fund - Series VII - Annual Interval Plan - C - Dividend	10.8654
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan A - Direct - Qtrly Div Payout	10.2479
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan A - Retail Dividend	10.0016
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan A - Retail Growth	21.1917
Interval Fund II Qtrly Interval Plan A - Qtrly Div Payout	10.0015
Interval Fund II Qtrly Interval Plan A - Direct - Dividend	10.0016
Interval Fund II Qtrly Interval Plan A - Direct Plan - Growth	13.6172
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan A - Dividend	10.0017
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan A - Growth	13.6425
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan A - Retail Qtrly Div Payout	10.224
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan B - Retail Dividend	10.0124
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan B - Retail Growth	20.9682
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan B - Direct Plan - Div	10.0051
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan B - Direct Plan - Growth	14.1819
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan B - Dividend	10.0016
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan B - Growth	14.2363
Interval Fund II Qtrly Interval Plan B - Qtrly Div Payout	10.0016
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan C - Retail Div	10.0038
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan C - Retail Growth	22.1759
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan C - Direct - Div	10.0016
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan C - Direct - Growth	14.0323
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan C - Direct - Qtrly Div Payout	10.2204
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan C - Dividend	10.0039
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan C - Growth	13.9772
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan C - Instl Qtrly Div Payout	10.2061
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan D - Retail Div	10.0799
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan D - Retail Growth	22.795
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan D - Direct Plan - Div	10.0051
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan D - Direct - Qtrly Div Payout	10.1535
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan D - Direct - Growth	17.7073
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan D - Dividend	10.005
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan D - Growth	13.469
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan D - Qtrly Div Payout	10.2309
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan F - Retail Dividend	10.0742
Interval Fund II - Quarterly Interval Plan F - Retail Growth	20.25
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F - Direct Plan - Div	10.0168
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F - Direct - Growth	17.7138
Interval Fund II Qtrly Interval Plan F - Direct Plan - Qtrly Div Payout	10.0095
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F - Dividend	10.1825
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F - Growth	17.716
Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F Retail Qtrly Div Payout	10.0046
Interval Fund IV - Quarterly Interval Plan B - Retail Div	10.0009
Interval Fund IV - Quarterly Interval Plan B - Retail Growth	19.7164
Interval Fund IV Quarterly Interval Plan B - Direct - Div	10.001
Interval Fund IV Quarterly Interval Plan B - Direct - Growth	18.1794
Interval Fund IV Qtrly Interval Plan B - Direct - Qtrly Div Payout	10.2084
Interval Fund IV Quarterly Interval Plan B - Growth	18.1012
Interval Fund IV Quarterly Interval Plan B -Dividend	10.1688
Interval Fund Quarterly Interval Plan - II Retail Qtrly Div Payout	10.234
Interval Fund V - Monthly Interval Plan A - Retail Dividend	10.0033
Interval Fund V - Monthly Interval Plan A - Retail Growth	20.0008
Interval Fund V Monthly Interval Plan A - Direct - Dividend	10.0033
Interval Fund V Monthly Interval Plan A - Direct - Growth	13.9183
Interval Fund V Monthly Interval Plan A - Dividend	10.0033
Interval Fund V Monthly Interval Plan A - Growth	13.8735
MIP - Direct Plan - Dividend Half Yearly	13.6318
MIP - Direct Plan - Dividend Monthly	12.7914
MIP - Direct Plan - Dividend Quarterly	13.8562
MIP - Direct Plan - Growth	49.7829
MIP - Direct Plan Bonus	13.7171
MIP - Dividend Half Yearly	12.8248
MIP - Dividend Monthly	12.3602
MIP - Dividend Quarterly	13.5226
MIP - Growth	48.1366

MIP FUND-Quarterly Dividend	18.1976
Short Term Fund (Direct) - Daily Dividend Option	13.7886
Short Term Fund (Direct) - Dividend Option	10.5717
Short Term Fund (Direct) - Growth Option	25.4682

**JM FINANCIAL MUTUAL FUND**

Income Fund - Bonus Option - Principal Units	19.6104
MIP Fund (Direct) - Bonus Option - Principal Units	25.9834
MIP Fund (Direct) - Dividend Option - Annual Dividend	20.9404
MIP Fund (Direct) - Dividend Option - Quarterly Dividend	19.5151
MIP Fund (Direct) - Growth Option	25.7788
MIP Fund (Direct)- Dividend Option - Monthly Dividend	12.6302
MIP Fund - Bonus Option - Principal Units	24.5085
MIP FUND-Annual Dividend	19.4034
MIP FUND-Growth	24.1503
MIP FUND-Monthly Dividend	11.4362

Banking and PSU Debt - Annual Dividend	16.1842
Banking and PSU Debt - Daily Dividend Reinvestment	10.188
Banking and PSU Debt - Direct Daily Div Reinvestment	10.2604
Banking and PSU Debt - Growth	40.1006
Banking and PSU Debt - Monthly Dividend	10.4758
Banking and PSU Debt Direct - Annual Dividend	17.1427
Banking and PSU Debt Direct - Growth	40.7158
Banking and PSU Debt Direct - Monthly Dividend	10.5771
Bond - Annual Dividend - Direct	22.1441
Bond - Growth - Direct	50.2953
Bond - Quaterly Dividend - Direct	13.6116
Bond Regular Plan Annual Dividend	29.4636
Bond Regular Plan Bonus Plan	30.696
Bond Regular Plan Bonus Plan - Direct	22.7736
Bond Regular Plan Direct HF dividend	40.4758
Bond Regular Plan Growth	48.0908
Bond Regular Plan Quaterly Dividend	10.7542
Bond-Deposit-Dividend	13.6554
Bond-Deposit-Growth	42.9354
Bond Short Term Plan - Direct Plan - Normal Dividend	10.2928
Bond Short Term Plan-(Dividend)	10.0972
Bond Short Term Plan-(Dividend) - Direct	10.9745
Bond Short Term Plan-(Growth)	33.2291
Bond Short Term Plan-(Growth) - Direct	34.6631
Bond Short Term Plan-(Half Yearly Dividend)	12.1131
Bond Short Term Plan-(Half Yearly Dividend) - Direct	12.2962
Coporate Bond Fund- Retail Plan-Growth Option	2034.9063
Corporate Bond Fund- Direct Plan- Growth Option	2415.7805
Corporate Bond Fund- Direct Plan- Monthly Div Option	1102.3818
Corporate Bond Fund- Institutional Plan-Growth Option	2090.4924
Corporate Bond Fund- Regular Plan-Growth Option	2364.5799
Corporate Bond Fund- Regular Plan-Monthly Div Option	1048.7799
Corporate Bond Fund- Regular Plan-Quarterly Div Option	1066.6837
Corporate Bond Fund- Retail Plan- Monthly Div Option	1040.0538
Bond Fund- Retail Plan- Weekly Dividend Option	1052.3061
Bond Fund- Retail Plan-Daily Dividend Option	1052.6393
Bond Fund- Standard Plan-Daily Dividend Option	1052.7994
Bond Fund- Standard Plan-Weekly Dividend Option	1202.9939
Credit Risk Fund - Annual Dividend	10.5464
Credit Risk Fund - Annual Dividend - Direct	15.5018
Credit Risk Fund - Growth	19.576
Credit Risk Fund - Growth - Direct	20.6387
Credit Risk Fund - Monthly Dividend	10.3161
Credit Risk Fund - Monthly Dividend - Direct	10.5415
Credit Risk Fund - Quarterly Dividend	10.7936
Credit Risk Fund - Quarterly Dividend - Direct	10.18
Credit Risk Fund - Weekly Dividend	10.0127
Credit Risk Fund - Weekly Dividend - Direct	10.438
Debt Hybrid - Growth	28.8747
Debt Hybrid - Growth - Direct	30.6472
Debt Hybrid - Monthly Dividend	11.5546
Debt Hybrid - Monthly Dividend - Direct	11.9893
Debt Hybrid - Quarterly Dividend	12.8778
Debt Hybrid - Quarterly Dividend - Direct	13.4754
Dynamic Bond Fund - Daily Dividend - Direct	10.1362
Dynamic Bond Fund - Growth - Direct	23.6115
Dynamic Bond Fund - Quarterly Dividend - Direct	10.7898
Dynamic Bond Fund - Weekly Dividend	

# US TO EXIT RUSSIA NUCLEAR TREATY

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump has announced that the US will pull out of a landmark Cold War-era nuclear arms control treaty with Russia that limited the number of ground-launched medium-range missiles in their arsenals, accusing Moscow of "violating" the deal for many years.

The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty was one of those agreements and is set to expire in the next two years. The 1987 pact helps protect the security of the US and its allies in Europe and the Far East.

It prohibits the US and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying a ground-launched cruise missile with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles. It also covers all land-based missiles, including those carrying nuclear warheads.

"We're going to terminate the agreement and we're going to pull out," Trump told reporters in Nevada when asked about the reports that his National Security Adviser John Bolton wants the US to pull out of the three-decade-old treaty.

The INF treaty was signed between the then US President Ronald Reagan and his USSR counterpart Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987 on the elimination of intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles.

The Pentagon has been supportive of the INF treaty but Defence Secretary James Mattis warned other NATO Ministers earlier this month it would no longer be tenable if Russia did not withdraw its Novator ground-based missile, which the US has argued for nearly four years violates the INF range restrictions.

"We are going to terminate the agreement and then we are going to develop the weapons," unless Russia and China agree to a new deal, the US President said. "Russia has violated the agreement. They have been

## US pull out will be 'very dangerous step', says Moscow

AP ■ ELKO, NEVADA

President Donald Trump says his intention to scrap a landmark arms control agreement Russia follows years of violations by Moscow in developing prohibited weapons, and "we're not going to be the only one to adhere to it." The Kremlin said the pullout "would be a very dangerous step."

Britain said it stood "absolutely resolute" with the US, while Germany called Trump's move "regrettable."

Heiko Maas said in a statement Sunday that the three-decade-old Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty is "an important pillar of our European security architecture" and Trump's announcement "raises difficult questions for us and Europe."

The 1987 pact prohibits the United States and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying a ground-launched

violating it for many years," Trump said.

He asserted that the US is "not going to let them violate a nuclear agreement and go out and do weapons and we're not allowed to."

"We'll have to develop those weapons... They (Russia and China) all come to us and say let's really get smart and let's none of us develop those weapons, but if Russia is doing it and if China is doing it, and we are adhering to the agreement, that is unacceptable," Trump asserted. He said the US will not adhere to the agreement, unless others were violating it. Trump alleged that his pre-

cruise missile with a range of 300 miles to 3,400 miles.

Maas says Germany has repeatedly urged Moscow to "clear up the serious allegations of breaching the INF treaty, which Russia has so far not done."

He says Germany is urging Washington to "consider the possible consequences" of its decision, including for a US-Russian nuclear disarmament treaty beyond 2021.

The 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty helps protect the security of the U.S. and its allies in Europe and the Far East. It bars the United States and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying a ground-launched cruise missile with a range of 300 miles to 3,400 miles.

"Russia has violated the agreement. They have been violating it for many years," Trump on Saturday said after a rally in Elko, Nevada.

decessor Barack Obama had kept quite on this. "I don't know why President Obama didn't negotiate or pull out. And we're not going to let them violate a nuclear agreement and go out and do weapons and we're not allowed to," he said.

"We are the ones that have stayed in the agreement and we have honoured the agreement. If they get smart and if others get smart and they say let's not develop these horrible nuclear weapons, I would be extremely happy with that, but as long as somebody is violating the agreement, we are not going to be the only ones to adhere to it," Trump said.

## JAMAL KHASHOGGI KILLING

# 'Not satisfied' with Saudi account: Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump has said he is "not satisfied" with Saudi Arabia's account of the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, but asserted that he would not like to scrap an \$110 billion arms deal with Riyadh despite a global outrage over the dissident scribe's brutal killing.

Saudi Arabia in a statement on Saturday said Khashoggi (60) died following a "fist-fight" at its consulate in Istanbul on October 2, without disclosing any details on the whereabouts of his body.

Turkish officials believe Khashoggi — a critic of the Saudi Government — was murdered and his body dismembered. "I'm not satisfied until we find the answer," Trump said, adding sanctions were a possibility, but that halting an arms deal would "hurt us more than it would hurt them."

"It is something that we don't like. It's very serious stuff. And we're going to get to the bottom of it and will make that determination," Trump told reporters in Nevada.

Trump said it was "possible" that the powerful Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman did not know about the killing. His comment came when asked about his previous statement that he would be considering severe consequences for Saudi Arabia following the journalist's death.



## ...US, Saudi tensions rise

Istanbul, Oct 21 (AP) Saudi Arabia's crown prince "crossed a line" in the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and must pay a price, a leading US Senate Republican said on Sunday, in a sign of growing tensions between the United States and its Gulf ally.

Bob Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he believed Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi royal known as MBS, was behind the killing of Khashoggi, who vanished after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on October 2. Pro-government media in Turkey have reported that a hit squad travelled from Saudi Arabia to kill the Saudi critic.

## We don't know where body is: Saudi FM

Washington: Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said on Sunday the kingdom did not know where the body of slain journalist Jamal Khashoggi was, despite admitting to the killing and calling it a "tremendous mistake."

Speaking in an interview on Fox News, Jubeir said the Saudi leadership initially believed Khashoggi had left its consulate in Istanbul, where he was last seen on October 2.

But following "reports we were getting from Turkey," Saudi authorities began an investigation, which discovered he was killed in the diplomatic mission. "We don't know, in terms of details, how. We don't know where the body is," Jubeir said, adding the Saudi public prosecutor had put out orders to detain 18 individuals, "the first step in a long journey." AFP

## TURKEY VOWS TO REVEAL 'TRUTH'

Istanbul: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed on Sunday to reveal within days the "naked truth" over the death of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

US President Donald Trump has refused to take a harsh stance against Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whom the US leader has defended as an invaluable trade partner even as world powers demand answers over the October 2 killing of Khashoggi, a vocal critic and Washington Post columnist who fell out of favour with Riyadh.

But the Saudi foreign minister, Adel al-Jubeir, insisted on Sunday that Prince Mohammed was "not aware" of the killing and that the kingdom does not know where the body is. AFP

## Turkey to quiz more witnesses

Istanbul: Turkish prosecutors have summoned more witnesses to testify as part of the investigation into the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, local television reported on Sunday.

Twenty-five more people will be quizzed as witnesses, the private NTV broadcaster said, without providing any further details.

On Friday, prosecutors questioned staff members of the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul inside Istanbul's main courthouse, including the consulate driver, technicians and accountants. AFP

## Saudi explanation not credible: UK

London: Britain said Saudi Arabia's account of the death of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi inside its Istanbul consulate is not credible and the culprits must be "held to account".

After a fortnight of denials, Saudi authorities admitted the Washington Post columnist, a prominent critic of powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, was killed after entering the consulate in Turkey. But it has faced growing chorus of incredulity over its belated explanation that he died in a "brawl", as world powers demand answers and whereabouts of his body. AFP

# Khashoggi's fiancée writes him parting message

IANS ■ ANKARA

The fiancée of journalist Jamal Khashoggi has published a final message to him, after Saudi authorities admitted he was killed at the country's consulate in Istanbul, the media reported on Sunday.

"They took your bodily presence from my world. But your beautiful laugh will remain in my soul forever. My darling #jkhshoggi," she wrote on Twitter Saturday evening.

Attached to the tweet is a video of Khashoggi giving a TV documentary

interview, reports CNN.

He is shown being interrupted by a cat which hops on his lap, making him laugh heartily.

"You should leave this in the film," a smiling Khashoggi tells the journalist. Cengiz, who was waiting outside the consulate when Khashoggi entered the building, had not previously accepted that he had died.

Khashoggi had gone to the consulate on October 2 to conduct paperwork that would allow for the two of them to be married.

In the event that he did not emerge,

Khashoggi had told Cengiz to call his friend Turan Kislacki, the head of the Turkish Arab Media Association.

"I do not know if Jamal is inside. I want to know where Jamal is. Did they detain him? Did they kidnap him? Is he imprisoned?" Cengiz told CNN outside the consulate, a day after his disappearance.

At the time, she asked media outlets not to name her. "What is he eating? What is he drinking? Does he deserve this? He is not a terrorist. He is an analyst and a journalist,"

she added. A journalist and former royal court insider, Khashoggi has been a prominent critic of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto ruler, since he went into self-exile in June 2017.

A day after Saudi Arabia's public admission of his death, Turkish media released CCTV footage apparently showing Khashoggi and Cengiz hand-in-hand, entering an apartment building where the journalist had just bought a property for the couple.

## Trump: Obama did nothing despite FBI's advise on Russian meddling

Washington: US President Donald Trump has alleged that his predecessor Barack Obama had done nothing despite being advised by the FBI on likely Russian meddling in the 2016 Presidential elections.

He was responding to a question on the Russian meddling in the US elections after a rally in Nevada on Saturday, ahead of next month's midterm polls. Russia, however, has denied the allegations.

"I've already said that. I always say this an you've heard me say this many times... President Obama was contacted by the FBI in September, long before the election in November, and they told him there may be meddling by the Russians, and he did nothing about it, because he thought Hillary Clinton would win," Trump said.

He said the present Government has taken adequate steps to "protect" the upcoming elections. "He (Obama) did nothing... He didn't lift a finger — he didn't spend a dime. We've done a lot to protect the elections coming up very shortly," Trump said. PTI



## 22 dead after train flips in Taiwan

Yilan: At least 22 people have died after an express train derailed and flipped over on a popular coastal tourist route in Taiwan on Sunday, the island's worst rail accident for more than 20 years.

Taiwan's railways administration confirmed 22 people had been killed and said 171 people had been injured, 10 seriously, in the accident in northeastern Yilan county. Authorities have not con-

firmed if any passengers remain trapped alive inside the train. An AFP reporter at the scene said that more bodies were being brought out of the wrecked carriages.

Images from the site showed the Puyuma Express train completely derailed and lying zig-zagged across the track. All of the train's eight carriages had derailed and five had flipped onto their side near Xinma station, the railways

administration said.

"There are four carriages that were overturned at 90 degrees and the worst casualties were in those carriages," Jason Lu, head of the Taiwan Railways Administration told reporters. "The exact cause of the accident is pending investigation," he added.

Chang Yi-long, 62, said he had "heard a loud bang" as he was working at a construction site nearby. AFP

## Yameen's defeat in Maldives election upheld by SC

AFP ■ COLOMBO

The Maldives' top court Sunday ended weeks of uncertainty by rejecting President Abdulla Yameen's controversial bid to annul last month's election results, upholding his landslide defeat to an Opposition candidate.

The five-judge Supreme Court Bench unanimously ruled that Yameen had failed to prove his claim that the election was rigged and a fresh poll was necessary in the Indian Ocean archipelago. Under international pressure, Yameen initially conceded defeat after Ibrahim Mohamed Solih emerged the winner in September 23 poll. But strongman ruler then filed an appeal, throwing the island nation into turmoil and attracting warnings from the US and regional superpower India to respect outcome.

Opposition activists celebrated outside the Supreme Court in the Capital Male after the decision was

read out, effectively drawing a line under Yameen's five years of iron-fisted rule.

Opposition legislator Mariya Didi said Yameen — who lobbied the Supreme Court in 2013 to nullify election results in his favour — should now allow a smooth transition of power.

"We are pleased that the court ruled unanimously to uphold the will of the people," Didi said on Twitter.

"The case was based on conjecture and conspiracy theories," Yameen claimed magic ink had been used to rig the election and that votes marked for him disappeared inside ballot boxes.

The country's independent Elections Commission, through its lawyers, had argued his petition was based on false allegations and should be dismissed. The Supreme Court last week refused to accept testimony of three unnamed witnesses that Yameen's lawyers said will the election was fixed. PTI

## Girl gamers more likely to pursue science, math degrees

London: Girls who play video games are three times more likely to choose physical science, technology, engineering or maths (PSTEM) degrees compared to their non-gaming peers, a study has found.

Researchers from University of Surrey in the UK found that 13-14 year old girls classed as 'heavy gamers' — those playing over nine hours a week — were three times more likely to pursue a PSTEM degree. Study, published in journal Computers in Human Behaviour, also found that all of girls who were already in PSTEM degrees were also gamers.

However, the same could not be said for boys where a similar amount of gamers existed regardless of degree type, leading to thoughts that boys experience far less pressure to conform to the video gamer stereotype if they were studying a PSTEM degree. Anesa Hosein, who led the study, believes that identifying and targeting certain female groups early may be a way to encourage more to study it at degree level and beyond. PTI

## GLOBE TROTTERING

### AFGHANISTAN VOTE FOR 2ND DAY AFTER ATTACKS

Kabul: Afghanistan's parliamentary elections entered a second day after delays caused by violence and technical issues, as a roadside bomb killed nearly a dozen civilians on Sunday, including several children.

### EBOLA DEATH TOLL RISES TO 200 IN CONGO

Kinshasa: The death toll in the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has risen to 200, the Health Ministry has said. According to statistics released by the Ministry on Saturday, of the 200 cases confirmed in Beni and surrounding areas, 117 have died of the virus while 61 others recovered after treatment. Xinhua news agency reported.

### NIKKI HALEY MOCKS PRESIDENT TRUMP

New York: Indian-American Nikki Haley, the outgoing US Ambassador to the UN, has poked fun at President Donald Trump's inflated ego and his cultural ignorance, days after announcing that she would be leaving her position representing America at the world body.

### 11 MISSING AFTER SHIP SANK OFF CHINESE COAST

Beijing: At least 11 people went missing after a ship carrying sand sank in China's Liaoning province on Sunday, according to official Chinese media. The incident occurred around 3 am, the state-run Xinhua reported.

### FORMER DUTCH PM KOK DIES AT 80

The Hague: Former Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok, a trade unionist-turned-politician who inspired a new breed of pragmatic Social Democratic leaders who swept to power in Europe in the 1990s, has died at 80.

### OZ PM RULES OUT EARLY POLL AFTER BY-POLL BLOW

Sydney: Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison pledged on Sunday his embattled Government would serve out a full term despite the conservative coalition looking set to lose its majority after a voter backlash in a crucial Sydney by-election.

## Air quality gets better in nearly 350 Chinese cities

Beijing: More than half of China's cities saw air quality improve year-on-year in September, the Chinese Environment Ministry has said. The average density of PM 2.5 stood at 25 micrograms per cubic metre in September in 338 cities, down 16.7 per cent from the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

These cities enjoyed good air quality on 90.8 per cent of the days last month, up 2.6 per cent, Xinhua news agency said. The world's most populous nation has over 600 cities and is grappling with chronic pollution which kills about one million people annually. China is the world's biggest coal producer and alone burns

half of it, leading to severe pollution. The country is also the largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world. However, the Government has cracked down heavily on the polluting industries, shutting many of them. In July, the Government released a three-year action plan to tackle the problem.

It also punishes top officials for not doing enough to rein in pollution. Beijing is no longer the world's most polluted city.

In the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the share of days with good air quality in September stood at 79.2 per cent, while the PM 2.5 density of the region dropped by 33.3 per cent on year to 36 micrograms per cubic metre, the Ministry was quoted by Xinhua as saying. PTI

## Eating spinach, beetroot could help prevent vision loss

Sydney: Eating vegetable nitrates, found mainly in green leafy vegetables and beetroot, could prevent macular degeneration, a common cause of vision loss in people over age 50, new research has found.

People who ate between 100 to 142 mgs of vegetable nitrates each day had a 35 per cent lower risk of developing early age-related macular degeneration (AMD) than people who ate less than 69 mgs of vegetable nitrates each day, showed the findings published in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Spinach has approximately 20mg of nitrate per 100g, while beetroot has nearly 15mg



of nitrate per 100g.

"This is the first time the effects of dietary nitrates on macular degeneration risk has been measured," said lead researcher Bamini Gopinath from Westmead Institute for Medical Research in Australia. For the study, the

researchers interviewed more than 2,000 Australian adults aged over 49 and followed them over a 15-year period.

"If our findings are confirmed, incorporating a range of foods rich in dietary nitrates — like green leafy vegetables and beetroot — could be a simple strategy to reduce the risk of early macular degeneration," Gopinath said.

The research did not show any additional benefits for people who exceeded 142mgs of dietary nitrate each day. Age is the strongest known risk factor for AMD and the disease is more likely to occur after the age of 50. There is currently no cure for the disease. IANS

## Heart patients should take walk breaks every 20 mins: Study

Toronto: Heart patients should engage in light physical activities such as standing up or walking at casual pace for about seven minutes after every 20 minutes of sitting at a computer or watching television, suggests new research.

Previous research has shown that being sedentary for long periods could shorten life but taking breaks to move around may counteract the risk, particularly if it means burning more than 770 kcal a day.

This study, presented at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) 2018 in Toronto, investigated how many breaks, and for what

duration, are needed to expend 770 kilocalorie.

"Our study shows that heart patients should interrupt sedentary time every 20 minutes with a 7 minute bout of light physical activity," said study author Ailar Ramadi from University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

"Simple activities such as standing up and walking at a casual pace will expend more than 770 kcal in a day if done with this frequency and duration," Ramadi added. The study enrolled 132 patients with coronary artery disease. The average age was 63 years and 77 per cent were male. IANS

Trend Glazer

Lara refuses work offer from Mukesh

Actress **LARA DUTTA BHUPATHI** has turned down a work offer from the casting company of **Mukesh Chhabra**, one of the accused of sexual harassment amid the #MeToo wave. Lara's husband **Mahesh Bhupathi** made the revelation in an open letter on Twitter, urging people to "stop engaging" with those who are sexual offenders. He wrote: "Two days ago my wife got an offer through Mukesh Chhabra's company. She wanted my feedback. I asked if she wanted to empower his company even after hearing the news. Her reaction was that the digital platform hadn't really pulled back business from him either. Later, she told them that she wouldn't accept work through this company specifically. I think she did the right thing."



**'Nothing has changed over the years. I still work with my heart. Some people take me in the films thinking it will change their life or film. Sometimes**

**I look at the banner, or the script or at the director. But emotions is something I am associated with.'** —**Jackie Shroff**



Actress **PRIYANKA CHOPRA** is excited about her friend **Meghan Markle's** pregnancy, and hopes that the Duchess of Sussex's new



phase is "amazing." "I would, as a friend, just say that I'm really excited for her," said Chopra. "I think this is a new phase in every woman's life, and I hope hers is as amazing as she wants it to be," added the *Quantico* actress who had also attended Markle and Prince Harry's royal wedding in May. She and Markle have been close for several years now.

Avril doesn't regret marriages

Singer **Avril Lavigne** said she does not regret marrying musicians **Chad Kroeger** and **Deryck Whibley**, who are now her former husbands. Lavigne said, "I love love. The way I looked at it is I married my long-terms." Recalling her initial reaction to the collaboration suggestion with Kroeger, she said, "He's had a ton of hit songs. He plays guitar. This could be great. A month later, I had a 14-carat ring on my finger." The 43-year-old rocker quickly caught her attention when he



arrived for their first studio session with a \$3,000 bottle of Screaming Eagle wine. She said: "(I thought) I'm in love." She said around 75 per cent of her inkings were done in tandem with other people, including two she has with Whibley, a musical note and a number 30 to mark the Sum-41 rocker's 30th birthday, which fell after they had split.



HINT OF SPICE

Fragrances are no longer limited to floral and fruity accents. Notes like coffee, chocolate and more are making their way in. By TEAM VIVA

The source of fragrances has moved from the gardens and woods to the kitchen with gourmand elements like candy, chocolate, vanilla or honey making it into our perfume bottles. While floral and fruity notes have been dominating our olfactory sense for a long time, a wider palette including ingredients like saffron, coffee, edamame or rock salt have seeped in.

"We've blended spices, white flowers, ouds with coffee, gourmet notes and fruity tones to project the right mood and bring out the true Indian essence with a contemporary mix," said Phillipine Coutiere, perfumer at Firmenich, which is now retailing here.

More and more companies are seeking to go beyond the floral and fruity for summer and warm and spicy for winter. The fragrance notes today sound like shopping lists. Brands like Witness YSL has on its list a Black Opium with a coffee note, while L'Occitane En Provence's Arlésienne is saffron-spiked. There are those who are peddling mineral scents for the summer. Companies want to sell luxury in beautiful bottles but the product on offer is as diverse as the market. However, florals are here to

stay and most perfumes have floral scents. Experimentation has also led to perfumes with leather and smoky scents. Subtle use of saffron is being attempted in India and it already has a strong presence in the Middle East. While its use is on the rise, it is still a very niche ingredient, perhaps because of how little it grows in India. Adding rock salt, say experts, increases the nuance but to mention it in the fragrance note is a marketing tactic. Fragrances like green tea are being added in a higher dose in the formulations, no doubt for the same reason. Ingredients like chocolate and candy floss have been used for a long time but in perfumery parlance there is an overdose of it in the fragrances, said Rajiv Sheth, CEO of All Good Scents.

It is believed that gourmet perfumes became famous in 1992 with the creation of Angel, which had chocolate caramel accents and since then tonka beans and vanilla licorice have also made their space in luxury brands like Jean Paul Gaultier. One of the best effects that gourmet perfumes have are in decreasing anxiety rate.

There are other sales pitches too. Seasons have a profound



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effect on us so it's good to change your fragrance as they change, feels Manoj Arora, managing director, Sacheerome. "We often seek different sensations from the fragrances we wear depending on the time of year. In autumn, we tend to favour scents that are cocooning and enveloping, and this gives us an opportunity to enjoy the warmth of spices combined with a woody smell or we seek the more sensual pleasures. These ingredients convey the luxuries we favour when the temperature gets colder and the nights darker."

Another trend that has taken

over the West and slowly coming to the East is customisation of the perfume. "Bespoke perfumery is expensive and limited to occasions in India. For individuals, it has not become popular yet," said Sheth. Perfumes are genderless, he believes and segregating them for men and women is only a marketing strategy. In his perfumes, he seeks simplicity and quality than complex notes and creates for the modern contemporary Indian. With not enough awareness about perfumery in India, there are those like Sheth who provide master classes and workshops too.

Fragrances are also healing for the body and the mind. Their influence is not limited to the cosmetic use. For instance, sandalwood and lavender helps to calm down while jasmine helps make a person feel good.

With the global luxury perfume market expected to grow at a Compound annual growth rate of 8.33 per cent during the period 2017-2021 brands are trying to innovate themselves to create experiences, cater to the young crowd that finds appeal in the visual marketing. Since, it is an aspirational product marketing plays a very important part in sales too.



TV actor makes wild card entry

**Saath Nibhaana Saathiya** fame **ROHIT SUCHANTI** enters the Bigg Boss House

Bigg Boss is a reality show with intrigue, mystery and real emotions, all rolled in one. To win one season, contestants have to go through a dramatic roller coaster with each episode. Actor Rohit Suchanti has received the opportunity of a lifetime to enter the house almost a month after season 12 began. Rohit says that he's very

**ROHIT SAYS THAT HE'S VERY EXCITED TO SEE WHAT'S GOING TO COME HIS WAY**

excited to see what's going to come his way. He sees this platform as a big opportunity and says, "It's very important as it's a great chance for me to make a place for myself as an individual." The wild card contestant says, "I am so thrilled that I can't wait to enter the house. I'll completely be myself there and will have fun."

Rohit doesn't seem to have any expectations before entering the house. He says, "As I see them all playing, my expectation level has come to zero. I don't really have anything to expect from the contestants already present in the house."

The TV actor adds, "I am pretty much prepared for all the drama. It truly depends on the way you play the game. Let's see how it goes. I have been following the show since it started to prepare."

WEBBED

HOUSE OF CARDS

Golden Globe winner and Emmy Award nominee Robin Wright returns as President of the United States in the award-winning, landmark series *House of Cards*. Wright is joined by Academy Award nominees Diane Lane and Greg Kinnear as well as Cody Fern this season alongside Emmy Award nominee Michael Kelly, Jayne Atkinson, Academy Award nominee Patricia Clarkson, Emmy Award Nominee Constance Zimmer, Derek Cecil, Campbell Scott and Boris McGiver.

Melissa James Gibson and Frank Pugliese continue as showrunners for season six, and they serve as executive producers along with Robin Wright, David Fincher, Joshua Donen, Dana Brunetti, Eric Roth, Michael Dobbs and Andrew Davies. Created for television by Beau Willimon. *House of Cards* is produced by Donen/Fincher/Roth and Trigger Street Productions, Inc. in association with Media Rights Capital for Netflix.

The final chapter of the *House of Cards* will launch on November 2.



SELECTION DAY

*Selection Day*, based on Aravind Adiga's novel of the same name is a coming-of-age drama about two brothers who are raised by their strict, obsessive father to be star cricket players in India. It's a moving story about ambition, love, acceptance and finding your own path.

Fourteen-year-old Manju is destined for cricket greatness. There's only one problem, he hates cricket. Controlled from a young age by his overbearing and cricket-obsessed father, Manju's main role in life is to support his older brother and fellow cricket star, Radha. When the family moves to Mumbai and the brothers start at a new school, Manju discovers his interests outside of cricket and starts slipping away from Radha and his father's grasp. More importantly, Manju becomes friends with Radha's greatest cricket rival, a boy who is the very definition of freedom and confidence — concepts Manju has never experienced himself.

The show stars Mahesh Manjrekar, Ratna Pathak Shah, Rajesh Tailang, and introduces newcomers Yash Dholye and Mohammad Samad as brothers Radha and Manju Kumar.

The series launches globally on December 28.



TECH TALK

Tracking fake news accounts

As the elections are round the corner, Facebook has launched its new 'War Room' to reduce the spread of misleading content

In line with its efforts to prevent misuse of its platform during elections, Facebook has set up a 'War Room' to reduce the spread of potentially harmful content.

Facebook faced flak for not doing enough to prevent spread of misinformation by Russia-linked accounts during the 2016 US presidential election. The social networking giant has rolled out several initiatives to fight fake news and bring more transparency and accountability in its advertising since then.

The launch of the first war room at its headquarters in Menlo Park, California, is part of the social network's new initiatives to fight election interference on its platform.

Although Facebook opened the doors of the war room ahead of the general elections in Brazil and mid-term elections in the US, it revealed the details only this week.

The goal behind setting up the room was to get the right subject-matter experts from across the company in one place so they can address potential problems identified by its technology in real time and respond quickly.

"The room has over two dozen experts from across the company — including from our threat intelligence, data science, software engineering, research, community operations and legal teams," said Samidh Chakrabarti, Facebook's director of product management, civic engagement.

"These employees represent and are supported by more than 20,000 people working on safety and security across Facebook," Chakrabarti added.

Facebook said its dashboards offer real-time monitoring on key elections issues, such as efforts to prevent people from voting, increases in spam, potential for-



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election interference or reports of content that violates our policies.

The War Room team also monitors news coverage and election-related activity across other social networks and traditional media in order to identify what type of content may go viral. These preparations helped a lot during the first round of Brazil's presidential elections, claimed Facebook.

The social networking giant said its technology detected a false post claiming that Brazil's Election Day had been moved from October 7 to 8 due to national protests.

While untrue, that message began to go viral. But the team quickly detected the problem, determined that the post violated Facebook's policies, and removed it in under an hour.

"And within two hours, we'd removed other versions of the same fake news post," Chakrabarti said.

The team in the War Room, Facebook said, also helped quickly remove hate speech posts that were designed to whip up violence against people from Northeast Brazil after the first round of election results were called. "The work we are doing in the room builds on almost two years of hard work and significant investments, in both people and technology, to improve security on Facebook, including during elections," Chakrabarti said.

Facebook said that it was planning to set up a task force comprising "hundreds of people" ahead of the 2019 general elections in India.

"With the 2019 elections coming, we are pulling together a group of specialists to work together with political parties," said Richard Allan, Facebook's Vice President for Global Policy Solutions.

Facebook has also set a goal of bringing a transparency feature for political ads — now available in the US and Brazil — to India by March next year, Allan informed. With the new architecture in place, people would be able to see who paid for a particular political ad.

# RISE LIKE A PHOENIX

Abandoned by her husband, ASMA BIBI raised five children single-handedly, provided them with an education, while running her business all on her own. By SADAF ZAREEN



Sometimes it is important to dream big to be successful in life, it can be more exciting than just possessing bookish knowledge. Often people remain confined to the four walls of their house because they feel that they cannot do anything in life and people will mock them. This tendency is mostly seen in women, especially in rural areas. In fact, this mentality is due to the social environment where because of lack of education women are only considered to be objects of sexual pleasure and reproduction. This is a major reason for women not even dreaming of moving forward. Education is very important for women and our society is unable to provide it.

In fact, education is an important factor for the advancement of any society. It explains the difference between right and wrong and arouses curiosity in the mind. Annals of history have tales of many educated

women playing important roles in preparing social structures with enthusiasm. Despite their achievements, the present stratum of society makes fun of them. But in our society, there are many women like Asma Bibi who, despite being uneducated, have been able to make their own distinct identity. She lives in a small village in Rohtas district of Bihar, cannot read or write a single alphabet in any language but through her own initiative has become an example of women's empowerment.

Parents of 50-year-old Asma Bibi, living in Akbarpur village, located at Dehri in Rohtas district, were illiterate too and kept their daughter away from acquiring any form of education. She was married off at an early age and had six children one after another. Her husband started spending all the household earning on liquor and used to beat

**THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY IS NOT UNDERSTOOD, WHICH IS WHY THEY CONSIDER IT THEIR FATE TO WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF INHUMAN LAWS MADE BY MEN**

her up when she would refused to give him any money. Her life continued to go on despite the problems until she got a shock one day when her eldest son went missing. Her husband had by then moved away to a city in search of a job and never returned. But she did not give up hope. She kept trying to find her son. After losing both husband and son, she took up the responsibility of improving the condition of her household and raising her remaining five children. She started doing sweeping and swabbing in houses and with that money she started buying women's makeup items and other accessories from the city to sell in the village. Even though she could not read the name of the station, Asma Bibi used to go to Ferozabad to buy items at cheap rates. At the same time she started traveling further and further in the hope of finding her son.

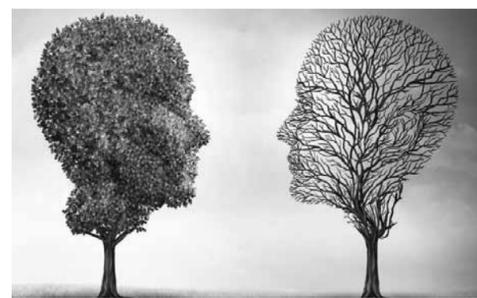
Asma was keen to learn to read, whether it was in Hindi, English or Urdu. She faced ridicule for saying the words wrong but that did not discourage her. She realised the need for education and was determined to educate her children. Along with managing the expenses of the house, she started raising money for her children's education. She enrolled her three daughters in school and sent her two sons to a large Madrasa (Institute for Islamic Studies) in Aurangabad to receive religious education. She got the admission forms and new updates about schools and colleges. She would even ensure she found out about scholarship schemes and other government schemes to be able to provide her children with the best education.

Asma Bibi, without any support from anyone, has changed the living conditions of not only her own life but also her children's lives for the better because of her courage, hard work and enthusiasm.

The circumstances in which they live today have changed completely from what it was earlier. She made sure that her daughters completed their graduation. She was able to get her daughters' married into good homes because they were well educated. Eight years later, her missing son returned home and to help him to earn a living Asma has taken a loan to send him to Saudi Arabia for work. The younger son is a Hafeez (one who recites the Holy Quran by heart). Her desire to read is still very much alive even today and she is learning to read the Quran and has also learnt Urdu from her son.

In fact, Asma Bibi today has become an example for those women who give up their dreams and lose heart by throwing away their desire of becoming someone great or of achieving knowledge. When they think of themselves as weak they allow people to exploit them both physically as well as mentally. The importance of education and the rights of women in society is not understood, which is why they consider it their fate to walk in the footsteps of inhuman laws made by men. However, with changing times this mentality of society is gradually changing. But a lot needs to be done in rural areas.

—Charkha Features



## CLEANSE THE MIND

Mental pollution is causing the environmental one as well, says RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJ JI

Today, every country is facing the consequences of pollution, contamination or abuse of air, water, food and even space on a very large scale but they are not able to find a foolproof solution to this dangerous threat for humanity. Since environmental pollution has been the focus of public attention the last couple of years it is now being increasingly realised that man has wantonly and cruelly been treating the planet and ravaging and ruining the atmosphere. The denudation of forests, the poisoning of lakes and rivers with pesticides and industrial wastes, the pollution of atmosphere with smoke from automobiles and factory chimneys and the overuse of chloro-fluorocarbons, resulting in the depletion of ozone, have brought the world to the brink of an environmental ruin. Environmental scientists now warn that the accumulation of Co2 in the atmosphere would not only result in the green-house effect but would also result in increase in the planet's average temperature from 3° F to 9° F and this would cause the oceans to rise by several feet, flooding coastal areas and ruining huge areas of farmlands and triggering other calamities. It is, therefore, being suggested now that the industries must re-examine their production processes so that the industrial wastes and the smoke from their chimneys can be reduced and that waste products must be recycled and that means of mass transport be encouraged in place of automobiles for individuals or families.

If we look up for the dictionary meaning of word pollution, we may find something like 'to destroy purity of; to contaminate'. However, we humans are only aware of the material pollution in the branches of the polluted tree and we have totally disregarded the seed or root of thought pollution, which gave growth to that tree. So without destroying the root basis of pollution, the source can never be purified. Infact it won't be an exaggeration to say that the problem of environmental pollution is actually due to pollution of man's mind which is full of selfishness, jealousy, greed, anger, etc. The problem of ecological imbalance is due to our mental imbalance, and the disequilibrium in nature is due to disequilibrium in our mind.

Secondly, we must understand that the problem of pollution is linked with the problem of population increase. To meet the demands of the growing population, more and more electricity, fuel, energy, automobiles, wood, water, paper and industries are needed and all these act badly on the environment. Also, man's lifestyle



has become such that there is a great demand for energy and consumer goods. So, more and more trees are cut and forests and farmlands vanish to give place to expanding cities and there is more industrial waste and emission of Co2, So2, etc. So without reducing population and changing lifestyle and attitudes, the problem of environmental pollution cannot be solved and it is in this respect that the help of spiritualists is called for. Because the ultimate solution to this problem lies in realising the self and also our relationship with other human beings. Remember, great men are those who see that the spiritual force is much stronger than the material force. Hence, without a spiritual orientation of the relationship

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between humans moral and spiritual values cannot be brought into play or be sustained, and, in the absence of these core values, no problem can really be solved for considerable length of time. It is, therefore essential, for all of us to understand our real and intrinsic nature behind the mask or the garment of the body to set the direction right. If this is not done, then possibly science without spirituality may dangerously lead mankind to a nuclear catastrophe or population explosion or environmental upheaval. So, let us use the powerful weapon of spiritual wisdom to cleanse our soul from thought pollution and live in harmony with nature and its elements without any kind of disturbance whatsoever.

## Different bodies, one message

Irrespective of whether you're fat or thin, body shaming has plagued many people. The only way to overcome it is by talking about it. By AISHWARYA SHARMA

Body shaming — these two words say a lot about their intent. In fact, it has become a serious issue in our society today. Technically, body shaming is defined as inappropriate, negative statements and attitudes toward another person's weight or size but it is so much more than that. It is one of the most serious form of bullying, harassment and humiliation and usually experienced by women more than men.

In an age where mainstream media and social media are easily accessible, there is a strong emphasis on idealised beauty on platforms such as Instagram, magazines and television. When we look at celebrities and models who are believed to have 'perfect bodies', individuals start becoming critical of their own bodies and succumb to the pressure of living up to unrealistic standards. Studies show that more than 90 per cent women are not happy with the way they look. Where do you think this self-rejection comes from? Why do you think these women and girls are becoming more and more conscious about how they look, what they wear and what skin color they have.

With global celebrities coming out and breaking their silence on their experiences of body shaming in the industry,



it has become one of the most talked about things recently. Despite their status, some celebrities have had to deal with body shaming, from comments left on their social media pages, to having Photoshop applied to their pictures for magazine covers. *Mad Men* actress

Christina Hendricks recently spoke out about being rejected for a role for being too curvy. Priyanka Chopra spoke about being rejected for her skin color in a lot of Bollywood and Hollywood films. This is a point where we realise that no matter who you are, body

shaming is something which follows you everywhere and engulfs everyone. Statements like "You are so fat", "You should probably try to gain weight", "Your parents don't feed you?", "Your top is too short for your belly" which can come from complete

strangers or your family member can create a feeling of helplessness and humiliation for the one at the receiving end. You, I and others, we all have gone through it. We all have had people who told us how inappropriate we look in a certain dress because we have chubby thighs, belly fat, short legs or because we are simply stick thin. Eventually, we start feeling that we aren't enough.

Experts say "Psychological invalidation is one of the most lethal forms of emotional abuse and body shaming is the worst thing you can do to a person. It kills creativity and confidence of the individual."

Body shaming is universal. When we say that, we mean that shaming can come from anywhere and from anyone. It could be out of concern or to demean the other person. Sometimes, it can be internal too. Studies show that a lot of women have resigned to self-shaming. They keep shaming themselves because they think they aren't like the girls in the magazines. Magazines con-

stantly offer tips about 'how to lose weight in days', 'appear slimmer instantly', and 'hide our imperfections'...without actually knowing anything about us, much less our appearance. This is only one example of body shaming in media. There are sitcoms that frequently use overweight actors' bodies as the basis of jokes.

However, people today are more outspoken about their struggles and stories and when we are made aware of them we realise how important it is to actually let it out instead of let it kill you from inside. Nobody wants to go to bed crying and wake up with a feeling of not being enough and it's unimaginable as to how many people experience that each day. Important questions are who are these people?, why do we care about what they say? and why are we detesting ourselves because someone else is not comfortable? It has become essential to represent different bodies, races and skin colours.

(The writer is a fashion activist.)

**Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.**  
—Winston S Churchill

### BOWEL DISEASE UPS DEATH RISK

Children who develop Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) — ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease — are at an increased risk of death, both in childhood and later in life, as per a new study. IBD is the ongoing inflammation of all or part of the digestive tract. The research suggests that it is important to carefully monitor patients who are diagnosed with IBD. "Individuals who are diagnosed in childhood need to be monitored carefully," said Ola Olén, lead researcher at Karolinska Institute, Sweden. The results of the study, published in the journal *Gastroenterology*, showed that children who developed IBD before 18 have a three to five-fold higher mortality rate than people without IBD, both during childhood and into adulthood.

### SMOKING MARIJUANA INCREASES STROKE RISK

If you are smoking marijuana, you're at an increased risk of developing cerebrovascular effects of cannabinoids or stroke, as per a new study. The research, presented at the World Stroke Congress in Montreal, showed a rise in stroke incidence among marijuana users from 2010-14 while overall stroke prevalence remained stable. As per the researchers from the University of Toronto, there are over 80 million people currently living with the effects of stroke globally. For the study, the team evaluated the use of the drug rivaroxaban versus acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) to prevent strokes in patients with an enlarged left atrium of the heart. The results showed that the rate of stroke of all types of marijuana users increased from 1.3 to 1.5 per cent. During the five-year span, the prevalence of stroke among all patients was stable, the team said.

### AEROBIC EXERCISES HELP REDUCE DEPRESSION

Supervised aerobic exercises have large anti-depressant treatment effects for patients with major depression, a study, in the journal *Depression and Anxiety*, suggests. It showed a significantly large overall anti-depressant effect compared with anti-depressant medication and/or psychological therapies. "Collectively, this study has found that supervised aerobic exercise can significantly support major depression treatment in mental health services," said author Ioannis D. Morres from the University of Thessaly, Greece. For the study, the research team involved 455 adults across 11 eligible trials patients between 18 to 65 years with depression as a primary disorder. The exercises were performed for 45 minutes at moderate intensity, thrice per week and for 9.2 weeks. Analyses revealed comparable effects for exercise across various settings in both outpatients and in patients regardless of symptom severity.

### NEW METHOD TO DELIVER DRUGS TO BRAIN

Researchers have found a potentially new approach to deliver therapeutics more effectively to the brain. The findings, done on mice, showed that the research could have implications for treatment of a range of diseases, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and brain cancer. "Improving the delivery of drugs to the central nervous system is a considerable clinical challenge," said author Maiken Nedergaard from the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC), US. "The findings of this study demonstrate that the brain's waste removal system could be harnessed to transport drugs quickly and efficiently into the brain," Nedergaard added. The study shows the power of glymphatic system, the brain's process of removing waste, discovered by Nedergaard in 2012. The team believe that this method could be used to not only deliver into the brain proteins like antibodies, but small molecule drugs and viruses.

### CYCLING, WALKING IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH

A study shows, people who commute — walking or cycling — through natural environments are more likely to develop better mental health than those who commute less. Natural spaces included all outdoors having 'green' and/or 'blue' natural elements like trees, forests, city parks, reserves and water bodies. "Mental health and physical inactivity are the main health problems associated with life in urban areas. Urban design could be a powerful tool to confront challenges and create healthier cities. A way of doing so is investing in natural commuting routes for cycling and walking," said Mark Nieuwenhuis, University of Barcelona. The research team examined 3,600 participants through a questionnaire about their commuting habits and mental health. The results showed that respondents commuting through natural environments everyday had a 2.74 point higher mental health score than those who commuted less frequently.

# KOHLI, ROHIT UPSET WINDIES

## Virat's 140, Hitman's 152\* help India beat Caribbeans by 8 wickets in 1st ODI

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Skipper Virat Kohli and his deputy Rohit Sharma conjured up breathtaking centuries as India's ruthless domination over the West Indies continued with a facile eight-wicket win in the first One-day International, here on Sunday. Making mockery of what looked like a stiff 323-run target, the home team cantered to the win with 7.5 overs to spare, taking a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Kohli pounded the Caribbean bowlers with 21 fours and two sixes to raise his 36th ODI century and now needs just 81 runs to join the elite club of cricketers who have amassed 10,000 runs in the One-day format. After early departure of Shikhar Dhawan (4), Kohli raised a massive 246-run stand for the second wicket with Rohit, who remained unbeaten on 152. It was Rohit's 20th ODI hundred which came off 117 balls with 15 fours and eight sixes.

While Kohli and Rohit plundered boundaries to entertain the packed stadium, it painted a sorry picture of the West Indies attack, which once was intimidating for any batting line up in the world.

The only high point for the West Indies while defending their total was 21-year-old newcomer Oshane Thomas' raw pace up front.

Playing his first ODI in more than three months, Kohli was unstoppable. It seemed another routine affair for Kohli as he also got past the milestone of 2000 International runs in the calendar year.

He emulated iconic Sachin Tendulkar in scoring 2000-plus runs in three successive years. After Kohli was stumped off leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo, India's vice captain took the side home in company of Ambati Rayudu (22).

After their rout in the Test series, West Indies did a good job by putting on board a challenging 322 for eight, capitalising on the absence of India's front line pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah.

The duo has been rested for the first two



ODIs and the 21-year-old Shimron Hetmyer (106) put to sword an under-strength Indian attack to raise his third ODI hundred.

Hetmyer punished the Indian bowlers with six fours and as many sixes in his entertaining 78-ball knock.

However, any hopes of a close contest evaporated when Kohli and Rohit started striking the ball clean and hard.

The Indian bowling looked lacklustre while the fielding was shoddy as India, on a high after their Test series win, seemed to have underestimated their opponents.

The Guyanese lad brought up his half-century in 41 balls and brought up two 50-run plus partnerships with Rovman Powell (22) and skipper Jason Holder (38).

Hetmyer notched up his century by lofting Mohammed Shami for a six over extra cover. While he used brute force against the pace, Hetmyer also looked fluent against the spin duo of Yuzvendra Jadeja and Ravindra Jadeja before being dismissed by the latter after immediately betting the

milestone-mark.

Looking to redeem themselves after the 2-0 Test series thumping under six days, the touring side put up a strong challenge after being put in by home captain Virat Kohli.

Visiting skipper Jason Holder on the eve of the match had said 300-plus is the benchmark of ODI cricket and his young batters responded well with Devendra Bishoo taking the team past the milestone in the penultimate over.

Opener Kieran Powell set up the foundation with a 39-ball 51 (6x4, 2x6) in a 67-run stand for the second wicket with Shai Hope (32).

Powell and his debutant opening partner Chandrapaul Hemraj dealt in boundaries against Shami and Yadav.

West Indies lost three wickets in quick succession but the Guyana youngster came to take charge after Marlon Samuels departed for a duck in his landmark 200th ODI.

The second ODI of the five match series will be now played in Vizag on 24th October.

### RECRUITMENT OF DEFENCE CIVILIAN: HQ 22 MOVEMENT CONTROL GROUP, GUWAHATI

1. Applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for the following Posts; as per format given below on plain paper:-

Ser No	Name of Post	No of Vacancies #	Category	Scale of Pay	Age Limit*	Essential Qualification
(a)	Multi Tasking Staff (Non Technical) (Safaiwala)	01	Unreserved	Level-1	18 to 25 Yrs*	Matriculation or equivalent from recognized Board
(b)	Mess Waiter	01	Unreserved	Level-1		Essential : Matriculation or equivalent from recognized Board Desirable : One year experience in the trade
(c)	Cook	01	Unreserved	Level-2	25 Yrs*	Essential : (i) Matriculation or equivalent from recognized Board (ii) Must have knowledge in Indian Cooking & proficiency in trade
		01	Other Backward Class			

2. **\*Age Limit and relaxation.** The prescribed age limit for the above post is between 18-25 years as on closing date of receipt of application. Necessary age relaxation as per existing Government Order for Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe/Other Backward Class/Ex-servicemen is applicable.

3. **Place of Posting.** The posts are presently located at Behrampur (Orissa), Zuluk (Sikkim), Thangu (Sikkim) & Guwahati (Assam). However, all the posts carry All India Service liability & selected individuals are liable to be posted anywhere in India.

4. **Screening of the Applications.** In case, the large number of applications is received, the department reserves the right to screen applications on basis of percentage of marks obtained in exam of essential qualification so as to reduce the applicants called for written test/ trade test. Merely fulfilling the basic criteria does not entitle an individual to be called for written test/ trade test. Candidates would be intimated separately for appearing in examination. Only candidates who are intimated are required to appear for written test/ trade test.

5. **Documents required to accompany the Applications.** Photocopies of following documents self attested should accompany the application forms :-

- Matriculation/ 10th Pass Certificate.
- Birth Certificate.
- Caste Certificate (wherever applicable).
- Educational Qualification Certificate.
- Two self addressed envelopes affixed Rs 5/- postal stamp.
- Two latest passport size photographs.
- No Objection Certificate from present employer (if the applicant is already a Government Servant).

Candidates must carry the Originals of all the above documents while appearing for examination for verification.

6. **Scheme of Examination.** A written test will be held which will have questions of the level of Class 10th. Candidates appearing for written test would also be subjected to practical/ trade test wherever applicable.

7. **Last date of receipt of Application.** The last date for the receipt of application would be 21 days from publication of the advertisement in Employment News. Applications received after due date will not be entertained.

8. **Submission of Applications.** Applications completed in all respects as per the proforma attached and accompanied by requisite documents as stated above should be addressed/ sent to Group Commander, HQ 22 Movement Control Group, PIN-900328, c/o 99 APO on or before 21 days of the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News.

9. **Place of Written/ Practical/Trade Test.** The written test, practical/ trade test would be held at 51 Sub Area, Narangi Cantt, Guwahati (Assam). Candidates should come prepared to stay for two-three days for completion of the recruitment process. Candidates have to make their own arrangements for boarding/ lodging during the period of stay. No Travelling Allowance/Dearness Allowance would be paid to candidates called for the examination.

10. **Call letter for Examination.** Shortlisted candidates would be intimated the date, time and venue for conduct of written examination, practical/ trade test. Only candidates who receive call letters are required to appear for the examination alongwith the call letters received. This department is not responsible for any postal delay that may occur.

11. Applications which are incomplete in any respect not accompanied by requisite documents are liable to be summarily rejected. No correspondence in this regard would be entertained by the Department.

#### APPLICATION FORMAT

1. Post applied for \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name (in block letters) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Birth(dd/mm/yy) : \_\_\_\_\_

5. Age as on (closing date of Application) \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days

6. Educational Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_

7. Category (UR/OBC/SC/ST/ESM) \_\_\_\_\_

8. (a) Correspondence Address :-  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Permanent Address :-  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Self attested  
Passport Size  
Photographs

9. I hereby certify that :-

(a) I am not involved in any criminal case and no proceedings Criminal/ Civil are pending/ contemplated against me in any court of law.

(b) The above particulars are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any particular is found to be incorrect and false at any stage my selection/ appointments/ services are liable to be terminated without notice.

Date :

Place :

(Signature of Applicant)

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### SINGLES

#### IND A FACE AUS A IN WOMEN'S T20

**MUMBAI:** India A women's team will clash with Australia A in a three-match T20 series beginning here on Monday as a tune-up for next month's T20 World Cup in the West Indies. The India A team announced for the series is the same that will represent the senior team at the women's T20 World Cup and as such the series will offer the hosts a good platform to test their strengths and shortcomings. With experienced campaigners like Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana and Mithali Raj in the home team's ranks, the Aussies will have a tougher time. The home team bowlers would also get a good chance to work on their weaknesses before heading to the West Indies.

#### ABBAS SHOOT TO THIRD IN TEST RANKINGS

**DUBAI:** Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Abbas rose to number three in the Test bowling rankings on Sunday following his 17 wickets in the series against Australia in the United Arab Emirates. The 28-year-old took 10 for 95 to help Pakistan to their biggest Test win — a 373-run hammering of Australia — in the second Test in Abu Dhabi. The new International Cricket Council (ICC) rankings see Abbas shoot to third from 14th and he is now behind only England's James Anderson and South Africa's Kagiso Rabada. Abbas has taken 59 wickets in his 10 matches and became the joint second-fastest Pakistani to take 50 wickets with legendary paceman Waqar Younis and Shabbir Ahmed. Pakistan's leg-spinner Yasir Shah was the fastest to reach 50 wickets, taking just nine Tests.

#### BECKY ENDS WAIT FOR MAIDEN PRO WIN

**GURUGRAM:** India's rising stars Gaurika Bishnoi and Tvesa Malik were the top home players at tied 13th place even as Becky Morgan of Wales ended a 18-year-old barren run to secure her first ever professional title at the Hero Women's Indian Open, here Sunday. The two youngsters, who are only in their second year of professional golf, shot 73 and 72 respectively to finish at one-over 289, eight shots behind Becky Morgan (68, and 7-under 281). Vani Kapoor (70), who played with tendinitis this week, and Astha Madan (70) were Tied-37th. In her 18th year on tour, and after rounds of 72, 72, 68 and 69, for a total of 281, Becky could finally enjoy her moment in the sun. "It's taken me 18 years and it's a mixture of excitement and relief that finally I have done it. I knew I was doing fairly well, because I was playing well, but I kept to myself and let it happen," she said.

#### SHARMA ENDS 55TH, KOEPKA BECOMES NO 1

**JEJU ISLAND:** After a sublime third round, Shubhankar Sharma shot a modest 74 to finish a distant Tied-55th at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES here on Sunday. Sharma had four birdies and four bogeys and an eagle in his round of 74 as he totaled 1-under 287. His third round of 64 had seen him rise to T-26 and raised hopes of coming inside Top-20 after a T-10 finish at CIMB Classic a week earlier. The star of the day was three-time major champion and 2018 PGA Tour Player of the Year Brooks Koepka, who produced a commanding 8-under 64 with a closing eagle to beat back the opposition by four shots. Koepka totaled 21-under total of 267. With the victory, Brooks Koepka moves to No 1 in the official rankings for the first time in his career, passing Dustin Johnson for the top spot. Koepka has now won three of his last 11 starts on the PGA TOUR.

#### PRAJNESH ENDS 2ND AT NINGBO CHALLENGER

**NEW DELHI:** Prajnesh Gunneswaran will have to wait for his second title of the season on the ATP Challenger circuit as he finished runner-up at the Ningbo Challenger in China after playing his heart out in the final against Thomas Fabbiano. After losing a close first set, Prajnesh won the second but eventually lost a marathon summit clash 6-7(4), 6-4, 3-6 after battling hard for almost three hours against the Italian, who is ranked 131 but reached a career-high 70 last year. The 28-year-old Indian, ranked 170, was playing his second final of the season on the Challenger circuit having won the Kunming Challenger in April this year. The Indian left-hander earned 65 ranking points and pocketed \$ 12,720 as prize money for his effort.

## West Indies series will be crucial for Dhoni: Ganguly



PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Sunday backed struggling Mahendra Singh Dhoni to do well in the World Cup and said the ongoing series against West Indies would be crucial for the veteran stumper looking forward to next year's showpiece event.

A colossus in ODI cricket, of late Dhoni is struggling with his batting and his scores have dwindled in the last few years.

Starting with the five-match ODI series against West Indies here, India have 18-odd matches left for the World Cup and the think-tank has brought in dashing Delhi wicketkeeper batsman Rishabh Pant in the mix to spice up the scenario.

"I don't know what combination they are thinking at. But I'm sure he (Dhoni)

will do well in the World Cup. It's (against West Indies) big series for him," Ganguly said at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium while watching the ODI.

In the Asia Cup, Dhoni batted four times, scoring 77 runs with an average of 19.25 and a strike rate of 62.09.

Overall in 2018, he has batted 10 times in 15 matches, for an average of 28.12 and a strike rate of 67.36.

Dhoni has an unimpressive record in the seaming conditions of England where he is yet to score a century from 20 ODIs, and averages 38.06, a sharp drop from his career average of 50.61.

"His overall record is very good," Ganguly pointed out.

"It all depends how the players perform going ahead to the World Cup. It's about scoring runs. That's why Pant has been given a chance," he added.

## No medals but Asiad was the best I ever shot: Manu

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

She returned empty-handed from the Asian Games but Manu Bhaker on Sunday said she delivered a career-best performance in Palembang with the record-shattering qualifying score of 593 in 25m pistol event.

Considered the most promising among India's Gen-Next shooter, Bhaker won Gold and Silver in 10m air pistol individual and mixed event at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires recently, overcoming the Asiad disappointment.

Asked how difficult it was to shrug off the Asiad show before Youth Olympics, Bhaker said: "On the contrary, I would say Asian Games served as a huge morale-booster. I shot 593 in 25m pistol event (qualifying) which I believe is my best performance till date. A score like 593 doesn't happen everyday.

"I don't think I ever shot better than that qualifying round. Yes, I missed



out on a medal but that 593 is like a benchmark for me. When I need inspiration, that performance serves as a morale-booster," 16-year-old said at the sidelines of the IOA felicitation function for the Youth Olympics medallists.

Bhaker rates her Youth Olympic medal as one of the major highs of her career considering the level of competition.

"It feels fantastic to win Gold for India. To see the tri-colour flying itself is a matter of pride. Each and every competition has

helped me evolve as a shooter," said the reigning Commonwealth Games champion in 10m air pistol event.

"This is my debut year in international events and I am only gaining experience. But I still want to remain a kid," said Bhaker.

The youngster said she shares a great rapport with other young shooters like Saurabh Chaudhary.

"I share a good rapport with everyone. They are all co-operative, well behaved. There is never any pressure," she said.

# Ethiopians rule the roost in Delhi

## Debutant Gemechu smashes women's course record, Belihu runs supreme in men's elite



Ethiopia's Tsehay Gemechu reacts after winning the Women's elite category

HARSHIT BISHT ■ NEW DELHI

Debutant Tsehay Gemechu of Ethiopia set the new course record in the women's event while countrymen Andamlak Belihu overcame neck to neck battle in the men's elite field as the Ethiopian duo raced to finish best at the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon here on Sunday.

It was maiden victory for both the winners at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, which saw over 34,681 participants turn up for race events in six different categories.

The 20-year-old Gemechu, running her maiden half marathon, clocked 1:06:50sec, four seconds better than the earlier women's course record of 1:06:54sec, which was set by Kenya's Mary Keitany in the 2009 edition.

"I wasn't expecting to win. It was a trial for me as this is the first time I ran a half marathon. I am delighted that I won against such famous athlete," a delighted Gemechu said after the race.

While the favourite and current world record holder, Joycline Jepakosgei, finished with a Silver medal after completing the race at 1:06:56sec.

"I am happy for the second spot as I was unsure if I would finish on the podium at all. I didn't prepare for this race well," Joycline said.

Zeineba Yimer of Ethiopia grabbed the last spot on the

### TOP 3 MEN FINISHERS

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podium with a time of 1:06:59sec.

Both Gemechu and Belihu pocketed the identical winners' cheque of \$ 27,000. Gemechu will take home an additional \$ 10,000 for setting a new course record.

However there was a disappointment for Tirunesh Dibaba, the greatest ever distance runner woman in the world with three Olympic, five World Championship Gold medals in 5000m and 10,000m, who finished sixth.

In the men's elite category, last year's runner up Belihu, improved on his personal best, clocking 59:18 seconds. However, he was unable to break the course record which still stands in the name of Ethiopia's Guye Adola, set in 2014.

Walelegn clinched the Silver ending the race with a time of 59:22 seconds. While

Kenya's Daniel Kipchumba grabbed the third spot clocking 59:48 seconds.

The trio of Belihu, Walelegn and Kipchumba led the pack from the start of the race with the Ethiopian duo soon racing ahead. It was a neck-to-neck battle between the two with the 19-year-old claiming victory at the finish line.

"I tried to push for the course record but it was difficult. I was second the last time so this time I prepared more. I tried to push the pace setter as well but it is difficult to run alone, away from everyone," Belihu said.

The Ethiopian ran away with four of the top positions, while Kenyans grabbed the remaining two positions.

Among the Indians, Abhishek Pal won the men's race clocking 1:04:13 seconds after a tough fight with 22-year-old Maharashtra run-



Winners of the Men's elite category Ethiopia's Andamlak Belihu (1st position, C), Ethiopia's Amdework Walelegn (2nd position, R) and Kenya's Daniel Kipchumba (3rd position, L) pose for photo

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# Saina fails to break Tai's code

PTI ■ ODENSE

Saina Nehwal gave her all before losing steam as the ace Indian shuttler yet again succumbed to nemesis and world No 1 Tai Tzu Ying to settle for a runner-up finish at the Denmark Open here on Sunday.

In an exciting but energy-sapping 52-minute final, Saina lost 13-21, 21-13, 6-21 to the superior Chinese Taipei rival.

Tzu Ying claimed the Denmark Open title after a gap of two years. She had last won the tournament in 2016.

The win also bettered Tzu Ying head-to-head record against Saina to 13-5.

In fact, this was Saina's fifth straight defeat against Tzu Ying this year.

The Indian had come out second

best three times earlier this year -- Indonesia Masters, All England Championships and Badminton Asia Championships.

The top seed Taipei player meant business from the start as she dictated the pace in the first game to race to a 6-1 lead.

Saina looked indecisive but debatable poor line calls also cost her dearly. Tzu Ying on the other hand, was at her clinical best as she engaged Saina in long rallies to tire her out.

The Chinese Taipei shuttler never let the Indian opponent take the lead even once in the opening game as she led 11-6 and continued to maintain the upper hand. She pocketed the first game in mere 15 minutes.

But the world No 10 Indian, who



Saina Nehwal in action against Tai Tzu Ying

was unseeded here, was in no mood to give up without a fight and came out all guns blazing in the second game. Saina's ploy to adopt an attacking approach worked wonders as she completely dominated the second game.

Inspiration and tips from her fiancé Parupalli Kashyap at the end of the first game also motivated Saina who was at her fiery best in the second game.

Riding on her booming cross court smashes and some indecision from Tzu Ying, Saina led 11-5 at the break and then went on to win the game 21-13 to draw parity.

But the Indian failed to continue

with the momentum in the decider as her legs gave up in the wake of an intense match.

Tzu Ying curtailed her mistakes and once again engaged Saina in long rallies which drained out the Indian.

Unforced errors returned to haunt Saina in the third game as she was guilty of finding the net and hitting wide on numerous occasions.

Once Tzu Ying took a seven point lead at 9-2 it was always going to be difficult for Saina to comeback.

In the men's final, Japanese K Momota beats Chinese TC Chou in three sets to win the men's title.

World Championship Gold winner Momota, who beat Srikanth in semi-final got better of his opponent by 22-20, 16-21, 21-15.



Elina Svitolina celebrates after beating Petra Kvitova in WTA finals

# Svitolina ends Kvitova curse in Singapore

AFP ■ SINGAPORE

Karolina Pliskova and Elina Svitolina secured opening round-robin match wins at the WTA Finals on Sunday.

Pliskova, who now leads the tour with 48 wins this season, defeated defending champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark 6-2, 6-4 in the second match.

Pliskova saved all 10 break points she faced in the match, including two when serving for the match in the final game. The Czech closed out the match on a third match point with an ace.

Earlier, Elina Svitolina of Ukraine ended a seven-match losing streak against Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic for a 6-3, 6-3 win.

The seventh-ranked Svitolina, making her second consecutive appearance in Singapore, only earned qualification to this year's tournament last week when Dutchwoman Kiki Bertens failed to reach the

Moscow semifinals. Later, Bertens made the final eight when No 1 ranked Simona Halep withdrew with a herniated disk in her back.

"It's very nice to be back in Singapore and I'm very, very happy with the match tonight, with the performance tonight," Svitolina told the crowd. "I had to stay focused and be strong mentally. I had to play quickly and keep moving my feet so I need a massage now."

"You have to play your best level because everybody is very strong playing here."

Svitolina, who now holds a 1-0 record in the White Group, had only beaten Kvitova once before in their first match at the 2014 Cincinnati tournament. Sunday's victory was Svitolina's first against a top-10 opponent since May.

The fifth-ranked Kvitova, who won the year-end title in 2011, never looked settled and struggled with her serve throughout the 1 hour, 29 minutes match. While, Kvitova came into Singapore with a tour-leading five titles this season.

Wozniacki came into the late match with a 6-3 career record over Pliskova, including their last meeting in the round-robin portion of last year's WTA Finals.

Wozniacki's best effort in the match was saving two match points on her serve in the ninth game of the second set.



Indian Men's in action during a match against Pakistan in 5th Men's Hero Asian Champions Trophy

# India beat Pakistan 3-1

PTI ■ MUSCAT

India made a stupendous comeback after being a goal down as they beat Pakistan 3-1 in the fifth Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament to stretch their unbeaten streak against the arch-rivals to 11 games.

Captain Manpreet Singh (24th), forward Mandeep Singh (31st) and Dilpreet Singh (42nd) scored for the winners with Indian captain's impressive performance earning him 'Man of the Match' award on Saturday night.

Ranked fifth in the world, India went into the match with a 10-match unbeaten streak against Pakistan but it was the World No 13 side, who started in good rhythm.

It was a quick start for the Pakistanis as they won a penalty corner in the first minute and managed to score through Irfan Jr.

India tried to look for the equaliser in the second quarter but struggled inside the striking circle.

24th minute. In the third quarter, it was Mandeep's turn to get his name on the score-sheet and give his team a 2-1 lead.

India had a good third quarter as they denied their arch-rivals in making too many circle entries and then extended their lead to two-goals when Dilpreet scored his fourth of the tournament to put India 3-1 ahead.

India's chief coach Harendra Singh was proud of the way the team staged a comeback against Pakistan but he wants the strikers to sharpen up their finishing inside the opposition circle.

"I am proud of the manner in which the team staged a comeback. They deserve full credit, but I remain concerned with our finishing," said Harendra.

"We missed a few chances. We are taking too much time to make decisions. That's where we need to sharpen up."

India captain Manpreet said the team needs to work upon its grey areas. "Despite playing a good match, there are many things we need to do. We need to avoid giving away easy chances," said Manpreet.

India will next play Japan on Sunday night in the third game of Asian Champions Trophy.

# MESSI SUFFERS INJURY AS BRACA MOVE TO TOP



Lionel Messi reacts after getting injured during the Spanish La Liga match between FC Barcelona and Sevilla at Camp Nou

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi is expected to be out for three weeks with a fractured right arm but his last contribution was to help send Barcelona back to the top of La Liga on Saturday.

Messi scored and then went off injured as Barca beat Sevilla 4-2 at Camp Nou, in a six-goal thriller that never looked like ending in anything other than a home win.

Any joy at jumping above in-form Sevilla, however, was tarnished by Messi's injury, which will now rule him out of next weekend's Clasico against Real Madrid.

A Barcelona club statement read: "Tests carried out on Leo Messi have confirmed that he has a fracture of the radial bone in his right arm. He will be out for approximately three weeks."

It means Messi will also miss the Champions League

### HENRY SUFFERS DEFEAT ON DEBUT

PARIS: Thierry Henry suffered defeat in his first match as a head coach when his 10-man Monaco side slumped to a 2-1 loss at Strasbourg on Saturday to drop into the Ligue 1 relegation zone.

The principality club have failed to win in 11 games in all competitions since the opening weekend of the French top-flight season, and are only above bottom team Guingamp on goal difference.

Monaco, who were

runners-up to PSG last season, are now 24 points adrift of the reigning champions.

Seydou gifted Strasbourg midfielder Adrien Thomasson an early opener, and substitute Samuel Grandsir was sent off midway through the second half.

Lebo Motiba doubled the advantage, and a late Youri Tielemans penalty was a mere consolation for the 2017 Ligue 1 title-winners.

AFP

know what he does to the opposition.

"We have to prepare ourselves, it is clear we are going to notice the loss of Messi but we have players that can cover."

Messi fell to the ground following a tussle with Sevilla's Franco Vazquez and, as his right hand tried to cushion the landing, his



LaLiga



Hero Asian Champions Trophy