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Allahabad is now Prayagraj

UP Cabinet clears proposal

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Accepting the demand of saints and others, the Yogi Adityanath government on Tuesday announced to rechristen Allahabad to its old name Prayagraj.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet chaired by the Chief Minister in Lucknow on Tuesday. State government spokesperson and Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh told reporters that now all departments like Railways and others would be asked to change the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj in their records.

"It was the demand of saints and people of Allahabad to restore the historic name of the city and this demand has been accepted by the government ahead of Kumbh Mela scheduled next year," he said.

"Rig Veda, Mahabharat and Ramayana also mention Prayagraj (for Allahabad)," he noted. Earlier, Singh had also written to Governor Ram Naik to consider renaming Allahabad as Prayagraj. He had

also ridiculed the opposition for resisting the renaming process. "They are just doing politics but we have done it to honour the lost religious dignity of the old city which was once known as Prayagraj," Singh added.

During his participation in Kumbh Margdarshak Mandal meeting at Allahabad with saints some time back, Yogi had assured to rechristen Allahabad as Prayagraj. The meeting was also attended by Governor Ram Naik, who had instantly given his nod. Prayag was renamed as Allahabad by Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1580 as he maintained that it was Allah's place and hence coined its name. "The wrong that the Mughal emperor did should be corrected. We expect that the Chief Minister will issue orders for changing the name of Allahabad as Prayagraj," the saints had advocated.

In 2001, after the Kumbh Mela, then Chief Minister Rajnath Singh and Governor Vishnu Kant Shastri had also favoured changing the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj but the promise remained unfulfilled.

New khandasari policy to encourage investors

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Aiming to boost the defunct khandasari (gur) industry and generate jobs and benefit cane growers, the state government has brought about a transparent khandasari policy effective from April 1, 2018.

The new policy will encourage investors to set up new khandasari units or revive old and closed down units.

The government has also decided to hand over 50 acres of land of Dhuriyapar sugar mill in Gorakhpur to Indian Oil Corporation Limited for setting up a second generation ethanol manufacturing plant.

These decisions were taken in a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at Lok Bhawan in Lucknow on Tuesday.

State government spokesperson and Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh said that the move to revive khandasari industry would pave way for better health and lifestyle of citizens.

"The new policy will have several sops for khandasari units and it will revive the old and closed down units. The government has also shortened the distance for setting up

khandasari unit from 15 kilometre radius of a sugar mill to 7.5 km. Besides, there will be speedy approval of new units in two hours," the government spokesman said.

Singh said that it was unfortunate that while in 1995-96 there were 1,082 khandasari units in the Uttar Pradesh, their number had come down to just 165 as on date.

Sugarcane Development Minister Suresh Rana said that already 40 new khandasari licences had been issued for crushing 9,000 TCD that was equal to four sugar mills.

"Besides, 15 more licences are in the pipeline and they will be equal to two sugar mills. The government has waived penalty and taxes on old and closed down units and there will be no objection to shifting of any unit from one place to another," Rana said.

The minister claimed that UP had already produced 120 lakh quintal of sugar in 2017-18, becoming the largest producer of sugar in India with 38 per cent share.

He charged the previous governments in the state with acting against khandasari units.

Meanwhile, the government also approved a proposal to hand over 50 acres

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STF tasked with nabbing BSP ex-leader's son

PNS ■ LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI

Sleuths of the Special Task Force (STF) have been pressed into service to nab the son of former BSP MP Ashish Pandey, who was booked for brandishing a gun outside a five-star hotel in New Delhi. The accused is suspected to have fled to Uttar Pradesh and taken shelter somewhere in Kanpur after his video went viral on social media.

Ashish Pandey hails from Lucknow and is the son of former BSP MP Rakesh Pandey. His brother Ritesh Pandey is a sitting MLA in UP. A team from Gautampalli police station, along with that of Delhi police, raided Pandey's house at Santushti Apartment near Dilkusha Colony but failed to trace him.

"Pandey was not found at his home. We interrogated the servants and some of his associates about his location. No person has been detained in this connection," Gautampalli SHO Nand Lal said.



In this video grab, accused Ashish Pandey seen with a gun outside a 5-star hotel in New Delhi on Tuesday

Earlier, a complaint about the incident was received by the Delhi police on Monday from the assistant security manager of Hyatt Regency Hotel in RK Puram, following which a Look Out Circular (LOC) was issued and later, an FIR was registered in the case. The incident occurred in the early hours (3:40 am) of October 14.

In the video, Pandey was seen brandishing a gun in the foyer of the hotel. The victim had told newsmen that Pandey walked up to him and used cursive words. "A man with a gun walked up to us menacingly hurled abuses. I was intimidated and scared. The hotel staff present at the spot tried to intervene but they also looked intimidated," the victim

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CAPSULE

PRASHANT KISHORE APPOINTED JD(U) V-P
New Delhi: Janata Dal (United) chief Nitish Kumar appointed Prashant Kishor as the party's vice-president on Tuesday, effectively making him the second most powerful person in the party over a month after he joined it.

FUGITIVE INDUSTRIALIST MITTAL EXTRADITED
New Delhi: Absconding industrialist Vinay Mittal, wanted in seven bank fraud cases worth ₹40 crore, has been extradited to India from Indonesia, officials said on Tuesday.

JASWANT SINGH'S SON TO JOIN CONG TODAY
Jaipur/Barmar: Veteran BJP leader Jaswant Singh's son and MLA Manvendra Singh will join the Congress on Wednesday, ahead of the Assembly polls in Rajasthan in December.

KOLKATA METRO REGISTERS RECORD FOOTFALL ON PUJA
New Delhi: The Kolkata Metro has recorded its highest-ever footfall of more than nine lakh passengers on Shashiti, the sixth day of Durga Puja festival, railways said on Tuesday.

CONGRESS LOSES VOTES IF I CAMPAIGN: DIGVIJAY BHOPAL
Bhopal: A controversy has been kicked off in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh by a viral video in which senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh is heard saying that his party's votes get reduced if he campaigns for it.

D-Day for Sabarimala: SC order meets devotees' ire

Court ruling comes into effect today

PNS ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala geared up for massive unrest on Wednesday over the implementation of the Supreme Court order allowing women of all age groups to enter the Sabarimala temple. With thousands of men and women devotees of Lord Ayyappa opposed to entry of women of menstrual age into the temple and threatening to commit mass suicide, the State administration faces a serious challenge in maintaining law and order situation.

Wednesday is the first day when the SC order will come into force.

The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB), which manages the temple, held a meeting to find a way to defuse the situation, but Pandalam royal family and other stakeholders walked out over the TDB's reluctance to discuss the issue of filing a review petition against the apex court order.

While Chief Minister



Women protesters check Sabarimala-bound vehicles at Nilakkal to ensure that no women of menstruating age are going to Lord Ayyappa temple in dense forests at Sabarimala, on Tuesday

Pinarayi Vijayan has asserted his Government will implement the SC order, the police face an uphill task as hundreds of women devotees of Lord Ayyappa, the eternally celibate deity of Sabarimala, picketed the road to the hill shrine and prevented women they suspected were of menstrual age from proceeding to the shrine some 20 km away.

Lustily chanting "Swamiya Saranam Ayyappa" hailing the Lord, the devotees checked buses and private vehicles for

girls and women of the "banned" age group and forced them to abandon their journey. Television channels showed some college students, including young girls wearing black dresses, being ordered to get down a bus.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan issued a stern warning to those who dared block devotees from entering the temple. "We will ensure security to all. Nobody will be allowed to take law into their hands."

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2 Cong MLAs join BJP, shatter party's Goa plan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress' efforts to form a Government in Goa suffered a major setback when two of its MLAs joined the ruling BJP. Congress MLAs Subhash Shirodkar and Dayanand Sopte on Tuesday resigned from the Goa Assembly and also from the primary membership of the party and joined the BJP at a special event in presence of Union Minister Piyush Goyal. Shirodkar and Sopte reached the national Capital on Monday late night and met BJP president Amit Shah before quitting the party. The Congress has accused the rul-

GOAHOUSE: 40MLAs

Ruling side: BJP 16 + GFP 3 + MGP 3 + NCP 1 + Independents 3 = 26
Opposition: Congress 14 = 14



Goa Congress MLAs are felicitated by Piyush Goyal on joining BJP in Delhi on Tuesday

ing party of "poaching" the legislators by using "money power and threats".

Their resignation has now reduced the Congress' strength from 16 to 14 in the 40-member House led by ailing Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar who enjoys the support of 26 MLAs. The Congress had emerged as the single largest party after the 2017 Assembly elections, winning 17 seats. However, within days its number was reduced to 16 when its newly-elected Vishwajit Rane resigned.

The Congress had submitted a memorandum to Governor Mridula Sinha, stak-

ing claim to form an alternate Government. The Congress had then claimed it has the support of legislators from other parties and can form the Government, if given a chance.

The Congress had sensed an opportunity to topple the BJP Government when Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar was admitted into the AIIMS in Delhi and BJP's allies started talking about the need for change of leadership. However, the party manager failed to engineer the much-needed defection in the BJP rank to pose any serious threat to the State Government.

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Killer baba Rampal gets life behind bars

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Self-styled godman Rampal Swas on Tuesday sentenced to life imprisonment by a Hisar court in connection with a 2014 murder case.

The court of Hisar Additional District and Sessions Judge DR Chaliya also gave life imprisonment to 14 followers of Rampal, head of Satlok Ashram, and slapped a fine of ₹1 lakh each.

The court has pronounced the verdict after a nearly four-year-long trial of the 27 accused in a makeshift



court inside the Hisar district jail, where Rampal (67) and his followers have been lodged since their arrest in

November 2014. This court will now pronounce the quantum of punishment for Rampal in a second murder case on Wednesday.

The court had on October 11 convicted Rampal and 26 of his followers in two separate cases of murder and other offences, including wrongful confinement of his victims at his ashram.

The two murder cases against Rampal relate to the murder of six people, including five women and one infant, during violent clash-

es between his supporters and Haryana Police at his Satlok Ashram near Barwala town in Hisar district in 2014.

Thousands of his followers had clashed with police when they had come to arrest him following directions of the Punjab & Haryana High Court over contempt of court in November 2014. The HC had ordered Rampal's arrest after he failed to appear before the court in connection with a 2006 murder conspiracy case.

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Unviable alternative fails to douse stubble fire

Farmers logic to defy ban: Time gap between harvesting too short to await tardy Govt steps

SHEKHAR SINGH/ABHINAV SINGH/CHANDAN PRAKASH ■ KARNAL/SONIIPAT

Thick blanket of smog that engulfs the national Capital year after year during winter is clearly visible on the GT Karnal Road connecting Delhi and Karnal in Haryana as it originates from the burning farm stubble and is a major cause of pollution in Delhi-NCR.

Even after the NGT pulled up the State Governments and Haryana came up with an alternative solution, stubble burning is continuing unabated in Haryana and Delhi stares at another winter covered in a cloud of pollutants triggered by the biomass burning.

The Pioneer visited the fields of Sonipat, Panipat and Karnal on Monday night to find out the compelling reasons that farmers often give to burn-

stress their claims that there is no attractive alternatives before them except to burn the stubble to immediately free the land for another cycle of farming.

However, if the Haryana Government is to be believed they have provided alternatives to the paddy growing farmers in the form of "in-situ" management of stubble by using specialised farm equipment. But the farmers still prefer to burn it as they find it more convenient and alleged that the pieces farm equipment are too costly to rent from Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) promoted by the Government.

For farmers, there is a very short window of time between harvesting of paddy and cultivation of wheat and the farmers alleged that if they wait for the "in-situ" management to be done their turn would come very late and by that time the

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sowing period would get over. They said equipments at CHC are too less to cater to the large number of farmlands within the stipulated time of fortnight in which they have to sow next crop. Also they said renting these equipments is costly and hence not viable solution.

Governments over the ban it is expected to have political overtones ahead of the Assembly polls due next year.

While officials of the agricultural department of Haryana are claiming that the Government has taken adequate steps and have flowed enough funds for sustaining the CHC's the farmers are "clueless" about the CHC's nearby

their villages. Deputy Director of Agriculture department of Karnal district, Aditya Pratap Dabas, told The Pioneer that there have been 260 cases of stubble burning in the district so far.

ing it. Action has also been taken against the erring farmers," said Dabas.

Reports from Karnal and adjoining districts show that the combines without 'Straw Management System' (SMS) has fizzled out, leaving no option other than to burn crops residue. According to farmers, there are insufficient numbers of combines with SMS.

"The harvesting cost of combines with SMS is more than ₹3,000 per acre. We can't delay harvesting. The Government should ensure that the cost of combines with SMS is brought down to less than ₹2,000," said Tek Chand Dahiya, a paddy farmer from Gudha village near Gharunda, Panipat.

Ramesh Battan, another farmer in Phurlak near Gharunda, said he sowed paddy on 32 acre and it would be ready for harvest in a few days. "The village has paddy on nearly 2,200 acre, but has only one Happy Seeder with a farmer and it can manage 6-7 acre in a day. A Happy Seeder of ₹1.50 lakh costs ₹75,000 after subsidy. But it will be used only

for six hours in the whole year. How can a farmer invest so much on a machine which is to be used for six hours a year?" he said. "Burning is the only solution to get rid of this trash. We will have to do it again despite knowing that it causes pollution and invite legal action," Ramesh said.

Burning of stubble, which is agricultural biomass residue, increases the Particulate Matter (PM) concentration in air which is extremely hazardous for the human health.

Further the smog reduces

the visibility and is a major cause of road accidents in winter taking toll on human lives. Each year, crop burning in the region is the start of the annual escalation of pollutant concentrations in the air, leading to massive winter pollution in the region.

It is further gravitated by the massive usage of firecrackers in the region, around "Diwali". Followed by this, the weather patterns change, making temperatures drop and reducing the dispersion effect of pollutants.

Delhi air turns very poor

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's air quality nosedived to "very poor" category on Tuesday even as authorities put several key measures in place to combat air pollution. The overall Air Quality Index (AQI) of Delhi was recorded at 293, eight points below the "very poor" category, according to the System of Air

Quality Forecasting and Research.

A senior Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) official said several factors like vehicular pollution, construction activities and meteorological factors like wind speed are responsible for stagnant pollution in the city despite measures being taken up.

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SP, BSP also indulged in name change game

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The opposition parties are tearing into the Yogi Adityanath government over renaming of Allahabad as Prayagraj, but the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Samajwadi Party regimes did the same thing while in power.

The governments of both the parties passionately indulged in name changing game in the belief that it would prove to be a game changer when the state went to the hustings.

Moreover, there is nothing new in the decision to rename Allahabad as Prayagraj. In fact, Yogi Adityanath is implementing the unfinished agenda of former Chief Minister Rajnath Singh, who had made an announcement to this effect ahead of Ardh Kumbh at Allahabad in 2001.

The proposal was duly approved by the state Cabinet and sent to the Union government led by Atal Bihar

Vajpayee for approval. However, the Centre ignored the proposal and a year later, in February 2002, the state went to polls and the Bharatiya Janata Party was defeated. The BSP-BJP coalition government headed by Mayawati came to power and the proposal was shelved.

The name change campaign did not end there. If sources are to be believed, some other districts in UP with "Muslim sounding names" like Aligarh, Azamgarh, Shahjahanpur, Ghaziabad, Ferozabad, Farrukhabad, Moradabad and Muzaffarnagar could be rechristened and the process could be initiated in 2019.

Before the renaming of Allahabad, the Yogi government had changed names of several roads, parks, crossings, buildings after BJP icon and former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, who passed away in August this year. During the spree, than two

dozen public spots and facilities were named after Vajpayee in Lucknow itself.

The Yogi government began its name-changing spree in July by deciding to rename the iconic Mughalsarai railway station after BJP ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.

The politics of name-change began in UP in 2007 when the BSP was in power. Mayawati renamed eight districts — most of them after Dalit icons. Shamli was renamed as Prabuddh Nagar, Sambhal as Bhim Nagar, Hapur as Panchsheel Nagar, Kanpur Dehat as Ramabai Nagar, Kasganj as Kanshi Ram Nagar, Amethi as Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Nagar, Amroha as Jyotiba Phule Nagar and Hathras as Mahamaya Nagar.

The process of renaming districts not only incurred huge financial burden due to repainting of signage and reprinting of official stationery, it also led to widespread con-

fusion. There were instances of people boarding wrong buses and sending postal goods to wrong addresses.

Mayawati had also renamed the historic King George's Medical University (KGMU) of Lucknow as Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University. This had irked the alumni of the KGMU, popularly known as Georgians, across the world. Later, the SP regime had restored the old name of the medical university.

The name-changing did not help the BSP and the party was voted out of power in 2012 UP assembly election.

The next SP government led by Akhilesh Yadav lost no time in restoring the public institutions to their original names. Though he did not rename the districts, he built new parks and buildings and named them after socialist icons, like Janeshwar Misra Park and JP International Centre.

Min for curbs on anti-national activities

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday said that stern action would be taken against all those involved in subversive activities or engaged in any kind of anti-national activity.

"The government is with the innocent people. But restrictions should be placed on those who are indulging in activities which are against the nation's interest," Health Minister Sidharth Nath Singh told reporters in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Singh was replying to a question on three Kashmiri students of Aligarh Muslim University, who were booked for trying to hold a prayer meeting for a slain terrorist.

"Universities must take action against those indulging in activities detrimental to the nation's interest. Those who are innocent should be allowed to stay. We are making efforts in this direction," the minister said.

On October 13, three AMU students from Kashmir were booked for raising 'anti-India' slogans and trying to hold a

prayer meeting for Hizbul Mujahideen ultra Manan Bashir Wani, who was killed in an encounter in north Kashmir.

Earlier, Wani was pursuing a PhD course in applied geology at the AMU but he quit the university to join militants in January this year. "Police have filed an FIR against Wasim Malik, Abdul Mir and an unnamed person. They have been identified on the basis of a video recording," Senior Superintendent of Police of Aligarh, Aja Sahni, said. The trio were suspended from the AMU earlier.

In the wake of their suspension, more than 1,200 students from Jammu and Kashmir studying at the AMU threatened to leave for their homes on October 17, if sedition charge against the trio was not dropped.

In a letter to AMU proctor, students of Jammu and Kashmir studying in the university said, "No prayers or any relevant activity was observed and the directions of AMU proctor were duly followed."

AMU registrar Abdul Hamid said that there would be no witch-hunt against any student.

Yogi visits Budhiya Mata temple

Lucknow (PNS): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday visited the Budhiya Mata temple (Durga temple) in Kusmahijungles of Gorakhpur district. He also offered prayers in the temple, which is a shaktipeeth of Vantangiya villagers. The CM also asked officials to prepare a detailed roadmap for interlocking road from the main road to the temple, development of reservoir inside and near the temple premises, cleanliness of temple premises and toilet facilities.

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In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(5) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of Carlo Global Academy (CIN: U8904UP2015NPL070854) having its registered office at Flat No. T-4/73, MCC Signature Homes Ext., Rajnagar Ext., Ghaziabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201001, India (Petitioner)
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For and on behalf of Board of Directors Carlo Global Academy
Date: 16.10.2018
Sd/-
Place: Uttar Pradesh Ankit Kumar Goel (Director) DIN: 05210076
R/o: T-4/73 MCC Signature Home, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, 201001, Uttar Pradesh, India

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Original Application No. 181 / 2015
BANK OF MAHARASHTRAApplicant
VERSUS
M/S SINGH ENTERPRISES & OTHERSRespondents
To,
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CM inspects Lok Bhawan office

Lucknow (PNS): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday inspected his Lok Bhawan office and directed officials concerned to shift all those offices which his new secretariat would hold. He later held a meeting in his new office and held discussions with the senior officers. Chief Secretary Anup Chandra Pandey and Principal Secretaries Awanish Awasthi (Information), Arvind Kumar (Home) and Principal Secretary to CM Asheesh Goyal attended the meeting.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath holding a meeting in his new office in Lok Bhawan in Lucknow on Tuesday

Shivpal Yadav hits back at Rajbhar

Lucknow (PNS): Samajwadi Secular Morcha leader Shivpal Singh Yadav hit back at UP minister and Suheldeo Bharatiya Samaj Party chief Om Prakash Rajbhar for calling him a Bharatiya Janata Party agent. Rajbhar's SBSP is an ally of the ruling BJP. Rajbhar had targeted the SSM founder after the Yogi Adityanath government allotted him a spacious bungalow and also upgraded his security to Z plus category.
"Om Prakash Rajbhar owes his political existence to the BJP as he won the 2017 assembly poll for the first time with its support. It is for the people to decide who is a BJP agent — Rajbhar or me. I have fought against the BJP all my life and there is no question of any truck with the saffron party for either 2019 Lok Sabha election or any future poll", Shivpal said on Tuesday.

RLD plans to expand base



PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Senior leaders of Rashtriya Lok Dal have asked the state unit to improve the poll prospects of the party in eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh.

RLD state chief Masood Ahmad held a meeting with office-bearers and workers of the party's east UP unit at party headquarters in Lucknow on Tuesday.

On Monday, the RLD state chief had held a meeting with office-bearers and leaders of the central UP and Bundelkhand units.

Later, speaking to newsmen, Ahmad said that RLD vice-president Jayant Chaudhary would take out a march in Allahabad on October 25.

"The campaign aims to propagate the party's policies, highlight the plight of farmers and unemployed youths besides forming a support base in east UP," Masood said. Ahmad advocated the need for forming a Poorvanchal

state for better administration of the region.

"The condition of civic amenities, medical facilities and education in eastern districts is very bad. The Bharatiya Janata Party government has totally failed to improve the condition of farmers, labourers and unemployed youths despite the people of this region voting for BJP in the last Lok Sabha and assembly elections. The RLD has hence been demanding the reorganisation of the state," he said.

The RLD state chief said that the 2019 Lok Sabha election would be contested on the issues related to social harmony, democratic norms in the system, village, farmers and the poor.

Sources in the party said that the RLD planned to expand its base from west UP to other parts of the state.

"The common perception about the RLD is that it is a west UP-based party. In Gorakhpur and Noorpur, RLD leaders studied party prospects in east UP. After assessment, these leaders advocated that if issues related to farmers and youths were raised, the party could get good support in east UP as farmers play a key role in deciding the prospects of a party," the sources said.

The RLD had unsuccessfully contested 370 seats in UP in the 2017 assembly poll but was routed.

Congress slams Modi for petrol price rise

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

After protesting against Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and holding him responsible for attacks on north Indians and forcing them to leave from Gujarat, Congress leaders on Tuesday, targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for rising fuel prices.

Congress leaders and workers visited over half a dozen petrol pumps, including one in Hazratganj, and defaced the Prime Minister's picture on a hoarding put up at the refill station, for failing to provide any relief to the public.

Taking the matter seriously, DGP OP Singh warned the Lucknow Police for its failure to check the agitators from defacing Modi's picture and ordered registration of a case and arrest of the accused at the earliest.

Reports said that after showing black flags, releasing black balloons and also burning the effigy of the Gujarat Chief Minister, a dozen Congressmen gathered near Engineering College to register their ire on rising fuel prices on Tuesday morning.

They first raided a petrol pump in Janikipuram and defaced Modi's picture in the hoarding put up there.

The agitators later visited Aliganj, Mahanagar and some



Congress workers defacing the picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a petrol pump in Hazratganj in Lucknow on Tuesday

other places, including a petrol pump near GPO crossing, and painted Modi's picture black.

Interestingly, while the agitating Congressmen were on the prowl, the Lucknow Police remained spectators. It was only when the DGP watched the clips being played on television and gave the Lucknow police officials a dressing down that the Hazratganj police registered a case.

Meanwhile, UP Congress president Raj Babbar reacted to Gujarat Chief Minister's statement that Congress had hatched a "conspiracy" in Gujarat to defame the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party by attacking north Indians.

"The BJP and Rupani do

not understand the meaning of unity, hence they always keep the people divided on caste and religious lines. They are now attacking north Indians in another attempt to create differences among the people," Babbar said.

The UP Congress chief said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel always advocated unity and brotherhood in the country and it was an irony that the party which was dividing people and attacking north Indians was now using Patel's name to seek votes.

"It will be better if the BJP leaders take some lesson on unity from Sardar Patel instead of indulging in vote bank politics by using his name," Babbar said.

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2 killed in road mishap in Kaushambi

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Two persons, including a minor, were killed after they were hit by a roadways bus at Kokhraj area of Kaushambi on Tuesday.

Police said Bhuvan Singh (40) and his nephew Shivam (5) were killed on the spot when the bus hit them. The two were crossing the road at the time of the accident.

Singh's wife and son were also injured in the incident. Efforts were on to nab the accused bus driver, who fled the scene after the mishap.

MEDICAL REP SHOT

In Pratapgarh, a medical representative was shot dead by unidentified assailants near Harichetpur village in Mandhata area. The 26-year-old medical

representative, identified as Bagrang Bahadur Singh, was shot on Tuesday evening and was rushed to a hospital where he died during treatment.

No arrest has so far been made in this connection.

MISSING MAN'S BODY FOUND

The body of a 23-year-old man was found in Shamli district's Babri village following

which two people were booked in connection with his death, police said on Tuesday.

Saddam went missing a day earlier and his body was found in a jungle in the village on Monday morning, they said.

A case was registered against the two accused who were absconding.

The body was sent for post-mortem and investigations are on, the police said.

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5-yr-old girl raped by son of fair price shop owner

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The son of a fair price shop owner allegedly raped a 5-year-old girl on the pretext her linking her Aadhaar number with ration scheme in Ghazipur police area on Tuesday afternoon. As the girl cried out of pain, a woman vegetable vendor went into the shop and later raised an alarm after which a huge number of local residents assembled at the scene. They thrashed the accused and later handed him over to police. The police arrested the accused, identified as Nitin Gupta of Mulayam Nagar under Ghazipur police station, and registered a case of rape and also booked him under Section

5M/6 of POCSO Act (penetrative sexual assault that invites a rigorous imprisonment for a term not less than ten years). As per reports, Nitin reached the house of the victim about 200 metres away from the fair price shop run by his father. Nitin told the victim's father that he could get more ration if he got his daughter's Aadhaar number linked to the scheme. The unsuspecting father allowed his 5-year-old girl to go along with Nitin. "On reaching the shop, Nitin sexually assaulted the girl and a woman vegetable vendor responded to her call. We sent a team and the accused was nabbed," Ghazipur SHO Rakesh Singh said.

Theft at Principal Secy's home leaves police red-faced

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Exposing tall claims of the Lucknow police, thieves broke into the official residence of the Principal Secretary, Political Pension, in CSI Towers Colony for IAS officers in Vipin Khand under Gomti Nagar police station and decamped with jewellery, other valuables and debit cards a few minutes past Monday midnight.

As the news broke around 12:10 am on Tuesday, senior police officers, including the SSP, rushed to the scene.

Left red-faced, the top cops remained evasive and did not take calls made by mediapersons. A case of theft was registered and Gomti Nagar SHO Triloki Singh was asked to personally probe the case. This is probably the first instance in which a case of theft is being probed by an officer of the rank of inspector in Lucknow police history. As per reports, IAS officer Rajan Shukla resides in Tower B of CSI Enclave (house number 403). On Monday, Shukla and his family went to Varanasi for some work. When they returned after midnight, they

found the locks of all doors and almirahs broken, and cash and valuables missing. Rajan Shukla's wife Neelam Shukla lodged a case in this connection with the Gomti Nagar police. In her application, she stated that they returned home to find the locks broken. "Valuables, debit cards of my daughter and other items have been stolen from our house," she stated.

Though top cops remained mum, policemen who conducted the initial probe said articles were strewn across the floor in all rooms. "The miscreants

checked every nook and corner in the house. The miscreants used some tool to break the locks and stayed there for several hours," they claimed. The incident came as a huge shock to senior cops who oversaw investigations. "The colony is manned by security persons and policemen round the clock. Those manning the gate note the name of visitors and also the time of visit and departure. Even mediapersons are not allowed to enter the CSI towers freely. One has to have an appointment with an officer to be able to gain access to the place.

Where were the cops or security guards at the time of incident," a senior officer wondered. Triloki Singh said five teams had been formed to crack the case. "Every aspect related to the incident is being probed. We hope to crack the case soon," he said. The incident came as a big blow to the already embattled Lucknow police in news for all the wrong reasons lately. A couple of days back, the Lucknow police had launched an anti-crime cell app seeking people's help in identifying suspects and reporting their unscrupulous activities.

Constable's wife found hanging at staff quarter

Lucknow (PNS): Piqued over discord with her husband, wife of a constable ended her life at her residence in Mahanagar on Tuesday. The woman, identified as Ishwarwati (43), lived with her husband Ram Niwas and children in the staff quarter (No. 10) at Reserve Police Lines. She was found hanging from the ceiling with a dupatta tied around her neck on Tuesday morning. Police said Ishwarwati had been upset over altercation with her husband for the last few days she was suspected to have ended her life over the issue. Ram Niwas is presently deployed at the Forensic Science Lab in Mahanagar. Elsewhere, in Thakurganj, a painter, identified as Sooraj Prasad (48) of Balaganj, ended his life following a verbal spat with his wife on Monday night. Reports said Sooraj was home alone after his wife left for some work and his children went to their school. He was found hanging with a saree tied around his neck on Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, 22-year-old Amit Singh was killed in a road mishap near Rani Laxmibai Hospital in Talkatora police station area on Monday night. Amit, a resident of Laxman Vihar Colony in Para, was returning after visiting his uncle's house in Rajajipuram. Around 10:50 pm, his bike collided with another motorcycle being driven by Saddam of Bazaarkhala. Both suffered injuries and were rushed to Rani Laxmibai Hospital where Amit was declared "brought dead". Saddam was referred to KGMU Trauma Centre where his condition was said to be critical.



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उपरोक्त पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा संख्या-64/विभागा0/गो/2018-19, को अपरिहार्य कारणों के कारण निरस्त किया जाता है। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत परियोजना मण्डल 220 केवीओ उपकेन्द्र परिसर जेल रोड, गोण्डा संख्या-1534/विभागा0/गो/दिनांक 16.10.2018 "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाये" साधारण बल्ब के स्थान पर एलईडी बल्ब का प्रयोग करें।

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद परियोजना-प्रथम, कक्षा संख्या 227 से 232 प्रथम तल, परियोजना मण्डल 220 केवीओ उपकेन्द्र परिसर, विद्युत खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ-226010 ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-07/विभागा0/खंड/2018-19 के सुदृष्टि पत्र का प्रकाशन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-07/ECTD-(L)/2018-19 के अन्तर्गत क्रमांक 01 से 04 पर अंकित निविदाये, जिसमें निविदा का प्रथम/द्वितीय माग को अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 12.11.2018 एवं निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि 14.11.2018 थी, तकनीकी कारणों से निविदाये <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद परियोजना-प्रथम, कक्षा संख्या 227 से 232 प्रथम तल, परियोजना मण्डल 220 केवीओ उपकेन्द्र परिसर, विद्युत खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ के कार्यालय के माध्यम से अपलोड की जायेगी। निविदा प्रथम मूल्य तथा अन्य नियम व शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। (लौकिक आंश) अधिशासी अभियन्ता पत्रांक-1655 दिनांक 15.10.2018 "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाये"।

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत मण्डल खण्ड, लेसा, मध्यांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड, 11 केवी, सिविलिंग स्टेशन, महानगर, लखनऊ अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा 03/विभागा0-लेसा/2018-19 क्रमांक 01 निविदा विशिष्ट संख्या 03/विभागा0-लेसा/2018-19 कार्य का विवरण विद्युत मण्डल लखनऊ के अधीनस्थ विभिन्न जिलों (लखनऊ, बरेली, फैजाबाद, गोण्डा) में स्थित कार्यालय में एक वर्ष हेतु कम्प्यूटर पर टाइपिंग का कार्य, हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी भाषा में कराने हेतु प्रशिक्षित कम्प्यूटर ऑपरेटर जिन्हें कम्प्यूटर पर टाइपिंग (हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी भाषा में) एनएसओ ऑफिस व इन्टरनेट पर कार्य करने का अच्छा ज्ञान हो, उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। आपरेटर की संख्या 06 अर्द्ध घण्टे दर (रू 100) 5000.00 निविदा के जमा करने की तिथि 29.10.2018 (12 बजे) निविदा का प्रथम भाग खोलने की तिथि 29.10.2018 (15 बजे) समस्त नियम एवं शर्तें जैसे पूर्व निर्धारित अर्हता, फार्म "ए" निविदादाताओं के लिये निर्देश एवं अन्य वाणिज्यिक शर्तें मध्यांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड/उपरोक्त पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के मानकों के अनुरूप होंगे। निविदा भाग-1 के साथ निम्नलिखित अभिलेख संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा अन्यथा भाग-2 नहीं खोला जायेगा। (क) जी0एस0टी0, आयकर विभाग एवं श्रम विभाग में कम से कम 20 अथवा उससे अधिक कर्मचारियों हेतु पंजीकरण हो एवं उस फर्म को मेनपावर उपलब्ध कराने के क्षेत्र में कम से कम 02 वर्ष का अनुभव हो जो ही फर्म इस कार्य हेतु अर्ह होगी। निविदा प्रथम मध्यांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड की वेबसाइट www.mvnl.in तथा उपरोक्त सरकार की ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in से देखें एवं डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा प्रस्ताव केंद्र ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध प्रोफार्मा में आनलाइन अपलोड करनी होगी। निविदा प्राप्त/खोलने की तिथि के दिन सार्वजनिक अवकाश होने की स्थिति में, निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस को निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। निविदा भाग-2 बिना निविदा मूल्य/उचित धरोहर राशि के नहीं खोला जायेगा। टेंडर की वैधता न्यूनतम 180 दिन होनी चाहिए। अविद्यमान में इस निविदा में यदि कोई संशोधन अथवा निविदा खोलने की तिथि में कोई विस्तार होता है तो उसकी सूचना ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर अथवा मध्यांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड की वेबसाइट www.mvnl.in पर उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी। अधिशासी अभियन्ता (भाषांतर) पत्रांक-368 दिनांक - 16.10.2018 राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाये, बल्ब की जगह एलईडी लगायें।



Goddess Durga idols in full glory at CPH Railway Colony in Alambagh, Anandnagar Railway Colony (Jail Road), and Sindhvi Vidyalaya Girls' College in Ramnagar



Pioneer

Organisers keep Dura Puja pandals environment-friendly

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The tastefully decked-up Durga Puja pandals across the city attracted huge crowds of devotees on Tuesday. Long queues were seen making their way to the counters where the bhog was served to the visitors. The Bengalis were joined by others on the festive occasion and people did not mind standing in heat for their turn to partake of bhog. Members of the Bengali community were seen dressed in the best of their fineries and families were seen interacting and chatting away at the puja pandals. Moong dal khichdi, chechdi made of five seasonal vegetables, chutney, papad and kheer were served to the devotees in the afternoon.

At many puja pandals, people were seen enjoying the bhog as they stood beside tables. At other pandals, arrangements were made for the senior citizens to sit and relish the food. The community members rallied around for support to see that none amongst the devotees went without the prasad till late in the

evening. President of Charbagh Durga Puja Samiti PK Ghosh said that their aim always was to see that the maximum number of people enjoyed the bhog. "The origin of the menu for the bhog goes back to the time when Swami Vivekananda will collect bhiksha and was offered rice and lentils which got mixed in his bag and were cooked as 'khichdi'. The idea here is that the bhog should be served to the large majority and hence it needs to be simple and wholesome. If a person keeps an expensive food item, it is likely to reach only a small number of people," he said. Among the green initiatives, he said they were serving the bhog in daunas and for the distribution of prasad, they were encouraging people to take it themselves in their hands. He said that under the Swachhata campaign, they also made announcements for keeping the area clean.

Key organiser of Jankipuram Sahara Estate Durga Puja Saurav Bandopadhyaya said that they served the bhog in bone china dishes which they had been doing



People queue up for bhog at Gombi Nagar Durga Puja pandal on Tuesday

for the past seven years. He said that theirs being the largest puja they had over 72 stalls and cleaning was done four times a day. "We have kept near 25 dustbins which we have placed on the premises that can handle 50-

60 kilograms of garbage," he said. For the bhog, he said they served one vegetable fry, khichdi, papad and chutney. "The largest crowds we get are on Ashtami and Navmi," he said. He added that instead of glasses,

they served water in mini-bottles. General secretary of Sarvajani Puja Samiti Vidyant College Avik Bhattacharya said that in keeping with the green initiative, they were using the melmwore or melamine

plates for the bhog. "We have a collection of over 1,000 plates which are washed and used as the devotees keep coming in. He said that over 800 persons partook of the bhog on Saptami, nearly 1,200 on Ashtami and 1,400 on Navmi. At the Gombi nagar Durga Puja, Gautam Mitra said that all plastic materials such as milk packets were thrown in a pit dug at the grounds so that they were not carried out from the premises. A huge rush of people was handled efficiently by the committee members. The pandals will witness the highest footfalls on the occasion of Ashtami on Wednesday. Sandhi puja will be performed on the occasion of Ashtami in the afternoon. Saurav Bandopadhyaya Jankipuram Durga Puja Samiti said Sandhi puja had to be performed with great precision and he himself performed it at his pandal. "There are several who come to the puja simply to watch it," he added. Aesthetically one of the most beautiful pandals in the city, the one at Jankipuram with Belgian lights, witnesses a new colour each day.

South African native dies of cardiac arrest

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A 71-year-old South African native died of suspected cardiac arrest at a hotel in Hasanganj police station area early Tuesday morning. He was a part of a 34-member troupe on India tour. He was also accompanied by his wife. Police sent the body for autopsy to ascertain the cause of death. As per reports, Rabi Matthew of Durban (South Africa), along with his wife Bhagwanti Matthew and other members of the group on a tour to India, had checked into Golden Orchid hotel in Hasanganj a couple of days ago. Around 4:30 pm on Monday, Matthew complained of chest pain and was taken to Vivekananda Polyclinic & Institute of Medical Sciences from where he was referred to

KGMU's Lari Cardiology Centre. The doctors attended to him and he was discharged from the hospital around 6:30 pm. He came back to the hotel again. However, Matthew complained of chest pain again around 3 am and he was rushed to the KGMU Trauma Centre.

"The doctors examined him and declared him 'brought dead'. They later sent a memo to the KGMU police station informing them about the incident. The Chowk police reached the Trauma Centre and recommended autopsy to ascertain the cause of death," a police spokesman said. He added that Matthew's wife or any other group member had not lodged a complaint in this regard.

Lucknow has right balance of pace and leisure: Ahem

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Actor Ahem Sharma finds Lucknow having just the right balance of pace as well as leisure. In the city for promotion of his show 'Vikram Betaal Ki Rahasya Gaatha' on Tuesday, Ahem said coming from the busy life of Mumbai, he found the pace of Lucknow soothing.

"In Mumbai, we do not have any time for others and it becomes very hectic. Lucknow has this mix of the old and new which makes it a good balance. It becomes different from other cities," he said. "Lucknow is so rich in terms of its cuisine and culture. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit interacting with its people filled heart with warmth and helpfulness. I have a tight schedule but will come again to explore the city later," he added.

About the show, the actor said they have tried to give it a contemporary take and had not limited it to just the interaction between Vikram and Betaal.

"The story gives the relationship between Vikram and his family and how Betaal



became what he is. There are a lot of special effects too and hence I do not have to carry Betaal on my shoulders as it is done using technology," he pointed out. "I am very happy to have had the opportunity to play King Vikramaditya in the show. Vikramaditya's name itself reflects the strength and bravery of the King of Ujjain. I am really enjoying portraying this powerful character and hope the audience loves and appreciate this new version of the classic tale," he added. The Vikram-

Betaal tales transported the audience to an enchanting world and etched a special place in the hearts of people many years ago. "I have not seen the earlier version but this show has been made contemporary. There is a lot of detailing which did not exist earlier," he added. Actor Makarand Deshpande is playing Betaal while Bhadrakal by Sooraj Thapar. The show has brought together a strong ensemble cast including Ishita Ganguly, Amit Behl and Sonia Singh among others.

LDA's enforcement wing razes 3-storey shopping complex

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The enforcement wing of Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) on Tuesday afternoon pulled down a three-storey shopping complex, built illegally by former UP minister and senior Samajwadi Party leader Sharda Pratap Shukla on Kanpur Road. The former minister had allegedly grabbed the precious land five years ago in 2013 with the help of musclemen under the patronage of the then government and constructed shops as well as his residence there. The blueprint of the complex was never presented to the mapping department of LDA for approval.

The action was initiated by the LDA administration in wake of a High Court order declaring the complex illegal recently and directing Vice-Chairman PN Singh to chalk out a plan to raze it at the earliest. The complex housing 15

shops while the former minister stayed on the top floor of the complex. The enforcement wing, led by incharge and joint secretary Mahendra Mishra and escorted by police personnel, reached the spot at 11 am. Security in and around the area was tightened by the Sarojini Nagar police.

Large number of Shukla's supporters assembled there but they could not stop the enforcement wing members accompanied by police. Executive engineer RD Rai, along with other officials and staffers, had earlier reached the spot at 9 am and it took over six hours to pull down the structure.

Now, the LDA administration is planning to sell the commercial plot, which was illegal occupied by the SP leader. The LDA administration is likely to raise a decent amount as the current market rate of the land is stated to be Rs 100 crore.

SCHOOLSCAN



RAMLILA STAGED

Tiny-tots of Amity International School staged Ramlila on Tuesday. The students re-enacted the epic from the birth of Lord Ram to the abduction of Sita and the victory of good over evil. The Ramayan chaupayee and dance performance gave the enactment a special touch. The act was performed by the entire primary section from Nursery to class IV. The presentation was followed by the burning of Ravana's effigy.

DUSSEHRA

The students of DPS, Indira Nagar, celebrated Dussehra on Tuesday. The programme commenced with obeisance to the deity followed by a speech by a student highlighting the significance of the nine-day celebrations.

Poems by two students conveyed the need to be righteous and follow the right path. A garba performance by the students added to the festivities.

HINDI DEBATE CONTEST

An inter-House Hindi debate competition was organised at The Lucknow Public Collegiate (3, Jopling Road and Sharda Nagar) on Tuesday to celebrate Hindi Literacy Month. The students put across their points to the judges and guests. Principal and joint director of school, Jaiward Alam Khan applauded the enthusiasm displayed by the students.

WORLD STUDENTS' DAY

World Students' Day was celebrated by students to pay tributes to former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth

anniversary at all the branches of SKD Academy. Students organised quiz competitions and speeches on Kalam's life and achievements. The students were told about the achievements of Kalam. The students also paid homage to the former President.

CMS STUDENT BAGS 1ST PRIZE IN DANCE CONTEST

Ananya Srivastava, a class VI student of City Montessori School (Aliganj Campus I), bagged the first prize in an inter-school dance competition organised under the aegis of Kayastha Mahasabha. Ananya was also declared the best icon of the year.



CITYBRIEFS

WORLD FOOD DAY

On the occasion of World Food Day, Prithvi Innovations brought together and sensitised more than 17,000 people at various places in Lucknow and administered them oath to achieve zero food wastage and zero hunger. World Food Day is marked every year on October 16 to commemorate the founding of FAO in 1945. The theme for this year is 'Our actions are our future. A zero hunger world by 2030 is possible.' "We have been consistently working for this cause for the past four years and have been especially recognised and have represented India in lot of international forums and meets such," she said. She added that on October 16, more than 26 institutions would join the mass oath programme on October 16. Anuradha Gupta, founder and secretary of Prithvi Innovations, several other meaningful and innovative activities, workshops, food collection, tiffin surveys, canteen study, drives etc would be organised by them from October 16 onwards, engaging various stakeholders to further reinforce the message. She said a special request had been sent to the District Magistrate Kausal Raj Sharma and Municipal Commissioner Indramani Tripathi to call for



The Bank of Baroda's Lucknow region organised Baroda Kisan Diwas on World Food Day on Tuesday. Principal Secretary (Agriculture) Amit Mohan Prasad was the chief guest on the occasion

a brainstorming meet of all members to take some specific time-bound actions on the ground to minimise food wastage.

PHOTO ALBUM

The Award Council of India will be making the largest photo album of the various welfare schemes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chairman Subhash Balla said that four pages of the album would be showcased at Rai Umanath Bali auditorium on October 20. The organisation had earlier made the longest letter for former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He pointed out that technology had made the task easier. The designing will be easy but the material on which we will

work needs to be decided. We had chosen plywood but it was showing a wave on the surface," he said.

FOUNDATION DAY

Syndicate Bank is celebrating its 93rd Foundation Day with a fortnight of activities from Oct 10 to 25. During this period, the bank and its employees will contact new and existing customers. Syndicate Bank has a network of over 4,000 branches and 4300 ATMs across the country. With a clientele of over 56 million, the bank aspires to grow younger and stronger at 93. During the fortnight, celebrations will be combined with expansion of business by garnering new clientele under both deposits

and advances. Managing director and CEO Mrutyunjay Mahapatra reiterated Syndicate Bank's commitment to the nation, especially to the customers, youth and entrepreneurs.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

A special road safety campaign was carried out by the Transport department on Tuesday. Bikers who were not wearing helmets were given away roses. ARTO Sanjay Kumar Gupta said that the campaign was carried out at the gates of various government departments, including UPSPRT, Shakti Bhawan, DRM Office and Babu Bhawan. Gupta said it was primarily done as an awareness exercise.

Centre orders special audit of SIC

7-member panel set up to probe misappropriation of funds and misuse of facilities at Safdarjung Hospital's Sports Injury Centre

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The state-of-the-art Sports Injury Centre (SIC) at New Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital is under the Centre's scanner for alleged misappropriation of funds and misuse of facilities.

The Union Health Ministry has set up a seven-member panel, headed by Joint Secretary Rajeev Manjhi, to take up the special audit of SIC's functioning in various areas ranging from equipments and facilities for operation theatres to their procurement and maintenance. The committee has a one-month deadline to submit its report.

This is for the first time that the functioning of the SIC, which was inaugurated in September 2010, just before the Commonwealth Games, with an objective to provide integrated surgical, rehabilitative and diagnostic services under one roof for the management of sports injuries and related joint disorders, is being audited.

The panel was formed following complaints from Dr R K Arya, who recently took over as the SIC Director. Prior to him, the SIC was headed by Dr Deepak Chaudhary, who has now joined a private hospital in the national capital.

In fact, sources said, Dr Chaudhary's resignation is yet to be accepted by the Ministry in the wake of the allegations of corruption in the SIC during his tenure.

The panel is already on job: Constituted on September 20,

2018, the panel has the mandate to audit equipment and facilities for operation theatres with reference to their procurement, maintenance and allied expenditure with particular reference to their usability and usefulness. It is also looking into "equipment and facilities for physiotherapy unit of the centre with reference to their usability and usefulness," said the sources.

Two private diagnostic facilities—M/s Mahajan Imaging and M/s Khanna Pathcare—set up on the premises of the SIC have also come under the scanner. Sources said that the panel is auditing "the revenue sharing with M/s Mahajan Imaging and M/s Khanna Pathcare for radiological and pathological facilities respectively at the SIC".

The other area the panel is probing is about the implants needed by the SIC and Safdarjung Hospital for reconstructive and Orthopaedic plastic surgeries, their availability and plan of procurement by the former.

The team will also audit issues related to allied health-care professionals, recruitment, and service conditions among others.

Sensing widespread bungling, the Ministry has also asked the committee to look into the status of the SIC with regard to whether it is an autonomous body/semi-autonomous body or department under the Safdarjung Hospital administration. Issues related to budget provision for



the two would also be looked into.

The other members of the panel are Dr HL Nag, Professor, Department of Orthopedic,

AIIMS, Dr Deep Sharma, Additional Professor and Head of Department (HoD) Orthopedic from JIPMER, Puducherry, Dr DD Maheshwari, Under Secretary (Health Ministry) and Amit Chobey, Deputy Director,

DGHS and one representative each from IFD and Procurement Division in the Health Ministry.

When contacted by The Pioneer, while Dr Arya refused to speak on the matter citing confidentiality, sources said it was he who had rung the alarm bells, seeking a special audit of the SIC. Incidentally, soon after taking over as the head of the SIC, he had also cut

down the prices of some implants. (See box)

However, this is not the first time that the Ministry has investigated the functioning of the prominent centre which is meant to treat sportspersons with their injuries.

Last year, in April, the Health Ministry's Directorate General of Health Services had set up a three-member committee to look into what was happening at the SIC. The panel members were Dr K.T. Bhowmik, Dr Anita Jain and Dr R.K. Anand, all from Safdarjung Hospital. The DGHS had noted that the personnel requirements at the SIC for both annual maintenance and operation and facility management services were excessively high. However, the fate of the report is not known till date for the best reasons known to the Ministry.

Comparative price chart of implant used at SIC as on 21/8/2018

Surgery	Earlier Price ₹	Current Price ₹	Price Drop ₹
Surgery knee arthroscopy			
*Single bundle ACLR/PCLR (Adjustable loop endobutton+ Bioresorbable screw)	36,750	27,300	9,450
*Double Bundle ACLR/PCLR (Adjustable loop endobutton + bioresorbable screw)	56,000	54,600	1,400
*Single bundle ACLR/PCLR (Instabutton (Indian) with Bioresorbable screw (Imported))	21,000	16,275	4,725
*Single bundle ACLR/PCLR (Adjustable loop endobutton + bioresorbable screw) + single bundle PCLR Double screw bioresorbable + PLC reconstruction)	1,02,375	79,800	22,575
Surgery shoulder			
*Double row rotator cuff repair	94,500	71,715	22,785
*Bankart repair	69,300	51,000	18,300
Surgery knee arthroplasty			
*TKR	As per NPPA	2,000-4,000 lesser than NPPA	2,000-4,000

(NPPA: National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority)

Rahul living in self-delusion, concocting falsehood: Jaitley

Denies allegation of meeting absconding Nirav Modi in Parliament

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

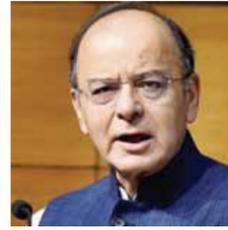
Mixing his sharp attack on Congress president Rahul Gandhi with a strong dose of satire, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Tuesday accused the former of living in "self-delusion" and being bereft of facts concocting repeat falsehood on several issues including the Rafale deal, Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Non Performing Assets (NPA).

Writing in his blog titled "Is the Clown Prince out-clowning himself", Jaitley dismissed Rahul's claim that he (the Finance Minister) met absconding jeweler and bank defaulter Nirav Modi in Parliament and helped him escape the country.

"I do not recollect ever having even seen Nirav Modi in my life. The question of his meeting me in Parliament does not arise. If he came to Parliament, as Rahul Gandhi claims, then reception records would show that. Where have I admitted all this Mr. Gandhi," Jaitley asked.

On Rahul's claim that he also met another business tycoon Vijay Mallya in Parliament, the Finance Minister repeated his earlier assertion that he was chased by Mallya in the corridor of Parliament.

"If the factual narrative does not suit him (Gandhi) then concoct an alternative. Repeat the false narrative a dozen times and convince yourself that falsehood is in fact is



the truth. Thereafter, you can comfortably live in self-delusion", Jaitley wrote in his Facebook post.

"Many young lawyers practising criminal law used to get an advice early in their career from veterans in the field. They were told 'if you are strong on facts, bang the facts. If you are strong on law, bang the law. If you are weak on both, then bang the desk.' Those who advise Rahul Gandhi appear to have persuaded him that he is cut out only for the third option."

Jaitley gave a pointed rebuttal to the allegations and charges levelled by the Congress regarding the contract for the French fighter jets as also the allegations that the Modi Government favoured a private defence firm, Anil Ambani's Reliance Defence, to get the off-set contract with Dassault Aviation, at the cost of State-run defence firm Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Congress had alleged that Reliance Defence got an advantage ranging from ₹38,000 Crore to ₹1,30,000 Crore," Jaitley noted in his blog post and went on to explain the "truth".

The finance minister said in his blog post, "Rafale aircraft and its weaponry is not being manufactured in India at all, neither by Dassault or by any

other private company. All 36 aircrafts and their weapons in a fully flyable and usable form will arrive in India. After the supplies begin Dassault has to make purchases in India for 50% of the contract value. This is as per the UPA's policy to promote make in India."

"If the total deal is for ₹58,000 Crore, 50 per cent of that amounts to ₹29,000 Crore. These supplies to Dassault are to be made by over 120 offset suppliers and which the business house named is one of them. Dassault has said that only 3 per cent of offset may come to that business house which is less than ₹1,000 crore."

On the issue of "loan waiver" and non-performing assets (NPA) in banks, Jaitley countered Rahul's claims that PM Modi had helped "15 of his friends" get a loan waiver. "Loans were given during the UPA period. Not a single Rupee has been waived," he said.

Cong: Country needs Finance Min, not babble-blogger

Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala attacked Jaitley accusing him of "banging" the economy by his "incomprehension". Taking to Twitter, he said the country needed a Finance Minister and not a "babble-blogger". "Hollow rants of a 'Court Jester' - Mr Jait-Lie - won't change the truth that You bang the truth to hide ineptitude. You bang the Rupee by your mismanagement. You bang exports by your incompetence. You bang the economy by your incomprehension. India needs a FM, Not a 'Babble Blogger'," he tweeted.

In a first, India, China to sign internal security cooperation pact next week

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and China will for the first time sign an internal security cooperation agreement next week, marking a new beginning in bilateral relations.

Zhao Kezhi, China's Minister of Public Security, will visit India on October 22 and hold meetings with Home Minister Rajnath Singh during which they will discuss various aspects of security cooperation between the two countries.

During the visit of the Chinese leader, an agreement on internal security cooperation between the two countries will be signed.

The proposed pact is expected to cover areas of intelligence sharing, exchange programme, sharing of best practices, cooperation in disaster mitigation besides others, an official said.

The move comes just a year after a two-month-long border stand-off between the India Army and the China's People's Liberation Army at Doklam on the India-Bhutan-China tri-junction.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held an informal summit in Wuhan, China, in April this year which helped repair bilateral ties.

A Chinese delegation met an Indian team on August 28 to hold discussions on the forthcoming visit of the Chinese Minister of Public Security and the proposed pact on security cooperation between the two countries, the official said.

This will be the first such agreement between the authorities of India and China which look after internal security of the respective countries, the official said.

Centre orders transfer of 2K Sashastra Seema Bal personnel to IB

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has cleared a proposal for absorption of over 2,000 non-combatant personnel of the Sashastra Seema Bal into the Intelligence Bureau in order to strengthen the presence of the covert agency along the frontiers with China and Nepal.

The order to the effect was issued by Ministry following a high level meeting between Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba and IB chief Rajiv Jain.

According to the blueprint for movement of the SSB personnel to the IB, the trained, experienced and well acquainted personnel of the paramilitary will be used to upgrade country's intelligence generation and gathering capability along 15,000-kms of India's border. The personnel could undertake tasks aimed at generating nationalist sentiments among the border population. The personnel would be chartered over a period of next few months and both the central agencies will "mutually decide the detailed implementation modalities including those related to transfer of assets of the Sashastra Seema Bal to the IB."



External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj exchanges documents of agreement with her Tanzanian counterpart Augustine P Mahiga in New Delhi on Tuesday

Crime scene videography mandatory for 6 major cities, Centre informs SC

New Delhi: In a giant leap towards digitisation of criminal investigation, police in six major cities, including Delhi and Mumbai, will mandatorily conduct videography of a crime scene, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

Besides Delhi and Mumbai, the other cities where videography of crime scenes would be mandatory are Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Chandigarh.

The top court had in April asked the Centre to prepare a plan for introducing videography in criminal investigations to strengthen the rule of law.

Taking the lead, the Gujarat Police has set up a central server which is connected to a specially designed application called "Mobile Pocket Cop".

The app can be downloaded on a cell phone provided to every police station for use in an investigation.

A bench of justices UU Lalit and DY Chandrachud sought a reply in four weeks from home secretary, Gujarat government, on the aspect of testing of another app developed by the Bureau of Police Research and Development as proof of concept.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacting with the medal winners of the 2018 Asian Para Games in New Delhi on Tuesday

MeToo: NSUI prez quits after sexual harassment allegations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of the MeToo campaign, ANSUI national president Fairoz Khan did not take any chance and stepped down from his post following charges of sexual harassment against him. Sources in the party said that Congress president Rahul Gandhi has accepted Khan's resignation.

Khan, who hails from Jammu & Kashmir, submitted his resignation on Monday evening, saying he quit keeping in mind the party's interests. According to sources, Khan said in his resignation letter that he has decided to step down since the charges against him are hurting the party's image. He, however, has denied the charges against him.

The Congress had set up a three-member committee to look into the issue after a woman, a party worker from Chhattisgarh, levelled charges of sexual harassment against the chief of its students' wing. The panel, which is talking to all the concerned parties, is yet to give its report, the sources

said. The woman had first complained against Khan in June. She had then met Rahul Gandhi and other senior leaders of the party demanding action against the NSUI president, who, she alleged, had sexually harassed her and her sister and some other women from the party.

She also lodged a complaint against him at the Parliament Street police station in September, saying that she feared for her life and security.

The allegations against Khan have come in the midst of the MeToo movement gathering pace in the country. Congress was under pressure to act against the NSUI chief as the party is seeking action against Union Minister M J Akbar, who has been accused by several former women colleagues of sexual harassment when he served as editor at various media organisations.

The Opposition party has attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for keeping quiet about the allegations against Akbar and has demanded the latter's resignation.

No material info on number of EVM, VVPAT needed for parallel polls, says EC



New Delhi: The Election Commission does not have any "material information" on the number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) needed to conduct simultaneous elections, the panel has said in a reply to an RTI query.

Pune-based Vihar Durve, through his RTI application, had approached the Commission seeking to know the availability and need of EVMs and VVPAT to carry out elections across the country in 'one nation, one poll' mode.

In his response, Election Commission undersecretary Madhusudan Gupta said, "The information sought by you is not available in any material form as mentioned under Section 2 (f) of the Right to Information Act."

The section defines information as "any material in any form, including records, documents, emails, opinions, advices, press releases, logbooks, con-

tracts, reports, papers, samples, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force".

In their discussions on holding simultaneous elections in the country, the EC officials had said they would need around ₹4,500 crore to buy nearly 12 lakh additional EVMs and an equal number VVPAT machines.

The estimate was based on the current cost to procure the devices.

BJP president Amit Shah had written to the Law Commission on August 13 supporting holding the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls simultaneously.

A paper by the Law Commission had recommended holding the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in two phases beginning 2019.

Political parties are divided on the issue.

CBI to probe 2017 Tihar custodial violence case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has taken over investigation into the custodial violence at Tihar jail last year where 18 inmates were allegedly beaten up by the prison staff.

The incident had occurred on November 21 last year at High Security Ward of Central Jail No 1 at Tihar. The agency has registered two FIRs in connection with the incident. The CBI took over the case following a directive from the Delhi High Court on May 15 this year.

The cases have been registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code relating to grievous injury and common intention against the then Sub Inspector

S Muthupandi of the Tamil Nadu Special Police and other members of his 52-member team.

The court had ordered the CBI probe in response to a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Chinmay Kanojia, who had alleged that his client Shahid Husuf, who was being investigated by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), was beaten up without any reason by the jail staff.

The High Court had termed the incident as "very disturbing".

The plea has said a particular community, including Husuf, was being targeted by the jail staff causing serious injuries to him and others.

INSHORT

RAILWAYS BRACES FOR FESTIVAL RUSH



New Delhi: Railways is preparing to ferry around 16 crore passengers in the next 30 days to clear the festival rush. This will include about 10 lakh additional passengers to be carried by trains which were introduced last year during Chhath.

HARIVANSH STRESSES ON FREE, FAIR TRADE

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh who is currently attending the 139th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union at Geneva on Tuesday emphasised the need for sharing the benefits of international free and fair trade and investment to enable the people to seize the opportunities and benefits of economic globalisation.

INDIA, UAE TO DEEPEN DEFENCE COOPERATION

New Delhi: India and the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday agreed to deepen their defence cooperation in a range of areas including military-to-military exchanges, training of personnel and defence production. The decision was taken during talks between Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and the UAE's Minister of State for Defence Affairs Mohammed Ahmed Al Bowardi Al Falacy.

'NO DIFFERENCES, ALL SUPPORT VASUNDHARA'

New Delhi: Asserting that there were no differences among the leaders in poll-bound Rajasthan, the party's election in charge for the State Prakash Javadekar on Tuesday said there was only a "communication gap" which has been bridged and the entire unit was behind Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje.

HEALTH MINISTER HOLDS ZIKA CONTROL MEETING

New Delhi: Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Tuesday held a high-level meeting to review the activities for prevention and control of Zika virus and seasonal influenza in the country and stressed on the need for undertaking exhaustive control measures including intensive fogging for next month in order to ensure vector control in the area.

CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

AGP set to meet JPC members to oppose it

ANUP SHARMA ■ GUWAHATI

Assam's regional political party Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) has decided to meet the members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to express their Opposition to the proposed Constitutional Amendment Bill before October 23.

Senior AGP leader Kamala Kalita said this on Tuesday while adding that an AGP delegation will go to New Delhi soon to meet each of the 30 members of the JPC on Citizenship (Amendment) Bill to impress upon them the dangers looming large on Assam if the Constitutional Amendment Bill is passed.

"We have met the JPC during its hearing in Assam and expressed our reservations regarding the proposed Bill. We are not going to accept the passing of the Bill at any cost. We are also going to hold a mass rally in Assam on October 23 expressing our stiff opposition to the Bill," he said.

The AGP and Bodoland Peoples' Front (BPF) are the partners of the BJP led

THE CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LOK SABHA ON JULY 15, 2016, SEEKS TO AMEND THE CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955 TO PROVIDE CITIZENSHIP TO ILLEGAL MIGRANTS, FROM AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN, WHO ARE HINDU, SIKH, BUDDHIST, JAIN, PARSIS OR CHRISTIAN

alliance Government in Assam. Assam had witnessed severe protests earlier this year protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on July 15, 2016, seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to provide citizenship to illegal migrants, from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, who are of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian extraction.

While the Assam Government is yet to make its stand clear on the Bill, the Meghalaya Government—where BJP is a partner—has

taken a cabinet decision to oppose the Bill as it might affect the indigenous people of the State. Different organisations and civil society groups in other northeastern States like Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh have also been opposing the Bill.

Meanwhile, the opposition Congress in Assam has slammed the AGP terming the regional party's opposition to the controversial Bill as mere eye-wash and said that the Bill poses gravest threat ever to Assam and its indigenous people.

"The controversial Bill is the gravest threat ever faced by Assam since Independence. It is the biggest ever injustice meted out to Assam. The AGP is hand in glove with the BJP. If the AGP is really against the Bill, they should come out of the alliance," said former Chief Minister and Congress leader, Tarun Gogoi.

"There is no point of dramatizing a sensitive issue like the Citizenship Amendment Bill. The AGP is not even registering its protests over the Bill," said Leader of the Opposition of Assam Legislative Assembly, Debabrata Saikia.

Prashant Kishor is JD(U) national V-P

PNS ■ PATNA

Just a month after joining the JD(U), Prashant Kishor has been appointed as national vice president of the party. With this elevation PK, he is quite popular with his abbreviation in political circles, is only next to national president Nitish Kumar.

The official statement regarding PK's appointment was issued on Tuesday by the party's secretary general KC Tyagi who expressed confidence that his experience and expertise will take the party to a new height.

Kishor, 41, had formally joined the JD(U) on September 16 at the party's State executive committee meeting here. After grabbing limelight following huge victory of mahagathabandhan, which involved the JD(U) and the RJD apart from others, he was keeping a low profile. The victory of 2015 Assembly election was largely credited to the poll strategy engineered by Kishore who in 2014 general election had reportedly crafted the strategy for Narendra Modi.

With his elevation as JD(U) national vice president Kishor is now the most powerful leader of the party only after Nitish, who is supposed to have clipped the wings of many other leaders in the party who were supposed to be his close confidants.



It is also expected that Kishor will have his say in all the top level deliberations with other parties in the NDA and in the decision making his inputs and suggestions would be given weightage by the party supremo. There had been wild speculations about his role in the party after he joined the JD(U) last month. There were reports that he might contest Lok Sabha polls from Buxar constituency, his hometown, and some suggested he might be made a powerful Minister. But Nitish seemed to have proved all those speculations wrong.

In a recent interview to a senior TV journalist and answering the questions of the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Kishor said he would not move out of Bihar for the next 10 years.

Avoiding a direct reply to the possible poll outcome in 2019, Kishor said he would not make a prediction but claimed that BJP was still in lead position.

Statue of Unity symbolises patriotism, says Rupani

GANDHINAGAR : Announcing 'Ekta Yatra' or 'Unity March' across 5,000 villages of the State, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said that the Statue of Unity - world's tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel would emerge as symbol of national unity in the coming days.



The tallest statue of the world being constructed near Sardar Sarovar Dam site would be unveiled by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 31, 2018 to mark 144th birth anniversary of the Ironman of India, said Rupani adding that the first phase of Ekta Yatra will be during October 19 to 29 and second phase would be between November 15 and 25. Interestingly foundation stone of the project was laid by Modi when he was Gujarat CM on October 31, 2013 for the project built at a cost of ₹2,389 crore. The statue stands 3.2 km downstream of the Narmada dam on the islet, Sadhu bet.

"The entire precinct, including the installation place of 'Statue of Unity', would be made patriotic place with the theme 'One India, Best India' along with tourist spot. The landscape of the place is developed with the soil pieces collected from over 6-lakh villages across the country. The place will also have attractions like valley of flowers, boating, three-star hotel

and food court to name few. Another major attraction would be 'Light and Laser show' which would give information about Sardar Patel and his role in the freedom movement of the nation as well as unification of India post-independence.

Meanwhile, Gujarat Ministers and top bureaucrats including CM Rupani are roaming across the country in order to invite Chief Ministers of all the States for the grand inauguration of the statue of unity project - 182 metres high statue of Sardar Patel.

The Gujarat Government wants this unveiling to be a grand event and has drafted almost all the Ministers to different States invite the respective Chief Ministers. Rupani recently went to Uttar Pradesh to invite his counterpart Yogi Adityanath. Deputy CM Nitin Patel went to invite Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis. Minister Vibhavriben Dave visited the north eastern State Tripura.

Agriculture Minister RC Faldu has been tasked to invite the Assam Chief Minister, Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama just returned from his trip to Haryana, while Food and Civil Supplies Minister Jayesh Radadia has been sent to Uttarakhand. Energy and Petrochemicals Minister Saurabh Patel is right now visiting Bihar with an invite for Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for the event.

Minister of State for Home Pradeepsinh Jadeja returned from his trip to Himachal Pradesh. Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Ishwarbhai Parmar went to Goa for the purpose. Forest Minister Ganpat Vasava went to Tamil Nadu, while another Minister Dilip Thakore has been sent to Naveen Patnaik's Orissa, Revenue Minister Kaushik Patel to Jharkhand. Other members of Gujarat's council of Ministers are visiting Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and other States.

Shaktisinh threatens to file criminal suit against Guj CM

PNS ■ GANDHINAGAR

Apparently angry over Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani's allegations on his involvement in the violence against Hindi-speaking migrant labourers, Congress Bihar in charge Shaktisinh Gohil has threatened to file criminal and civil suits against Rupani if he does not apologise.

CM Rupani had made the remarks during his recent visit to Lucknow where he went to



from Himmatnagar, Rajendra Chavda spoke to people and exhorted BJP workers to drive away North Indians who came in Gujarat for employment. The ruling BJP's politics of division in the name of caste, religion, region and community is well known, he alleged adding that despite the party got maximum seats from Hindi belt consisting Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhatisgarh and Rajasthan, BJP is targeting the people of these states.

Criticising NRC in Assam Gohil said that BJP was targeting innocent vulnerable people. In Shilong people belonging to Punjab were targeted only after BJP came in power there. He has also demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention and apology in the issue of attacks on migrants in Gujarat.

invite his counterpart from Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath for the inauguration ceremony of Statue of unity project.

At a Press conference on Tuesday Gohil claimed that the BJP backed hooligans were responsible for attacks on migrant workers. He went on to say that BJP supporters spread anti-migrant messages on social media platforms. "I was in Bihar when violence broke out against migrants. As soon as I came to know about

such incidents I immediately appealed people to maintain peace and harmony in Gujarat. Besides I also demanded to take action against attackers," he added. Sharing social media profiles of some alleged BJP supporters with their anti-outsider posts to bolster his allegation the senior Congress leader claimed that BJP systematically orchestrated violence against migrants. Gohil said that a day after the gruesome rape, BJP MLA



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu interacts with people in cyclone-affected Vajrapukothuru mandal of Srikakulam district on Tuesday

Pioneer photo

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Advisory panel in place for rebuilding flood-hit Kerala

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

An advisory committee headed by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has been set up for implementation of various projects for rebuilding the flood-ravaged state.

Announcing this at a press conference here, Vijayan said the committee, comprising Union Tourism Minister Alphons Kannanthanam, would give advice for implementing the projects.

Leader of Opposition in Kerala Assembly Ramesh Chennithala, T K A Nair, who served as advisor to former prime minister, and former state chief secretary K M Chandrasekhar are among the

other members of the committee, he said.

The first meeting of the committee would be held on October 22, the chief minister said.

Besides this, a high-powered committee would monitor the implementation of the projects approved by the state cabinet, he said.

The chief minister also launched a portal for crowd funding as part of the government's efforts to mobilise funds for rebuilding and rehabilitating the people affected by the flood in the state.

Vijayan is scheduled to leave for some of the Gulf countries on Wednesday as part of the efforts to mobilise funds from Kerala expatriates there.

Seventeen of the 20 state ministers have also planned to visit different countries in the Gulf and Europe to mobilise funds.

However, the Centre has approved the foreign visit of the chief minister alone so far.

Answering a question in this regard, Vijayan said the state government had expected that the Centre would give sanction for the ministers also.

J&K Governor speaks to Javadekar over AMU row

PIANS ■ SRINAGAR

Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik on Tuesday urged Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar to intervene and ensure a smooth conduct of academic activities in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

The university administration has suspended three Kashmiri students on charges of trying to organise funeral prayers on the campus for slain Hizbul commander Manan Bashir Wani, an AMU research scholar who had joined militancy in January this year.

Kashmiri students at the university are protesting the suspension of the three. About 1,200 Kashmiri students have written to the AMU authorities, threatening that they would quit studies at the university unless sedition charges were dropped

1,200 Kashmiri students have written to the AMU authorities, threatening that they would quit studies at the university unless sedition charges were dropped against the accused students.

The Governor spoke to Javadekar seeking his intervention to ensure "smooth studies of the Kashmiri students at AMU", an official statement said.

The Governor also spoke to the Vice Chancellor of AMU, Tariq Mansoor.

Malik urged Javadekar and Professor Tariq to ensure that the issue was resolved at the earliest and there was no disruption to Kashmiri students' studies.

Jaswant's son Manvendra to join Cong

PTI ■ JAIPUR/BARMER

Veteran BJP leader Jaswant Singh's son and MLA Manvendra Singh will join the Congress on Wednesday, ahead of the Assembly polls in Rajasthan in December.

Singh (54), who won Barmer's Sheo constituency as the BJP candidate in 2013 Assembly elections, had announced at a rally last month that he is leaving the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"Kamal ka Phool Badi Bhoof", he had said then, claiming that going with the BJP's election symbol, the lotus, was a "big mistake".

Congress leaders claimed his move will help bring Rajput votes to the party-fold while the BJP said the MLA's "political wrong decision" will have no impact on the ruling party.

"Manvendra Singh will join the Congress tomorrow in Delhi in the presence of party president Rahul Gandhi,"

Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee president Sachin Pilot told PTI Tuesday.

"There is a long list of leaders quitting the BJP and the party should introspect why this is happening," he said. "We are welcoming Manvendra Singh and this will strengthen the party." He added the party will ensure his active participation in the upcoming assembly elections in the state.

Rajasthan's Parliamentary Affairs Minister Rajendra Rathore claimed Singh's decision is a political misstep and he should have thought before switching sides.

"The Congress is helpless. Therefore it is adopting sidelined BJP leaders. It is his personal decision but this is a politically wrong decision. He is not going to get anything with this," Rathore told reporters at Ranakpur in Pali.

As for the Rajput votes, Rathore said the community has traditionally voted for the



BJP. "There will be no impact of this as the Rajput votes will remain with the BJP only," he said.

Fateh Khan, the president of the Barmer unit of the Congress, said the Rajputs are not happy with the Vasundhara Raj government in Rajasthan.

"The Congress party is going to gain when Manvendra joins Congress," he said.

In western Rajasthan, the Rajput vote is often considered a deciding factor on many

seats. The Congress is also hoping to get the support of communities like the Rajpurohits, Charans and Prapajats with Singh joining the party. Manvendra Singh won Barmer's Sheo assembly constituency in 2013 with a margin of 31,425 votes.

His father Jaswant Singh, who is in coma for the last four years, was denied ticket by the BJP from the Barmer-Jaisalmer constituency in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

He then contested elections as an independent and lost the seat to BJP's Sonamarg, who had joined the party after switching from the Congress. There was resentment among Jaswant Singh supporters over the denial of the BJP ticket for the veteran, and they blamed Vasundhara Raj for this.

These supporters had then rallied around his son Manvendra Singh, calling it an issue of 'swabhiman' or self-respect.

Dhinakaran vows to 'retrieve' AIADMK

Chennai: AMMK leader TTV Dhinakaran on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the AIADMK leadership, saying the ruling party has "lost its identity" and was "stuck" due to a "few selfish" people.



The ousted AIADMK leader also claimed that his Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) would 'retrieve' the ruling party.

In an apparent reference to Dhinakaran, the AIADMK dubbed him an 'overnight' leader rejected by the people.

"One cannot deny the fact that the party has lost its identity and ideology and veered away from the path laid down by Amma (the late J Jayalalithaa). It is now stuck due to a few selfish persons," Dhinakaran said without naming anyone.

Ramachandran had launched it, Jayalalithaa had taken it forward and made it a popular movement in the state. His jailed aunt VK Sasikala had stood "solidly" by Jayalalithaa during her political journey, he said.

But post Jayalalithaa's death in 2016, "hegemonic forces" had taken over the AIADMK, Dhinakaran said in the letter.

Reiterating his oft repeated charge of the AIADMK being 'subservient' to the BJP-led government at the Centre, he said his AMMK would retrieve the AIADMK and restore it to its old pride.

The AIADMK has "lost its identity and become someone's slave," he said but did not name anyone. Dhinakaran claimed 90 percent of AIADMK workers were sup-

porting AMMK and that the rest were in the ruling party due to "selfish motives."

"AMMK has been the true AIADMK. In the coming days, it will retrieve AIADMK," he added. His victory in the RK Nagar bypoll in December 2017 was proof of people's sentiments as the voters elected him as Jayalalithaa's successor, he said. The bypoll was necessitated due to the death of Jayalalithaa in December 2016. Dhinakaran, who contested as an Independent, had defeated ruling party nominee E Madhusudhan by a good margin.

Meanwhile, Panneerselvam and Palaniswami said those who have emerged as "overnight leaders" have been rejected by the people. PTI

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THEMES INUNDATE DURGA PUJA PANDALS

As millions flood City of Joy

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

With "themes" once again inundating Durga Puja pandals in 2018, efforts are on to get the City of Joy declared as UNESCO's City of Literature.

True, Kolkata has once again decked up to the inimitability of its Durga Puja pandals — with each of 3,000-odd Puja pandals exhibiting a creativity of the sublime class blended with abstract mysticism and temporal message.

Welcome to Chaltabagan Durga Puja committee in North Kolkata, where the organisers have set up their Puja Pandal around the theme of Poet Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's Shantir Nir (Abode of Peace). S Bhutoria, the chief patron of the Puja says, "We have woven our craft around this theme so that Kolkata can be enlisted as India's first 'City of Literature' in the UNESCO list."

World cities like Milan, Norwich, Edinburgh, Prague, Melbourne, Baghdad, Granada, Barcelona Dublin, Krakow, Heidelberg, Quebec etc have already been declared as cities of literature.

The artists have conveyed Tagore's message of universal peace and harmony through excellent display of motifs and reliefs. In an apparent bid to blend literary flavour with religiosity the ceiling of the pan-



A view of Durga Puja pandal made as a replica of 'Palace of Westminster with Big Ben' during Durga Puja festival in Kolkata on Tuesday

dal has been decorated with books.

Towards the North Eastern fringes at Sribhumi Sporting Club the Puja organisers have reproduced the gigantic pandal after Chittaurgarh Fort. The Theme here is Padmavat. The exclusive art work of the pandal will make it difficult to read between the original and the imitation.

The artist who constructed the Durga Puja pandal at Raja Santosh Mitra Square seems to have worked wonders by building a mammoth 60-foot tall Arjuna's Rath. The specialty of the chariot is: it is plated with silver.

We have used about 10 tons of silver costing about ₹40 crore; add another ₹2 crore as construc-

tion cost," said one of the organisers. "This Rath of Mother Goddess Durga aims at bringing rule of law, peace and justice on the earth," he said.

Down South at Ekdalia Evergreen Puja Committee, presided over by senior Minister Subroto M kherjee the pandal is shaped in classical pattern. "We have no deviation as we rely on heritage," he says. So the entire set up is classical. The temple structure is enormous, and beautifully crafted, while the inside is decorated by idols of gods and is stunningly colourful.

"I have not seen such a huge crowd for so many days. Gosh! It is stupendous" says Elei from the USA who has

come to visit a friend in Kolkata.

A mile away at Tridhara Sammilani which has been winning numerous prizes for its exquisite art work the organisers have concentrated on the traditional handicraft of Bengal. While artist Gauranga Quilla has used the traditional earthen pottery as his theme he has given the finishing touch with jute. The minute art and the finesse has led the Club to win more than three dozen prizes this year.

"Such exquisite is the artistry of the craftsmen that people not only from all over the State but all over the world have poured in to hop pandals 24x7," says a Dy Commissioner of Police. "We are receiving about 7-8 million additional people walking throughout the day and night in Kolkata for the past several days and the figure is likely to cross one crore by Navami Day," he added.

Cut to Badamtala Ashar Sangha where the theme for this year's puja is "shob choritro kalponic (all characters are fictional)." Even as they celebrate women this year an organiser said "in the modern world, there are numerous successful women, but there are those who are subjected to malice and hatred. The puja is dedicated to those women and is an ode to the spirit of womanhood."

Police crack model's murder case

Boy strangled the upcoming model, packed body in large travel bag, dumped it in a bush in suburban Mumbai

Mobile number registered with cab service company helped cops track down murder suspect



investigating team used the mobile number of the boy leading to the incident. Sayyed allegedly strangled her to death. After packing Mansi's body in a travel bag, Sayyed hired a taxi driver to track down the accused boy whom they arrested

additional payment of ₹2,500 when she landed at Sayyed's residence on Monday afternoon, a demand that enraged the boy leading to the incident. Sayyed allegedly strangled her to death. After packing Mansi's body in a travel bag, Sayyed hired a taxi driver to track down the accused boy whom they arrested shortly before midnight of Monday.

Police identified the murdered girl as one Mansi Dixit, who hailed from Kota in Rajasthan. She had visited Sayyed's Millat Nagar residence at Andheri (west) in north Mumbai on Monday night.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone-11) SP Nishandar said that Mansi had come to Mumbai to try her luck in Bollywood and living in a rented flat at Andheri. She used to take small modelling assignments and had managed to get bit of roles in some films. Mansi had come in contact with Sayyed through social media.

During the questioning after his arrest, Sayyed reportedly admitted to the police that after a tiff, he had hit Mansi on her head with an iron stool leading to her death. However, the investigators are not ruling out the possibility of Sayyed having strangled Mansi to death.

Two versions were making rounds as to the circumstances leading to Sayyed hitting Mansi with an iron stool. While one version said that Sayyed and Mansi had known each other for some time, the tiff between them was genuine one and the death was accidental, the second version was that Mansi used to work as an "escort" whom Sayyed had hired her by making an online payment.

However, according to the second version, the dispute arose between them after the model demanded an

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Having cracked the sensational murder of a 20-year-old upcoming model in just over four hours, the city police have arrested a 19-year-old college student for allegedly killing her, packing her body in a large travel bag and dumping it in a bush near at Malad in north Mumbai. The boy, identified as one Muzamil Sayyed, who was arrested late on Monday evening, was on Tuesday produced before a suburban court which remanded him in police custody till October 22.

Acting on a tip-off from a taxi driver that a youngster had dumped the large travel bag in a bush in an isolated Mindspace locality at Malad (west) in a suspicious manner, a team of police officials formed by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone-XI) Sangramsinh Nishal rushed to the spot and found the body of a deceased model inside the bag. Sayyed, the accused boy who hails from Hyderabad and used to stay in a rented flat in Mumbai, had packed the model's body carefully inside a bed sheet with the face of the deceased strapped with a rope and the body wrapped in cushion.

After examining the CCTV footage obtained from the area which showed the boy coming out of the taxi and dumping the travel bag in a bush, the

investigating team used the mobile number of the boy leading to the incident. Sayyed allegedly strangled her to death. After packing Mansi's body in a travel bag, Sayyed hired a taxi driver to track down the accused boy whom they arrested shortly before midnight of Monday.

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Union Bank of India,Applicant

Rahul Giri and otherDefendants

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- Sri Rahul Girison of Sri Ravindra Nath Giri, R/o 529D/188, Jagriti Vihar, Kalyanpur, Lucknow.
- Sri Ravindra Nath Girison of Sri Kalp Nath Giri, R/o 529D/188, Jagriti Vihar, Kalyanpur, Lucknow & also at: Gurchi Bazar, Colonelganj, District-Gonda
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SEAL Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

CVC to CBI: Nail firm promoters making fortune at bank cost

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After analysing top 100 bank frauds in the country, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has directed the probe agencies, especially the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to go after the promoters who are siphoning money from company to create personal wealth and attach their properties. In its 47-page report released on Tuesday, the CVC analysed the banking frauds committed by promoters in 13 sectors including

media, gems and jewellery, manufacturing, aviation, services and projects, and discounting of cheques.

The report authored by Vigilance Commissioner TM Bhasin, who was former CMD of Indian Bank and chairman of Indian Banking Association, said basic fraud is committed by creating fake invoices and manipulation of accounts to cheat banks by the promoters of the companies. The CVC has shared their report to the Reserve Bank of India, Ministry of Finance and major investi-

gating agencies and Vigilance Units of the banks. The report urged that the agencies like, the CBI to take parallel steps to attach the properties of the promoters along with filing of chargesheet and trial court proceedings to recover the loss. It reiterated that agencies should concentrate on money trail from company accounts to promoters' personal wealth creation.

The top most vigilance body also noted that gem and jewellery sector is the most non-transparent sector with many

fake accounting practices. The report observed that this sector cheats the banks with fake bills with some time with inflated bills or undervalued bills.

Giving details of the frauds in the gem and jewellery sector, the report cited different modus operandi by private companies, including inflating the valuation of diamonds with the malafide intention to avail higher credit facilities from the lenders. It cited absence of effective mechanism in banks and certain other loopholes that led to frauds in this sec-

tor and suggested systemic changes.

"The gem and jewellery sector credit facilities to these companies increased manifold within a short span of time in an effort by the banks to increase their credit dispensation. There should have been some segment related limits on such type of credit exposures," the report suggested. The major recommendation was the use of real time information technology and strengthening the core banking system and its linking with all major units of the banks.

D-DAY FOR...

My Government will not allow any violence in the name of Sabarimala," he told reporters in Thiruvananthapuram as followers of Lord Ayyappa virtually besieged Nilackal, about 225 km from the State capital. "Stern action will be taken against anyone who prevents devotees from going to Sabarimala," he warned, and ruled out any rethink of his Government's decision against seeking a review of the Supreme Court order. "We will go by what the Supreme Court says," he asserted. The TDB, meanwhile, went into a huddle with stakeholders, including the Pandalam royal family representatives and priests, to soothe frayed tempers amid escalating protests by the Hindu right and common Ayyappa devotees. There was, however, no breakthrough. The meeting also attended by Ayyappa Seva Samajam and Yoga Kshema Sabha ended in a deadlock as the TDB stuck to its stand of not filing a review petition. "It is very painful and we cannot agree. We wanted a decision on filing the review petition to be taken today itself, but the board said it can be discussed only at the next meeting of TDB on October 19," Shashikumar Varma, a member of the Pandalam royal family said. "We all wish that Sabarimala should not be made a war zone," Varma, the president of Pandalam Royal Palace Trust, told journalists after walking out of the meeting in a huff. TDB president A Padmakumar, however, dismissed suggestions that the meeting was a "failure". "What they (stakeholders) wanted was to file the review petition now itself. But the Supreme Court is closed till October 22. They also wanted to maintain the status quo on the customs and traditions.

"As the Supreme Court has passed a verdict, what can the board do? But the board will continue to talk with them to resolve the issue," Padmakumar said. He said the October 19 meeting will take up the issue of the review petition. Kerala has witnessed a series of protests and prayer marches over the last few days over the Government's decision to enforce the Supreme Court order.

DELHI AIR...

Several measures are in force in the Delhi-National

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Capital Region (NCR) like mechanised sweeping of roads, ban on garbage burning, pollution control measures at brick kilns and deployment of police to ensure smooth passage of traffic at vulnerable areas. The use of gensets has also been banned in the city but they are being allowed to operate in parts of the NCR due to power issues. The emergency plan gets implemented if "very poor" or "severe" air pollution levels are recorded for 48 hours but given the extent of winter pollution witnessed in the national Capital, the plan has been implemented as the air quality slipped to the "poor" category, the official said.

2 CONG MLAs...

However, the Congress maintained that the twin resignations were not a setback for the party as they were confident of roping in four MLAs from the BJP in their fold. "It is not a setback for the Congress. We may have been reduced by two numbers, but our efforts to form the State Government will continue. They have taken two of our MLAs and we will get four from their camp," Goa Congress spokesperson Nilkant Halarnkar said. Congress Legislature Party (CLP) held a meeting on Tuesday in Panaji during which the current political situation in the coastal State was discussed. Coming out of the meeting, former Chief Minister and Congress legislator Pratapsinh Rane said his party will fight back. "They have left the party but they will have to face by-elections. We will fight it out during the election," Rane said. Meanwhile, the resignation letters of two MLAs were allegedly "leaked" on social media by a member of the watch and ward staff of the Legislative Assembly and he was suspended by the Speaker. Shirodkar and Sopte had faxed their resignation letters to Speaker Pramod Sawant.

Goa Pradesh Congress Committee president Girish Chodankar said the BJP has engineered a split in the Congress in a bid to "manufacture" majority in the House. The Congress had last month demanded a floor test while claiming that the BJP-led alliance Government is in dis-

array in view of the ill health of Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar. "The BJP has engineered split by taking away two MLAs of the Congress in a bid to manufacture majority on the floor of the House, which indicates that the ruling party lacks majority," alleged Chodankar. He said rest 14 MLAs of the Congress would remain together and there is "no possibility of any further split in the party." "The BJP is trying to break the Congress and poach MLAs either by using money power or terrorising them. Some MLAs had said in the past that they and their family members had been threatened," he said.

KILLER BABA...

To prevent the godman's arrest, Rampal and his aides had barricaded themselves and holed themselves up inside the sprawling 12 acre Satlok Ashram. The controversial godman was arrested on November 19 after a two-week long stand-off between his followers and police which had left six dead and several others injured.

NEW KHANDSARI...

of land of Dhuriyapur sugar mill to IOCL on a 30-year lease for setting up a plant to produce ethanol. Singh said that the IOCL would set up a biomass-based second generation ethanol plant and the government would earn Rs 1.30 crore per year as rent of the land. In another decision, the state government, in order to promote dairy and take it to block level, announced Nand Baba Award for small milk producers. Singh said that milk producers having 1,500 litres per day output would be considered for the award and the government would spend Rs 52 lakh annually on this scheme. The government has also sanctioned funds for seven new medical colleges to come up in Etah (Rs 216.8 crore), Deoria (Rs 201.9 crore), Fatehpur (Rs 212.50 crore), Ghazipur (Rs 220.45 crore), Hardoi (Rs 206.33 crore), Pratapgarh (Rs 213.30 crore) and Siddharthnagar (Rs 245.11 crore).

STF TASKED...

claimed. Security staff of the hotel told the police that the accused and victims were partying at a nightclub in the hotel

and had an argument over using the washroom. A woman accompanying the accused abused the victims and called them "transgender", a senior officer privy to the probe said. It was suspected that both the parties were drunk at the time of the incident, he added. The Delhi police had issued a Look Out Circular after the incident came to their notice and also contacted their counterparts in Uttar Pradesh. "No complaint was lodged by the victim and the hotel staff on the same day. There is negligence on the part of three parties — the victim, hotel authorities and the accused," the Delhi police said.

The Delhi police later coordinated with their UP counterparts following which UP DGP OP Singh asked the STF to trace the absconding accused. The Delhi Police said an FIR has been registered under the Arms Act and sections of the IPC, including those related to causing hurt (323), criminal intimidation (506) and using force with the intent to outrage the modesty of a woman (354). The incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday, police said. In the video, Ashish can be seen brandishing a gun in the foyer of the hotel, a police officer said. Initially the case was registered under the Arms Act and sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) were added later, police said, adding that they have also reached out to their Uttar Pradesh counterparts. After the video of the incident went viral, Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju said police had initiated action in the case. "The Delhi Police has initiated action on this incident which is also being shown in the media. An FIR has been registered under the Arms Act and the IPC. Strong and appropriate action will be taken. Also verifying the identity of others," the Minister tweeted. "No PCR call was made by any of the parties or even by the hotel authorities. It is negligence on the part of the hotel as something major could have happened. "We are exploring legal options in the matter and will also inform our licensing branch that will see what action can be taken against the hotel," another officer privy to the probe said.

He said after the video went viral, police contacted the hotel authorities and then they lodged the complaint.

Time Table of Pooja Special (Weekly) Trains

Train No. 04046 Anand Vihar (T) - Gorakhpur		Train No. 04045 Gorakhpur - Anand Vihar (T)		
Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure
--	22.20	Anand Vihar (T)▲	08.35	--
04.25	04.30	Kanpur	00.30	00.35
12.15	--	Gorakhpur	--	17.25

Train No. 04046 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) Date 20-10-2018 to 10-11-2018 (Every Saturday) Total 04 Trips

Train No. 04045 Ex. Gorakhpur Date 21-10-2018 to 11-11-2018 (Every Sunday) Total 04 Trips

Train Composition : General Class -03, Sleeper Class - 05, AC-2 Tier-01, AC-3 Tier - 03, SLR/D - 02

Other Stoppages : Lucknow, Gonda, Basti

Train No. 04044 Anand Vihar (T) - Gaya		Train No. 04043 Gaya - Anand Vihar (T)		
Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure
--	00.10	Anand Vihar (T)▲	17.05	--
00.48	00.50	Ghaziabad	16.15	16.17
07.35	07.40	Kanpur	09.30	09.40
11.30	11.40	Allahabad	06.40	06.45
16.05	16.15	Pl. Deen Dayal Upa. Jn.	03.00	03.10
20.20	--	Gaya	--	23.20

Train No. 04044 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) Date 04-11-2018 to 18-11-2018 (Every Sunday) Total 03 Trips

Train No. 04043 Ex. Gaya Date 04-11-2018 to 18-11-2018 (Every Sunday) Total 03 Trips

Train Composition : General Class -04, Sleeper Class - 05, AC-2 Tier - 01, AC-3 Tier - 10

Other Stoppages : Bhabhua Road, Sasaram, Dehri-On-Sone

Train No. 04002 Anand Vihar (T) - Bhagalpur		Train No. 04001 Bhagalpur - Anand Vihar (T)		
Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure
--	16.55	Anand Vihar (T)▲	14.10	--
22.12	22.17	Kanpur	07.20	07.25
00.16	00.19	Allahabad	04.10	04.15
02.22	02.32	Pl. Deen Dayal Upa. Jn.	01.50	02.00
11.00	--	Bhagalpur	--	17.30

Train No. 04002 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) Date 18-10-2018 to 15-11-2018 (Every Thursday) Total 05 Trips

Train No. 04001 Ex. Bhagalpur Date 19-10-2018 to 16-11-2018 (Every Friday) Total 05 Trips

Train Composition : General Class -04, Sleeper Class - 05, AC-2 Tier - 01, AC-3 Tier - 10

Other Stoppages : Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur, Mokameh, Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur, Sultanjanj

Train No. 04042 (A.C.) Anand Vihar (T) - Jaynagar		Train No. 04041 (A.C.) Jaynagar - Anand Vihar (T)		
Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure
--	00.10	Anand Vihar (T)▲	00.10	--
00.48	00.50	Ghaziabad	23.33	23.35
06.35	06.40	Kanpur	17.30	17.35
09.35	09.45	Allahabad	14.20	14.25
12.05	12.15	Pl. Deen Dayal Upa. Jn.	11.10	11.20
23.30	--	Jaynagar	--	01.35

Train No. 04042 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) Date 23-10-2018 to 20-11-2018 (Every Tuesday) Total 05 Trips

Train No. 04041 Ex. Jaynagar Date 17-10-2018 to 21-11-2018 (Every Wednesday) Total 06 Trips

Train Composition : AC-3 Tier - 16

Other Stoppages : Buxar, Ara, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur, Mokameh, Barauni, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Madhubani

Train No. 04022 (A.C.) Anand Vihar (T) - Patna		Train No. 04021 (A.C.) Patna - Anand Vihar (T)		
Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure
--	00.10	Anand Vihar (T)▲	14.10	--
00.48	00.50	Ghaziabad	13.35	13.37
07.00	07.05	Kanpur	07.20	07.25
09.35	09.45	Allahabad	03.55	04.00
12.05	12.15	Pl. Deen Dayal Upa. Jn.	23.45	23.55
16.20	--	Patna	--	19.35

Train No. 04022 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) Date 20-10-2018 to 17-11-2018 (Every Saturday) Total 05 Trips

Train No. 04021 Ex. Patna Date 20-10-2018 to 17-11-2018 (Every Saturday) Total 05 Trips

Train Composition : AC-3 Tier - 16

Other Stoppages : Buxar, Ara

Train No. 02053 Mumbai C.S. (T) - Patna		Train No. 02054 Patna - Mumbai C.S. (T)		
Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure
--	14.20	Mumbai C.S. (T)▲	--	06.15
07.25	07.35	Satna	08.45	08.50
09.35	09.37	Manikpur	07.38	07.40
11.00	11.05	Allahabad Chheeki	05.45	05.50
14.55	15.05	Pl. Deen Dayal Upa. Jn.	03.04	03.14
18.30	--	Patna	23.35	--

Train No. 02053 Ex. Mumbai C.S. (T) Date 02-11-2018 to 16-11-2018 (Every Friday) Total 03 Trips

Train No. 02054 Ex. Patna Date 03-11-2018 to 17-11-2018 (Every Saturday) Total 03 Trips

Train Composition : General Class -02, Sleeper Class - 14, AC-3 Tier - 01, AC-1 Tier Cum AC-2 Tier - 01

Other Stoppages : Dadar, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nasik Road, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Buxar, Ara, Danapur

Train No. 01455 Pune - Manduadih		Train No. 01456 Manduadih - Pune		
Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure
--	20.20	Pune	11.45	--
17.50	18.00	Satna	13.25	13.35
19.45	19.47	Manikpur	12.20	12.22
23.00	23.25	Allahabad	09.50	10.15
03.00	--	Manduadih	--	06.30

Train No. 01455 Ex. Pune Date 05-11-2018 to 26-11-2018 (Every Monday) Total 04 Trips

Train No. 01456 Ex. Manduadih Date 07-11-2018 to 28-11-2018 (Every Wednesday) Total 04 Trips

Train Composition : General Class -04, Sleeper Class - 05, AC-2 Tier - 01, AC-3 Tier - 02

Other Stoppages : Daund, Ahmadnagar, Belapur, Kopergaon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Gyanpur

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Miles ahead

No matter how much successive Governments may have done to make India a major power, we lag behind China

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping of China scheduled to meet for the fourth time this year on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Argentina next month, the focus on Sino-Indian ties and the two major competitors for regional and/or global power status is in focus again. The relationship between the two Asian giants has proven to be resilient enough to put the tensions of Doklam 2017 behind it, but it is still, realistically, an unequal one with the balance of power very decidedly in favour of Beijing. While everybody and their uncle has an opinion on what India has, or has not, done right, there is relatively less attention paid to how China has over the past two decades risen.

Clues can be found when you drive past the Hongqiao hub on the western outskirts of Shanghai and where you might just notice the massive train yard beside the highway. But the trains parked there aren't your regular locomotive and coaches; all the trains are high-speed trainsets, each capable and regularly achieving speeds of 350 kilometers per hour on a daily basis. Unlike France and Japan, where high-speed rail was developed in the 1960s, there was no concept of a high-speed rail in China until the mid-2000s. Indeed, one could argue that at the turn of the millennium, India's rail network was far superior to anything in China. But in a decade-and-a-half, China has laid down 30,000 kilometers of high-speed track. Not only is that a multiple of all the high-speed rail track elsewhere in the world, we in India, to put it perspective, get excited over the concept of even 'semi-high-speed' tracks where our trains manage around 160 kilometers per hour. While we have started work on a high-speed track, poveritarian politicians say we can't afford it. But a supposedly socialist society can. How?

The answer to that question can be found in the factories where Chinese work 11-hour shifts in industrial units which is why they have become the factory to the world whereas in our outposts of communism in India 'workers' demand to be paid even to watch others work because it is their 'right'. Ratan Tata once famously cribbed about the work ethic of Western workers compared to Indians to the former's detriment. But the fact is that we have nothing on the Chinese. Which is why every single year they're pulling further ahead of us and we will just keep fighting amongst ourselves. Yes, but we have a democracy and Facebook of which we are definitely in favour of retaining the former. But is democracy and rule of law not being undermined each day as kids die of malnourishment, inequality grows, jobs are hard to find, growth lags as though it may stall, investment is drying up, social media campaigns occupy the minds of the urban elite, social tensions are rising? Modi is doing his best as have other Prime Ministers before him. But unless there is a resolution to our perennial internal crises, parity with China in any meaningful way is distant dream.

50 WORD EDIT Name game

There can really be no objection to the Yogi Adityanath Government's move to change the name of the city of Allahabad back to its ancient name Prayag or Prayagraj. But it does indicate the sense of priorities that occupy our leaders' minds. While nobody is arguing a name-change and better civic services can't go hand in hand, the fact is that Allahabad is plagued with issues from sanitation to law and order and lack of employment opportunities to a filthy Ganga, none of which yet been addressed.

Shashi's sallies

Shashi Tharoor certainly knows what he is doing. The question is, do the Congress and BJP?

Congress MP from Thiruvananthapuram Shashi Tharoor has once again set the cat among the pigeons with his statement, factoring in the clarification he issued, which amounted to saying that while he conceded most Hindus do indeed believe Lord Ram was born at the Ayodhya Jamasthan, he kind of hoped that no 'good' Hindu would want a temple to be built by destroying another's place of worship. His 'unclarified' statement, as it were, made at a literary event previously, seemed to suggest that no good Hindu would want a Ram Temple at Ayodhya which the BJP, of course, has latched on to. While it suits the BJP — whose spokesperson stretched logic to its extremes by discerning in Tharoor's statement evidence that the Congress high command was trying to whip up sentiment against the construction of a Ram Temple — to play the issue for as long as it has traction given the coming Assembly polls, the Congress needs to get a fix on what its campaign pitch will be. Tharoor is willy-nilly a front, even if he doesn't intend to be, for those in the party who seem to be convinced that there is space in the polity for a 'reclaimed' Hindu mainstream which in their view is uncomfortable with the 'hard line' taken by some in the BJP. This section of Congress leaders' thinking is that co-terminus with wooing the minority vote which is anyway not going to the BJP and has to be fought for by the Congress with various regional forces in different States, it makes sense to make a play for the 'moderate', relatively educated, urban 'Hindu' vote. But much like its new-found love for Hindu symbols, identities and temples, in articulating this allegedly evolved, 'moderate' view, the party does itself no favours by statements of the Tharoor kind which end up offending most people because they are seen as utilitarian. The gift of the gab has its pitfalls.

The BJP too, however, needs to take note of this development within Congress ranks rather than only use hyperbole to hit these perceived full tosses out of the park. For, as the lasting legacy of one from its own pantheon, AB Vajpayee, has shown, there is indeed a place for moderate politics from an Indic tradition that he epitomised. If middling achievements on secular issues such as the economy, infrastructure, jobs and services are the cause of anti-incumbency against the BJP, a moderate line may be better placed to counter it than amplifying fundamentals. The latter strategy works best electorally when the secular governance trends are either very bullish or abysmally bearish. It may be too late to course correct in time for the Assembly polls but it's surely a lesson worth keeping in mind for the General Election come 2019.

Sir Syed Khan: The renaissance man

As we celebrate the 201st birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan today, his invaluable contributions towards bringing about an Indian renaissance are worth commemorating



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Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was born to a noble Syed family in Delhi on October 17, 1817, and gradually earned the reputation of a distinguished scholar at that time. By the second half of the 19th century, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan became one of the most charismatic and far-sighted person who realised the need to educate the Indians in general and the Indian Muslims in particular. He felt that empowerment came only with knowledge, awareness, character and social identity. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was a dynamic person, a versatile genius, a scholar, social reformer, educationist, historian, archaeologist and linguist who was gifted with a rare vision and intellect. He was one of those pioneering and revolutionary figures of history who shaped the destiny of the nation and also changed the course of history. Sir Syed, a great doyen of education in India, devoted his entire life for the educational

upliftment of a community which was despondent, dejected and was socially, economically deplorable after the fall of the Mughal empire. The aftermath of the tragic events of the mutiny of 1857 had made him ponder deeply about the morass of degradation and chaos into which the Indian Muslims had plunged. Eventually, Sir Syed became the man whom destiny had chosen to play the role of a messiah for the community. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was very intelligent and a dedicated person. Even as he had differences of opinion for the opening of a college, he convinced the community that this was the only way to go forward and become successful. The movement started by him, commonly known as the Aligarh Movement, heralded the era of an intellectual and cultural renaissance for the Indian Muslims. His movement was an offshoot of this and laid the foundation for Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College in 1877 which was later converted to the Aligarh Muslim University in 1920. Sir Syed's liberalism and educational thinking found full manifestation in the ideals of the MAO college which were eloquently stated as "free enquiry, pure morality and large-hearted tolerance" at the time when the foundation stone was being laid by the Viceroy, Lord Lytton on January 8, 1877. Sir Syed was probably the first intellectual who presented the meaning of 'culture' as prevalent in the West in the 19th cen-



SIR SYED WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST INTELLECTUAL WHO PRESENTED THE MEANING OF "CULTURE" AS PREVALENT IN THE WEST IN THE 19TH CENTURY. HE COMPREHENSIVELY DEFINED AND ALSO REVIEWED ITS ELEMENT AND DYNAMICS

He comprehensively defined and also reviewed its element and dynamics which was one of the objectives of his journal Tahzeeb-ul-Akhlaq. He began with an emphasis on the foundation of Muslim cultural thought on scientific lines and for this purpose, set up the scientific society. It was due to the strong personality and intellectual stead-fastness of Sir Syed that educated people began to follow him. Sir Syed Khan in his writings through Tahzeeb-ul-Akhlaq emphasised two things on which the educational vision should be based: Adoption of modern education and moral education. Sir Syed was a great intellectual, an enlightened and forward-looking educationist, an outstanding literary genius, an erudite theologian, a versatile writer, a fearless journalist, a pragmatic social reformer, an apostle of secularism and Hindu-Muslim unity, and a very distinguished architect for modern India. He was a far-sighted and practical man and, hence, realised that India is a multi-religious, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multilingual country. He was, therefore, convinced that the Muslims of our country could not make any worthwhile progress in any sphere of life unless they learn to live in a society which had so many divergent elements in it. Unity in diversity is India's distinguishing feature. Despite popular belief, Sir Syed was proud of it. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan once said, "We (Hindus and Muslims) eat the same crop,

drink water from the same rivers and breathe the same air. As a matter of fact, Hindus and Muslims are the two eyes of the beautiful bride that is Hindustan. The weakness of any one of them will spoil the beauty of the bride (dubhar)". "We believe in inspiring minds, improving their intellectual capacity and building characters which our students will treasure for their lifetime. We also endeavoured to inculcate social values and principles of personal excellence and care for others, said the Vice-Chancellor Professor Tariq Mansoor of Aligarh Muslim University, who is also one of the prominent surgeons of this "country". He further expressed his feeling that "AMU doesn't only focus on education but it works in a manner by developing personal qualities such as leadership, teamwork, determination, flexibility, confidence, self-belief, respect etc. in all to mould a versatile person and become successful in their career. AMU focuses on creating a holistic learning environment". Professor M Sufyan Beg, principal, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, also serving as the Chairperson of the Alumni Affairs Committee said that the message, teachings, philosophy, vision and ideology of Sir Syed have become more relevant today than ever before not only for the Muslims but for the entire community. Despite popular belief, Sir Syed was a firm believer in the importance of Hindu-Muslim unity for India to prosper. He realised

that together, we can achieve more and he strived for a united country until his last breath. The most important first contributions to Sir Syed for the construction of building came from Hindus like Choudhary Sher Singh, Kunwar Lekhraj Singh, Raja Shiv Narain Singh, Raja Ghanshyam Singh, Raja Uday Pratap Singh, Lala Phul Chand, Lala Vasudeo Sahai and others. Their name continues to adorn old buildings of AMU. And what better tribute could have been paid to Sir Syed's idea of Hindu-Muslim unity and the idea of a cosmopolitan, modern India he championed than this — the first student to pass out of MAO college (AMU) was Mr Ishwari Prasad, was a Hindu not a Muslim. As a tribute to Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the Government of India should expand the horizon of AMU in the country and increase the grant to enrich the existing infrastructure of the university. Keeping the sentiment of the people of this nation, it would also be a welcome gesture by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to declare October 17 as Sir Syed Day. To carry the legacy of this great noble soul, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Aligarh Muslim University vice-chancellor Tariq Mansoor has clearly said that he will continue with Sir Syed's vision of imparting modern education. (The writer is a well-known linguist, author and columnist and teaches at the Department of Linguistics at the Aligarh Muslim University)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

Many people from the ruling party were in touch with me. Vishwajit Rane used to call me often. He has a fear psychosis... —Goa Congress leader CHELLAKUMAR



I have no interest and I never contacted him, though he had tried to reach me. There is no question of me contacting Chellakumar. —Goa BJP Minister VISHWAJIT RANE

All set for Telangana poll

Chandrashekar Rao has played his cards well. The popular perception is that his party, the TRS, will win the Assembly poll. A united Opposition, however, can dent its votes



Telangana, the country's youngest State, will face elections on December 7 for the second time since its birth in 2014. Chief Minister Chandrashekar Rao took a big risk by advancing the Telangana Assembly polls by eight months. It was also his bravado to announce the list of 105 candidates on the same day even before the Election Commission of India announced the polling dates. But the question is: Will he succeed in his gamble? Though it was the Congress Government at the Centre that agreed for a bifurcation of the State in 2014, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) came to power, riding on the Telangana wave. Contrary to its expectations, the Congress was wiped off from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

As there is no wave this time, the polls are a fight for survival for the Opposition, including the Congress. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the Congress, Communist Party of India and the Telangana Jana Samithi have formed a *Mitha Kutami* (grand alliance) against the TRS. M Kodandaram of the Telangana Joint Action Committee, who has fallen out with KCR, heads the Telangana Jana Samithi (TJS). Interestingly, the Congress and the TDP, one-time arch-rivals, have come together gasping for political survival. It is not clear how their chemistry will work. The TRS did not expect this development but is taking the alliance seriously.

In 2014, the TRS won 63 out of the 119 seats while the splintered Opposition was mauled. The Congress and the TDP won 21 and 15 seats respectively. Rao has systematically decimated the Opposition and strengthened his party by poaching on the TRS (13) and the Congress (12) as also other parties. The Congress and the TDP strategists hope that the former will get a big chunk of upper caste Reddy, SC/ST and minority votes and the TDP can get a substantial number of its core OBC votes.



Rao is now facing new challenges. He has built a personality cult around himself. He has made his son KT Rama Rao as his number two in his Cabinet, his nephew Harihar Rao as a Minister and daughter Kavitha as an MP. The Opposition is trying to make his style of authoritarian functioning, dynastic rule and his secret understanding with the BJP as election issues besides jobs and non-deliverance of promises. The TRS is now ready to bail out the BJP in case it loses the 272-mark in the next Lok Sabha polls. KCR is also hobnobbing with leaders like West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, attempting to form a federal front. Why did Rao go for this gamble? Astrologers rule KCR on practically everything. Before taking the decision, KCR got at least 10 surveys done and is confident that his party would get at least 100 seats while realists put it at 70 or 80 seats. He believes that the surprise element will go

in his favour. Traditionally, the polls to be a KCR versus the rest and not a Modi versus KCR. He is confident of winning as neither the Congress nor the BJP or the TDP has local leaders of his stature. If he wins, he proposes to install his son Rama Rao in the Chief Minister's post and move to national politics. KCR has big dreams of becoming the next Prime Minister. On the plus side, the KCR Government has already announced many welfare schemes, including Rythu Bhojanna and Rythu Bandhu schemes for the farmers. He has also taken up various projects such as Kaleshwaram project, Mission Kakatiya, Haritha Haram and Mission Bhagiriatha. The manifesto will come up with more poll promises. Besides, Telangana is also one of the top rankers in the ease of doing business rankings. It registered an increase in gross domestic product growth and industrial development. It is way ahead of other states in the per person consumption of power, progress in the service sector and IT exports.

However, it is not all hunky dory for KCR as he has not delivered on the two-bedroom house scheme, transformed the State into Golden Telangana, filled up 1.50 lakh vacancies or provides jobs to those killed in the Telangana agitation. From a surplus State, it has now become a revenue deficit State.

Traditionally, the Congress had the backing of dominant Reddys and Scheduled Castes while the TDP had a substantial number of its core OBC votes. The Congress is seen as a Reddy party while the TRS a Velama party. Muslims and Dalit voters are key to the polls. The State, a part of the erstwhile Mizam territory, has around 12 per cent Muslim population. The AIMIM, an one-time ally of the Congress, has moved closer to the TRS and both have decided to go for friends' contests where they have no conflict of interest.

Most surveys predict a clear win for the TRS. As of now, the prediction is that it is advantage TRS, although fight by a united Opposition can dent its votes. But the lack of a clear majority is a big minus. A win or lose ultimately depends upon Opposition unity, youth support, anti-incumbency and communicative skills of the players. (The writer is a senior political commentator and syndicated columnist)

A peaceful living for the leopard

Amid the sorrowful story of the two super cats — the Asiatic Lion and Royal Bengal Tiger — is the story of the smartest big cat, the Indian leopard, which is on the path to re-capturing its lost habitats...



HARI SHANKER SINGH
The two super cats, the Asiatic lion and the Royal Bengal tiger, drew the maximum attention of conservationists in India. But the third largest cat, the Indian leopard, has its own story under the shadow of its two big tribes. Two recent stories — one, the death of 23 lions in Jammu & Kashmir in the north-west and the second, the hunt for a man-eating tiger in Maharashtra — grabbed headlines in Indian newspapers and electronic media.

But this story is about the smartest big cat — the Indian leopard (Panthera pardus fusca), a subspecies of the nine subspecies of all leopards in the world. It is widely distributed across the country from Jammu & Kashmir in the north-west to the southern part of Tibet in China to the eastern border of India. As per records, 150,000 leopards were hunted in British India during a span of 50 years (1875-1925) at an annual rate of 3,000 leopards. It was estimated that 100 years ago, India had over 10 times the present population of the tiger. By extending similar logic and studying hunting records, it can be said that the Indian forests had a high population of the leopard before the Second World War. Thereafter, they were killed in thousands, which pushed them to become near extinct. However, conservation measures have reversed the trend.

Distribution range: In a majority of the Indian States, the leopards are dispersing in new areas due to which its population is recovering. Until a few years ago, Punjab was considered to be a non-tiger State as the animal occasionally visited in the winter from the hills of Himachal Pradesh. But in recent times, the leopards have made a come back in the lower Shivalik hills of Punjab, bordering Himachal Pradesh.

Similarly, about two and a half dozen leopards marked their presence in the Shivalik of Haryana a decade ago. The animal dispersed from the Shivalik of Himachal Pradesh and from the Aravallis hills ranges of Rajasthan to the forests of Haryana. At present, forests in 10 districts in Shivalik and the Aravallis of Haryana have been captured by the leopards in good numbers.

At present, the Indian leopard is distributed in 29 States and one Union Territory — Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have over two-thirds of the total leopard population of the country. In the 1990s, the leopards' presence was recorded in 196 sanctuaries and national parks across 26 States of the country. Since then, the number of States and protected areas has increased and expanded. As per latest reports, the animals' presence has been registered from 384 national parks and wildlife sanctuaries across the country, although few other protected areas are seasonally or occasionally visited by the leopard.

Recently, maximum human-leopard conflicts were recorded in and around the sugarcane fields in some States. Sugarcane cultivation has expanded with the expansion of irrigation network. The adaptive big cat has successfully exploited the dense sugarcane crop for littering. During the last five years, the extent of sugarcane cultivation in India ranged from 44,360 Km to 50,670 km. Leopards are frequently seen in the sugarcane fields. Majority of such dense tall crops in the four States — Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, which cover about 31.9 per cent of the sugarcane cultivation area in the country — are infested by the leopard. The animal is also seen in the sugarcane fields in Terai belt in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

A recent paper, 'Big Cat in Our Backyards', published by the journal 'The Zoology of Science', made headlines by reporting up to six resident leopards per 100 km in the sugarcane fields in Sangamner region of Maharashtra. The big cats hide in the dense cover of sugarcane crops during the day, preying on dogs, pigs, cattle and poultry in the night in the villages and towns. When one or two leopards killed five people in Mandvi Taluka of Surat district, Gujarat in the post-monsoon and early winter in 2010, while hunting and trapping the man-eater, about two dozen leopards, including cubs, were eliminated from the sugarcane areas of the villages in three months. When a leopard killed four people in sugarcane zone in Verval in Junagadh (Gujarat) in March 2012, a total of nine leopards were trapped and removed from the area. There are several such stories in the sugarcane belt.

The extent of forests cover with canopy density of more than 10 per cent in 683,925 sq km in 29 States and one Union Territory which support leopards. The shrublands and ravines outside the forests also support leopards. In the leopard State, about three-fourth of the forest cover is expected to be potential habitat, although present occupancy area of the leopard is lesser than the potential habitats. The analysis indicates that the leopard occupancy area in India may be in an extent of over 300,000 km, although potential habitat is high.

This is the first article in a two-part series on Indian leopard. The second part will appear in these columns on Thursday, October 18. (The writer is Member, National Board for Wildlife life)



Area of these leopard supporting national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is about 136,550 km. Of this, about 50 tiger reserves and their buffer zones in 17 States are occupied by the Tigers and five national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in Gujarat by the Asiatic lion. In the rest of the leopard supporting protected areas, the leopard is a top predator but compete with the hyena. Experts believe that though the sanctuaries and national parks accommodate a good number of the animal, a large number of them are found outside these boundaries than those within, and some are using non-forest areas, including scrublands, tea garden, ravines, sugarcane fields and another vegetation cover.

In the State of Gujarat, as per the leopard census report in 2011, about 38.2 per cent of the leopard population was counted in the protected areas, 18.0 per cent in the sugarcane field, agricultural lands, plantations and ravines, and the rest in the forest areas beyond the boundaries of the protected areas. Leopard population in protected areas of Uttarakhand, Maharashtra and Odisha were about 25.2 per cent, 44.1 per cent and 35.3 per cent respectively. An analysis of data from 12 major leopard States reveals that about one-third of the

total leopards were found in national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. Also, based on census reports of a few States, about 15 per cent of the leopards used habitat beyond the boundaries of the forests. Leopards occupied in the major part of 14 tiger States was 173,900 in 2014. As per the rough leopard distribution range, provided by the Chief Wildlife Warden and wildlife experts in the States, the leopards occupy about 114,000 km in other 15 States and Union Territories. Thus, the leopards occupy over 287,900 km forest areas of the country. Tea gardens have become a major man-leopard conflict zone because a good number of them breed and hunt in these areas. At least 5,670 km of the hilly terrain or slopes in Nilgiri hills (Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka), Darjeeling hills, drained land of Doars and Terai down the hills in West Bengal and moderate hills and slopes in Assam and other such lands in the North-East States, Uttarakhand and Himachal are under tea cultivation. Presence of leopard and human-leopard conflict in these tea gardens have been recorded for over 100 years. Most of these areas form contiguous leopard habitat with the adjoining forests.

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Together, we can fight fake news



This refers to the article, "When nationalism takes over the Internet" (October 16) by Dipayan Pal. Rumours and fake news that have been circulated by cyber-nationalists must effectively be dealt with to unplug the panic channel that can instigate the mob to lynch. Recent cases of lynching have their origin in hate-speeches and rumours in social media, which snowballed to street murders. It was reported that Rama Rajeshwari, an Indian police officer in Telangana, ordered training sessions for 500

State Government had sanctioned a five-day Eid holiday was doing the rounds in social media. But the police over there promptly took heed of Twitter to dispel the rumour in the bud. Given that lynching is the order of the hour to weed out any kind of hatred generating rumour. There should be an effort to build strong public opinion against lynching as it throws down the gauntlet to the law of the land.

Sujit De Kolkata

RESTORING ANCIENT NAMES

Sir — Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath deserves all compliments for restoring the ancient name from Allahabad to Prayagraj. Mughal emperors had given such changed names to many cities of historical importance even in the era of the Ramayana. Adityanath must now order a study of all such changed names across the State and should restore the original names of other cities as well. Madhu Agrawal Delhi

EXERTING POWER

Sir — As long as MJ Akbar continues to be Minister it is not going to be easy for anyone to fight him legally. His defiance, citing elections and a political angle, is flimsy. Had he resigned and gone to the court, he would have earned some respect. It is sad that the Prime Minister remained silent especially when he talks about women's safety. Rashmi Via email

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Planning wisely for children's education

With costs for higher education increasing rapidly, parents must plan an investment strategy early depending on the age of the child



For a country that is set to become the youngest nation in the world by 2020, providing quality education is already a challenge with even premier institutions suffering from lack of quality faculty members and resources. The condition tier-II institutions are worse. Add to this mounting costs of higher education. The cost for a two-year MBA course from a premier management institute, like the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, has been increased by 400 per cent this year as compared to 2007. If this trend continues and the fee is hiked by an average of 20 per cent every year, by 2025, it will cost roughly around ₹95 lakh for a student to get an MBA degree. Even undergraduate courses have not been spared. Tuition fees for engineering courses in the Indian Institute of Technology have been hiked to ₹11,70,000 per semester including the living expenses, going much higher. At an average running inflation rate of 10 per cent, a four-year engineering course that used to cost eight lakh rupees some years back will likely be around ₹30 lakh by 2030. In fact, for engineering and medical aspirants, costs are high even when the student is in high school. Coaching institutes charge anywhere between ₹80,000 to one lakh rupees per year to prepare the student for the entrance exam.

It is also true that a majority of students are unable to get admissions into premier institutions and, hence, have to look for other options. With a rise in globalisation, foreign education, too, has emerged as a strong option for Indian students with the Indian student community being the second largest worldwide after the Chinese. The US, the UK, Australia, Canada and Germany are some of the top destinations where Indian students opt to study to gain exposure. In the US, the tuition fee is usually between \$5,000 and \$50,000 per year. Costs for food and living are normally between \$8,000 and \$12,000 dollar per year. In addition to paying the tuition fees, one also needs money for transportation, course literature and personal expenses which shoots up to somewhere between \$30,000-\$75,000 per year now. And with unpredictability surrounding the value of the rupee as compared to the dollar, it has become all the more important to plan well in advance for the higher education of our children. The kind of investment options available for parents depends on the age of children. If a child is three to four years old, investment choices and strategy will be different from those parents whose child is 15-16-year-old.

However, the benefits of an early start cannot be stressed enough when one is saving for a long-term goal. If the child is three to four year old, parents have good 13-14 years in hand to save. Starting early helps one amass larger sum that may not be possible later in life. The multiplier effect in the power of compounding comes from the investing time horizon; longer time horizons have a higher multiplier effect. Mutual funds are a good option for investment. However, since the money is for the higher education of children, one must abstain from taking undue risk and, instead, invest in safe options even though returns could be lesser. The investment strategy for a young child, say three to four-year-old should have more of equity component as the period of investment is longer. As the child grows, it will be wise to convert the equity portion to debt component to safeguard the capital against stock market fluctuations.

However, investment strategy changes when the child is a little older. Since the number of years to save is less, risks will have to be lowered. The ideal asset mix at this stage is 50 per cent in stocks and 50 per cent in debt. Instead of equity funds that invest the entire corpus in stocks, one must go for balanced funds that invest in a mix of stocks and bonds. A recurring deposit in a bank could also be opened with the target monthly saving and the maturity date. Monthly Income Plans are also available for parents who have lower risk appetite. These funds put only 15-20 per cent of their corpus in equities and are, therefore, less volatile than equity or balanced funds. However, returns are also lower than those of equity. For parents of teenager, investment strategy should focus on capital protection. With the goal being barely one to four years away, one cannot afford to take risks with the money accumulated for the child's education. Equity exposure at this stage should not be more than 10-15 per cent and investment should be a mix of a small proportion of mutual funds and more of bank deposits. So, the kind of investments depends entirely on the age of the child. However, it is prudent not to take an undue risk for some potential high returns which in turn can lead to the erosion of capital due to unpredictable markets.

If one has not planned well, he/she could get a rude shock, falling way short of the required corpus when the kid is ready for college. However, if one has fallen short of college funds, he/she should never make the mistake of dipping into retirement funds. It is better to take an education loan making the child a co-borrower, which will also inculcate the habit of saving in a child and he/she would end up taking his studies seriously. (The writer is Assistant Professor, Amity University)

BOOST START-UP CULTURE

AMIT GAINDA talks about how to foster a culture of entrepreneurship study and start-ups at the under graduation level

India, at present is ranked second for the highest number of start-ups in the world after the US and has earned the reputation of being a start-up hub. Every year, the country witnesses the launch of an average of about 1,000 start-ups. This trend is attributed to increasing number of graduating students and employee talent venturing into the start-up world. They are armed with the zeal and dedication to find solutions and enhance customer or user experience through innovations, appropriate methods and experiments.

The present generation of millennials are innovative, creative, strong thinkers, quick learners, risk-takers and forward looking. They prefer flexibility and do not want to be confined to the corporate world. A start-up culture fits well into their lifestyle and preferences. Even employees with an entrepreneurial mindset working for corporates or large companies are weighing options between building a career working for other businesses or starting a business of their own.

The environment tends to recognise their creativity, contributions and innovations and encourages them to excel. The culture provides enough room for growth, experimentation improvement and opportunities to exhibit their skills. An individual working for a startup gains significant recognition for their contribution and performance.

However, establishing, running and sustaining a business or a start-up requires a lot of effort, patience and investment. It requires the prospective entrepreneur to be equipped with the right skillsets and ethics to survive in the competitive, fast-paced commercial world.

Under Graduate students with potential entrepreneurial qualities need to be introduced to required skillsets and culture through theory, practical and on-the-job training.

All leading educational institutions in the world are focusing on developing entrepreneurial skillsets in students. They develop a spirit of co-operation and unity amongst students coming from different school of



thoughts, thus emphasizing on the importance of teamwork.

These universities go the extra mile to embed the abilities into the students and prepare them to build an entrepreneurial mindset. They foster leadership values and help students excel in their area of expertise.

Before launching a startup, an individual should be well aware of the funding and investment requirements and the avenues to source them. The individual should look for a business model which should be self sustainable in medium to long-term. To give an appropriate direction to the start-up business, an individual should also partner with suitable consultants and counsellors.

Graduating with entrepreneurship as a Major provides insights on the required investments in finances and talent. There are universities that offer entrepreneurial majors and specialized courses which have become a lucrative option especially for students interested in starting an entrepreneurial venture or diversifying the family business. These universities also act as incubators that promote

networking, dialogue and partnerships among like-minded individuals with business acumen.

Entrepreneurship training does not only focus on launching, sustaining and managing the business, product or innovation but also emphasizes on the finance, marketing and managing aspects, thus providing comprehensive knowledge to establish and

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growing the startup business.

Some start-ups do not have a separate finance or HR department, as a result of which they handover these responsibilities to the existing members of the start-ups. As employees in start-ups work in cross-functional departments such courses increase their capability of handling a start-up.

According to research, employers

are increasingly seeking students with an entrepreneurial mindset or experience as they are accountable for their own actions. Employers feel that such candidates have a good understanding of end to end planning and execution.

Working in a start-up can change perceptions and working style. The individual is on their own and feels more proactive and engaged through the entire process. Their ideas are welcomed by teams and contributions are well-recognised.

However, working in a start-up may also mean minimal salary, smaller teams, extended work timings, dealing with ambiguity and uncertainty. In such situations, it is important for individuals to remain focused about their end objective.

Formal entrepreneurial education at undergraduate level prepares the individual well to overcome challenges and develop skills to work around limitations, emerge from unforeseen circumstances and prosper in the startup and business environment.

The writer is CEO, Avanse Financial Services.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him

— Maya Angelou

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The Delhi Paramedical and management Institute (DPMI) commences admissions for its one-year full-time Diploma in Front Office Operations (DFO), Food & Beverage (DFB), and House Keeping (DHK).

This course combines theory and practice of Hotel Industry. Hotel Management Catering Technology & Tourism is the fastest growing industry in the world, with a potential that is limitless. Larger hotels often have management teams, instead of individual managers, where each member of the group specializes in a certain area. Hotel industry is an ideal field for students having a liking for interacting with people.

Eligibility: The candidate should be Class XII pass from any recognised board.

How to apply: The application forms & brochure may be obtained from admission office of Delhi Paramedical & Management Institute, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

Deadline: October 29, 2018. For more information, log on to www.dpmiindia.com.

SCHOOL: NEW BATCH

The Vidya Gyan Leadership Academy invites application for admission for its 2018-19 academic session. Vidya Gyan is a free residential school for meritorious, economically underprivileged, rural students of Uttar Pradesh. Around 400 students are selected every year for admission to VidyaGyan after two rounds of competitive exams.

Admission process: The three-stage admission process at VidyaGyan constitutes:

- Preliminary written test in all districts of UP
- Written test for children shortlisted in the preliminary round
- Interaction with the selected students and their families.

Eligibility criteria: Applicants should be studying in Grade V in a rural school

- As of 31st March 2019, the girls should be a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 12



years and the boys should be a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 11 years of age. ■ Students should belong to rural, low-income households (with a combined family income of not more than ₹1 lakh per annum).

Important dates: The deadline has been extended to October 31. The first round of examinations will be conducted on December 9, 2018.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The Les Roches Global Hospitality Education, a leading hospitality management institution, invites application for admission to its Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in International Hospitality Management, available in Switzerland, Spain and China. The next intake is in February 2019.

It is an intensive one-year programme preparing students to launch their careers in the hospitality industry. The programme features one semester of full-time courses on campus with a field trip to Dubai, followed by a six-month internship. Upon successful completion of the course, students may directly enter the second semester of the MBA in Global Hospitality Management in Les Roches Switzerland.

Eligibility: Bachelor degree in any field. The minimum age criteria is 21 years. The candidate should have fluency in English and have IELTS: 6.0 score (minimum 5.5 in each section) or TOEFL: 550 points for the paper-based test or 80 for the online test or Cambridge English: First (FCE) grade A or Advanced (CAE) grade CA

Deadline: November 30
Scholarship: Merit scholarships are available. For more information, log on to: <https://www.lesroches.edu/programs/graduate/the-programs/international-hospitality-management/>

ICAI contributes to Kerala

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In August 2018, the floods in Kerala caused extensive devastation and a large number of people lost their lives and thousands were rendered homeless. To provide relief to the affected flood victims in State and support them in time of crisis, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) took the initiative and appealed to its members and employees to contribute generously towards Kerala relief fund. ICAI, as a partner to the nation since last 70 years and considering it as a part of its societal responsibility, contributed ₹70 lakh for the flood victims.

Naveen ND Gupta, Chartered Accountant & president, ICAI today handed over a cheque of ₹70 lakh to Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Arun Jaitley in the presence of Minister of Railways and Coal, Piyush Goyal as a contribution of ICAI to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund.



Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Arun Jaitley receives the cheque of ₹70 lakh by president, ICAI Naveen ND Gupta, Chartered Accountant as a contribution to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund

VIT's new innovation



Students of Vellore Institute of Technology along with their primary investigator

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With an aim to bring the latest innovation— project Toggle pH at the upcoming International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) to be held at MIT, Boston, a team from Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), brings a solution to the global issue of Ocean Acidification. This environmental disaster is gradually decreasing the pH of oceans making them acidic.

The iGEM is an annual event and a competition on synthetic biology and its inter-disciplinary fields. It is a platform where various teams from all over the world showcase their projects, learn from each other and also show their contribution to the scientific community and the general society.

The team — iGEM VIT —has been working on this issue from past six-month. The Department of

Biotechnology, Government of India, selects five best teams with the most deserving projects across India in a competition called Indian Biological Engineering Competition (iBEC) and gives a grant of ₹10 lakh per team for them to participate in iGEM.

For the very first time, a team from VIT, Vellore, bagged a place in the iBEC list of sponsored teams and won 10 lakhs to carry forward their project successfully. The iGEM VIT team, along with their primary investigator, Dr R Siva, professor and head, Department of Biotechnology at VIT, is working on developing a genetically engineered bacterium that can stabilise pH of the ocean. Once these modified bacteria are introduced into the ocean waters, it can neutralise this growing acidity and hence, reduce the oceans' acidic nature and bring it back to

its normal state.

This synthetically modified bacterium has the ability to absorb the acid causative agent which is free hydrogen ions and also the carbon dioxide present in the water. Theoretically, when these bacteria are let into the ocean waters, it can stabilise the local pH and hence has the capacity to normalise the pH when done on a large scale.

The project can be used as an immediate, efficient, and economical way to provide a holistic and on-site solution to what is considered one of the major environmental problems of the modern day. Apart from the lab work, the team has taken the initiative to speak to local and international experts in the field and attended conferences to understand the problem in-depth. They have also taken the initiative to spread awareness.

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Funding women ventures

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On the heels of an action-packed Sheroes Summit 2018, the women's community platform has launched the iconic Women Get Funded programme in India, with three full scholarships awarded to women in the Sheroes ecosystem.

This one-of-a-kind programme, launched by Silicon Valley angel investor Alicia Castillo Holley, trains women entrepreneurs in Art and Science of raising and accessing capital to build, grow and scale their businesses. As more and more women embrace entrepreneurship in India, this is a lucrative step towards supporting the next generation of women entrepreneurs, to become savvy in the nuances of funding their ventures.

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and services. We want to encourage women entrepreneurs to dream bigger, and get more ambitious for their business ventures. Accessing the right tools through focused programmes like Women Get Funded expands horizons, and I'm happy to share that the first cohort of WGF India Fellows has shown great commitment towards investing in themselves."

Alicia Castillo Holley, founder of the Women Get Funded programme, said: "India's progress is amazing, especially with regards to women who are making a huge impact in society. They are smart, curious, and, overall, driven. Women do magic with limited resources, and when they get the funds they need, they transform the world. I couldn't be more inspired to work with Sheroes, changing stereotypes for women entrepreneurs."

The programme will be delivered over a period of 10 weeks of bite-size information, pre-recorded lectures, tables, checklists, coaching sessions, Q&As, and videos; modules cover various aspects— from tapping unconventional sources, valuation and negotiations to understanding funding needs and the nuances of taking the venture capital route. It also gives access to a community of investors and driven women entrepreneurs.

New PG courses on offer

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The Indian Institute of Technology Mandi has launched six new PG programmes. These are:

- MSc in Physics
- MTech in Power Electronics and Drives
- MTech in Structural Engineering
- MTech in Very-Large-Scale Integration
- MTech in Communications and Signal Processing (CSP)
- MA in Development Studies

The programmes were introduced as part of IIT Mandi's vision to be a leader in Science and Technology education, knowledge creation and innovation. With the introduction of these new programmes, IIT Mandi is one

step closer towards achieving its target of 60 per cent PG students in the coming years.

Salient features: In the first semester, the focus is on electrical engineering core courses, a pre-requisite for advanced and specialised courses.

Lab core courses are designed so as to go hand-in-hand with theory core courses and to bring in a deeper insight into the concepts learned in the classroom. Labs are designed in consultation with industry partners.

Advanced and specialised courses are offered to make the students aware of the state-of-the-art in the technology, such that they are exposed to the real-world problems and able enough to tackle them with technology solutions.

Road safety initiative

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The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in collaboration with the Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE) has announced its partnership with Diageo India for the launch of Road To Safety - Towards Responsible Youth Programme for university students.

This partnership attempts to bring a formal and structured training programme for university students as they apply for their learner's license. The programme aims to reach over 500 universities across the country in the

next three to five years; with the first year target being 100 programmes across 50 universities.

The programme was inaugurated by Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State, MoRTH in the august presence of Leena Nandan, additional secretary, MoRTH; Abhay Damle, joint secretary, MoRTH together with Abanti Sankaranarayanan, chief strategy and corporate affairs officer, Diageo India and Dr Rohit Baluja, president, IRTE.

As per industry reports, India accounts for 12.5% (over 1,45,000 fatalities a year) of global road accidents, with one road accident occurring

every four minutes. Alarming, 72 per cent victims involved in such road mishaps are between the age groups of 15-44 years with speeding, reckless and drunk driving being the top reason accounting for 1.5% of road traffic accidents and 4.6% of fatalities.

The programme is a step toward addressing the grave issue of road safety by inculcating behavioural change and creating awareness about responsible driving habits among young adults. The four-hour extensive programme is an immersive and interactive module-led by senior faculty members of IRTE covering varied aspects of responsible driving including defensive driving, ill effects of driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and wearing of helmets.

Training programme

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The Symbiosis Skills and Open University (SSOU) has signed an MoU with Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council (DWSSC) to become the training partner. Run by SSOU, a pilot course, funded by FICCI FLO, has been launched for 100 candidates in the job role of elderly caretaker (non-clinical) that will commence on October 22, 2018 at SSOU campus.

Skill training is just a small step in the direction of the university awarding a diploma for the domestic workers in the disciplines such as caregivers and housekeeping services. Currently, SSOU is conducting a three-year degree course for beauty and wellness.

BROADEN YOUR STUDY HORIZON

The rupee-dollar rate is volatile. Students wanting to study in the US may be thinking of giving up on their dream. But fret not, there are other foreign universities that they can look at, says ROHIT SETHI

These last few weeks, the value of rupee against dollar has shown fluctuation. At present, the value of rupee, which was at ₹65 for a dollar just a year ago, has dropped to ₹72 for a dollar, significantly impacting the lives and businesses of Indians connected to the US. A considerable impact of this steep decline has been felt by students aspiring to study overseas especially in the US. The declining rupee has caused overseas education costs to skyrocket and students who were supposed to pay their fees for the fall semester in September-October are bearing the brunt. With the cost of Rupee expected to fall further, experts have opined that student travel of India will go down by 20 per cent in the wake of this decline.

Students who had applied to their preferred universities in the March-April cycle will be required to pay their tuition fees around this time for the autumn intake. According to overseas education experts, the decline in rupee will cost anywhere between ₹4 lakh-₹6 lakh for studying abroad. Students planning to study abroad already

spend a huge sum of money on IELTS and similar exams, visa application, cost of living and university tuition fees.

The cost can lie anywhere between \$15,000-\$30,000, depending on the university and country. This hefty sum, increased further due to the weak rupee, will result in numerous students having to give up on their dream of studying abroad.

According to research, almost 50 per cent families take education loans in order to send students abroad for further studies. However, with the devaluation of Rupee, this amount will increase approximately by ₹10 Lakh, making it next to impossible for families to cover costs even after securing hefty loans.

The cost plays an important factor and definitively rupee depreciation will make students think twice while a study abroad destination. However, there are other factors also which helps in deciding destination which are favourable policies for international students across countries.

On the other hand, destinations like Australia and Japan pre-

SENT THEMSELVES AS ATTRACTIVE options for student willing to go overseas for studies without breaking their banks. These countries are offering a wholesome and holistic alternative to the US as an academic destination for those who are planning their overseas education.

Students who are truly inclined to study overseas can opt for other alternatives to fund their education. Students can secure part-time jobs while studying in order to pay for their living expenses. A part of their tuition fees can still be covered by educational loans that they are required to repay only when they land a job post their course.

Students who have excellent grades can also secure scholarships in order to significantly cut down their tuition fees. Students planning to get a Masters can opt for countries like Germany which offer free of cost Masters. If the students keep a track of their budget and lifestyle while studying abroad, they can save a significant amount of money.

There are a lot of ways to save money and cover costs if a student

has a burning desire to study abroad. It all boils down to the policies of a country with regards to foreign students. Certain countries are very accommodating of students and offer several scholarships and campus job options in order to help students fulfill their dreams. Identifying such accommodating universities and countries is currently the key to successfully studying and eventually getting placed overseas.

The parents and students should do a thorough research of the economic factors and relationship between both the countries while planning for study abroad. Factors like currency depreciation, political relationships, working opportunities should be among the priority of the students while planning, studying abroad is all about the experience, so keeping that in mind prior careful planning is a must. For best advice, one must visit a consultant who has vast experience in the immigration industry and better understanding of the immigration policies.

The writer is director, ESS Gopal (Study Abroad Consultant)

'Approach it with the right skills'

In order to move up the ladder in the IT world, it is necessary to hone your skills with a holistic approach, says PRADIPTO CHAKRABARTY

Careers in the IT sector still entails the four building blocks of a digital organisation — applications, infrastructure, database and security. The IT continues to transform the way we live our lives, entertain ourselves and do business. It is a broad term that encompasses everything computer-related, and more synonymously, everything technology-related, is still the fastest growing career field. To support and implement the development of digitalisation across industries, network technicians, administrators and security experts play a crucial role.

How to choose the right IT path: One must be very careful when choosing an IT certification because many courses are vendor-specific and have their limitations when an employee needs to change jobs and discovers a different system at work.

The basics: It is always wise to choose a career that hones your most natural skills. Next, the most basic certification one needs to be useful to any employer is a general ability to fix and install and troubleshoot computer systems. This will help a prospective job-searcher get a foot in the door. The CompTIA IT Fundamentals+ exposes the candidate to the above mentioned blocks and imparts knowledge on each of these disciplines, thereby setting a platform from where the candidate can choose their respective areas of interests. The course then builds on that credential and covers IT Infrastructure in details. This program goes in depth to explain the concepts of devices, how the connected world looks like, practical trouble shooting, all varieties of operating systems, peripherals and information security. These two programmes are currently the most industry relevant and comprehensive assessments in this direction.

IT security path: One of the most sought after skills in today's era of massive data availability and ease of access to unsecured systems is the implementation of security protocols. But there are many levels



Pradipto Chakrabarty
Regional Director, CompTIA India

of IT security professionals. To become a cyber security analyst, for example, one needs to be able to perform data analysis, interpret the results and identify vulnerabilities, threats and risks to an organisation. The Security+ course meticulously validates these skills for a first level security professional.

IT administrators: Similarly, novice system administrators need to be able to implement vendor-neutral servers and open operating systems like Linux. They also need to be able to versatile enough to pre-empt shifts to virtual servers including cloud systems. Cloud+, Linux+ and Server+ are great places to start and cover each aspect of IT administration at working-knowledge depth. Business users and non-IT staffs that need to get familiar with aspects of managing a project for an organisational purpose may also opt for vendor-neutral certifications like Project+ or Cloud Essentials.

The IT career extends to various domains. To sustain oneself through changing times and technologies, one needs to constantly upgrade relevant skills through an intelligent choice of certifications to cover the broadest ground.

The more tranquil a man becomes, the greater is his success, his influence, his power for good. Losing temper under pressure can cause people to doubt your credibility as a business leader. As when you lose your temper, actually lose your worth. There are many situations during the course of a day that can make us lose our cool temperament, making a mistake in plain view, getting into an argument, having to listen to criticism, dealing with bad news or facing a looming project deadline with everyone involved moving way too slowly.

It's easy to be calm when everything is going well, but it's how you respond to stressful situation that sets you apart from the

crowd. Losing temper once in a while is fine but doing so on a regular basis signals to others that you're not in control of your emotions, and this creates a doubt that puts a dent in your credibility.

Find an outlet for your frustrations: Find an outlet for taking your stress or frustration out whether it's running, walking, hiking, cycling, swimming, gardening or even shadow boxing.

Raise your emotional self-awareness: The ability to prevent emotions from boiling over and remain cool under fire has a direct link to performance. Research involving more than a million people reveals that 90 per cent of top performers are skilled at managing their

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emotions in times of stress to remain calm and in control.

To do this, there's a repertoire of behaviours you can choose from. These include listening, being patient, not interrupting, breathing deeply, taking notes, not making a decision in the moment, and even changing your position. The more you do this, the more you'll find yourself in the driver's seat rather than letting others pull your emotional strings.

Watch your body language: Studies show that our body language doesn't just

reflect our emotions, it can cause them. Physically displaying expressions of negative emotions such as anxiety or anger acts like a feedback loop which, in turn, heightens that emotion.

Get pen and paper: A study conducted by University of Chicago shows that writing down our negative thoughts or worries about an upcoming important event has a calming effect and can improve our performance. The act of writing our thoughts down forces us to give coherence to stressful thoughts, which not only lessens the intensity of these



thoughts but can even negate them.

To prevent worries, stress and anxieties from sapping your brain power when you need it, get in the habit of writing down your worrisome thoughts. You can do this any time during the day, but it's most important just before a high stakes event. Some people are naturally gifted with a calm personality, and it gives them a competitive advantage. For the rest of us, putting some of these practices to use is a wise thing to do.

Philosopher James Allen once said: Calmness of mind is one of the beautiful jewels of wisdom.

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



Applications are invited for MMMF grants available for women applicants of developing countries to pursue their degree in the US and Canada. Indian students can apply.

Eligibility: Be at least 25 years old at time of application deadline (see specific regional programme application below); Be enrolled (not just accepted) at an accredited academic institution when submitting application; and plan to be enrolled for a full academic term after award of the grant by the Board; Not be related to a World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund or Inter-American Development Bank staff member or spouse.

English language requirement: Applicants whose first language is not English are usually required to provide evidence of proficiency in English at the higher level required by the university.

How to apply: The mode is online. Please scan the following documents in digital form (pdf preferred, jpeg or png): ID card with photo; Passport page with photo and date of birth; Government/university-issued identity card with photo and birth date; Most recent proof of official registration from university (not

their acceptance letter); Most recent official university transcripts and/or reports; Visa page or study permit page within current passport (if studying outside home country); Second passport page with clear photo (in case of dual citizenship). You will be asked to upload these documents. You will also provide: Brief paragraphs of your personal story; An estimate of your financial situation; A summary of your thesis (if applicable). Two reference letters are required.

Application deadline: January 15, 2019

The IIASA offers young scientists summer programme to talented young researchers whose interests correspond with IIASA's ongoing research on issues of global environmental, economic and social change.

Eligibility: Research experience of about 2 years prior to receiving a PhD or equivalent degree. A summer research proposal that clearly fits the interdisciplinary research agenda of a selected IIASA programme; Ability to work independently; Fluency in English. Candidates already holding a PhD degree by application deadline are asked to consider applying to IIASA's postdoc program.

How to apply: Applications should be submitted online.

Application deadline: January 11, 2019

STUDY CENTRES

People today, are looking for jobs that will give them the freedom to be creative and explore their passion. Photography is one such field — a medium of self-expression; a hobby that can be made into a paying profession. More so today given the boom in the communication network, advertising, media, fashion industry and digital photography. Here are a few colleges where one can study:

- **JD Institute of Fashion Technology, Thane.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **Film and Television Institute of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **Seamedu School of Film and Photography, Pune.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **Bharati Vidyapeeth School of Photography, Pune.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **School of Fototechnik, New Delhi.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **Indian Institute of Photography, Noida.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **Delhi School of Photography, Kalkaji, New Delhi.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **International School of Photography, New Delhi.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **Amadeus Media Pvt Ltd, Chennai.** Course: Diploma in Photography
- **The Regional Institute of Printing Technology, Kolkata.** Course: Diploma in Photography



PROGRAMMING AT FEVER ENTERTAINMENT

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹3,500 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15210
Application deadline: October 23, 2018

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT BRAINVALLEY SOFTWARE

Location: Dehradun, Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Bhopal, Chandigarh
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15211
Application deadline: October 25, 2018

CONTENT WRITING AT AADOX

Location: Lucknow
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15212
Application deadline: October 26, 2018

MARKETING AT NESTAWAY TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Work from Home
Stipend: ₹2,500 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15213
Application deadline: October 27, 2018

ARCHITECTURE AT FURNISH ME

Location: Bhubaneswar, Patna
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15214
Application deadline: October 25, 2018

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT APPTUNIX

Location: Mohali
Stipend: ₹7,000-10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15215
Application deadline: October 26, 2018

SCRIPT WRITING AT SCOOPWHOP MEDIA

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/15216
Application deadline: October 25, 2018

FORTUNER/VINAYAK BHATT

QUERY: My name is Moksh Dhawan. My date of birth is June 18, 1999. I am inclined to pursue career in mass media. Is this option suitable for me or is there any other best options in which I can make a successful career?

BHATT: You are a Gemini and your element is Air.

As per astrological analysis you will have many options and will change career many times. However your zeal to perform better will take you to the desired goal.

Mercury is your ruling planet that shows you hate repetitive work. You are not able to stay in one place for long time hence will change job frequently in the beginning until you reach your goal.

You are intelligent and inquisitive and will remain positive in every situation. You have ideas and hence can collect and process information very fast and take the decision. You are unyielding in your determination. You have great power of endurance both physical and mental. You can pass through enormous strains of fatigue, hence the mass media course is apt for you. Here are a few positions at which you can work

Reporter: You have nose for news. Hence you are a born journalist and will want to get to the bottom of any story and will make a successful career in this field. It's a perfect profession for you.

News presenter: Gemini are talkative, lively and entertaining, and have a gift for the art of conversation. They are comfortable in every social situation and are never at a loss for words. This makes them perfect for the realm of broadcasting, and in particular radio and television talk shows. Hence by following your interest you can get remarkable results in career.

Translator: You have a silver tongue and are very articulate, you have natural talent of translation in an artistic way. You can work quickly and think fast which is very essential for pursuing career in this field.

You star shows you should know at least two or more languages. You may get the chance to settle in foreign country with this talent.

Public Relations: You can do well as a public relation manager as you are very manipulative and good at speaking and convincing others. Making career in PR, brand promotion and or an ad agency is perfect for you.

Writer: Gemini get caught up in the world of ideas and storytelling. You have an ear for conversation and can translate this into work. Hence, you can become a wonderful writer and can engage the reader with a compelling voice.

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IN BRIEF

ROCKERS 2018 AT KIIT

The KIIT World School, Gurugram organised an inter-school competition — Rockstar 2018 — for pre-primary students to Class VIII students. Around 250 students participated from Delhi Public School, Maruti Kunj, Gurugram, St. Michael School, Elegant Children's Academy, Wingspan School, Government Senior Secondary School, Badshapur, Gurugram, Devika Kids Care, GMSS Sector 43 Gurugram, Education Bharati Public School. The event was a great success as it gives chance to more than 250 students to showcase their talent.

Students presented their favourite story through skit and through exhibition, students displayed their innovative idea and showed their talent. The participants showed their talent with great power and illuminated the name of their school.

CLIMATE JAMBOREE

TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS)' is organising first-of-its-kind national youth event — Climate Jamboree — with a mission to create a youth-based movement for effective transformative climate changes. It comprises a series of lead up events running till November 2018, culminating at a Grand Finale that will be witnessed by key policy makers, global laureates, climate change experts and over 10,000 students. It is an event to connect the youth and relevant stakeholders from India and across the world to drive climate action. The aim is to foster an environment of learning, ideation and collaboration.

₹ spurts 35 paise to nearly 2-week high

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The rupee climbed 35 paise to end at nearly two-week high of 73.48 per dollar on Tuesday amid softening crude oil prices and easing concerns over the trade deficit.

Traders said foreign fund inflows and greenback weakening against other currencies were the other factors that provided support to the home unit.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (Forex), the rupee opened on a firm note at 73.79 from Monday's close of 73.83. During the day the domestic currency gained further ground to hit a high of 73.47 against the US dollar, driven by selling of the greenback by exporters.

The domestic unit settled the day up by 35 paise or 0.47 per cent at 73.48 to the dollar, the highest closing level since October 3.

The rupee had lost 26 paise to close at 73.83 on Monday.

Forex dealers said bullish trend in the equity market as well as easing crude oil prices supported the rupee's upward movement.

"Alongside positive news on crude, the ten-year bonds

rallied as yields closed lower. The currency rallied on the lower than expected trade deficit data," said Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, S a n c t u m W e a l t h Management.

The trade deficit dropped to a five-month low of \$13.98 billion in September even as exports declined by more than 2 per cent. A higher trade deficit inflates the current account deficit which has a bearing on the local currency due to fund outflows.

The benchmark Brent oil was trading 0.88 per cent lower at \$80.07 a barrel on Tuesday due to easing tensions over disappearance of a Saudi journalist which calmed the oil market.

US President Donald Trump Monday had said that "rough killers" could be behind the disappearance of journalist Jamal Khashoggi as opposed to his earlier threatening stance.

Stock markets also welcomed a retreat in oil prices



Sensex zooms 297 pts to reclaim 35K; rupee, corp earnings drive optimism

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The equity benchmark Sensex continued its winning run for the third straight session on Tuesday, rising 297 points to scale the key 35,000-level on positive macro signs like strengthening rupee and healthy start to the corporate earnings season.

Meanwhile, the rupee strengthened by 25 paise to 73.58 (intra-day) against the US dollar in the forex market.

Besides, easing global crude prices and positive cues from Asian markets and a higher opening in European shares too fuelled the rally. Brent was trading 0.25 per cent lower at \$80.58 a barrel on Tuesday.

"Market maintained a positive momentum as healthy start to the earnings season and gaining strength in rupee supported the sentiment. Though rally was broad based, financials led from the front... Earnings season will dictate the trend in the market as investors are gradually shifting their focus from global volatility to domestic triggers," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

The 30-share Sensex stayed in the positive zone during the

session and shuttled between 35,215.79 and 34,913.06, before settling 297.38 points or 0.85 per cent higher at 35,162.48.

The NSE Nifty after regaining the 10,600-mark hit a high of 10,604.90 on the back of widespread gains, and finally concluded 72.25 points or 0.69 per cent higher at 10,584.75.

"The Nifty was higher today again supported by mid-and small-cap stocks. The broader indices gained more ground than the Nifty. Banking stocks were mixed with PSU Banks taking the lead. Global cues were also mixed where US markets were down but most other markets appear to have stabilised," Rohit Srivastava, Fund Manager — PMS, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas said.

Domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought shares worth ₹294.78 crore, while foreign institutional investors invested ₹67.86 crore on Monday, as per provisional data issued by the stock exchanges.

Shares of the country's second largest IT company, Infosys fell 0.39 per cent after cautious investors trimmed their positions ahead of July-September quarter earnings.

OPEC says it has not failed India, provided mkt stability

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi voiced concerns about high crude prices, oil cartel OPEC on Tuesday said it has not failed India and other major consuming countries as it restored stability in the market after four years of downturn.

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Secretary General Sanusi Barkindo, however, said the stability achieved in past month is being threatened by headwinds from extraneous factors like frictions between leading trading partners of the world, revival of monetary stimuli and upward movement in interest rates.

Speaking at the India Energy Forum, he said a year ago Prime Minister Modi, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and industry chiefs had "all commended the joint effort of OPEC and non-OPEC to rescue the industry from the downturn".

"India, the third largest consuming country of hydrocarbon, has endorsed this collaborative effort to restore stability to the oil market and had, in addition, asked to do whatever is necessary to sustain this stability going forward," he said.

Without stability, major consuming countries cannot plan let alone manage demand-supply dynamics.

"We have not failed India, we have not failed major consuming countries. Our actions, decision all take into account the interest of consuming country," he said. "We have a vested interest in India continue to grow, prosper, continue to use oil in its energy mix."

On Monday, Modi had voice concerns about high oil prices killing global growth at a meeting where Saudi and UAE oil ministers as well as industry captains were present.

India has been over the past two months battered by high crude oil prices that have sent retail petrol, diesel and LPG rates to record high, posed inflationary risks and together with a sliding rupee threatened to upset its current account deficit. Also, unrelenting fuel price rise since mid-August has negated cut in taxes and subsidy. Barkindo said the stability achieved over the past months is under threat from a combination of factors that are beyond the control of oil producers.

"In the short term we are also beginning to see a rise in volatility," he said. "Yes at the moment the market is well-sup-

plied. However, these extraneous factors are beginning to make this balance look fragile. These factors are completely outside the control of OPEC and non-OPEC (oil producers)."

He said on Monday Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter of oil in the world, assured all consumers "to remain claim, not to panic and that there is ample supplies to meet".

"Yes, the market is well supplied, a balance has been achieved. But this balance is looking fragile largely because of actors outside our control," he said.

Barkindo said the recently released OPEC's World Oil Outlook, primary energy demand, globally, is expected to increase by 33 per cent, or 91 million barrels of oil equivalent per day (mboe/d), between 2015 and 2040.

"A massive 24 per cent of this anticipated increase will be from India, or 22 mboe/d," he said. "World oil demand is expected to increase by 14.5 million barrels per day (mb/d), increasing from 97.2 mb/d in 2017 to 111.7 mb/d in 2040. India will account for oil demand growth of 5.8 mb/d, which represents an astonishing 40 per cent of the overall increase."

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
M&M	753.6	780	750.1	779	30
ADANIAPORTS	323.4	335.8	321.9	334.1	12.85
ONGC	161.95	167.2	161.1	165.3	5.15
TECHM	695	727.6	694.55	715	20.45
SBIN	264.6	270.85	263.35	270.35	7.15
RELIANCE	1,146.00	1,167.40	1,140.00	1,166.00	26.25
ICICIBANK	313.75	322.95	313.75	320.25	6.9
BPCL	296.5	305.5	291.7	302.85	6.5
AXISBANK	577.75	594.35	570.25	587	10.45
ULTRACEMCO	3,744.00	3,814.00	3,706.65	3,761.00	52.6
HINDUNILVR	1,536.70	1,557.55	1,526.50	1,547.50	21.2
HDFC	1,735.00	1,773.70	1,713.15	1,756.25	23.35
YESBANK	247	251.4	245.6	249.25	3.25
BHARTIARTL	292.4	295.9	289.2	294.6	3.5
ASIANPAINT	1,257.00	1,282.90	1,252.55	1,265.00	14.7
VEDL	212	214.8	211.5	212.4	1.8
TATAMOTORS	185.2	187.25	184.55	185.75	1.4
TCS	1,958.00	1,971.90	1,935.00	1,964.05	14.55
GR	1,220.00	1,228.95	1,215.55	1,225.20	8.8
GRASIM	898.7	912	895.5	903.95	6.05
UPL	640	648	633.15	640.1	4.15
SUNPHARMA	601.95	612	592.85	603.35	3.4
COALINDIA	277.2	278.35	274.4	276.9	1.25
HEROMOTOCO	2,871.00	2,911.30	2,871.00	2,894.00	12.75
IOC	135.55	136.95	133.3	135.6	0.55
TITAN	811	819.65	808	808.4	2.2
GAIL	351.05	357.3	346.25	351.9	0.85
TATASTEEL	571.1	584	569.6	570.75	0.75
WIPRO	320	320.7	316.1	320.25	0.3
DREDDY	2,566.90	2,590.00	2,537.50	2,568.95	2.1
BAUNFANCE	2,325.00	2,362.00	2,285.25	2,307.60	1.4
KOTAKBANK	1,171.50	1,181.70	1,162.75	1,169.95	-0.5
INDUSINDBK	1,639.00	1,695.95	1,615.00	1,626.00	-0.95
ITC	283	283.75	276.35	282.25	-0.25
HINDPETRO	214.4	216.9	208.05	212.15	-0.35
HCLTECH	1,000.00	1,012.50	989.05	1,001.00	-1.95
HINDALCO	231.9	232.8	228.2	231.25	-0.5
BAUJAFINSV	5,657.00	5,749.95	5,565.55	5,620.00	-14.25
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,638.00	2,648.00	2,605.00	2,607.25	-13.2
NTPC	164.65	165.35	162.1	163.7	-0.95
MARUTI	7,214.00	7,278.00	7,123.80	7,137.55	-44.45
ZEEL	477.8	477.8	466.75	469.45	-3.05
POWERGRID	187.95	188.8	185.1	186.75	-1.35
INFRATEL	288.6	277.5	263.8	266.4	-2.2
HDFCBANK	2,003.00	2,018.20	1,987.50	1,989.60	-18.45
INFY	710	713.9	689.4	692	-6.8
JSWSTEEL	377	385.2	369.1	372.25	-4.55
CIPLA	647.85	651.65	637.35	640	-7.85
EICHERMOT	23,550.00	23,950.00	22,750.00	23,120.00	-314.5
IBULHSGFIN	950	976.8	896.4	900	-48.9

BSE 500

Script	Last Traded Price	Abs Change	% Change	CGPOWER	41.1	0	0
CHAMBLFERT	146.2	0	0	146.2	0	0	0
CHEMNAPETRO	265.3	8.05	3.13	265.3	8.05	3.13	3.13
CHOLAFIN	1,209.95	16.3	1.37	1,209.95	16.3	1.37	1.37
CIPLA	640	-6	-0.93	640	-6	-0.93	-0.93
COALINDIA	276.5	0.8	0.29	276.5	0.8	0.29	0.29
COCHINSHIP	400.05	-2.15	-0.53	400.05	-2.15	-0.53	-0.53
COFFEEEDAY	271.4	17.85	7.04	271.4	17.85	7.04	7.04
COLPAL	1,098.45	1.7	0.16	1,098.45	1.7	0.16	0.16
CONCOR	599.65	-3.85	-0.64	599.65	-3.85	-0.64	-0.64
COROMANDEL	385.75	4.05	1.06	385.75	4.05	1.06	1.06
CORPBANK	24.45	0.75	3.16	24.45	0.75	3.16	3.16
COX&KINGS	112.95	10.95	5.42	112.95	10.95	5.42	5.42
CRISIL	1,597.45	-25.45	-1.57	1,597.45	-25.45	-1.57	-1.57
CROMPTON	199.65	-2	-0.99	199.65	-2	-0.99	-0.99
CUB	165.95	-0.85	-0.51	165.95	-0.85	-0.51	-0.51
CYIENT	700.9	-4.3	-0.61	700.9	-4.3	-0.61	-0.61
CYAMINSIND	671.5	-4.2	-0.62	671.5	-4.2	-0.62	-0.62
DABUR	406.15	8.85	2.23	406.15	8.85	2.23	2.23
DALMIABHA	2,086.05	-3.1	-0.15	2,086.05	-3.1	-0.15	-0.15
DBCORP	189.25	0.1	0.05	189.25	0.1	0.05	0.05
DBL	538.4	6.15	1.16	538.4	6.15	1.16	1.16
DCRBANK	168.15	5.75	3.54	168.15	5.75	3.54	3.54
DOCSHRRIRAM	430.85	13.55	3.28	430.85	13.55	3.28	3.28
DEEPAKERT	220.7	10.7	5.1	220.7	10.7	5.1	5.1
DEEPANKI	250.5	-1.3	-0.52	250.5	-1.3	-0.52	-0.52
DELTA-CORP	239.3	12.85	5.67	239.3	12.85	5.67	5.67
DENABANK	15.35	0.5	3.37	15.35	0.5	3.37	3.37
DHANUKA	410.5	1.2	0.29	410.5	1.2	0.29	0.29
DHFL	269.55	-11.8	-4.39	269.55	-11.8	-4.39	-4.39
DISHTV	53.3	-1.05	-1.93	53.3	-1.05	-1.93	-1.93
DIVISLAB	1,305.75	7.65	0.59	1,305.75	7.65	0.59	0.59
DLS	158.2	1.35	0.86	158.2	1.35	0.86	0.86
DMART	1,336.8	3.65	0.27	1,336.8	3.65	0.27	0.27
DREDDY	2,573.45	12.3	0.48	2,573.45	12.3	0.48	0.48
EDLER	107.25	1.85	0.78	107.25	1.85	0.78	0.78
EDELWEISS	186.2	2.45	1.33	186.2	2.45	1.33	1.33
EIDCPARRY	2,302.2	-390.7	-16.7	2,302.2	-390.7	-16.7	-16.7
EICHARMOT	206.1	-6.6	-3.1	206.1	-6.6	-3.1	-3.1
EIHOTEL	155.95	6.9	4.63	155.95	6.9	4.63	4.63
ELGIEQUIP	257.1	1.85	0.72	257.1	1.85	0.72	0.72
EMAMILTD	447.9	1	0.22	447.9	1	0.22	0.22

BSE: GAINERS

Current (Chng %)	
SOUTHBANK	14.63 (16.11)
CENTURYPLY	205.70 (15.85)
FRETAIL	493.80 (13.81)
HREG	4750.65 (10.64)
FINCABLES	431.85 (10.33)

NSE: GAINERS

Current (Chng %)	
M&M	779.00 (4.01)
ADANIAPORTS	334.10 (4.00)
ONGC	165.30 (3.22)
TECHM	715.00 (2.94)
SBIN	270.35 (2.72)

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
INDIGO	825.1	875.85	814.15	866	43.7
PETRONET	217.8	225	215.9	224	8.6
ICICIPRULI	321.9	331.4	317.1	330.75	12.4
GOODREJP	725.15	756.2	725.15	756.2	26.25
PEL	2,270.00	2,351.95	2,261.60	2,326.75	79.4
ASHOKLEY	118.25	121.9	117.6	120.6	3.55
AUROPHARMA	757	778.5	754.5	775.45	22.7
DABUR	398.8	408.3	397.95	405.15	11.8
OIL	207	211	202	211	6
SRTRANSFIN	1,055.00	1,087.80	1,045.00	1,073.05	30.25
BANKBARODA	97.55	101.2	97.4	100.1	2.75
NIACL	205	212.2	203.45	209	5.2
SUNTV	652.9	681	649.05	665.75	16.3
HDFCLIFE	371.25	384.95	369	378.95	9.2
AMBUJACEM	218	223.8	217	221.6	4.6
SHREECEM	15,339.00	15,645.00	15,246.65	15,510.00	292.65
HAVELLS	604.9	623.65	601.05	611	11.25
ACC	1,523.15	1,580.95	1,509.05	1,550.50	27.35
OFSS	3,917.50	3,926.00	3,905.60	3,980.00	68.7
NHPC	236	245	235.5	244	0.4
BOSCHLTD	18,710.00	19,148.90	18,667.75	19,000.05	302.85
SBILIFE	542.2	549.55	538.7	547.35	8.65
MRUF	62,991.85	63,980.00	62,862.15		

14 Iran security personnel abducted on Pak border

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Fourteen Iranian security personnel, including Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) also known as *Pasdaran- Inqilab-i Islami* intelligence officers, were abducted on the volatile south-eastern border with Pakistan on Tuesday, State media reported.

The border guards were "abducted between 4 am and 5 am in the Lulakdan area of the border by a terrorist group," the official IRNA news agency said. Lulakdan is a small village 150 kilometres southeast of Zahedan, capital of the south-eastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan.

The 14 were involved in "a security operation" and included two members of the elite Revolutionary Guards intelligence unit, seven *Basij* militiamen and five regular border guards, the Young Journalists' Club (YJC), a State-owned

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news website, said.

The report was deleted from the YJC website shortly afterwards.

The province has long been a flashpoint, with Baluchi separatists and jihadists based in Pakistan regularly attacking Iranian security posts.

On September 28, the Guards said they had killed

four militants who had slipped across the border.

Sistan-Baluchistan has a large, mainly Sunni Muslim ethnic Baluchi community which straddles the border.

Sunni extremist group *Jundallah* (Soldiers of God) launched a bloody insurgency in the province in 2000 targeting the security forces and officials of Iran's Government.

The campaign peaked with a spate of deadly attacks from 2007 — including twin suicide bombings against a Shiite mosque that killed 28 people — but abated after the group's leader was killed in mid-2010.

In 2012, *Jundallah* members formed a successor organisation called *Jaish al-Adl* (Army of Justice), which has carried out a spate of attacks on the security forces.

Iran has alleged that the group has received support from the US, Israel and Saudi Arabia, with the complicity of Pakistan.

TRUMP URGED TO DECLARE CHINA 'CURRENCY MANIPULATOR'

Washington: Expressing concerns over China's currency actions, a top US Senator has urged US President Donald Trump to name China as a "currency manipulator".

Raising concerns about the depreciation of the Chinese yuan against the dollar, Senator Tammy Baldwin in a letter to Trump said that ever since his administration's tariff actions began in the spring, the yuan has fallen nine per cent. Writing to Trump ahead of the release of the report, Baldwin reminded Trump about his election promise that he would declare China a currency manipulator on the very first day.

"But in three previous reports you have failed to do so. I am concerned that China's currency actions amount to manipulation, in violation of World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules. I ask that you use your upcoming report to make good on your promise to name China a currency manipulator and begin the statutorily-required process to encourage China to correct its undervaluation," the Wisconsin Senator said.

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Saudis likely to admit Khashoggi died during interrogation: Report

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is understood to be preparing a report in which it is likely to admit dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi died during an interrogation at its consulate in Istanbul, according to a media report.

Khashoggi is feared to have been killed inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Turkey. The incident has resulted in a global outrage and more so in the US as he lived here as a legal permanent resident and worked for The Washington Post.

US lawmakers have been demanding scrapping of the \$110 billion mega defence deal with the Saudis, whereas heads of several companies, CEOs, newspapers have announced not to attend an upcoming finance conference in Saudi Arabia.

President Donald Trump on Monday talked to the Saudi King, during which the latter flatly denied having any knowledge of the missing journalist.

Officially Saudi Arabia has insisted that the journalist left its consulate, but so far has not been able to give any proof of it. Trump, who has warned Saudi Arabia of severe consequences, has dispatched his Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for talks with the Saudi leader.



People hold signs during a protest at the Embassy of Saudi Arabia on Wednesday in Washington. AP

Saudis agree for 'thorough' probe into missing dissident writer: US

Riyadh: US top diplomat Mike Pompeo met Tuesday with Saudi King Salman and the crown prince seeking to defuse a crisis over missing dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi, with American officials saying Riyadh had agreed the need for a "thorough" probe.

The urgent talks came after Donald Trump dispatched Pompeo to the Gulf kingdom amid a growing international outcry about Khashoggi's disappearance. Khashoggi has not been seen since he walked into the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on October 2 to sort out marriage paperwork.

"Rogue killers" could be to blame, Trump said after telephone talks on Monday with the King. AFP

Israeli fire wounds 32 Palestinians in Gaza protest



AP ■ GAZA CITY

Gaza's Health Ministry says 32 Palestinians have been wounded by Israeli fire during a mass protest along the beach near the Israeli frontier.

Protesters threw flaming tires over the fence Monday, while fishing boats hoisted Palestinian flags. Israeli forces responded with tear gas and live fire. The ruling Hamas militant group has been staging border protests for the past six months in hopes of easing a crippling Israeli-Egyptian blockade.

China backs Imran's 'Naya Pakistan' initiative

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

China has backed Prime Minister Imran Khan's "New Pakistan" initiative and said the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects being undertaken in the country will play an important role in Pakistan's economic development. China's Minister of International Development Song Tao met Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday and assured Beijing's support to Pakistan at all regional and international fora.

He also assured Khan of China's support in his agenda of poverty alleviation, fight against corruption and agricultural development, an official statement said on Tuesday.

The USD 60 billion CPEC is the flagship venture of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a pet project of Chinese President Xi Jinping aimed at enhancing Beijing's influence around the world through China-funded infrastructure projects.

India has opposed the CPEC project and protested to China as it is being laid through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. "He (Song Tao) termed CPEC as a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative, which would make significant contributions towards building a New Pakistan," the statement



said. Underscoring the importance attached by the leadership and people of China to Pakistan-China relations, Song said exchanges between political parties would help in sharing ideas to achieve common and shared development.

During the meeting, Khan said that the "all weather friendship" between Pakistan and China held particular significance to the people of Pakistan.

Khan will embark on his first visit to China on November 3 during which he is expected to meet President Xi and other top leaders and discuss ways to boost defence ties as well as the controversy-hit CPEC projects.

Pakistan has recently slashed the Chinese investment in railways by USD 2 billion citing a huge burden of loans.

"This (visit) would provide an opportunity to underscore the importance of the 'all weather strategic cooperative partnership' between the two countries," Khan was quoted as saying. Describing President Xi as "a great statesman," he said the people of Pakistan has great admiration for him.

"President Xi Jinping's terming of this friendship as that of 'iron brothers' reflects an undeniable reality," Khan said.

"This (visit) would provide an opportunity to underscore the importance of the 'all weather strategic cooperative partnership' between the two countries," he added.

Khan added that Pakistan would like to learn from Chinese experience in poverty alleviation, fighting corruption and agriculture development through sharing expertise, technology and best practices in the sector.

The China International Import Expo would provide an opportunity to the two sides to look into export possibilities from Pakistan to China, he said. Hailing the growing relations between his Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf and the Communist Party of China (CPC), the prime minister emphasised on further enhancing the ties through exchange of delegations and sharing of ideas. Song also met senior civil and military leaders.

China says more projects planned under CPEC

PTI ■ BEIJING

China said on Tuesday there will be more projects planned under the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor amid the concern over piling up of debt by Pakistan prompting it to approach the IMF for a bailout package. Cash-strapped Pakistan has formally approached the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a bailout package as it reeled under serious economic crisis.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Lu Kang on Tuesday said that there will be more projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a day after he stated that the CPEC debt liabilities were in low proportion.

He also said the China-Pakistan ties will make new headway under the new government. The entire project is stated to be worth around USD 60 billion. "China and Pakistan are all weather strategic partners. In recent years, our bilateral relations are operating at a high level," Lu said replying to question about the high-level visits planned

China's Communist Party expels two ex-generals

PTI ■ BEIJING

China's ruling Communist Party expelled two top former Generals, including one who committed suicide following allegations of corruption, and referred the graft case of the second general who served as the People's Liberation Army chief to a military court for trial, state media reported Tuesday.

General Fang Fenghui, 67, headed the 2-million-strong People's Liberation Army (PLA) till last year. He was also the former chief of the Central Military Commission (CMC), which is now headed by President Xi Jinping.

The CMC is the overall high command of the Chinese armed forces. The former general has been expelled from the party and his case has been transferred to a military court to answer graft allegations, state-run China Daily quoted the military statement as saying on Tuesday.

Also General Zhang Yang, the former head of the Central Military Commission's Political Work Department who committed suicide in November last, was expelled from the Communist Party of China and assets related to the illegal activity have been confiscated, it said. Zhang was recently

given posthumous punishments by the military for corruption exposed during an internal investigation, the military said.

General Fang is the latest in the list of a host of top defence officials caught in the anti-graft campaign launched by President Xi since 2013. Over 50 top generals have been punished under the anti-graft campaign which, observers say, also helped him to consolidate his power.

Fang, once the youngest commander of a People's Liberation Army (PLA), was described as an "opportunist" by military insiders, according to earlier media reports.

"Fang has close links to Zhang's superiors and subordinates because they were both proteges of disgraced former CMC vice-chairman Guo Boxiong and Xu Caihou, with Fang being the most skillful opportunist, closely following Guo," the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported earlier.

Gen. Guo Boxiong and Gen. Xu Caihou, who were Vice Chairmen of the CMC under previous President Hu Jintao, were accused of heavy corruption including selling the top posts of the PLA for the highest bidder.

Court extends Shahbaz's remand by 14 days in ₹1,400-cr housing scam

Lahore (PTI): A Pakistani court on Tuesday extended the remand of PML-N chief and opposition leader Shahbaz Sharif by 14 days in the ₹1,400 crore housing scam. Shahbaz, 67, the younger brother of ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif, was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on October 5 in the Ashiana-e-Iqbal housing project scam. He was remanded to a 10-day custody to NAB.

The former Punjab chief minister was brought to the accountability court amid high security. A large number of PML-N workers were also present at the court premises. He

told the accountability court judge Najamul Hasan that he had committed no illegality in the award of the contract (in the housing project). He also said the NAB was unable find any evidence against him during his 10-day remand. Shahbaz asked why the NAB wanted extension of his remand when he was fully cooperating. "No NAB official investigated me in the last three days," he said, adding that his government had followed the legal procedure in award of contract the housing project. "I have served the country and saved billions of rupees in different development projects during my tenure as chief min-

ister (2008-2018)," he said.

Shahbaz's counsel opposed the extension of his remand, saying the NAB has failed to present any proof of his involvement in the scam. "Therefore the NAB's plea for further extension to his client's remand be dismissed," he said, adding that the case against Shahbaz had been instituted on "political grounds" as he had not issued any illegal orders being the chief minister.

The NAB prosecutor requested the court to grant extend Shahbaz's remand, which was accepted. The court remanded Shahbaz into NAB's custody for another 14 days (till October 30).

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen dead

San Francisco (AFP): Paul Allen, who founded Microsoft with Bill Gates in the 1970s and later went on to become an investor, philanthropist and sports team owner, has died after his latest battle with cancer at age 65. "My brother was a remarkable individual on every level. While most knew Paul Allen as a technologist and philanthropist, for us he was a much loved brother and uncle, and an exceptional friend," Allen's sister Jody said in a statement announcing his death.

In recent years, Allen was known as the owner of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, and part owner of the Major League Soccer team the Seattle Sounders, along with a variety of

business and charitable ventures. One of the world's wealthiest billionaires, Allen also founded Stratolaunch Systems, which built the world's largest plane designed as a colossal rocket-launching aircraft touted as the future of space travel.

The craft was on track for its first launch demonstration as early as 2019. Allen died on Monday just two weeks after publicly revealing that non-Hodgkin's lymphoma he fought into remission nine years ago had returned. The incurable cancer affects white blood cells.

He never married and had no children.

Allen was a high school classmate of Gates in Seattle, and later, while working as a computer programmer, persuaded



his friend to drop out of Harvard to create Microsoft, which became the world's most valuable company in the 1990s.

A "heartbroken" Gates remembered Allen as "one of my oldest and dearest friends."

"Personal computing would not have existed without him," Gates added. "He was fond of saying, 'If it has the potential to do good,

then we should do it.' That's the kind of person he was." Allen had left Microsoft by 1983 for health reasons but held on to shares that made up the bulk of his fortune, estimated at some USD 20 billion.

"All of us who had the honour of working with Paul feel inexpressible loss today," said a statement by Vulcan, the investment firm that managed his operations. "He possessed a remarkable intellect and a passion to solve some of the world's most difficult problems, with the conviction that creative thinking and new approaches could make profound and lasting impact."

Microsoft said Allen's "contributions to our company, our industry and to our community are indispensable."

'Australia considering to shift its embassy to Jerusalem'

Melbourne (PTI): Prime Minister Scott Morrison Tuesday indicated that he is open to the idea of shifting Australia's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and recognising the holy city as Israel's capital. Morrison said he was "open-minded" about moving the embassy while insisting that it remains committed to a two-state solution.

His statement came 10 months after US President Donald Trump in a controversial move said the US would recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The new US embassy in Jerusalem was opened in May despite widespread protests by Palestinians about the decision.

Morrison said it was suggested to him by Indian-origin former Australian ambassador to Israel, Dave Sharma, who is a candidate for the prime minister's conservative Liberal Party in a crucial by-election this week.

"The government will carefully examine the arguments put forward by Australia's former Ambassador to Israel, Dave Sharma, that we should consider recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, without prejudice to its final boundaries, while acknowledging East Jerusalem as the expected capital of a future Palestinian state," he said.

Harry and pregnant Meghan get baby gifts, meet koalas Down Under

Sydney (AFP): British royals Harry and Meghan received copious baby gifts, met a koala couple and posed in front of Sydney's dazzling Opera House Tuesday, on their first public outing since announcing they are to become parents. The happy prince and his US-born wife laughed and smiled as they were inundated with gifts — a pair of Australian baby Uggs boots, baby blankets, toy kangaroos and joys — watched eucalyptus-munching koalas at the zoo and took a boat ride across Sydney Harbour at the start of a lengthy tour of the Pacific.

"We genuinely couldn't think of a better place to announce the, err, upcoming baby... a boy or a girl," said a hesitant Harry, as he toasted his Sydney "mates" and lauded an afternoon reception for serving both tea and beer "in true

Aussie style". Meghan began the day wearing a tight white dress by Australian designer Karen Gee and showed few signs of having a baby bump, to the mild disappointment of onlooking fans. But she smiled broadly while posing against the backdrop of the Opera House sails, which gleamed in the spring sunshine. Shortly after the appearance, Gee's website was down, apparently due to the volume of traffic it was receiving.

At the foot of the Opera House a crowd of hundreds pressed against security fences for a royal outdoor meet-and-greet, waving Australian flags, assorted pictures and carrying human-size koala toys, all under the gaze of police snipers and close protection officers. "To see them in the flesh was amazing. You can't describe it,"

said 53-year-old Tanya Galway. "I climbed up that pole there to get a better view." The royal baby was on the mind of most of the crowd, including 56-year-old fan Rhonda Tissington, who managed to give the couple a gift.

"I quickly put together a baby blanket and a first baby book, of farm photos inside," she told AFP. "Harry said 'Oh wonderful', so he was very pleased. He even shook the present."

This royal couple are on a 16-day tour of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga that had already been keenly watched but is now set to be a media frenzy that may test Australia's large contingent of royal-sceptic republicans.

Shortly after the pair stepped off the plane on Monday, Kensington Palace announced that Queen



Elizabeth II's 34-year-old grandson and the 37-year-old actress are "expecting a baby in the spring of 2019", triggering a chorus of coos and rampant tabloid speculation about baby names. "What fantastic news!" tweeted Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

"Australia is thrilled for you both. Looking forward to sharing in the joy during your stay down under."

The queen was said to be "delighted", British Prime Minister Theresa May tweeted her "warmest congratulations", and Meghan's mother Doria

Ragland said she was "very happy about this lovely news".

As TV stations in the English-speaking world broke into their regular coverage, Google saw a spike in searches for "when is spring?" — the answer in Britain is from March until May or June — and newspapers mused over what the baby, who will become either an earl or lady, will be called.

The bookies' instant pick was Diana — the name of the late princess who was mother to both Prince Harry and his older brother Prince William — along with Arthur and Alice.

The celebrity couple can expect a warm welcome on their tour, even if polls show half of Australians would like to ditch British monarchs as their country's head of state.

Kensington palace said they did not expect any changes to

the trip schedule, although Meghan is not expected to join Harry in scaling the Sydney Harbour Bridge to mark the start of the Invictus Games later in the week.

They are still expected to visit Fiji and Tonga despite a notice advising pregnant women to stay away because of the Zika virus.

The decision came after consultations with doctors, Kensington Palace said.

Meghan made her name in acting as savvy paralegal Rachel Zane in the US television legal drama "Suits", a world far removed from Buckingham Palace. Her first steps as a British royal have been cautious, immaculately scripted and well received. Britons swooned after seeing Meghan nonchalantly closing her own car door at her first solo engagement last month in London.

STERLING BLOWS SPAIN AWAY

Raheem's first England's goal in over 1102 days seals Three Lions first Nations League win

AFP ■ SEVILLE

Raheem Sterling scored twice as England delivered one of their finest victories of the modern era by beating Spain 3-2 in Seville.

Away from home, and against a Spanish side in scintillating form under their new coach Luis Enrique, this was certainly England's best win under Gareth Southgate and, perhaps, their most impressive since thrashing Germany 5-1 in Munich in 2001.

Marcus Rashford was the other scorer in a breathless opening 45 minutes, which witnessed Spain conceding three on home soil for the first time in their history.

"To play the way they did, this should be a great reference point for this team for the future," Southgate said.

Paco Alcacer, on as a substitute, headed in before the hour to spark hopes of a comeback but England were home and dry by the time Sergio Ramos scored in the 98th minute, with the last action of the match on Monday.

It means England keep alive their hopes of finishing top of Group 4 in the UEFA Nations League, the position Spain had needed only a point to all-but-guarantee would be theirs.

It was a night for streaks ending and records tumbling. Sterling's opening goal was his first in 1,102 days for England, even more remarkable given he added his second 22 minutes later.

"The only thing we did say is when he scores he will score again," Southgate said. "He managed to do so pretty quickly." The last time England won away against Spain was 1987 -- which was also when they last scored against Spain away from home, Gary Lineker on target.

With an average age of just over 23, this



Spanish and English players scuffle each other during the UEFA Nations League match at Benito Villamarín stadium, in Seville; (right) Raheem Sterling, left, celebrates after scoring his side's third goal

was also the youngest England starting line-up in the 21st century. That will be the most exciting aspect for Southgate.

For Spain, Alcacer now has an astonishing 10 goals from his last 10 shots on target. But defeat represents something of a reality check. "Waving the flag for goals," read Marca's front page on Monday. They

had scored 12 in three games since Luis Enrique took charge.

"Clearly it wasn't our night," he said.

"We have made mistakes on an individual level and their goals were medicine for them and poison for us." But Eric Dier set the tone early on. He left Sergio Busquets, sluggish throughout, hopping out

of his first pass and then slid through Ramos, who was also out of sorts.

After a frantic start, England settled and in the 13th minute, scored. Under pressure at the back, they kept the ball until the risk was too great and Jordan Pickford drove forward to Harry Kane.

With Spain caught upfield, he was able

THIS WAS CERTAINLY ENGLAND'S BEST WIN UNDER GARETH SOUTHGATE AND, PERHAPS, THEIR MOST IMPRESSIVE SINCE THRASHING GERMANY 5-1 IN MUNICH IN 2001



to turn and find Rashford, whose quick switch set Sterling free. He finished into the top corner.

"We are staying up," sang the away support as Thiago Alcantara danced around England's midfield with flicks and tricks. But to little effect.

Instead, Kane showed the value of a top-class centre forward for England's second. He outmuscled Ramos to win Pickford's punt downfield, outpaced Nacho to the loose ball with a superb reverse pass in behind. Rashford only had to finish.

Spain's early confidence was gone and England added a third before the interval, which was greeted by whistles from the home fans.

Ross Barkley's sumptuous ball over the top caught Ramos napping again and Kane squared for Sterling to tap in. "Are you Scotland in disguise?" came the taunt from the corner.

Spain were sent out early for the second period, among them Alcacer, who replaced Saul. He scored with his first touch, heading in Marco Asensio's corner, given away after a fumble by Pickford.

It was a nightmare few minutes for England's goalkeeper, who then dallied and was tackled by Rodrigo.

Pickford scrambled the ball away but probably fouled Rodrigo in the process and Spain were adamant they deserved a penalty. The referee was not convinced.

England played for time, with a handful of players going down injured, and Spain's pressure gradually eased. Rodrigo shot wide in the final 10 minutes. Asensio went even closer.

Marcos Alonso then deflected onto the bar end into injury time and Ramos headed home in the 98th minute. But there was not even time for a restart. England's win was complete.

Dynamos and ATK eye first win

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Back in action after a fortnight break, Delhi Dynamos would look to put pressure on a struggling ATK and get their first win of the season when the two teams clash in their Indian Super League (ISL) match, here on Wednesday.

The hosts, who are coming into this game after playing a 1-1 draw against FC Pune City, are likely to play striker Daniel Lalimpuia, who was injured but midfielder Bikramjit Singh still remains a doubtful starter due to a calf injury he sustained against Pune.

Dynamos head into the game following a two-week break due to international fixtures but defender Rana Gharami believes that a long gap has allowed his team to prepare well for this game.

"We had a long break and that has given us a lot of time to figure this ATK team out. They have a strong team with really good foreign players so its going to be hard for us defenders, but we are confident heading into this game," he said.

"We were really close to winning the last match but that ended as a draw and it was a big disappointment for us.



Delhi Dynamos players during training session ahead of ISL clash against ATK

This is a must-win encounter for both the sides, so we really need to give our best," Rana added.

In the last fixture, Dynamos created a lot of chances but failed to hit the target on most occasions but that isn't bothering Head Coach Josep Gombau as he believes the side is working according to the plan.

"Last game we had a lot of chances and we missed. To win games you need to take these chances and we are working on that. Good thing is that we created chances. That's the difficult thing in football."

The visitors boast a strong squad and Gombau is wary of the threat they possess in terms of attack.

"ATK have a very good game. They have many good players in the side. Wednesday will be a difficult game for us."

The game meanwhile will mark the return of Dynamos' all-time top scorer Kalu Uche as he returns to the stadium where he was so prolific last season, for the first time.

Former Dynamos defender Sena Ralte though will miss the clash as he will be serving his suspension.

'Never thought Zidane, Ronaldo will leave Real'

IAN S ■ MADRID

Real Madrid's Croatian international midfielder Luka Modric admits that neither he nor his team-mates expected both Zinedine Zidane and Cristiano Ronaldo to leave the club last summer.

Zidane stepped down as coach after leading the club to three consecutive Champions League titles, while Ronaldo ended his nine-year association with Madrid when he joined Juventus in July.

"I wasn't expecting either of the two to go; I didn't think Zidane would leave and the same with Ronaldo," said Modric in an interview with the latest edition of the magazine 'France Football'.

"In fact when the rumors about Cristiano appeared, we (Real Madrid players) had bets among ourselves and we

were certain he would stay, but everyone makes their own decisions," he added.

The 33-year-old, who is the favourite to win the prestigious 'Balon d'Or' award for this season, was asked which former players he would most likely have lined up alongside. He said his first choice was former Croatian international Zvonimir Boban; "he was my hero in the Croatian team," he said, before naming Zidane as his second choice.

"I was lucky to have him as a coach and we have lived some incredible moments with him at Real Madrid, sometimes he has played alongside us and it was incredible to see how elegant he was and how he moved over the pitch," said Modric.

The Croatian described himself as "much more timid," than Ronaldo and that he didn't appreciate being over-exposed in the



Tiger Woods, only athlete bigger than sport: Jeev

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Tiger Woods is the only athlete in the world who is bigger than the sport he plays, Indian golf veteran Jeev Milkha Singh said Tuesday as he complemented the American superstar, who once described him as a "great guy and a good friend".

Jeev, whose career took a hit because of incessant injury breakdowns, praised the American for winning his 80th PGA Tour title last month, which was his first in five years.

The win made for a remarkable triumph over career-threatening injuries for the celebrated 42-year-old, who endured quite a few other setbacks in the last few years as well.

"I feel that he has got another three-four years during which he is going to win a few tournaments," said the 47-year-old Jeev.

"For me, personally, Tiger is the only athlete in the world who is bigger than the sport. There have been legends in basketball, in athletics, but I think what Tiger has done for golf, he is bigger than the sport."

"The awareness he has brought for golf, I think nobody could have done that," added Jeev.

In 2006, when Jeev was in peak form, Woods was effusive in his praise for the Indian for winning back-to-back titles in Japan. The American went on to say that he likes to track Jeev's progress and called him a "good friend".

Jeev was recently honoured by The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), which a tournament, the Take Open Golf Championship, after him.

The Chandigarh leg of the domestic PGTI Tour will be called the Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational Presented by Take Solutions.



Tiger Woods and Jeev Milkha Singh in a file picture

The tournament will be played at the Chandigarh Golf Club, Jeev's home club, from November 1 to 4 and will offer an enhanced prize purse of ₹ 1.5 crore. That's an increase of ₹ 50 lakh from last year's prize when Shubhankar Sharma won.

About the upcoming tournament, Jeev said, "I am sure it is going to be a grand success. Players love coming here to play, they enjoy the hospitality here".

Jeev said he plans to do full justice to the tournament as a host but that would not stop him from trying to win the title.

Asked if there would be pressure on him playing at his home course, he jokingly said, "As a host the pressure on me is going to be that players are well taken care of".

Chandigarh Golf Club President B S Gill said this tournament is going to be a game-changer for golf in India.

"What is happening in Chandigarh today is that there is a huge dynamic shift and players are wanting to come to the city to play," Gill said.

Panwar wins silver in Youth Olympics

PTI ■ BUENOS AIRES

India's Suraj Panwar clinched a Silver in men's 5000m race walk event in the ongoing Youth Olympic Games to open the country's medal account in athletics here.

Panwar won the stage 2 competition by clocking 20 minutes and 35.87 seconds on Monday night but finished second overall.

In a new format, there are no finals in track and field (with the exception of 4km cross-country) in the Youth Olympics and each event is held twice, with results from both rounds counting towards the final standings.

The 17-year-old Panwar had finished second in the first stage in 20.23.30s, behind Patin Oscar of Ecuador.

Oscar, who finished second in Stage 2, won the Gold with timings of 20:13.69s and 20:38.17s.

Panwar's total time of 40:59.17s was over seven minutes slower than Oscar's 40:51.86s. Puerto Rico's Jan Moreu finished third to claim the Bronze.

This is India's first athletics medal in this edition and third overall. Arjun (men's discus throw) and Durgesh Kumar (men's 400m hurdles) had won a Silver each in the inaugural edition in 2010.

"It's a great feeling. I am very happy to have won a medal. I had put in a lot of hard work for the Games. It is my first medal for India," Panwar said after winning the Silver medal.

"My next target is to better my performance here and win a medal in the senior level also," he added.

BOXING CHALLENGE OVER

India's boxing challenge at the ongoing Youth Olympics ended at the



Indian athlete Suraj Panwar poses with the Silver medal

SAI Media

very first hurdle after former world champion Jyoti Gulia (51kg) lost her quarterfinal bout to Italy's Martina La Piana here.

Gulia was the lone Indian boxer to qualify for the Games owing to her world title and lost in a unanimous 0-5 verdict to the Italian on Monday night.

The 17-year-old Indian from Haryana was expected to do well at the event given that she was coming off a Gold medal winning performance at the Silesian Open in Gliwice, Poland last month.

India's maiden and only set of

medals in the Youth Olympics' boxing competition came in the inaugural edition of 2010.

Shiva Thapa and Vikas Krishan delivered a Silver and a Bronze medal respectively, which remain India's best performance. While Shiva won his Silver in the 54kg category, Vikas finished with a Bronze in the 60kg division.

In 2014, the best that India managed in boxing was Gaurav Solanki's fourth-place finish. Solanki (52kg) won the Gold medal in this year's Commonwealth Games.

LOCAL EVENTS

JNPG COLLEGE LIFT TROPHY



JNPG College beat National PG College Blue by six wickets to win the 20th Chandra Bhanu Gupta Memorial Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament at CB Gupta ground on Tuesday. LU V-C SP Singh and former Ranji player Ubaid Kamal gave away the prizes.

BRIEF SCORES:
National: 158 (Sachin Singh 33, Prajwal Sahu 31, Abhijeet Rawat 29, Rajeev Rai 22, Himanshu 17; Vikas Pradhan 27/3, Anand Srivastava 49/2)
JNPG College: 162 (Bhushan Mishra 60, Anand Srivastava 36, Bhupendra Singh 23; Abhijeet Rawat 17/2, Rajeev Rai 24/2)

GYM INAUGURATED



Sports Minister Chetan Chauhan on Tuesday inaugurated the newly-built gymnasium at Mini Stadium, Vijaynt Khand. Also present were director (sports) RP Singh and IOA treasurer Anandeshwar Pandey

AGREEMENT SIGNED

Handball Federation of India on Monday signed an agreement with Glenbia Nutritional India Pvt Ltd in order to provide nutritious and balanced diet to handball players. General secretary HBI Anandeshwar Pandey and Glenbia regional director Avik Sanyal signed the agreement. During the event, medal-winners of Asian Games 2018 were also felicitated.

AMC EMERGE WINNER



AMC edged past 17 Assam Regiment in a tie-breaker to win the Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Memorial Football Tournament at La Martiniere ground on Tuesday. UP Ministers Chetan Chauhan and Rita Bahuguna gave away the prizes.

Pak fight back after Aus attack

Sarfraz, Zaman score 94 each after Lyon scalps four to restrict Pakistan to 282 runs



Fakhar Zaman returns to pavilion after getting dismissed for 94 runs in his maiden Test innings; (right) Australian players celebrate after Nathan Lyon dismissed Babar Azam during the first day of Second Test

AP ■ ABU DHABI

Pakistan recovered from 57-5 to post 282 and take two cheap Australia wickets on a compelling first day of the second cricket Test on Tuesday.

Nathan Lyon took four wickets in six deliveries to embarrass Pakistan in the morning, but newcomer Fakhar Zaman and captain Sarfraz Ahmed led the rescue with identical scores of 94 runs each before both were dismissed by part-time legspinner Marnus Labuschagne.

Seamer Mohammad Abbas then put Pakistan on top at the end of the day by dismissing Usman Khawaja for 3 and nightwatchman Peter Siddle for 4 on the last ball of the day to leave Australia 20-2 in reply. Aaron

Finch was 13 not out.

Australia rallied to draw a thrilling first test in Dubai by batting out the last day and surviving with two wickets left.

The visitors started this test in equal fashion with a stunning 11-minute period by offspinner Lyon.

He took a return catch to remove Azhar Ali on 15 and then dismissed Haris Sohail, Asad Shafiq, and Babar Azam all without scoring.

Pakistan was in a reasonable position at 57-1 after winning the toss, but the Australia spinners were threatening.

Then the threat became reality. Lyon took the wickets of Ali and Sohail on consecutive balls to end his fourth over, the 20th of the innings.

Shafiq blocked the hat-trick ball,

the first ball of the 22nd over, but got a faint inside edge to Lyon's subsequent delivery and was caught at bat-pad by Labuschagne after a successful decision review by the Australians.

Lyon struck again two balls later for figures of 4.4-4-4-4. In the process, Lyon surpassed former paceman Mitchell Johnson to move to fourth on Australia's list of all-time leading wicket-takers with 314. At tea, he had 4-58.

Pakistan's perilous position could have been worse. Zaman survived being dropped on 30 by Labuschagne off an irked Jon Holland, and later a close run out.

Labuschagne earlier brought off a sensational catch close to the wicket to dismiss opener Mohammad

Hafeez for 4 in Mitchell Starc's second over, before Zaman and Ali shared a half-century stand for the second wicket.

After crashing to 57-5 in the first session, Pakistan outsmarted Australia in the second session through Zaman and Ahmed as they scored 127 runs.

Zaman scored nearly three quarters of his runs on the offside, hitting eight fours and a six in his 198-ball knock.

He was six runs from a century on debut when Labuschagne, not given a bowl until just before tea, trapped Zaman leg before wicket on the stroke of tea. It ended a remarkable 147-run, sixth-wicket stand lasting 37 overs.

Ahmed was, by far, more aggressive,

and kept the scoreboard moving with constant rotation of the strike before his 129-ball knock was ended in which he hit seven boundaries. He tried an ambitious big hit to raise his hundred but sliced a catch to Siddle and missed out on his first century in four years.

No. 9 batsman Yasir Shah lifted the total with a breezy 28 before Pakistan was all out.

Pakistan made two changes to the lineup that started in Dubai, giving Zaman and left-arm seamer Mir Hamza test debuts as replacements for Imam-ul-Haq and Wahab Riaz.

Hamza bowled one over late in the day, but Abbas got both strikes, getting Khawaja caught behind down the leg side for his 50th test wicket, and trapping Siddle.

Umesh replaces injured Shardul in ODI squad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Paceman Umesh Yadav was on Tuesday rewarded for his maiden 10-wicket haul in Test cricket with a recall in the ODI squad as a replacement for injured Shardul Thakur.

The selectors had announced the squad for the first two matches but Thakur has been ruled out of the five-ODI series after sustaining a right adductor tendon injury.

His much-awaited Test debut ended in a nightmare in Hyderabad as he bowled only 10 deliveries before hobbling out with a groin strain.

There has been considerable debate as to whether Thakur was fully fit and proper rehabilitation was done before naming him in the Test squad.

Umesh got the nod from the selection committee after his superb show in Hyderabad where he got 6 for 88 and 4 for 45 in the two innings.

He has so far picked 105 wickets from 73 ODIs with his last appearance in July against England at the Lord's.



Umesh Yadav prepares to bowl during the nets session

INDIA SQUAD

Virat Kohli (Captain), Rohit Sharma (vice-captain), Shikhar Dhawan, KL Rahul, Ambati Rayudu, Manish Pandey, MS Dhoni (wicket-keeper), Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Khaleel Ahmed, Umesh Yadav.

ICC suspends Windies coach from first 2 ODIs

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

West Indies coach Stuart Law was on Tuesday suspended from the first two ODIs against India for making "inappropriate comments" against a match official, adding to the Caribbean team's woes after a disastrous Test outing here.

Law was also fined 100 per cent of his match, the ICC said in a statement.

With the latest transgression, Law accumulated four demerit points within a 24-month period, leading to his suspension from the ODIs on October 21 and 24 against India in Guwahati and Visakhapatnam, respectively.

The incident that led to the action took place on the third and what turned out to be the final day of the second Test in Hyderabad.

Law, following the dismissal of opener Kieran Powell, went to the TV umpire's room and made inappropriate comments, the ICC stated.

"He then walked to the fourth umpire's area and, in the presence of the players, again directed inappropriate comments at the fourth official."

Law was found guilty of breaching Level 2 Article 2.7 of the ICC Code of Conduct.

This relates to "public criticism" or "inappropriate comment" of player, player support personnel, match official or team participating in any international match.

Law earlier received a 25% fine and one demerit point during the final day's play in the Dominica Test against Pakistan in 2017.

Four demerit points convert into two suspension points. On Monday, Law admitted the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Chris Broad, ruling out the need for a formal hearing.

The charges were levelled by on-field umpires Bruce Oxenford and Ian Gould, third umpire Nigel Llong and fourth official Nitin Menon.

Two suspension points equate to a ban from one Test or two ODIs or two T20Is, whatever comes first for the player or player support personnel.



West Indian coach Stuart Law in a file picture

Mumbai face Jharkhand in Hazare semis

PTI ■ BENGALURU

A star-studded batting line-up, headlined by a trio of Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane and rising sensation Prithvi Shaw, make Mumbai runaway favourites against Hyderabad in the first Vijay Hazare semi-final, here Wednesday.

With the inclusion of Prithvi and Rahane, who joined the squad after completing their Test match duty in Hyderabad along with presence of Rohit and Shreyas Iyer, the Mumbai batting does have a menacing look to it.

Ambati Rayudu and young pacer Mohammad Siraj do add muscle to the Hyderabad side, which has been impressive in the national One Day Championship so far.

With Prithvi set to open with India's limited overs vice-captain Rohit, left-handed opener Akhil Herwadkar is expected to be benched.

Rahane will come in place of either Siddhesh Lad or Suryakumar Yadav.

The Indian ODI squad members are set to



Mumbai opener Prithvi Shaw bats during Vijay Hazare group A match; (right) Jharkhand players return to dugout after win



Jharkhand players return to dugout after win

report in Guwahati on October 18 and if Mumbai happen to win the semi-final, Rohit will miss the summit clash on October 20.

For Mumbai, the three top run-getters in the tournament so far have been Shreyas (311 runs), Prithvi (287) and Yadav (237 runs). Rahane is fourth in the list with 230 runs.

The Mumbai bowlers have also been consistent with seamer Dhawal Kulkarni (14 wickets) and left-arm spinner Shams Mulani (15 wickets) sharing the bulk of the wickets.

Medium pacer Tushar Deshpande, who grabbed five against Bihar in the quarter-final also is in good form.

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Hyderabad, their premier performer has been BP Sandeep (342) and Tanmay Agarwal (292 runs). The bowling will depend on Siraj (8 wickets from 6 games) and Mehidy Hasan (13 wickets from 8 games).

SQUADS

Mumbai: Ajinkya Rahane(c), Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer, Prithvi Shaw, Jay Gokul Bista, Suryakumar Yadav, Siddhesh Lad, Aditya Tare, Eknath Kerkar, Shivam Dubey, Akash Pankar, Dhawal Kulkarni, Shams Mulani, Vijay Gohil, Tushar Deshpande, Royston Dias

Jharkhand: Varun Aaron(c), Anand Singh, Ashish Kumar, Kumar Deobrat, Ishan Kishan, Jaskaran Singh, Monu Kumar, Shahbaz Nadeem, Shasheem Sanjay Rathour, Anukul Roy, Rahul Shukla, Sumit Kumar, Atul Singh Surwar, Saurabh Tiwary, Utkarsh Singh, Virat Singh.

Perera out of Eng series, Dawson goes home

AFP ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's middle order batsman Kusal Perera will skip the three remaining one-day matches against England, while visiting all-rounder Liam Dawson has been ruled out of the entire tournament, officials said.

Perera, who scored 30 in Saturday's second ODI, suffered a hamstring injury and will be replaced by Sadeera Samarawickrama for the rest of the five-match series, Sri Lanka Cricket officials said.

Dawson strained his right side while bowling during England's Saturday win, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said on Monday.

The top order batsman and leg spinner has been ruled out of the rest of the tour and was due to return home Tuesday.

He has been replaced by Joe Denly, who is in England's Test squad.

The third one-day international is due to take place in Kandy on Wednesday.

The first ODI was washed out. Apart from the five-match ODI series, England will play three Tests and a one-off T20 in Sri Lanka with the tour due to end on November 27.

Duminy ruled out of Aus tour



JP Duminy in nets session

AFP ■ CAPE TOWN

South African batsman Jean Paul Duminy is going to be ruled out of South Africa's limited overs tour of Australia, starting later this month, because of a shoulder injury which he sustained during Zimbabwe series.

He is the second experienced batsman to miss the tour because of injury. Hashim Amla is out because

of a finger injury.

Cricket South Africa announced in a statement on Tuesday that Duminy will undergo surgery on his right shoulder after aggravating an old injury during a series against Zimbabwe which ended last weekend.

Duminy will also miss the Mzansi Super League, which starts on November 15. He had been named as a marquee player for the Cape

Town Blitz team.

Team manager and doctor Mohammed Moosaiee said it was not possible at this stage to estimate how long Duminy would be out of action.

"That is dependent on the results from the surgery," he said.

South Africa will play three limited overs internationals and one Twenty20 international in Australia.

Sindhu suffers shock, Saina moves on

PTI ■ ODENSE

Saina Nehwal rallied to scarf out a hard-fought opening win but PV Sindhu crashed out of the Denmark Open with a stunning loss to American Beiwen Zhang in the women's singles event, here on Tuesday.

Saina defeated Hong Kong's Ngan Yi Cheung 20-22, 21-17, 24-22 in a draining clash that lasted 81 minutes.

However, third seed Sindhu lost 17-21, 21-16, 18-21 to Zhang in another tough opening encounter that lasted 56 minutes.

In a tense match, Saina had to endure a stiff challenge from Cheyung, who



PV Sindhu returns a shot during World Championship clash

she last played back in 2016 and went on to lose that match.

The see-saw battle was a thriller down to the last point with the Indian saving two match points at 21-

20 and 22-21 in the final game to emerge triumphant and move ahead.

Saina was also guilty of frittering away a match point of her own when she led 20-19 in the final game.

For Sindhu, this was the third consecutive time that she lost to Zhang. The American shuttler defeated Sindhu in the Indian Open final in February earlier this year.

Rio Olympics Silver-medallist Sindhu is going through a difficult phase after winning the Silver medal in the Jakarta Asian Games.

She was knocked out in the second round of the Japan Open after a straight-game loss to Gao Fangjie.

The script played out similarly in the China Open, where the 23-year-old suffered a 11-21, 21-11, 15-21 loss to world no 6 Chen Yufei of China in the quarterfinals.

Halep pulls out of Kremlin Cup

AFP ■ MOSCOW

Romania's world number one Simona Halep on Tuesday withdrew from the Kremlin Cup, a joint WTA and ATP event, due to concerns over an ongoing back injury.

"I tried everything I could to be ready here as I really wanted to play," Halep said. "But unfortunately the back is still causing me pain and I don't want to take any unnecessary risks."

The 27-year-old's appearance in Moscow and the WTA Finals had been in doubt when she withdrew from Beijing two weeks ago and was diagnosed with a herniated disk in her back.

Halep, who has already qualified for the WTA year-ending finals in Singapore, said she needed more time to recover completely from her back injury.

"While it's disappointing to withdraw, I know it's important to put my health first," she



Simona Halep reacts after winning point

added.

Halep this year played two Grand Slam finals, winning the French Open crown at Roland Garros, and won titles in Shenzhen and Montreal, leading the rankings for 40 weeks this year.

India A look for improved show

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India A women will look for an improved show when they take on their Australian counterparts in a must-win game here on Wednesday in a 50-overs match.

Australia A are 1-0 up in the three match series courtesy their 91-run win on Monday at the MCA Bandra-Kurla facility against the hosts, led by skipper Poonam Raut.

Come Wednesday, the Indian eves will be eyeing to put up a better batting and bowling show.

Poonam, who departed for a duck, will be hoping to get some runs under her belt. Even the likes of Mona Meshram, Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Shikha Pandey need to fire.

The positive for the home side in the opening game was the all-round show by Preeti Bose.

Even the bowlers, who were hammered by the Aussie batters, will be looking to perform better.

India A: Punam Raut (c), Priya Punia, Devika Vaidya, Mona Meshram, Tanushree Sarkar, Sushma Verma, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Sushree D, C Prathyusha, Reemalaxmi Ekka, Shikha Pandey, Nethra L, Hemali Borwankar, Kavita Patil, Preeti Bose.

Australia A: Samantha Bates, Maitlan Brown, Lauren Cheatle, Piepa Cleary, Josephine Dooley, Heather Graham, Sammy Jo Johnson, Tahlia McGrath, Chloe Piparo, Georgia Redmayne, Naomi Stalenberg, Molly Strano, Belinda Vakarewa and Amanda-Jade Wellington.



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Shanghai gears up for first CIIE

As the first China International Import Expo is less than one month away, the host city Shanghai has reached the final stage of its preparations, as products from all over the world have been arriving in the city.

Designed to be a world-class event on a par with the most renowned exhibitions in the world, the inaugural import expo combines country exhibitions, enterprise exhibitions and forums to promote free trade and an open global economy.

The event, which will be held at the National Exhibition and Convention Center from Nov 5 to

10 in Shanghai, was first announced in 2017 by Chinese President Xi Jinping, who called it "an important policy statement and action demonstrating China's embracing of greater openness".

According to the China International Import Expo Bureau, a total of 2,800 companies from the G20 member states, as well as 50 countries and regions involved in the Belt and Road Initiative, will participate in the expo. Around 160,000 buyers from more than 80,000 domestic and overseas enterprises have also signed up for the event.

In addition, 80 coun-

tries and three international organizations have confirmed their participation in the event, said the bureau.

As the event is drawing near, goods from foreign exhibitors have arrived at local customs. Shanghai has opened green channels for the products, significantly cutting the time needed for them to be unloaded and stored in local warehouses.

Chinese companies are eyeing the great potential of boosting imports through the event. "During the expo, we expect to import at least 1,000 kinds of products and services that have not been sold in the domestic market," said Wang Zhe, Party secretary

of China's commercial giant Suning Holdings Group. "In the next three years, we plan to import goods worth 10 billion euros (\$11.5 billion)."

Forty-three African countries have confirmed their participation in the expo. Around 190 enterprises from Africa will promote local products such as Egyptian date palm, Ethiopian coffee, and Amarula from South Africa, according to the organizers.

"The CIIE shows China's changing trade strategy and its resolve to fulfill its responsibility as a major country and achieve mutual benefits and win-win cooperation with all



Networking event for investment promotion in support of CIIE. (Photo by Xinhua)

nations," said Zhao Beiweng, deputy head of the World Economy Institute of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. (Xinhua)

China to improve export tax rebate policy from Nov.1

China has decided to improve its export tax rebate policy to reduce the business burden and bolster foreign trade, according to a State Council executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang recently.

The current seven tax brackets will be cut to five, and some rates will be raised according to international common practice, said a statement released after the conference.

Effective from Nov. 1, the 15-percent bracket and part of the 13-percent bracket will be lifted to 16 percent. The 9 percent notch will be adjusted to 10 percent or 13 percent, and the 5 percent tier to 6 or 10 percent.

However, high energy consumption and seriously

polluting goods as well as those involved in industrial capacity cuts will see export rebate rates unchanged.

The government expects the policy to facilitate supply-side structural reform, ease burdens on the real economy, and stabilize foreign trade growth amid complicated global circumstances.

Tax refund procedures will also be simplified, with the year-end goal of shortening the average time needed from 13 work days to 10. Businesses with a good record will see an even faster and easier process.

Paperless applications will be promoted, and service businesses will be encouraged to help tax refunds for small and medium-sized enterprises. (Xinhua)

"Travel in Yunnan" app officially launched



Tourists pose for photographs while experiencing "Travel in Yunnan" app. Photo by Shu Wen

"Travel in Yunnan" app is a digital platform integrating tourism resources of southwest China's Yunnan Province to better serve travelers

to the province. On Oct. 2, the developer company released the highlights of the eight core functions of the app.

Home page: With the idea of promoting immersive and smart tourism, the home page of the app was divided into three levels (province, cities and scenic areas) to provide better experience before, during and after the visit.

Facial recognition and smart guide: to enter scenic spots more quickly, tourists just need to upload a selfie to the app, and they can enter scenic spots through facial recognition system within one second.

They can also check and be navigated to scenic spots, hotels, restrooms, parking areas and restaurants through "Travel in Yunnan".

Feedback system: The app aims to construct an evaluation and complaint system which combines evaluations from government, professional institutions and tourists. Dishonest enterprises will be removed from the app. Meanwhile, visitors can file a complaint online, leave voice message or make phone call. Their complaint will be responded within 24 hours.

Slow TV: Tens of thousands of cameras

were installed in 90% of A-level scenic areas in 16 cities and prefectures. Travelers can view the real-time scenes before arriving.

Routes recommendation: The app can analyze hot destinations and interests of tourists to recommend various routes that fit the demands of different travelers.

AI identification: By scanning with the app, tourists can learn about 6,000 species of common flowers and scenes of 1,100 AAAA and AAAAA scenic areas across the province.

Smart transportation: For users who uploads

their license plate numbers on the app, they can pass the toll station in a non-stopping way within 1,600 milliseconds. Besides, tourists can learn about the number of parking spots around scenic areas before arrival.

Talents platform: "Travel in Yunnan" app is also a platform to provide service for talents from tourism industry. The app will play a positive role in exchanging information and ideas, integrating resources, promoting tourism products and safeguarding rights and interests of individuals in tourism industry. (Compiled from Yunnan Daily)

China-India border affairs meeting held in Chengdu

The 12th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on China-India Border Affairs was held from September 27 to 28 in Chengdu, Sichuan province.

The talks were made between representatives of the two countries' foreign and defense ministries.

The Chinese delegation was led by Yi Xianliang, Director-General of the Department of Boundary and Oceanic Affairs in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while the Indian delegation was led by Pranay Verma, the Joint Secretary of the East Asia Division of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

Both sides reviewed the situation along China-India border areas since this year and exchanged views on topics such as border control and boosting mutual trust. The two sides agreed to implement the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries.

They vowed to continue "enhancing communication and coordination between the diplomatic and defense departments, properly handle border-related issues, and strengthen frontier defense exchange and cooperation to jointly maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas and create the favorable conditions for the healthy and stable development of Sino-India relations." (Xinhua)

FURTHER READING 1

Efforts to make Yunnan a world-class tourist destination

On the afternoon of August 2, Ruan Chengfa, Yunnan Governor and deputy secretary of CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee, emphasized at Yunnan Provincial tourism mobilization conference that focusing on a general goal of making Yunnan a world-class tourist destination with the direction of internationalized high-end and characteristic intelligence, a tourism revolution is launched in the province by efforts to make its tourism bigger, stronger and better.

Ruan Chengfa put forward four requirements for promoting the tourism revolution. First, a market regulation should be carried out by making full use of modern information technologies to monitor the whole journey of bus tour groups and enhance tourism market law enforcement. Second, to make a revolution of quality improvement to set up a Yunnan standard

and process to carry out dynamic management integrity evaluation, and make the integrity the most distinctive feature of Yunnan tourism. Third, a revolution should be made in the supply of products to provide tourists with more diversified tourism products. Efforts should be made to improve infrastructure construction, develop world tourism boutique around the whole regional tourism development by using quality routes to connect tourism elements. Fourth, a revolution in management strengthening. Yunnan will strengthen the efficient management of territory, professional management of comprehensive evaluation and accountability, and speed up the establishment of a process for handling travel complaints to provide tourists with a good experience of travelling and government management and services.

FURTHER READING 2

Yunnan welcomes 22.3 million tourists during National Day holiday

Yunnan province received 22,389,800 tourists from 1st to 7th of October, an increase of 19.95% over last year. Among them, 4,915,900 were overnight tourists with an increase of 24.75% and 17,473,900 one-day tourists with an increase of 18.66%. The total income was 17.674 billion yuan; an increase of 40.6%.

With tourism plus promoting integrated development of the industry, new tourism models such as self-driving tour, cultural theme tour and ecological tour have become the new favorite on the Yunnan tourism market.

The tourists' number of Yunnan one-day border tour was over 20,000. A series of festival activities held in relevant cities and the unique frontier trade of each port attracted

Yunnan local tourists and people from other provinces.

Ticket prices for tourist attractions were lowered on October 1 including the Stone Forest, Jade and Dragon Snow Mountain and Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden. Now, 121 scenic spots in Yunnan Province strictly implement a price reduction policy according to the requirements, with an overall decrease of about 30%. Buying tickets through "Tour Yunnan" APP can get a 20% discount based on current price.

Smart tourism has brought more convenience to tourists. Hunan tourist Pei Junhan used the "Travel in Yunnan" app when he visited Kunming Horticultural Expo Garden. "Yunnan is known for its abundant plant resources, so I'm interested in the

plant recognition function of the app," said Pei, explaining that the function enables users to learn about the plants by simply taking photos of them, which is not only useful, but also full of fun.

Chen Dongsheng from Guangxi started a self-driving tour to west Yunnan's Tengchong on Oct. 2 with his families.

Their plan is to visit Tengchong Volcanic Park and the Hot Sea. According to Chen, as China develops, its people's living has been improved, and traveling has become an important way for people to enjoy life.

By Yunnan Daily



Tourists are happy to take pictures. (Photo by Li Wenjun)

CULTURE

11th Chinese Bridge launched in Kunming

The 11th Chinese Bridge --Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary Students--was officially launched at Yunnan Normal University in Kunming on October 11.

With the theme of "Learn Chinese, Double Your World", the cultural event is sponsored by the Confucius Institute Headquarters and Yunnan government, and jointly organized by Yunnan Provincial Department of Education, Yunnan Normal University, and Yunnan Radio and Television Station.

332 students and teachers from 99 countries came to China to participate in the competition this year. The five countries of Cuba, Cook Islands, Panama, Andorra and Iceland first appear in the event.

The "Chinese Bridge" came into being in 2008, and the number of its participating countries has grown from 23 to 99. Since 2012, Yunnan Province has hosted six sessions, and this year's event marks the seventh session.

By Guan Xiruyi

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Culture-based approach helps alleviate poverty in Yunnan village

Laodabao, a Lahu people's village, is located in south Yunnan's Pu'er City. The villagers once struggled below the poverty line. However, through improving the infrastructure and setting up a performing company, the village has become a hot tourism spot.

According to the Party Secretary of Laodabao, in 2006, the average per capita income in the village was less than 147 dollars due to the poor infrastructure and lack of industries. Aimed at fighting

against poverty, local government invested one million dollars to renovate folk houses, build characteristic dwellings and improve local infrastructures. As the villagers are good at singing and dancing, the locals then established a performing company.

To draw more visitors, the locals also build demonstration zones and traditional guesthouses featuring the folk custom of Lahu people. Meanwhile, delicacies of Lahu people are also offered. Tourists said that they can experience authentic



Kids in Lahu village are good at playing drum. (Photo by Guanxi Ruyi)

Lahu culture there.

Now, the village has become a hot tourism spot especially during the Chinese National

Day Holiday, the Spring Festival, creating new revenues for locals whose lives are getting better off.

Diqing inheritor (4):

Asang and the Guozhuang dance



Guozhuang dance. (Photo by Li Wenjun)

Asang, 62, together with his folks, was performing the Guozhuang Dance in Tibetan costumes in the studio of culture station on Aug. 28 in Benzilan Township, Deqin County, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture.

Guozhuang, an important dancing art belonging to the national-level intangible cultural heritages, boasts a history of 1,500 years.

Asang is one of the leading dancers in the Benzilan performing team.

Noting certain skills in learning of the art, Asang said he had spent four years to master the Guozhuang dancing. He added over 300 villagers from 109 families there could dance with the support of the culture station and they were all getting busier and happier.

Well, protection and preservation of intangible cultural heritages are highly regarded by more people nowadays. The more they know about the art form, the stronger aspirations they have to pass it down.

Guozhuang Dance is also commonly seen in funerals, weddings, festivals, harvest celebration, house moving and guests receiving. Besides, starting from last April, a commodity fair has been held

from 15 to 16 of each month and the dancing on the event is expected by everyone." Asang said gladly, together with his neighbor Aniu.

Aniu, 56, said that he had been participating in the art form together with Asang for several years. During the fair, villagers set out in the morning to buy pickles, meat and highland barley.

Then, they joined the Guozhuang dancing and people would not be heading home until dark. Merry activities repeat the next day. "People have fun dancing and it is a way to pass it down at the same time." Aniu said delightedly.

Asang added that they would be busier because the First Guozhuang Dance Festival of Benzilan Township had been held from Oct. 11 to 12 this year and they were quite busy.

"Welcome to Benzilan, and we wish you auspiciousness!" Following their singing, Asang and Aniu translated Tibetan words into mandarin for us.

In response, we said the auspiciousness would first come to them and then we'd also share the happiness and blessings. They couldn't agree more and we had a good time that day. By Zhang Ruogu, Xiong Yan, Chu donghua