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USUAL SUSPECTS
SWAPAN DASGUPTA

Guild can't tell Akbar not to move court

The #MeToo campaign arrived in India with a bang and left a trail of devastation. A Minister at the Centre has been compelled to resign, many editors and journalists have been asked to leave their posts, some important figures in Bollywood are under a cloud and there is pressure on companies to terminate the contracts of important figures in media, advertising and public relations. This may only be the beginning. There are some indications that others, including politicians, could be in the line of fire.

That the campaign to name and shame those who have acted indecorously with women colleagues and, worse, misused their power to demand sexual favours from women constitutes an important step forward is undeniable. There is a seamy side to the outward social conservatism of Indian society that needed to be cleansed. #MeToo may not have done so entirely but at least it has injected fear in the minds of men who somehow believed that power and status entitled them to misbehave and prey on vulnerable women. If, at the end of the day, #MeToo succeeds in making the environment of the workplace more wholesome for women, its contribution to nation building would have been immeasurable. If nothing else, the conspiracy of silence that accompanied the worst offences has been broken.

Yet, like most movements that are accompanied by a combination of zeal, euphoria and anger, there are bound to be negative consequences. Pointing these out does not either devalue the courage shown by those women who have truthfully narrated their own horrible experiences or imply any defence of those who ran riot with impunity and man who believed demanding sexual favours was part of their entitlement.

The most frightening of the adverse consequences is the 'politically correct' view that all testimonies of 'survivors' must be implicitly believed and acted on, particularly if the finger is pointed at powerful men. In an article in *The Telegraph*, Mukul Kesavan argued: "If proof beyond reasonable doubt for a crime is impossible to produce because it's committed in private by powerful men whose influence stops victims from speaking out, it becomes reasonable for people to make up their own minds about the balance of probability. If we don't want to relax the standards of proof for crimes, one way of tackling abuse legally would be to make the judicial system more receptive to civil suits where the balance of probability suffices to determine guilt. In the absence of such a system, we are left with public opinion." Likewise, relating to a #MeToo allegation involving an editor, N Ram expressed his satisfaction that his organisation didn't take "a purely technical view of the matter."

Confronted with the reality of trauma, it is understandable that an exceptional show of empathy overrides a clinical approach. However, it is unlikely that most of the #MeToo charges will ever go to court, unless they involve charges of rape. Social and professional disgrace, the inevitable consequence of being called out for unbecoming conduct, is in any case a very severe punishment. The more tricky question centres on those cases where the charges are contested, and where the man is convinced that the allegations are simply not true or vastly embroidered? Does he not have any legal recourse? If he believes that he is a victim of a lynch mob or a social media kangaroo court, can he not ask for justice from the courts?

The Editor's Guild has deemed that MJ Akbar should withdraw the criminal defamation case he has filed in Delhi against a journalist who described him as a 'predator.' In case he chooses to not do so, the body has stated it will provide material help to the defence.

Politically speaking, Akbar's search for a legal remedy turned out to be very counter-productive. It was made out that a man in a high post was trying to intimidate a gutsy lady. It was interpreted as arrogance of power. It generated a countervailing reaction and provoked a class action that more or less forced his resignation.

Without going into the specifics of a case about which I know very little, it is clear that Akbar believes he has been defamed and has had his reputation destroyed. As a citizen it is Constitutional right to approach the courts to seek justice. That right belongs to every citizen and isn't compromised by caste, religion and status. Just because a person enjoys an elevated position in society or happens to be a politician, the right to seek justice is not affected. A few months ago, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley filed a criminal defamation suit against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The case was settled out of court with Kejriwal offering an apology. In short, Kejriwal admitted that the charges of corruption were baseless. Yet it is undeniable that people believe the worst of politicians and his reputation was grievously damaged by Kejriwal. In the knee-jerk test of public opinion that finds favour with the #MeToo cheerleaders, Kejriwal scored. If Jaitley hadn't gone to court, falsehoods would probably have become conventional wisdom.

The right of Akbar to go to court can't be denied since he feels he has been wronged, but neither can the right of the defence to present its version robustly, including by making it a de-facto class action. The Editor's Guild has a right to back the defence, especially if it thinks that a larger question — the dignity of women in the profession — is involved. It has no right to suggest that a citizen should avoid the law courts and leave the matter to be judged in the court of public opinion alone. There can't be one norm for journalists and a different one for lapsed journalists and politicians.

Amritsar tragedy not Rlys' fault: Govt

MoS rules out 'mandatory' probe by Commissioner of Railway Safety held after each accident



Mass funeral of victims of rail accident in Amritsar on Saturday

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Railways on Saturday asserted that it was not responsible for the tragedy involving Dussehra revelers in Amritsar and ruled out the mandatory probe by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS). It also refused to take any punitive action against the driver of the train.

Union Minister of State (MoS) for Railways Manoj Sinha and Railway Board Chairman Ashwani Lohani both went on record maintaining that the tragedy was not due to the Railways' fault. Sinha said there was no negligence on the part of the national transporter even as he advised people not to organise such events near tracks.

For his part, Lohani said,

"The Commission conducts statutory investigation into railway accidents. This was an incident where people were trespassing on the tracks and not an accident."

The CRS enquiry is mandated for any rail accidents to enquire into the reasons related to the accidents on rail tracks and thereby, prepare a dossier so that such a case is prevented in future. In this case, though the accident took place on the rail tracks, the railways has made it clear it was not at fault for once.

Responding to a query, Sinha said that as per his information, no permission had been sought or intimation given for the Dussehra event at Amritsar. "I have been informed that the event was organised near the railway

tracks and the people did not hear the train coming. It is extremely sad," Sinha told reporters while leaving for Amritsar.

When asked whether the railways were aware of the celebrations taking place near the railway tracks, he said, "Railways did not have information about the celebration. I spoke to the railway officials, they did not know. It is the responsibility of the local administration, which should be careful about such events." The Minister said the venue was nearly 70 metres from the accident spot which was not of the Railways.

Giving clean chit to train driver, the Minister said drivers are given specific instructions on where to slow down the train. "There was a curve. The

driver couldn't have seen it. What should we order an enquiry for? Trains travel in speed only," said Sinha when he was asked if an enquiry would be ordered against the driver.

Lohani had explained that the accident site falls under the "mid-section of the two stations" where the trains run at their "assigned speed" as per the condition of the track. "Trains run at their assigned speed and people are not expected to go on tracks," he said.

Northern Railways spokesperson Deepak Kumar said neither the area administration nor the organisers informed it about any Dussehra ceremony at the spot. "Therefore granting permission from the Railways does not arise," he added. No information about the event was given to the Railway authorities by the civil administration.

So far, all accidents, besides Railways doing its own enquiry, are done by the CRS.

Artiste 'Ravan' saves 8 but loses his life

PTI ■ AMRITSAR

The man who played the character of demon king Ravana at the Ram Leela at Joda Phatak was among those killed in the train accident.

After he enacted the role of Ravana, Dalbir Singh, in his twenties, was watching the burning of an effigy from the tracks when he, along with 58 others, was run over by a train.

Another friend of Dalbir said that on seeing a speeding train approaching the area, he had rushed towards them to save them.

"Dalbir was able to push 7 to 8 people away from the rail track...But there was some-



thing else in store for him as the train ran over him, killing him on the spot," he said.

Dalbir has an eight-month-old daughter. Unable to control her emotions, Dalbir Singh's mother said her son was playing different characters in the Ram Leela for the past many years.

Train tragedy: Capt sets 4 weeks deadline for probe

Magisterial enquiry to suggest steps to prevent recurrence

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Saturday set a four-week deadline for the completion of enquiry by the Jalandhar Divisional Commissioner into the tragic train accident in Amritsar.

Within hours, the Punjab Home Department issued a notification directing Divisional Commissioner, Jalandhar, Baldeo Purushartha, to conduct an enquiry into the Amritsar tragedy.

The enquiry has been authorised "to conduct a thorough probe into the unfortunate incident and to examine acts of omission and commission by an individual or agency, if any, and accordingly fix responsibility. The Magisterial Enquiry has also been asked "to suggest remedial measures to ensure that such unfortunate incident do not reoccur".

Talking to reporters after reviewing the situation on the ground and meeting the injured in three hospitals, besides visiting the spot where the tragedy had occurred, Capt



Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu visit a victim of the train accident at Joda Phatak, at Civil Hospital in Amritsar on Saturday

Amarinder said action will be taken against those responsible for the tragedy once the inquiry report comes. The probe will cover all aspects of the tragedy, he added.

At the same time, the Chief Minister urged all political parties to rise above petty politicking to join hands to mitigate the sufferings of the victims and their families.

Asked if there were any lapses on the part of the Railways, the Chief Minister said the probe will look into the matter, and will ascertain whether approvals for holding the function were given or not.

However, this was not the time to play political games on the issue, said the Chief Minister, calling upon all to join hands with the Government to provide relief to the victims.

The 3-member Crisis Management Group, headed by Health Minister Brahm Mohindra, will camp in Amritsar as long as they are needed to monitor and assist in the relief operations, said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister said he was at the airport, ready to leave for Tel Aviv, when he heard of the terrible tragedy and had to rush back after postponing his Israel visit when asked about the delay in visiting the site of tragedy.

Capt Amarinder announced that mourning will continue in Amritsar district till Monday and the national flag will fly at half mast and all educational institutions will remain closed in this period.

CAPSULE

NIA ARRESTS ABSCONDER IN NAGROTA CAMP ATTACK
New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency has arrested a man wanted in the 2016 attack on an Army camp in Jammu's Nagrota when he was allegedly trying to flee the country through Sri Lanka, officials said on Saturday.

KHASHOGGI DEATH: TURKEY VOWS TO REVEAL 'TRUTH'
Istanbul: Turkey on Saturday vowed to reveal all details of the death of journalist Khashoggi after Saudi Arabia admitted that he was killed at its Istanbul consulate, State media reported.

3 NAXALS GUNNED DOWN BY FORCES IN C'GARH
Raipur: Three Naxals were gunned down in an encounter with security forces in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh on Saturday. The skirmish took place around 9.30 am in the forest near Madpal village under Mirtur police station.

BJP sweeps J&K polls unopposed

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Taking advantage of the absence of mainstream political parties — National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party — from the poll arena, the BJP on Saturday reaped a "bumper crop" by winning 97 wards for the first time in urban local bodies election at the grass roots level in Kashmir valley. Twenty-two BJP candidates won in a straight contest, while 75 candidates won unopposed in the absence of opposition. Out of 132 wards spread across four terrorism-infested South Kashmir districts, BJP candidates emerged victorious in 53 wards.

4 broke siblings kill themselves in Faridabad

STAFF REPORTER ■ FARIDABAD

Four siblings were found hanging from ceiling fans in their rented house in Surajkund area near Faridabad in Haryana on Saturday.

According to Inspector Vishal Kumar, station house officer (SHO) of Surajkund police station, the siblings — three sisters and a brother — were unmarried and aged between 37 and 52. "The deceased are identified as Meena Matthew (52), Beena (51), Jaya (49) and their youngest brother Pradeep (37)," said the SHO.

"The incident came to light after a caretaker raised an alarm about foul smell emanating from their rented flat in Dayalbagh.

Balijor from undeveloped to model village, courtesy Dumka DC

Balijor now produces 'Bali Footwear'

SR AKHTAR ■ DUMKA

A committed administration and disciplined and determined community is working in tandem and scripting a quiet revolution in terms of socio economic reforms and sustainable transformation, having far reaching effect on the living condition of the people.

The saga had its inception in the direction given by Chief Minister Raghubar Das to all Deputy Commissioners to adopt one village in their respective districts and spend sometime with the village folks. Mukesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Dumka took the lead and adopted one village in each of the ten blocks of the district.

Balijor in Mudayam pan-

chayat of Shikaripada block was the first village to be adopted. A few months back the village was a typical tribal village with no basic infrastructure, majority of women were engaged in selling local liquor (Hadia). The village hogged the limelight when Mukesh Kumar announced its adoption. Since then it has never looked back. A flurry of developmental activities has transformed this one typical village into a model village. The entire village got a facelift and people could feel and see the developmental activities.

Well lit pucca roads, proper drainage system, modern children park where children can spend the leisure time and learn through activities, once dismal and dingy play ground and football club witnessed complete overhauling, School and Anganwadi centres were renovated and provided with all the facilities which a modern centre has, speeding up the works of toilet and housing



construction under various schemes, Panch Mart has been established, rural BPO has sprung up, volunteers sweep the roads at regular intervals, large sign boards warn visitors against littering, cleanliness and tidying up has become a habit.

The most spectacular and an unprecedented event was the disengagement of women from selling local liquor (Hadia).

The developmental activities would have been meaningless if half of the population had not been taken care of. Most of them quit that trade/profession voluntarily and some of them through persuasion. "We were faced with the challenge of finding ways and means to absorb them in other trade and profession and provide them more avenues," said the Dumka

DC Mukesh Kumar. One innovative idea was the manufacturing of footwear, which was given the name "Bali Footwear". Initially around 20 such women were given training in manufacturing footwear who now earn up to rupees 250 per day. It is being managed by women SHG group of the area who were given epithet of Pink Army. It has certainly resulted in empowerment of women of the area.

Chief Minister Shri Raghubar Das became the first customer of Bali Footwear and he urged the people to buy locally made footwear. Also directed six districts of the state to follow and adopt Bali Footwear model.

Encouraged by tremendous response, a drive entitled Smiling Sara to disengage women from selling liquor and encourage them to pick up more constructive works for the economic self dependence was started. Inspired by Sara

Hansda, who once sold liquor, gave it up and is now a part of manufacturing of footwear at Balijor. Mukesh Kumar undertook mapping of all such women who were engaged in selling liquor and after finding out the numbers through counselling and awareness convinced many of them of the inappropriateness and unworthiness of the trade to them and persuaded them to quit the trade. A historic event was the engaging of 1000 women of Mudayam panchayat in footwear manufacturing. Mudayam Panchayat became the first "Footwear Panchayat" of the country.

It has established beyond doubt that no target can remain unfulfilled if there is a commitment and determination to achieve it and it was people's will and their cooperation that such far reaching changes took place and lifted Balijore out of its traditional moorings and catapulted it to the centerstage.

SHOW TIME

Congrats! It's engaging



BADHAI HO
***ing: Neena Gupta, Ayushmann Khurrana, Sanya Malhotra, Gajraj Rao, Surekha Sikri**
Rated: 7/10

Ayushmann Khurrana is on a roll, giving two back to back hits, first in *Andha Dhun* and now with *Badhai Ho!* You could say *Badhai Ho!* is a great film in a small mould — cute, happening and dealing with an issue that has long been lost between the sheets when it comes to parents being assessed by their grown and growing up children, in this case computer engineer Ayushmann and his teenaged brother.

Of course, there is no question of a parental couple engaging in sex, it's taken for granted that they never did it and the children came from celestial intervention! It's embarrassing for the kids even if a stray thought of a romantic relationship between their parents comes to light. And if that romance culminates into a baby coming, there is no end to it!

Badhai Ho! deals with this societal embarrassment and a woman's travails after she refuses to abort the child despite having young adults as her children. Neena Gupta is stunning in her bloated, aged self as Priyamvada who has a mind of her own despite being a middle class dutiful *bahu*, mother and wife. She is, in fact, the central character of the film and a perfect fit in that space. Her husband, played by Gajraj Rao, is equally so and the two together complement each other completely — he, as a doting husband, and she as a dutiful mother, *bahu* and wife.

Everything here is real, interesting and arresting. The humour in the situation is never lost though it is more subtle than the raging embarrassment on all faces that visit the screen. The beauty of this film is that every character seems to be the lead, playing his or her part with minimum fuss but maximum impact. The film ambles along this one idea and despite not taking a break from it, draws you into the middle-class family living in Lodi Colony's Governmental underbelly.

Sanya Malhotra as Aysuhmann's love interest squares up the sides of this engaging story with amazing screen presence and beauty, not even once complaining of being put on the periphery of the movie. Surekha Sikri as the cantankerous *saas* plays up the angst of children not being with their elderly parents in a passionate manner and laughter evoking lines.

Gajraj Rao is a delight as Gupta's loving husband trying to balance all zones of life with mother on one side, children on the other and of course his wife becoming pregnant almost in old age as the centre of his existence.

The film has everything for everyone — humour, situation and family drama. The subject, can parents have sex — and a baby — is *hatke* and interesting. This movie will make your week so do go for it!

TELLYTALE

NEW SHOW — ACE OF SPACE



A lavish house away from the monotony of the world, with all the luxury surrounding you is a sight we all dream of. But, no story ends without a dramatic twist!

With just a blink of the eye and one wrong move, the rooms suddenly squeeze down to an unimaginably small size and the fight for the survival begins! That's the house of *Ace of Space* for you!

Termed as the Mastermind's House, it has all the essentials you can ask for, except one thing — space! The rooms are the themed made with the creative expertise of the famous Bollywood director and design expert, Omung Kumar and production designer Vanita Omung Kumar.

And not just this, it is the first time that Omung has designed the set for a niche show like *Ace of Space*. Commenting on the set design of the show, Omung Kumar said: "Ace of Space is a one-of-a-kind show and it has been an absolute delight to create a design for the set of the house. Working on the design of the house was demanding because we had to be at par with the theme of the show which rotates around having an out of the box and a never seen before house. The house has turned out to be beautiful with elements that add a very eccentric and a fresh essence to the overall vibe. The viewers are in for a big treat as they will witness the craziest house with the most extraordinary themed rooms that most definitely falls in place with this eye catching show."

What makes the show distinct and more grand from other captive reality shows is the uniqueness of the rooms. For the first time on Indian television, you will see the contestants locked in the house either sleeping in a bathtub or gym benches or even sitting in kid-size chairs. It just gets crazier with a plethora of drama and fights to mark one's territory!

With 18 contestants walking in and writing their fate in the 18X18feet room, who will emerge victorious in this fight for space? Find

out on *Ace of Space*, every Saturday 6 Pm on MTV.

THE CALLING

A blogger, ex-techie and a banker will vie for India's best job — a one-year travel scholarship from India's leading lifestyle channel TLC. The three courageous contestants — lifestyle blogger Atmaj Vyas; ex-techie Gaurav Sajjanhar and banker Preethi Parthasarathy — have been selected from thousands of entries received for TLC's one-year travel scholarship. The trio displayed strong desire to quit their routine job and live life they have aspired to and are also the face



of TLC's new show *The Calling* which will air every Friday on TLC at 8 pm and on the YouTube channel Rise by TLC.

KOFFEE WITH KARAN 6 IS BACK

Karan Johar is back with Season 6 of the show on Star World at 8 pm every Sunday. That the sixth season will be aired today October 21, 2018 was declared by KJo back in April this year.

So far, in five seasons, 113 episodes have been aired. Last season, KJo invited Ranveer Singh and Ranbir Kapoor on the show. This season, he plans to do something similar. Instead of promoting their bromance, the first episode will be about girl power with Alia Bhatt and Deepika Padukone.

The other episodes will have actors Varun Dhawan and Katrina Kaif, Ranveer Singh and Akshay Kumar, Arjun Kapoor and Janhvi Kapoor, Saif Ali Khan and Sara Ali Khan and Aamir Khan who will bring in some fun with their appearance.



Plan Your Week

Coloured Gourmet Burgers
What: Gourmet Burgers at @Barcelos
When: 11 am- 11 pm
Where: Barcelos, DLF Place Saket

Barcelos is always known for experimenting with the food and being able to achieve the love from all over the world. The specialty of the South African restaurant is it's different coloured burgers and Mexican delicacies. The Black Burger Bun, The Red Burger Bun, and the Classic with natural ingredients play a great role in how the food tastes. Head out to the restaurant where you can enjoy their signature handcrafted burgers.

Theatre - Performance Art: The Legend of Ila

Date: October 23, 2018
Venue: India Habitat Centre
Timings: 7pm

Anant Dayal brings to life *The Legend of Ila*, a story in Song. The play tells the story of Ila who at different points of time lives either as a man or a woman. Being almost entirely performed in a song format revolves around the process of exploration of gender fluidity and queerness. It's a revelation as well as a celebration of doubt, wonder and inclusiveness set against the larger cultural framework of Hindu traditions and norms.

World Street Food Fest

Date: October 21, 2018
Time: 11 am-11 pm
Venue: DLF Place, Saket

With the fasting of Navratri coming to end, DLF Place is all excited to bring the wholeness of a Lebanese shawarma, the zing of an American hotdog along with some yummy French crepes.

The well know street food brands like Firangi House, Shawarma House, Sleepy Owl, Baking Bad, Dilli 19, Zabardast Zaffran, Nayab, Emoi and Shawarma House will be offering their specialities.

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दीपावली 2018 के अवसर पर जिला प्रशासन से पूर्वानुमति/अनुज्ञप्ति प्राप्त किये बिना दुकानों में/रोड के किनारे/घनी आबादी में पटाखों की बिक्री की जाती है, तो उसे विस्फोटक बिक्रय नियमावली 2008 में निहित प्रावधानों का उल्लंघन मानते हुए सुसंगत धाराओं के तहत कार्रवाई की जायेगी। उल्लेखनीय है कि रामगढ़ जिला में असांख्यदीपावली पटाखों की बिक्री के कारण विगत वर्षों में आगजनी की घटना घटित हुई है। अतः सूचित किया जाता है कि दीपावली 2018 के अवसर पर उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी से अनुमति/अनुज्ञप्ति प्राप्त कर ही जिला प्रशासन द्वारा निर्धारित स्थल पर ही पटाखों की बिक्री सुनिश्चित करेंगे। इस आदेश का उल्लंघन पाये जाने पर विस्फोटक अधिनियम 2008 में निहित प्रावधान के तहत कार्रवाई सुनिश्चित की जायेगी। अनुज्ञप्ति हेतु आवेदन पत्र जिला सामान्य शाखा, रामगढ़ में सूचना प्रकाशन के एक सप्ताह के अन्दर समर्पित करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे ताकि प्राप्त आवेदन पर निर्णय लिया जा सके। साथ ही साथ पटाखा के वैसे अनुज्ञप्ति धारक जिनके विरुद्ध दिनांक-25.03.2016 को घटित घटना में एनओ/सीओ/अनुज्ञप्ति रद्द किया गया है, तथा बाद में माननीय उच्च न्यायालय, राँची/व्यावहार न्यायालय, रामगढ़/आयुक्त न्यायालय, उ०छो०प्र०, हजारीबाग द्वारा स्थाई/पूरक पारित आदेश का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

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'Real challenges are the ones that are practical'

■What is your role in Beechvale?

I play Chanchal Beechvaale Bhatia. She is from a middle-class family and a homemaker. She is concerned about her family. She is a devoted person but not in a boring and a filmy way. She is straightforward and outspoken in a way that doesn't hurt the other person.

■What made you say yes?

This role was something different from what I have played in the last six-seven years of my career. I have mostly played negative and powerful roles and this was something that I haven't tried my hands on. It is also because of the producer Ashwini's vision who saw me play Sarla in *Mere Angne Mein*. He thought I fit the bill for this role.

■How hard is it to get into the skin of the character?

It is very difficult to play different roles because it is another person that you are playing. You have to get convinced of what you are doing and how you want to play the character. It is difficult to do comedy; it is tough to make others laugh.

■How did acting happen with you?

It happened by chance; it started as a hobby when I was in Class VIII. I used to take theatre workshops during summer holidays. My father, Vishnu Khare, is a well-known journalist and I had a very cultural background. My family wanted to me to do something different other than just taking more tuitions and enrolling myself in more academic classes. They are creative people.

From the tricks of the great magician to the flexibility and stamina of the gymnasts and dancers to the melodious voice of singers and great artistry of performing arts. The immense talents on *India's Got Talent (IGT)* Season 8 will amaze you and give you jaw dropping moment. The show is all about people coming on the stage — of all ages and diverse background — solely on the basis of their talent.

"The show is a beautiful amalgamation of so much of variety of performances by the artists from different walks of life. Watching all that will be is very entertaining and listening to their story about how they made it to the show will be inspiring as well. We already have a bunch mark of talent that we have with us. We are going a step forward with more energy and mindblowing talent in the most promising reality show," Rithvik Dhanjani says.

Hosting for the first time with Bharti Singh, Dhanjani will leave no stone unturned to showcasing his talent and keep the entertainment quotient high.



IGT 8: Bigger and better

India's Got Talent is back with Season 9 with fresh talent that will leave you in awe. SANGEETA YADAV brings you some amazing acts that will be showcased tonight on Colors

"I have to add certain flavour of my own as a host and we are trying different ways to bring a change on the platter. Beyond acting and dancing, you will be able to see a lot more of me. There are quite a few things that I indulge myself in," Dhanjani says.

The three judges of the show — Malaika Arora, Karan

Johar and Kirron Kher, who have been there since Season 1, are going to have a tough time to choose. "Judging from a great magician to a great dancer is definitely going to be tough for the judge. They have been associated with IGT with the responsibility from past eight seasons," Dhanjani opines.

The journey of the

contestants to the show will not only inspire you but connect you on the emotional level as well. "As a host, we need to connect with the contestant to their emotions and story on a very human level. To feel the moment and help them bring out the best. To do good in that moment and the contestant that there is," Dhanjani shares.

TOP ACTS TO WATCH OUT FOR

OUTDOOR SWAY POLE ACT

Talent knows no boundary, no limitations, no fears and hesitations. All it takes is passion, strong faith and determination to cross miles and touch the sky. One such person is Gunjan, who is literally crossing miles on the height of 65 feet through his sway pole act and free fall at IGT. His stage is his rope on which he walks and does the balancing in the middle of the air.

A gymnast by profession, Gunjan will give you a nail biting moment and leave you in awe through his daredevilry act. After being the contestant in IGT5 and Gunjan is back this season with bigger and better acts.

BOND OF TRUST

They lift each other on their arms to 90 degrees and even do hand stand on the other person's head without taking any support. The partner in crime and brothers Rahul and Mukesh are a perfect example of trust. The act by the gymnastic brothers, which got the standing ovation by Karan Johar and Malaika Arora, will definitely surprise you.



SOULFUL SINGING

Meet 13-year-old Shreyas from Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, who despite suffering from Progeria - a rare syndrome in children that leads to premature old age, he never stopped doing what he loves the most - Singing. It was his singing that brought him to the stage of IGT where he sang Kishore Kumar's popular song *Chaltechalte mere Geetyaadrakhma* and touched the hearts of the three judges and live audience.

WHAT'S NEW THIS SEASON?

- **The Hunar Ka Darwaza:** Every season, the stage is open for all talent but the *hunar ka darwaza* is one such rare opportunity which changes the life of the contestant.
- **Hashtag:** Following the trend of Hashtag, Malaika Arora is giving special names to outstanding contestants in the form of Hashtags(#).

IT'S MAGIC

He will leave you in awe with his tricks. Magician and illusionist from Vishakahapatnam, BS Reddy will perform some never seen before magic acts that will be beyond reasoning and explanation.

RANGEELA RAJASTHAN

Get set to groove on the tunes of Swagsthan, a singing band from Jaipur, who will sing a fusion on *Kesariyaabaalam*, *Swage swagat* and *Pallu latke*. Their power-packed performance got standing ovation from Kirron Kher and once more from the audience. Ravindra Upadhyay, one of the band's singer, has sung songs in various films, like *Talaash* and *Happy New Year*.

Crush down anti-social elements: CM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Imparting the message of harmony among the people, Durga Puja and Vijaydashami passed off peacefully amid much fanfare. From observing puja in a traditional way to witnessing the puja pandals decorated taking inspiration from different themes, the Capital City was soaked in festive spirit since past few days. The festival concluded on a high note on October 19. Chief Minister Raghubar Das on the occasion of Vijaydashami while addressing the people of the State said that the celebration of Vijaydashami gives each individual a message of victory of good over evil.

The CM further said that together we all need to crush down the anti-national and anti-social elements that are still active in the country. "To develop a country free from all kinds of evils, people must differentiate between good and bad. It is high time now; we must focus on eliminating the anti social elements for uniform growth and development. The State government is working towards the development of Jharkhand," stated the CM on the auspicious occasion.

"Vijaydashami is not merely a festival but an event that is organised annually to infuse morality among the people while keeping the age long tradition alive. Such kind of event creates awareness



Chief Minister Raghubar Das along with senior Congress leader Subodh Kant Sahay and others lit Demon Ravana, figurine of Ravana at Argora Ground in Ranchi on Vijaya Dashmi

among the new generation about Indian customs," the CM said. Meanwhile, the CM enquired about the developmental projects and other activities of Argora locality and interacted with the local residents.

Chief Minister Raghubar Das visited the various puja pandals in Ranchi on Friday. Offering his prayers to Goddess Durga at Harmu Panch Mandir, the CM was seen interacting with the crowd. He appreciated the décor and the arrangements made on the premises and

enjoyed the delicacies at the various stalls put up there.

The CM was accompanied by Minister Urban Development, Housing and Planning, CP Singh, Hatia MLA Navin Jaiswal, Mayor Asha Lakra, Deputy Mayor Sanjiv Vijayawargia, DGP DK

Pandey including other eminent persons.

Besides on 'Vijaydashmi', a major chunk of population residing in State Capital including other adjoining areas thronged to get a glimpse of Goddess Durga at major puja pandals on 'Navami'. The pandal hoppers were seen enjoying the festival to the fullest. The major crowd pullers which includes Bakri Bazaar Puja Pandal, Satya Amar Lok, Ranchi Railway Station, Bandhgari, Harmu Panch Mandir, Kokar, Morhabadi, RR Sporting Club to name a few were the prime centre of attractions on the concluding day of Puja.

On the other hand, the ten-day long affair that saw participation of public in quite a good number was managed well by the district administration officials. The district administration was on toes to prevent any untoward incident. Installation of CCTV cameras for close surveillance, deputation of additional magistrates and traffic constables at the major avenues for better crowd management received much applause from the public who without much hassle were able to enjoy this delightful festival with their family and friends. Members of various puja samitis on Saturday met Ranchi SSP Anish Gupta and congratulated him including other senior officials of the district administration for their support in organising the grand festival.

Maoists set ablaze machines in Hazaribagh

Hazaribag: Thirty uniformed men raided camp of a Jamshedpur based company in Chouhan setting ablaze six machines costing several lakhs. Labourers said company named Lords Infrakon Private Limited is involved in construction of a canal in Jhapa village of Chouhan.

According to police, labourers after completing the work were taking dinner at around 8:30 yesterday night when uniformed men identified themselves as Maoists raided the camp office. They set ablaze six construction machines before escaping from the spot.

One of the labourers Mohammad Mujahid Ansari said many of them were taking dinner and many went to sleep after the tiring work. He said all of a sudden uniformed men entered the camp and locked them in rooms. After locking the labourers, Maoists cut the wires of generator sets due to which power went off at the camp office. This gave enough opportunity to Maoists to set ablaze the vehicles and escape easily. Superintendent of police Mayur Patel reached the spot and talked to labourers. He said they were probing the case as well as raid had started to nab the culprits. **PNS**

INBRIEF

CM PAYS TRIBUTE TO ND TIWARI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das expressed his grief on the demise of former Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Narayan Datt Tiwari. He prayed to God to give strength to the family members and peace to the departed soul.

CM EXPRESSES GRIEF AT AMRITSAR ACCIDENT

Chief Minister Raghubar Das expressed his distress over the dreadful train accident in Amritsar in which more than 80 people lost their lives. The CM prayed for strength to the families of the dead and hoped for a quick recovery of the injured. The incident occurred on 'Vijaydashmi'.

MEDITATION CAMP AT BRAHMA KUMARI

Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalay located at Harmu road Ranchi, is organising a stress relieving meditation camp from October 21 to October 25 October 2018. The inauguration ceremony for the same will be held on October 21 at 5pm.

CROWD GATHERS AT HATIA PUJA PANDAL

Devotees thronged the puja pandal at Hatia station to catch a glimpse of Goddess Durga. On Ashtami, the eighth day of puja, women took charge of 'bhog' distribution from noon to 5pm. There were a variety of food stalls and swings put up for the visitors. Secretary of the puja samiti Inderjit Singh said that in view of the crowd, the committee members were instructed to solve any problems or complaints immediately. The junior members of the committee Akash, Aditya, Pratham Choubey, Suman, Sumit Raj played a vital role in managing the pandal while the whole affair passed off peacefully.

JAINS UNITE TO SAVE 'SHIKHARJI'

In an endeavor to protect the sanctity of the sacred Jain pilgrimage site 'Shikharji' or 'Parasnath Hill', in Giridih district, Jharkhand, a campaign by Jyoti-a non-profit organization is being organized under the guidance of Jainacharya Shrimad Vijay Yughbushan Surji. The movement 'Save Shikharji' which started a month ago has awakened the entire Jain community all over the world. Acharya said, "Maha Tirths like Shikharji are the epitome of the spiritual wealth of religiously prolific India. Hampering the purity of such places is no less than sabotaging the pride of our nation."

RAI LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR NARAYAN'S STATUE

Saryu Rai, Minister of Consumer Affairs, food supplies laid the foundation stone of the statue of Jaiprakash Narayan on Mango Bridge, Jamshedpur. The construction has started along with beautification work of this park. The Minister said that Jaiprakash Narayan was an icon and a statue is being installed here in his memory. A total of six lakh has been allotted for the site from the MLA's fund.

CM prays for State's prosperity, vows to eliminate poverty



CM Raghubar Das along with his son performs puja at Deori Mandir on the occasion of 'Maha Navami' on Friday **PNS**

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das offered prayer at Deori Mata Temple for the happiness and prosperity of 3.25 crore people of Jharkhand on October 18. During his visit to the historic Temple located in Tamar in Ranchi district, the CM said that I have prayed for the prosperity of the State and with the grace of God, the State government will eliminate the poverty, bringing downtrodden into mainstream. "May the light of knowledge spread on each one of us and provide us strength to serve the poor," the CM said.

The Chief Minister on the occasion remembered the late Shahdev Munda. Notably, late Sahadev Munda family has done the work of enriching India's cultural heritage by donating their land for setting up the temple. The CM said that the statue of late Shahdev Munda will be installed on this premises so that people can take inspiration from them. The Chief Minister also expressed his gratitude towards late Sahadev Munda's wife Sumitra Devi and interacted with the family members.

CM bats for girl child education

PARVINDER BHATIA ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Chief Minister Raghubar Das performed kanya puja on the occasion of Maha Navami at Shitla Mandir in Bhalubasa on Thursday. Das worshipped 501 girls below the age of 12 years, offered each of them a chunri, and bhog.

Talking to the media persons after kanya puja, CM said, girls and women play an important role in the development of a state. "Our government is focused towards creating an environment which would ensure education to every child," added Das. The CM also said the idea of progress is inconceivable without taking along women.

"Every child has the right to read. If the daughter reads, then she will work to impart the whole society with her knowledge. Following our culture and tradition we are feeding more than 500 girls and have taken blessings from them. I pray that Mother Goddess Durga should give such power that results into uninterrupted happiness, prosperity and peace in the State," noted Das.



CM Raghubar Das offers 'PRASAD' to baby kids during 'KANYA-PUJAN' on the Maha-Navami on the eve of Durga Puja in the steel city Jamshedpur in Jharkhand on Thursday

The Chief Minister said that Kanya Puja has been our

culture for centuries and in our Vedic scriptures it is said that the worship of women is must. Keeping our culture intact, we have to work together to make women more empowered. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also launched Beti Bachao campaign so that women should be respected and all the people work together to take the daughters of the country together. The Chief Minister said that the prime minister has made stringent laws for the protection of women and children by bringing ordinance in Parliament. He said that in the coming years, women will play a significant role in the advancement and progress of the state and our government will work with constant devotion towards women in the economic-social empowerment.

After the kanya puja, the Chief Minister visited several Durga Puja pandals in the city including Tuila Dungri, Mill Area Sakchi, Golmuri Puja pandal, and worshipped Goddess Durga. CM prayed for peace and prosperity of Jharkhand.

Lalu Yadav saddened by Punjab train disaster

PNS ■ RANCHI

RJD supremo Lalu Prasad has been saddened by the train accident that took place in Amritsar on Friday night, said his daughter Chanda Yadav who visited him in Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences.



Chanda Yadav

Lalu who is convicted in a fodder scam case is undergoing treatment at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS). It may be stated here Lalu daughters Chanda Yadav and Rohini Acharya and Chanda's husband Vikram Yadav visited Lalu on Saturday and discussed the latter's health.

"He is deeply impacted by the incident, being a former railway minister. He said it was unfortunate that it took place during festivities," Chanda said.

She added that she and other family members were not satisfied with the progress in her father health in RIMS. It may be stated here that even as Lalu went to vegetarian and simple diet during nine days of Navratri some of his vital parameters including blood sugar has shown improvement.

"I checked him today. His condition is stable," said Dr Umesh Prasad of RIMS.

It may be stated here Lalu has observed the Navratri puja with devotion sticking to vegetarian diet during all nine days of the festivities. Vice president of Jharkhand RJD Rajesh Yadav said, "The entire family is devout. They celebrate each festival with zeal. Lalu ji also remained immersed in worshipping Goddess Durga and other deities during the past nine days."

Section 144 imposed at Chando while fragile peace prevails at Bakouriya

'Situation under control at both places': Officials

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Prohibitory order under section 144 of CrPC has been imposed at Chando village under Chainpur police station where last night a dispute over immersion procession route caused communal clash between two communities there resulting in the burning of 5 auto rickshaws, one tractor, one four wheeler, two bikes and three houses said SP Palamu Indrajeet Mahatha.

DC Palamu Shantanu Kumar Agrahari said "Damages are being assessed and compensation would be paid to the victims." He appealed for amity and understanding between the two communities.

SP Mahatha further clarified "No damage to the wall of the Chando mosque has been done. A khaprali house adjacent to the mosque was set afire. Fire brigade controlled the fire. All holy scriptures are intact there in the mosque. Traces of fire were noticed in the Madrasa close to the mosque there where arson was committed."

cleanse the floor of the mosque as the community said it would offer its prayer here. Administration has hailed this decision of the community which will further help restore harmony and peace here."

Sources said Muslims have re started their daily namaaz from today itself in the same Chando mosque which the SP confirmed.

Police opened more than half a dozen round of firing at Chando to curb and control the rampaging mob. Six people have been arrested here.

DC Agrahari said peace and harmony broke down here when immersion processionists took an undecided route that led to resistance and protest from the minority community here. DC and SP camped all night here at Chando. Additional forces have been brought in Palamu from Latehar, Lohardagga, Khunti and Ranchi said SP.

Six were hurt. One of the 6 hurt is an unrelated case and has nothing to do with this communal fracas said SP who said "One Satya Narain Singh was driving a tractor on which was seated the idol for immersion. He hurt himself. It might be due to his own rashness in driving. He first hit a wall of a house then broke down a shouchalaya and finally a tree. He got himself badly injured in all this highly impulsive driving. He was admitted in the sadar hospital Daltonganj where he succumbed to his injuries during treatment."

Immersion ceremony peaceful in State capital

PNS ■ RANCHI

District administration officials were on high alert round the clock as the people celebrated the Dushshera with fervor across Ranchi city. Besides, deploying police force at sensitive places, top officials patrolled the streets till late in the night to ensure the peace during the festivities.

Ranchi deputy commissioner Rai Mahimapat Ray, SSP Anis Gupta and other senior officials moved around the city till 2 am for the past two days.

"We all also monitored the city from the control room through the closed circuit television cameras installed in across the city during the day," Ray said.

The administration has deployed policemen with each puja samiti as the latter took out procession to immerse the idols of deities. Six escort teams comprising policemen were deputed in different areas to ensure smooth passage of the



Devotees carry an idol of Goddess Durga to be immersed into a pond day after Vijaya Dashmi celebration in Ranchi on Friday

processions especially in the heavy traffic areas.

The joint order issued by

the district administration directed the escort teams to be in touch with the local police

officer and also the puja organizer regarding the procession. The magistrates

Bokaro police arrest 8 criminals in Mahuatard in Bermo

BERMO: The Bokaro police arrested eight hardcore criminals on Saturday from near Chorgawa and Eiyar villages located on the busy Mahuatard Road of Bermo.

Stating this here at a press conference on Saturday, Bokaro SP, Kartik S said the criminals were planning to loot when they were arrested following a tip-off.

The police seized one local made revolver, one live cartridge, two Pulsar motorcycles, one scooter, one TVS Apache motorcycle two cell phones and cash

amounting to Rs 10,650 and other incriminating documents from the criminals.

The SP said in course of interrogation, the arrested criminals admitted that they were involved in major crimes which included dacoities in road between Lalpania, Phusro (near Gandhinagar) and some places in Paterwar in district and several major dacoities in Hazaribag and Bokaro districts. He said this gang looted the private agent travelling in the Gomia-Phusro in the Bermo near jarandih

Railway gate for which a case has been registered by the police at Gandhinagar and Mahuatard PS.

Missing youth's body recovered from well in Kasmar in Bermo.

The body of 35-year-old Ravi Jaiswal son of Radha Govind Jaiswal, who reportedly went missing from Khairachatar village on October 18, 2018, was fished out from well near Mahavir Chok here on Saturday, said Rajesh Kujur, Inspector Jaridih circle. **PNS**

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(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
9/9, The Executive Engineer (G. BSNL Civil Division-II ARTTC Campus, NH-33, Near: Jumar River Ranchi
No: NIT No.18/BSNL/CDR-II/BSNL/2018-19 Date:20.10.2018

Notice Inviting e-Tenders
CORRIGENDUM-1

Due to administrative reasons the date & time of submission of EMD, Cost of bid document and other documents, date & time of opening of bid, date & time of opening of online bid documents for the following works:

Name of work: Proposed Civil infra work for setting up of Gateway for GSAT-11 Satellite in ground floor of Energy block at ARTTC Campus, Ranchi.

has been extended from 20/10/2018 at 18:00 Hrs. to 23/10/2018 at 18:00 Hrs., from 22/10/2018 at 15:00 Hrs. to 25/10/2018 at 15:30 Hrs. & from 25/10/2018 at 11:00 Hrs. to 27/10/2018 at 11:00 Hrs. respectively. Other terms & condition mentioned in the above NIT's shall remain unchanged.

The tender forms, other details and corrigendum can be obtained from the website: www.tenderwizard.com/BSNL/KOI or www.jharkhand.bsnl.co.in.

Sd/-
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BSNL Civil Division - II, Ranchi.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 11th October, 2018

S.O. 5293(E)—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening two lane with paved shoulder/four lane etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH75 in the stretch of land from Km 219.60 to Km268.483 (DLAO GARHWA) in the district of GARHWA in the state of JHARKHAND, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, DISTRICT LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER GARHWA in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH75 in the stretch of land from NH75 (DLAO GARHWA) in the district of GARHWA in the state of JHARKHAND

State : JHARKHAND District : GARHWA

| S. No. | Survey/Plot No. | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area in Local Unit | Area in Hectare |
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Taluk : Nagaruntari

Village : Adhaura

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| 1 | 317 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0365708(Acre) | 0.148 |
| 2 | 325 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.0652344(Acre) | 0.264 |
| 3 | 327 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.5270643(Acre) | 0.2133 |
| 4 | 328 | Government (Anaawad Sarv Sadharan) | Purani Parti | 0.4173519(Acre) | 0.1689 |
| 5 | 329 | Government (Anaawad Bihar Sarkar) | Bandh | 0.9913652(Acre) | 0.4012 |
| 6 | 331 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.239687(Acre) | 0.097 |
| 7 | 333 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0071659(Acre) | 0.0029 |
| 8 | 334 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0415128(Acre) | 0.0168 |
| 9 | 337 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0007413(Acre) | 0.0003 |
| 10 | 338 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0017297(Acre) | 0.0007 |
| 11 | 339 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3219713(Acre) | 0.1303 |
| 12 | 341 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.4996362(Acre) | 0.2022 |
| 13 | 371 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2555014(Acre) | 0.1034 |
| 14 | 372 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 1.7079552(Acre) | 0.6912 |
| 15 | 373 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.2579724(Acre) | 0.1044 |
| 16 | 374 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0625163(Acre) | 0.0253 |
| 17 | 375 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4030201(Acre) | 0.1631 |
| 18 | 376 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0133434(Acre) | 0.0054 |
| 19 | 377 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0029652(Acre) | 0.0012 |
| 20 | 378 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0308675(Acre) | 0.0125 |
| 21 | 383 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1761823(Acre) | 0.0713 |
| 22 | 384 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1144073(Acre) | 0.0463 |
| 23 | 387 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1635902(Acre) | 0.0662 |
| 24 | 388 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1079827(Acre) | 0.0437 |
| 25 | 389 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0009884(Acre) | 0.0004 |
| 26 | 390 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2226371(Acre) | 0.0901 |
| 27 | 391 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2233784(Acre) | 0.0904 |
| 28 | 392 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1403528(Acre) | 0.0568 |
| 29 | 395 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0904386(Acre) | 0.0366 |
| 30 | 396 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0827785(Acre) | 0.0335 |
| 31 | 397 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0462077(Acre) | 0.0187 |
| 32 | 398 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0911799(Acre) | 0.0369 |
| 33 | 400 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2121545(Acre) | 0.0895 |
| 34 | 401 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2532775(Acre) | 0.1025 |
| 35 | 402 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2325211(Acre) | 0.0941 |
| 36 | 403 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0029427(Acre) | 0.0037 |
| 37 | 404 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1121834(Acre) | 0.0454 |
| 38 | 405 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2228842(Acre) | 0.0902 |
| 39 | 406 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0779177(Acre) | 0.0306 |
| 40 | 407 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0526323(Acre) | 0.0213 |
| 41 | 408 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3059098(Acre) | 0.1238 |
| 42 | 409 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.0518481(Acre) | 0.0311 |
| 43 | 410 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0046949(Acre) | 0.0019 |
| 44 | 411 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.1608621(Acre) | 0.0651 |
| 45 | 412 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1554259(Acre) | 0.0629 |
| 46 | 413 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.2295559(Acre) | 0.0929 |
| 47 | 414 | Government (Anaawad Jharkhand Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.0044478(Acre) | 0.0018 |
| 48 | 417 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.1697577(Acre) | 0.0687 |
| 49 | 419 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.1586382(Acre) | 0.0642 |
| 50 | 427 | Private (Raiyati) | Makan Sahana | 0.0079072(Acre) | 0.0032 |
| 51 | 428 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.0709177(Acre) | 0.0287 |
| 52 | 470 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0046949(Acre) | 0.0019 |
| 53 | 471 | Government (Anaawad Jharkhand Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.1178667(Acre) | 0.0477 |
| 54 | 472 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4986478(Acre) | 0.2018 |
| 55 | 473 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0548562(Acre) | 0.0222 |
| 56 | 474 | Government (Anaawad Jharkhand Sarkar) | Purani Parti | 0.0842611(Acre) | 0.0341 |
| 57 | 479 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6807605(Acre) | 0.2755 |
| 58 | 480 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1284448(Acre) | 0.0519 |
| 59 | 504 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 3.5738073(Acre) | 1.4463 |
| 60 | 507 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1368316(Acre) | 0.4196 |
| 61 | 509 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6815018(Acre) | 0.2758 |
| 62 | 512 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6328231(Acre) | 0.2561 |
| 63 | 513 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.580998(Acre) | 0.238 |
| 64 | 523 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1519665(Acre) | 0.0615 |
| 65 | 578 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1030407(Acre) | 0.0417 |
| 66 | 580 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0180383(Acre) | 0.0073 |
| 67 | 581 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.091427(Acre) | 0.037 |
| 68 | 582 | Private (Raiyati) | Peend Parti | 0.0998284(Acre) | 0.0404 |
| 69 | 583 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3202416(Acre) | 0.1296 |
| 70 | 584 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.5515272(Acre) | 0.2232 |
| 71 | 585 | Government (Anaawad Jharkhand Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.0237216(Acre) | 0.0096 |
| 72 | 586 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.657286(Acre) | 0.266 |
| 73 | 587 | Private (Raiyati) | Bandh | 2.3494268(Acre) | 0.9508 |
| 74 | 588 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4739378(Acre) | 0.1918 |
| 75 | 589 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1838424(Acre) | 0.0744 |
| 76 | 590 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0894502(Acre) | 0.0362 |
| 77 | 655 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4267417(Acre) | 0.1727 |
| 78 | 671 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0227332(Acre) | 0.0092 |
| 79 | 674 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1719816(Acre) | 0.0696 |
| 80 | 675 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0995813(Acre) | 0.0403 |
| 81 | 745 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 1.112023(Acre) | 0.4493 |
| 82 | 747 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.4801153(Acre) | 0.1943 |

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|----|-----|---------------------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | 269 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0832727(Acre) | 0.0337 |
| 2 | 271 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0827785(Acre) | 0.0335 |
| 3 | 272 | Government (Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.0313817(Acre) | 0.0127 |
| 4 | 276 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0724003(Acre) | 0.0293 |
| 5 | 277 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0884818(Acre) | 0.0358 |
| 6 | 281 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0291683(Acre) | 0.0373 |
| 7 | 282 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0313817(Acre) | 0.0127 |
| 8 | 286 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2026222(Acre) | 0.082 |
| 9 | 287 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.180393(Acre) | 0.073 |
| 10 | 288 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1151486(Acre) | 0.0466 |
| 11 | 289 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6567918(Acre) | 0.2658 |
| 12 | 296 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 1.1621113(Acre) | 0.4703 |
| 13 | 297 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1880431(Acre) | 0.0761 |

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|--------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 2 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2139886(Acre) | 0.0866 |
| 15 | 209 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2653854(Acre) | 0.1074 |
| 16 | 303 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2900954(Acre) | 0.1174 |
| 17 | 304 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.648973(Acre) | 0.263 |
| 18 | 305 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4887638(Acre) | 0.1978 |
| 19 | 306 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1613563(Acre) | 0.0653 |
| 20 | 307 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6434484(Acre) | 0.2604 |
| 21 | 314 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6338115(Acre) | 0.2565 |
| 22 | 315 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 1.4302148(Acre) | 0.5788 |
| 23 | 317 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0177912(Acre) | 0.0072 |
| 24 | 318 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0998284(Acre) | 0.0404 |
| 25 | 319 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.07413(Acre) | 0.03 |
| 26 | 320 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0501613(Acre) | 0.0203 |
| 27 | 321 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0536678(Acre) | 0.0218 |
| 28 | 442 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.066717(Acre) | 0.027 |
| 29 | 443 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2797172(Acre) | 0.1132 |
| 30 | 444 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2085524(Acre) | 0.0844 |
| 31 | 445 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1873018(Acre) | 0.0758 |
| 32 | 446 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2456174(Acre) | 0.0994 |
| 33 | 447 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0896973(Acre) | 0.0363 |
| 34 | 450 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0783307(Acre) | 0.0317 |
| 35 | 451 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3914064(Acre) | 0.1584 |
| 36 | 48 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0662228(Acre) | 0.0268 |
| 37 | 662 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0353353(Acre) | 0.0143 |
| 38 | 668 | Government (Sarkar) | Bandh | 0.0175441(Acre) | 0.0071 |
| 39 | 669 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0896973(Acre) | 0.0363 |
| 40 | 670 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0454966(Acre) | 0.0346 |
| 41 | 673 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.226371(Acre) | 0.0901 |
| 42 | 674 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0850024(Acre) | 0.0344 |
| 43 | 675 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0919212(Acre) | 0.0372 |
| 44 | 677 | Government (Sarkar) | Tand-II | 0.2508065(Acre) | 0.1015 |
| 45 | 678 | Government (Sarkar) | Tand-II | 0.1744526(Acre) | 0.0706 |
| 46 | 679 | Government (Sarkar) | Tand-II | 0.2428993(Acre) | 0.0983 |
| 47 | 680 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.224861(Acre) | 0.091 |
| 48 | 681 | Government (Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.2221429(Acre) | 0.0899 |
| 49 | 682 | Government (Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.219919(Acre) | 0.089 |
| 50 | 683 | Government (Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.2137415(Acre) | 0.0865 |
| 51 | 684 | Government (Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.1672867(Acre) | 0.0677 |
| 52 | 685 | Government (Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.3513762(Acre) | 0.1422 |
| 53 | 686 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.5068021(Acre) | 0.2051 |
| 54 | 687 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4561466(Acre) | 0.1846 |
| 55 | 688 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1915025(Acre) | 0.0775 |
| 56 | 689 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.600453(Acre) | 0.243 |
| 57 | 690 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.39536(Acre) | 0.16 |
| 58 | 691 | Government (Sarkar) | Bandh | 0.2083053(Acre) | 0.0843 |
| 59 | 692 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1331869(Acre) | 0.0539 |
| 60 | 693 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1193493(Acre) | 0.0483 |
| 61 | 694 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3417393(Acre) | 0.1383 |
| 62 | 695 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4588647(Acre) | 0.1857 |
| 63 | 696 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.674583(Acre) | 0.273 |
| 64 | 697 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6525911(Acre) | 0.2641 |
| 65 | 698 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3568124(Acre) | 0.1444 |
| 66 | 699 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2031162(Acre) | 0.0822 |
| 67 | 700 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3251836(Acre) | 0.1316 |
| 68 | 701 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2577253(Acre) | 0.1043 |
| 69 | 702 | Government (Sarkar) | Bandh | 0.0217448(Acre) | 0.0088 |
| 70 | 703 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2317798(Acre) | 0.0938 |
| 71 | 709 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1900199(Acre) | 0.0769 |
| 72 | 710 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3701558(Acre) | 0.1498 |
| 73 | 713 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0373121(Acre) | 0.0151 |
| 74 | 714 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3395154(Acre) | 0.1374 |
| 75 | 715 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0311346(Acre) | 0.0126 |
| 76 | 716 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1077356(Acre) | 0.0436 |
| 77 | 730 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0071659(Acre) | 0.0029 |
| 78 | 731 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3093692(Acre) | 0.1252 |
| 79 | 732 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3190061(Acre) | 0.1291 |
| 80 | 733 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3711442(Acre) | 0.1502 |
| 81 | 734 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3563162(Acre) | 0.1442 |
| 82 | 769 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1215732(Acre) | 0.0492 |

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|--------|-----------------|---|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 198 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0575743(Acre) | 0.0233 |
| 11 | 199 | Government (Sichai Vibhag Bihar Sarkar) | Nahar | 0.079072(Acre) | 0.032 |
| 12 | 203 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.027181(Acre) | 0.011 |
| 13 | 204 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.0286636(Acre) | 0.0116 |
| 14 | 205 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0281694(Acre) | 0.0114 |
| 15 | 206 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0242158(Acre) | 0.0098 |
| 16 | 207 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0237216(Acre) | 0.0096 |
| 17 | 208 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0383005(Acre) | 0.0155 |
| 18 | 209 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1200906(Acre) | 0.0486 |
| 19 | 22 | Government (Sarkari) | Bandh | 0.2288146(Acre) | 0.0926 |
| 20 | 23 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1208319(Acre) | 0.0489 |
| 21 | 24 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0405244(Acre) | 0.0164 |
| 22 | 28 | Government (Sarkari) | Purani Parti | 0.0607866(Acre) | 0.0246 |
| 23 | 29 | Government (Sarkari) | Nadi | 0.2987439(Acre) | 0.1209 |
| 24 | 284 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.12355(Acre) | 0.05 |
| 25 | 295 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.022239(Acre) | 0.009 |
| 26 | 296 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0375592(Acre) | 0.0152 |
| 27 | 297 | Government (Anaaawad Sarv Sadharan) | Devsthan | 0.0294049(Acre) | 0.0119 |
| 28 | 30 | Government (Sarkari) | Pathar | 0.0187796(Acre) | 0.0076 |
| 29 | 302 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.071659(Acre) | 0.029 |
| 30 | 306 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0249571(Acre) | 0.0101 |
| 31 | 307 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.0234745(Acre) | 0.0095 |
| 32 | 308 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0294049(Acre) | 0.0119 |
| 33 | 31 | Government (Anaaawad Bihar Sarkar) | Shivsthan | 0.1732171(Acre) | 0.0701 |
| 34 | 311 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0467019(Acre) | 0.0189 |
| 35 | 312 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0311346(Acre) | 0.0126 |
| 36 | 313 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.0383005(Acre) | 0.0155 |
| 37 | 316 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.0464548(Acre) | 0.0188 |
| 38 | 317 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.0635047(Acre) | 0.0257 |
| 39 | 318 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.0330566(Acre) | 0.0136 |
| 40 | 319 | Government (Sarkari) | Pathar | 0.1494955(Acre) | 0.0605 |
| 41 | 32 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1672867(Acre) | 0.0677 |
| 42 | 34 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1225616(Acre) | 0.0496 |
| 43 | 348 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.5194042(Acre) | 0.2102 |
| 44 | 368 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.5678358(Acre) | 0.2298 |
| 45 | 37 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1141602(Acre) | 0.0462 |
| 46 | 38 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0971103(Acre) | 0.0393 |
| 47 | 39 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0773423(Acre) | 0.0313 |
| 48 | 40 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0546091(Acre) | 0.0221 |
| 49 | 41 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0511497(Acre) | 0.0207 |
| 50 | 42 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0620221(Acre) | 0.0251 |
| 51 | 43 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1052646(Acre) | 0.0426 |
| 52 | 44 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.103782(Acre) | 0.042 |
| 53 | 45 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0978516(Acre) | 0.0396 |
| 54 | 46 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1134189(Acre) | 0.0459 |
| 55 | 47 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2379573(Acre) | 0.0963 |
| 56 | 48 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2384515(Acre) | 0.0965 |
| 57 | 49 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2018807(Acre) | 0.0817 |
| 58 | 50 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1079827(Acre) | 0.0437 |
| 59 | 51 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.140847(Acre) | 0.057 |
| 60 | 52 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.274281(Acre) | 0.111 |
| 61 | 53 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3652138(Acre) | 0.1478 |
| 62 | 54 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0936509(Acre) | 0.0379 |
| 63 | 55 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1200906(Acre) | 0.0486 |
| 64 | 56 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2409225(Acre) | 0.0975 |
| 65 | 57 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0583156(Acre) | 0.0236 |
| 66 | 58 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0536207(Acre) | 0.0217 |
| 67 | 59 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1675338(Acre) | 0.0678 |
| 68 | 63 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2293088(Acre) | 0.0928 |
| 69 | 68 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0531265(Acre) | 0.0215 |
| 70 | 69 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0677054(Acre) | 0.0274 |
| 71 | 71 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0759662(Acre) | 0.0322 |
| 72 | 72 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1237971(Acre) | 0.0501 |
| 73 | 84 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1022994(Acre) | 0.0414 |
| 74 | 85 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0509026(Acre) | 0.0206 |
| 75 | 88 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0476903(Acre) | 0.0193 |
| 76 | 90 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0533736(Acre) | 0.0216 |
| 77 | 91 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0565859(Acre) | 0.0229 |
| 78 | 92 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0343469(Acre) | 0.0139 |
| 79 | 93 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0383005(Acre) | 0.0155 |
| 80 | 97 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0630105(Acre) | 0.0255 |
| 81 | 98 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0447251(Acre) | 0.0181 |
| 82 | 99 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0303933(Acre) | 0.0123 |

| S. No. | Survey/Plot No. | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area in Local Unit | Area in Hectare |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 3 | 1131 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0706706(Acre) | 0.0286 |
| 4 | 1132 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1628389(Acre) | 0.0659 |
| 5 | 1159 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0252042(Acre) | 0.0102 |
| 6 | 118 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1294804(Acre) | 0.0524 |
| 7 | 119 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1225616(Acre) | 0.0496 |
| 8 | 120 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3049214(Acre) | 0.1234 |
| 9 | 121 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2127531(Acre) | 0.0861 |
| 10 | 126 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1349166(Acre) | 0.0546 |
| 11 | 128 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0825314(Acre) | 0.0334 |
| 12 | 129 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0368179(Acre) | 0.0149 |
| 13 | 134 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0264397(Acre) | 0.0107 |
| 14 | 135 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4635996(Acre) | 0.1876 |
| 15 | 140 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.0116137(Acre) | 0.0047 |
| 16 | 85 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0027181(Acre) | 0.0011 |
| 17 | 87 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1472716(Acre) | 0.0596 |
| 18 | 88 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0185325(Acre) | 0.0075 |
| 19 | 91 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1658041(Acre) | 0.0671 |
| 20 | 92 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.138702(Acre) | 0.0562 |
| 21 | 93 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1282449(Acre) | 0.0519 |
| 22 | 94 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0788249(Acre) | 0.0319 |
| 23 | 95 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.8678152(Acre) | 0.3512 |
| 24 | 96 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6708765(Acre) | 0.2715 |
| 25 | 97 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0899444(Acre) | 0.0364 |
| Village: Mahdaia | | | | | |
| 1 | 208 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.5740133(Acre) | 0.2323 |
| 2 | 209 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0412657(Acre) | 0.0167 |
| 3 | 210 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3400096(Acre) | 0.1376 |
| 4 | 236 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0227732(Acre) | 0.0092 |
| 5 | 294 | Government (Sarkari) | Tand-II | 0.4227881(Acre) | 0.1711 |
| 6 | 295 | Government (Sarkari) | Tand-II | 0.0931567(Acre) | 0.0377 |
| 7 | 296 | Government (Sarkari) | Tand-II | 0.2658796(Acre) | 0.1076 |
| 8 | 297 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.046949(Acre) | 0.019 |
| 9 | 298 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.0533736(Acre) | 0.0216 |
| 10 | 299 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.1692635(Acre) | 0.0685 |
| 11 | 300 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.0116137(Acre) | 0.0047 |
| 12 | 302 | Government (Sarkari) | Peend | 0.0383005(Acre) | 0.0155 |
| 13 | 325 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3125815(Acre) | 0.1265 |
| 14 | 326 | Government (Anaaawad Sarv Sadharan) | Parti | 0.0385476(Acre) | 0.0156 |
| 15 | 329 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2582195(Acre) | 0.1045 |
| 16 | 330 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0133434(Acre) | 0.0054 |
| 17 | 331 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.202622(Acre) | 0.082 |
| 18 | 334 | Government (Sarkari) | Tand-II | 0.0190267(Acre) | 0.0077 |
| 19 | 344 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1262681(Acre) | 0.0511 |
| 20 | 345 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.12355(Acre) | 0.05 |
| 21 | 347 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2369689(Acre) | 0.0959 |
| 22 | 348 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.138702(Acre) | 0.0562 |
| 23 | 353 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0961129(Acre) | 0.0389 |
| 24 | 354 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.017297(Acre) | 0.007 |
| 25 | 355 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0106253(Acre) | 0.0043 |
| 26 | 356 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0644931(Acre) | 0.0261 |
| 27 | 358 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0793191(Acre) | 0.0321 |
| 28 | 359 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0770952(Acre) | 0.0312 |
| 29 | 361 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.056833(Acre) | 0.023 |
| 30 | 362 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.081543(Acre) | 0.033 |
| 31 | 363 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.022239(Acre) | 0.009 |
| 32 | 364 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.0605395(Acre) | 0.0245 |
| 33 | 365 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0348411(Acre) | 0.0141 |
| 34 | 382 | Government (Sarkari) | Bandh | 0.028636(Acre) | 0.0116 |
| 35 | 384 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0854966(Acre) | 0.0346 |
| 36 | 385 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0279223(Acre) | 0.0113 |
| 37 | 386 | Government (Sichai Vibhag Bihar Sarkar) | Dhan-II | 0.0217448(Acre) | 0.0088 |
| 38 | 387 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0200151(Acre) | 0.0081 |
| 39 | 392 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3689203(Acre) | 0.1493 |
| 40 | 395 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0956277(Acre) | 0.0387 |
| 41 | 406 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1603679(Acre) | 0.0649 |
| 42 | 408 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1173725(Acre) | 0.0475 |
| 43 | 409 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1840895(Acre) | 0.0745 |
| 44 | 410 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.573272(Acre) | 0.232 |
| 45 | 418 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.051891(Acre) | 0.021 |
| 46 | 419 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.071659(Acre) | 0.029 |
| 47 | 420 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.7598325(Acre) | 0.3075 |
| 48 | 426 | Government (Sarkari) | Tand-II | 0.3007207(Acre) | 0.1217 |
| 49 | 479 | Government (Anaaawad Sarv Sadharan) | Rasta | 0.0358295(Acre) | 0.0145 |
| 50 | 482 | Private (Raiyati) | Tand-II | 0.3175235(Acre) | 0.1285 |
| Village: Marchwar | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | Government (Sarkari) | Nadi | 0.4667719(Acre) | 0.1889 |
| 2 | 118 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.5391722(Acre) | 0.2182 |
| 3 | 119 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0079072(Acre) | 0.0032 |
| 4 | 120 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.028636(Acre) | 0.0116 |
| 5 | 121 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.7529137(Acre) | 0.3047 |
| 6 | 122 | Government (Sarkari) | Bandh | 0.1514723(Acre) | 0.0613 |
| 7 | 123 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4739378(Acre) | 0.1918 |
| 8 | 124 | Government (Sarkari) | Bandh | 0.1124305(Acre) | 0.0455 |
| 9 | 125 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6115725(Acre) | 0.2475 |
| 10 | 127 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0845082(Acre) | 0.0342 |
| 11 | 128 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2540188(Acre) | 0.1028 |
| 12 | 129 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1146544(Acre) | 0.0464 |
| 13 | 130 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.4623241(Acre) | 0.1871 |
| 14 | 134 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.66717(Acre) | 0.27 |
| 15 | 135 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0538678(Acre) | 0.0218 |
| 16 | 136 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0551033(Acre) | 0.0223 |
| 17 | 137 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0248411(Acre) | 0.0141 |
| 18 | 138 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0219919(Acre) | 0.0089 |
| 19 | 140 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.1445535(Acre) | 0.0585 |
| 20 | 141 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0143638(Acre) | 0.0058 |
| 21 | 142 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0153202(Acre) | 0.0062 |
| 22 | 144 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0679525(Acre) | 0.0275 |
| 23 | 145 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0363237(Acre) | 0.0147 |
| 24 | 146 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.588098(Acre) | 0.238 |
| 25 | 147 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.2228042(Acre) | 0.0902 |
| 26 | 148 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0400332(Acre) | 0.0162 |
| 27 | 189 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.207564(Acre) | 0.084 |
| 28 | 196 | Government (Sarkari) | Bandh | 0.1242913(Acre) | 0.0503 |
| 29 | 197 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6382593(Acre) | 0.2583 |
| 30 | 199 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.3624957(Acre) | 0.1467 |
| 31 | 200 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0046949(Acre) | 0.0019 |
| 32 | 201 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.0647402(Acre) | 0.0262 |
| 33 | 83 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.6086073(Acre) | 0.2463 |
| 34 | 84 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.229803(Acre) | 0.093 |
| 35 | 89 | Government (Sarkari) | Dhan-II | 0.420371(Acre) | 0.1701 |
| 36 | 90 | Government (Sarkari) | Bandh | 0.039538(Acre) | 0.016 |
| 37 | 91 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0602924(Acre) | 0.0244 |
| 38 | 92 | Government (Sarkari) | Bandh | 0.0133434(Acre) | 0.0054 |
| 39 | 93 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.012355(Acre) | 0.005 |
| 40 | 94 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 0.0158144(Acre) | 0.0064 |
| Village: Nagarutari | | | | | |
| 1 | 152 | Private (Raiyati) | Dhan-II | 4.8394535(Acre) | 1.9585 |

LIQUIDITY CRUNCH AT NBFCs

Assocham praises RBI's steps for easing process

New Delhi: Industry body Assocham on Saturday hailed the Reserve Bank's decision to incentivise banks to enhance their lending to non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), saying the step will help them in tackling liquidity crunch.

The RBI on Friday allowed the banks to use Government securities equivalent to their incremental credit to non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) for a three-month period to meet their liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) requirements.

The provision will allow banks to free up ₹50,000-60,000 crore of liquidity which banks can lend to NBFCs till December 31.

"This shall also send a message that the recent developments do not indicate any systemic problem but it is merely a case of sentiments having gone wrong after one of the big NBFCs defaulted," Assocham said.

The industry body said the whole issue of asset liability mismatch is more relevant in case of long-term lending

companies like the housing finance companies and infra financing NBFCs.

"A typical NBFC model is a retail lending model with short tenures of 2-5 years and small ticket sizes where asset liability mismatch is not a concern. NBFCs have shown impressive growth for the last few years maintaining a high capital adequacy ratio which is higher than the minimum prescribed levels. This growth has also been healthy as reflected in better asset quality," Assocham said.

However, provision of a dedicated refinancing window, especially, for the large number of small and medium sized NBFCs is very important to ensure future growth, it said further. The latest measure by the RBI to boost capital flow to NBFCs has been however downplayed by industry players and analysts and described it as too little and too late.

According to them, it will not help much, especially to those NBFCs which are into home and auto loans.

The only beneficiary will be those into short-term con-

sumer loans as well as micro-finance loans, feel the experts.

The NBFCs have come under heavy pressure with their stock prices witnessing sharp fall on the bourses, triggered by a series of loan defaults by IL&FS group firms about a month ago and has crippled the prospects of smooth credit flow of the sector.

Sensing the enormity of the crisis IL&FS group which is laden by debt to the tune of ₹91,000 crore, the Government swung into action quickly and took the management control by disbanding its board and replaced it by six newly appointed members headed by banker Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Besides, LIC and SBI — who are amongst the key stakeholders in IL&FS — have come to the rescue of IL&FS and are expected to infuse capital by raising their respective stakes in the company.

Separately, country's largest lender SBI has also announced to buy quality assets worth ₹45,000 crore from the NBFCs. **PTI**

HDFC Bank Q2 net profit climbs 21% to ₹5,005 cr on robust core income

New Delhi: Private sector HDFC Bank on Saturday reported a rise of 20.6 per cent in its net profit to ₹5,005.73 crore for the second quarter ended on September this fiscal, as the core income grew at a healthy pace.

The bank had registered a net profit of ₹4,151.03 crore in the July-September quarter of 2017-18.

Total income for the quarter grew by 21.2 per cent to ₹28,215.2 crore as against ₹23,276.2 crore, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

The net interest income (interest earned minus interest expended) for the quarter grew by 20.6 per cent to ₹11,763.4 crore, driven by average asset growth of 22.9 per cent and a net interest margin of 4.3 per cent, it said.

The net interest income stood at ₹9,752.1 crore in September quarter of 2017-18.

On asset front, the gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of the bank rose slightly to 1.33 per cent of the gross advances as on September 30, 2018 from 1.26 per cent on September 30, 2017.

In value terms, the gross

NPAs of the bank stood at ₹10,097.73 crore by end of September quarter, compared to ₹7,702.84 crore.

The net NPAs or bad loans, however, fell to 0.40 per cent of the net loans by end of second quarter against 0.43 per cent. The absolute value of net NPAs was at ₹3,028.24 crore as against ₹2,596.83 crore.

The provisions and contingencies for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 were ₹1,820 crore as against ₹1,476.20 crore as on September 30, 2017.

The lender said it made preferential allotment of more than 3.90 crore equity shares to its parent Housing Finance Development Corporation (HDFC Ltd) at a price of ₹2,174.09 crore on July 17 aggregating to ₹8,500 crore.

On August 2, the bank concluded a qualified institutional placement (QIP) of over 1.28 crore equity shares at a price of ₹2,160 aggregating to ₹2,775 crore and an ADR offering of 17.5 million, representing 5.25 crore equity shares aggregating to \$1.82 billion (equivalent to ₹12,440.90 crore). **PTI**

ArcelorMittal aims to complete negotiations swiftly with Essar CoC

New Delhi: After Emerging as the highest bidder for Essar Steel, global giant, ArcelorMittal, aims to complete the "negotiations as swiftly as possible" with the debt-laden firm's creditors committee.

The Lakshmi N Mittal-owned company, which is the world's largest steel maker, has been locked in a murky legal battle with other bidders, especially Russian VTB Bank-promoted NuMetal to take over Essar Steel, under the insolvency proceedings.

The company has been trying for long to enter India but has not succeeded so far. It had announced over a decade back to set up two plants - with 12 million tonnes per annum capacity each — in Jharkhand and Odisha, which could not be materialised.

"Now, look forward to

completing negotiations as swiftly as possible", the company said after it emerged as the highest bidder for Essar Steel late last night.

Earlier, Mittal, Chairman and CEO of ArcelorMittal, told PTI in an interview that he would be surprised if the world's largest steelmaker with sound financials and strong technology will be declared ineligible to participate in the bid for Essar Steel.

Last night, the CoC of Essar Steel declared the firm as the preferred bidder for Essar Steel.

"ArcelorMittal confirms it has been informed by the Committee of Creditors (CoC) for Essar Steel India Limited (ESIL) that it has been evaluated to be the H1 Resolution Applicant (the preferred bidder) in the corporate insolv-

ency resolution process for ESIL," ArcelorMittal said in a statement last night.

The company said it will now enter into further final negotiations with the CoC.

Essar Steel was among the 12 companies referred by the RBI for insolvency proceedings.

ArcelorMittal, earlier this week has said it will pay ₹7,469 crore to the creditors of Uttam Galva and KKS Petron to be eligible to acquire the debt-laden firm, as per the Supreme Court order.

The Supreme Court on October 4 had granted one more opportunity to ArcelorMittal and NuMetal to bid for Essar Steel if they clear their non-performing asset (NPA) dues of their related corporate debtors within two weeks. **PTI**

Gold remains up on festive buying, positive global leads

New Delhi: Gold prices rose by ₹220 to ₹32,270 per 10 grams as upward trend continued unabated for the fourth straight week, backed by persistent buying by local jewellers to meet festive season demand coupled with positive global cues.

Silver after moving both ways on alternate bouts of buying and selling, managed to end higher by ₹200 to ₹39,600 per kg.

Traders attributed the sustained rise in gold prices to increased buying by local jewellers, driven by ongoing festive season and a firming trend in global markets.

Besides, weakness in the rupee, making imports costlier, also fuelled the upside in gold prices.

Globally, gold ended the week higher at \$1,227.50 an ounce and silver at \$14.70 an ounce in New York against the previous week's of \$1,218.80 and \$14.68, respectively.

In the national Capital, gold of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity commenced the week higher at ₹32,250 and ₹32,020 per ten gram, respectively, but slipped to a low of ₹32,180 and ₹32,020 for want of support. **PTI**



BSES receives the prestigious award for Excellence in Cost Management Pioneer photo

Next IMF loan will be the last: Pakistan Finance Minister

Islamabad: Pakistan's Finance Minister promised on Saturday to end the country's reliance on International Monetary Fund bailouts to shore up its shaky economy, as officials prepare to negotiate a new loan.

Asad Umar's pledge comes days after Pakistan's central bank warned inflation could double in the coming year — hitting 7.5 per cent — while the country's growth target rate of 6.2 per cent would likely be missed.

"This will be the 13th and the last IMF programme," Umar said during a speech at the Karachi Stock Exchange.

Prime Minister Imran

Khan's administration has sent mixed messages over whether Pakistan will enter another IMF programme, with the former cricketer suggesting this week that going to the fund may not be necessary.

But Umar spoke in grave terms of the country's balance of payment crisis, which has sparked a depreciation of the rupee and sent stocks tumbling.

"We are heading towards bankruptcy very fast. We have to save the 210 million Pakistanis," Umar added.

An IMF team is set to arrive in Pakistan in early November to begin negotiations. **AFP**

ICICI Lombard Q2 net surges 44% to ₹293 crore

New Delhi: ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company on Saturday reported a jump of 43.6 per cent in net profit to ₹293 crore for the second quarter ended September this fiscal.

The company's net profit in the corresponding July-September quarter of 2017-18 was at ₹204 crore.

The gross direct premium income (GDP) of the company increased to ₹3,530 crore in the September quarter, registering a growth of 11.3 per cent over ₹3,173 crore in the same period previous fiscal, ICICI Lombard said in a regulatory filing.

The combined ratio improved to 101.1 per cent in second quarter from 102.9 per cent in the same quarter a year ago (combined ratio was 99.9 per cent in second quarter excluding the impact of Kerala

floods), it added.

The Board of Directors of the company has also declared interim dividend of ₹2.50 per share for first half of 2018-19.

ICICI Lombard said that its profit before tax (PBT) and profit after tax (PAT)/net profit includes a one off impact of ₹58 crore recovered on account of doubtful reinsurance recoverable already provided in earlier years.

Profit before and after tax grew by 36.6 per cent and 25.1 per cent, respectively, in the second quarter of the fiscal excluding the one-off impact.

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company offer products, including motor, health, crop, fire, personal accident, marine, engineering and liability insurance, through multiple distribution channels. **PTI**

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Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor / Loan Account Number | Description of Property / Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice / Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
|---------|--|--|---|----------------|
| 1. | Nadeem Waheed Khan / Glitex Advertising And Marketing / Nida Khan / LBDEL00002048586 | Flat No.-1803, 18th Floor, Tower-F, Up Country, Situated At Plot No Ts-1, Sector 17-A, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, Noida / October 15, 2018. | Dec 30, 2017 Rs.10,86,378/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 2. | Satish Upadhaya / Smita Upadhaya / LBDEL00002438861 / LBDEL00002438858 | Flat No. 14-FF, 1st Floor, Situated In Pocket/ Block 12/17, Sector- 82, Noida / October 15, 2018. | July 31, 2018 Rs.17,10,597/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 3. | Surinder Kumar Saini/ Bhagwani Devi / LBFDB00001636567 | H No. 677, Sector- 16A, Faridabad/ October 16, 2018. | June 27, 2018 Rs.9,17,374/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 4. | Ravinder Choudhary / Ritu Choudhary / LBDEL00003840633 | Apartment No. 3, Tower No. 21, Lotus Panache, Plot No. Gh- 05, Sector 110, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Up / October 15, 2018. | May 31, 2018 Rs.84,88,140/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 5. | Tusha Gupta / Rattan Kumar Gupta / LBGUR00002364233 | 1402 14th Floor Fusion Home Stower Gh-05A Techzone 4 Greater Noida West Noida- 201301 / October 15, 2018 | Feb 28, 2018 Rs.16,29,776/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 6. | Ajay Kumar / Ramesh Pandit/ LBDEL00001997098 | G-410, Avj Heights, Plot No. Gh-12/2, Sector Zeta I, Greater Noida / October 15, 2018 | April 27, 2018 Rs.15,14,127/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 7. | Archana Singh / Ravinder Singh / LBDEL00001626227 / LBGUR00002052834 | Flat No. 144, Sector 21 B, Urban Estate, Faidabad-121002 / October 16, 2018. | May 30, 2018 Rs.40,76,338/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 8. | Predominant Engineers & Contractors Pvt Ltd/ Vineet Sood/ Kuldeep Chander Sood/ Reeta Sood/ LBGUR00001060264 | Plot No. 3, Poorvi Marg, DIF City Phase II Gurgaon-122002 / October 16, 2018 | May 29, 2018 Rs.56,78,221/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 9. | Sariputra Waghdhare/ Manwali Isneesh / Nirmala Waghdhare / LBGUR00001950424 | Unit No. B1003, Grand Arch On The Floor Of The Building Proposed To Be Named As / Named As Ireo Grand Arch Situated At Sector 58, 10th Floor, Gurgaon / October 16, 2018 | July 31, 2018 Rs.1,43,06,398.66/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 10. | Khushboo Bhatia / Gulshan Bhatia / Naresh Kumar Bhatia/ LBDEL00001126598 | House No. 755, Type Ews, Sector 22, Housing Board Colony, Faridabad- 121001 / October 16, 2018 | June 30, 2018 Rs.8,02,799/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 11. | Gyanendra K Srivastava / Monika Srivastava / LBDEL00002116986 | Flat No. D-47, First Floor, Piyush Rosette, Bhiwadi / October 17, 2018 | Aug 31, 2017 Rs.33,06,304/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 12. | Rupesh Kumar / Manish Kumar / LBGUR00002270207 | Flat No. E-121, F F, Piyush Rosette, Bhiwadi Alwar-301018 / October 17, 2018 | Aug 20, 2016 Rs.25,96,148/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 13. | Rajeev Bakshi / Leena Bakshi / LBGUR00001983346 | Flat No.-101,1st Floor, Avalon Residency, Tower A-3, Alwar By Pass Road, Bhiwadi 301001 Rajasthan / October 17, 2018 | July 27, 2016 Rs.18,55,842/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 14. | Ranjit Kumar Ray / Kiran Devi / LBGUR00002008819 | A/5/305, Tower A-5, 3rd Floor, Avalon Rangoli, Alwar By Pass Road, Bhiwadi 301417 Rajasthan / October 17, 2018 | Aug 31, 2017 Rs.19,16,998/- | DELHI/ NCR |
| 15. | Dharmendra Kumar / Sumita Singh / LBNOD00002029333 | Flat No. C4/ 121,12th Floor, Tower C4, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari. / October 17, 2018. | Mar 31, 2018 Rs.46,01,849/- | DELHI/ NCR |

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: 20-Oct-2018
Place: Delhi/NCR

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग

ई-टेंडर्स आमंत्रण सूचना

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से कार्यपालक अभियंता, 'एस' मंडल, केरलोलिफि, रामा कृष्ण पुरम, नई दिल्ली द्वारा अधोलिखित कार्यों के निष्पादन हेतु केरलोलिफि के approved and eligible टेकेंदारों से ऑनलाइन प्रतियोगिता पर निविदा प्रणाली आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. निो आा सूो संो 103/EE/S Div/2018-19 Name of Work "Upgradation work in GPRA Type-II Qtrs at Sec-3, R.K.Puram, New Delhi dg 2018-19 (SH- Providing and fixing kitchen cupboards shutters)", अनुमानित लागत रुो 25,90,640/-, धरोहर राशि रुो 51,813/-, कार्य निष्पादन अवधि-03 (तीन) मास बिडे को जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि व समय 29.10.2018 को 12:00 बजे तक।
2. निो आा सूो संो 104/EE/S Div/2018-19 (Revised) Name of Work "A/R & M/O to various types of qtrs. at Sector-1, R.K.Puram, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH- Providing Male Security guard)", अनुमानित लागत रुो 5,94,177/-, धरोहर राशि रुो 11,884/-, कार्य निष्पादन अवधि-12 (बारह) मास बिडे को जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि व समय 29.10.2018 को 12:00 बजे तक।
3. निो आा सूो संो 105/EE/S Div/2018-19 Name of Work "Comprehensive maintenance through outsourcing including day to day maintenance & special repair work in respect of civil works in 1275 various type of qtrs at CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi for a period of 2 months", अनुमानित लागत रुो 21,83,223/-, धरोहर राशि रुो 43,664/-, कार्य निष्पादन अवधि-02 (दो) मास बिडे को जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि व समय 29.10.2018 को 12:00 बजे तक।

नोट:- बिडे प्रपत्र और अन्य विवरण वेबसाइट www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। प्रेस विज्ञापन www.eprocure.gov.in पर भी उपलब्ध है।

Despite talk of equality, women bosses still rare in US

New York: This year was touted as the year of women in politics in the United States, but in the business world, female bosses remain few and far between.

And some warn the situation is unlikely to improve with men unwilling to play the role of mentor to younger female colleagues in the era of the #MeToo movement, which has heightened awareness of sexual abuse and inappropriate behaviour in the workplace.

The departure in September of India's Indra Nooyi as head of PepsiCo after more than a decade in the job has only reinforced a trend that has been growing for the past two years: the decline in the number of women CEOs even as debate about the need for

equality in the workplace rages, and amid increasing calls for women to break through the "glass ceiling."

Recently, a number of prominent women have left their posts as company heads, including Denise Morrison of Campbell Soup, Margo Georgiadis of Mattel, Sheryllyn McCoy of Avon, Meg Whitman of Hewlett-Packard, Ursula Burns of Xerox, and Ellen Kullman of Dupont.

All of them have been replaced by men, a blow for diversity since fewer than five per cent of leaders of the S&P 500 largest enterprises are now women, down from 5.4 per cent in 2017.

"We are going in the wrong direction," said Lorraine Hariton, whose NGO Catalyst

advocates for women in senior positions.

"Women have gotten into entry-level positions very successfully, and then they get to middle management, and things stall out," she said. "Women still today are not reaching the top, particularly women of colour."

Dismissing the idea that the glass ceiling is down to women's decision to focus on family rather than career, experts lay the blame more on deep-rooted cliches.

Hariton said her group's research "shows that the stereotype that men 'take charge' and women 'take care' puts women leaders in a double bind and can potentially undermine their leadership and career advancement options." **AFP**

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIV. NO. I, JAMMU

FRESH SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh Short e-NIT No. CD-II/22 of 2018-19 Dated 16-10-2018 (2nd Call)

Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I, Jammu on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. upto 1600 Hrs on 27-10-2018 for the following work.

S.No.1 Name of Work:- Balance work for Completion of Road from Chakroi to Nowabad via Hansa and Berla by way of construction of 10.00 Mtrs Span RCC Bridge on Chai Nallah on downstream side of road, 0.50 Mtr Span RCC culvert (03 Nos.) and Edge Wall (125 Mtrs) including allied links by way of providing and laying of RBM Filling and 150mm thick WBM Grade-II (Shingling) Under NABARD (2nd Call)

Name of Division :- PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu.

Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs):- 59.63

Cost of Document (In Rs.):- 1000/-

Earnest Money (In Rs.):- 119260/-

Time Allowed for complete on :- 06 Months

Time & Date of Opening of tender :- 29-10-2018 at or after (1300 hours)

Class of Contractor :- "A" Class

- 1/ Date of Publishing from 17-10-2018
- 2/ The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1000 Hrs on 17-10-2018 to 27-10-2018 (1600 Hrs).

Sd/- (Er. S. A Wani)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. I Jammu

No. DIP/J-3297-F/18
Dated:- 19.10.2018

WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/41/2018 Date 19/10/2018

| S. N. | Tender No. | Description of Material | Quantity | EMD (₹) |
|-------|------------|--|------------|---------|
| 935 | 06-18-5058 | Microprocessor Controller For Roof Mounted AC | 47 Set. | 99500 |
| 936 | 03-18-3021 | PLY Wood For General Purpose | 514.2 Sqmm | 6900 |
| 937 | 04-18-1706 | Liquefied Petroleum Gas | 58508 Kgs. | 67000 |
| 938 | 04-18-1718 | Boron Free Non Chromate Type Corrosion Inhibitor | 19740 Ltr. | 66400 |
| 939 | 04-18-1720 | Non Destructive Testing Penetrants | 5373 Set. | 22500 |
| 940 | 15-18-1837 | Bolt For Axle Box Roller | 5373 Nos. | 13400 |
| 941 | 16-17-5045 | Retro Fitment | 40 Nos. | 1000000 |
| 942 | 12-17-5016 | BL Switch | 130 Nos. | 74100 |
| 943 | 22-17-5119 | Set of Axle Box | 1 Set. | 18900 |
| 944 | 04-18-1701 | Industrial Dissolved Acetylene Gas | 12385 Cum. | 60800 |
| 945 | 07-18-5379 | High Availability Single Section Digital Axle Counter (HASSDAC) | 25 Set. | 378900 |
| 946 | 10-17-1230 | 193 SQMM, Hard Drawn Joint Less Grooved Copper Contact Wire | 40000 Kgs. | 500000 |
| 947 | 10-18-5083 | Various size of Copper Conductor Cable | 8000 Mtr. | 17700 |
| 948 | 15-18-0522 | Silent Block For Bolted Design Anchor Link | 7305 Nos. | 79800 |
| 949 | 15-18-1004 | Lower Spring Seat For Axle Box Guide Arrangement | 3647 Nos. | 95900 |
| 950 | 22-18-3287 | EP Contactor Complete | 67 Nos. | 52600 |
| 951 | 23-18-2980 | Clutch Sleeve For Stack Adjuster Type IRSA 600 | 74 Nos. | 700 |
| 952 | 07-18-5378 | Block Proving With Digital Axle Counter Using UFSSBI | 41 Set. | 500000 |
| 953 | 09-18-1745 | AOH Kit For ELGI Compressor | 161 Nos. | 5885 |
| 954 | 22-18-4043 | Set of Dampers | 2 Set. | 16200 |
| 955 | 22-18-5006 | Set of Cable Terminal | 14 Set. | 24300 |
| 956 | 23-18-2283 | Mandatory Kit For IRSA-600 Type Slack Adjuster Consisting of 8 Items | 3284 Nos. | 12700 |
| 957 | 24-18-2540 | Axle Suspension Bearing Oil | 19410 Ltr. | 35200 |
| 958 | 11-18-5026 | Percutaneous Foraminotomy For Neucleotome & Discectomy Set | 2 Set. | 30400 |
| 959 | 24-18-2521 | Gear Case Oil-Camex Compound | 9670 Kgs. | 25100 |

Tender Opening Date for above tenders are, Sr. No. 935: 09.11.2018, Sr. No. 936 to 943: 12.11.2018, Sr. No. 944 to 951: 13.11.2018, 952 to 957: 14.11.2018, 958 to 959: 15.11.2018. Regarding detailed notice containing cost of tender document (non-repud. gov.in) and manual tenders, EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.wrps.gov.in and www.indianrailways.gov.in. Manual offers will not be considered.

For Principal Chief Materials Manager

About items needing new vendors, detailed information is available on portal, "E-exhibition for Vendor Development" on the home page of Western Railway website.

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

KONAKAN IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer,

Hetawane Medium Project Division, kamarli Tal- Pen Dist. Raigad

Email:- eehmpd@rediffmail.com Ph.No. 02143278011/278346

RATE LIST NOTICE

Date:- 12.10.2018

Detailed item wise rates are invited, from accredited consultants/agencies, in two separate envelopes (Forest Clearance And Environmental Clearance) for Samberkund Medium Project (Irrigation Project), Tal.- Ailbag, Dist.-Raigad (Maharashtra) for Environmental clearance & approx. 235 ha. of Forest land clearance from Ministry of Environmental and Forest (MoEF), Govt. of India.

The Rates will be used for the preparation of estimates of Environmental clearance & 235 ha. of Forest land clearance from accredited Consultants/Agencies.

Accredited consultants/agencies should submit their itemwise rates, in two separate envelopes (Forest Clearance And Environmental Clearance) from Period 22/10/2018 to 31/10/2018 to Executive Engineer, Hetawane Medium Project Division, Kamarii, Tal.- Pen, Dist.-Raigad (Maharashtra).

Note:- Right To Reject any /all the rates without assigning any reason thereof is reserved.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Hetawane Medium Project Division,
Kamarli, Tal.- Pen. Dist.-Raigad (Maharashtra)

DGIPR/2018/2019/3764

Saudi admits Khashoggi killed in Istanbul consulate

AFP ■ RIYADH

Saudi Arabia on Saturday admitted that critic Jamal Khashoggi was killed inside its consulate in Istanbul, more than two weeks after his disappearance tipped the kingdom into one of its worst international crises.

The kingdom also sacked deputy intelligence chief Ahmad al-Assiri and royal court media advisor Saud al-Qahtani, both top aides to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman who has faced mounting pressure over the Khashoggi affair.

The admission that Khashoggi died at the hands of Saudi officials after weeks of vehement denials by the Gulf kingdom comes after President Donald Trump said that the United States, which is Saudi Arabia's biggest backer, could impose sanctions if it was proved the journalist was killed.

Saudi Attorney General Sheikh Saud al-Mojeb said Khashoggi died after "discussions" at the consulate devolved into an altercation, without disclosing any details on the whereabouts of his body.

"Preliminary investigations... Revealed that the dis-



cussions that took place between him and the persons who met him... At the Saudi consulate in Istanbul led to a brawl and a fist fight with the citizen, Jamal Khashoggi, which led to his death, may his soul rest in peace," the attorney general said in a statement.

In its first reaction to Khashoggi's confirmed death, the White House said it was "saddened" but made no mention of any possible action against its major ally.

"We will continue to closely follow the international investigations into this tragic incident and advocate for justice that is timely, transparent and in accordance with all due process," White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said.

Turkey will 'reveal whatever happened'

AFP ■ ISTANBUL

Turkey vowed on Saturday to reveal all details of the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi after Saudi Arabia admitted he was killed at its Istanbul consulate, state media reported.

"Turkey will reveal whatever had happened. Nobody should ever doubt about it," said Omer Celik, spokesman for the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), the



Ayman Nour, an Egyptian dissident, second left, and Turan Kislacki, right, head of the Turkish-Arab media association talk to the media regarding Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, near Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Saturday

Anadolu news agency reported. Khashoggi, a Washington Post contributor and critic of the Islamic petro-state's powerful crown prince, was last seen on October 2 entering his country's consulate in Istanbul.

Riyadh's admission came after persistent claims by the Saudi authorities that the journalist had left the consulate alive. Turkish police and prosecutors this week searched both the consulate as well as the consul's residence in Istanbul.

Trump believes Saudi Arabia's explanation for Khashoggi's death

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said Saturday he believed Saudi Arabia's explanation that dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi died in a "fist fight" and termed the arrest of 18 people by the Gulf kingdom "a great first step".

Saudi Arabia on Saturday announced that Khashoggi, 60, died following a "fist fight" at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, without disclosing any details on the whereabouts of his body.

"Preliminary investigations... Revealed that the discussions that took place between him and the persons who met him... At the Saudi consulate in Istanbul led to a brawl and a fist fight with the citizen, Jamal Khashoggi, which led to his death, may his soul rest in peace," Saudi Attorney General Sheikh Saud al-Mojeb said in a statement.

The government said that 18 Saudis had been arrested for further investigation while Deputy Director of Saudi Intelligence Ahmed al-Assiri has been dismissed.

"I do. I do," Trump said when asked about his confidence in the Saudi explanation. "Again, it's early. We haven't finished our review, our investigation. But I think it's a great first step," he said.

Trump said talks with



Saudi officials would continue, including raising some questions about their account of events that led to the death of Khashoggi, and that he would work with Congress to develop a response.

"We are saddened to hear confirmation of Mr Khashoggi's death, and we offer our deepest condolences to his family, fiancée and friends," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said after Saudi Arabia issued the statement.

An investigation in the killing is on.

"The United States acknowledges the announcement from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that its investigation into the fate of Jamal Khashoggi is progressing and that it has taken action against the suspects it has identified thus far," Sanders said.

"We will continue to closely follow the international investigations into this tragic incident and advocate for justice that is timely, transparent and in accordance with all due process," the White House Press Secretary said.

170 killed as violence rocks Afghan polls

AFP ■ KABUL

Nearly 170 Afghans were killed or wounded in poll-related violence on Saturday, officials said, as the legislative election turned chaotic with many polling centres opening hours late — or not at all — due to technical glitches and lack of staff.

In the latest attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a Kabul polling centre, killing at least 15 people and wounding 20, police said, taking the number of casualties across the Afghan capital to 19 dead and nearly 100 wounded.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, but the Taliban said earlier it had carried out more than 300 attacks on the "fake

election" across the war-torn country.

Violence also disrupted voting in the northern city of Kunduz where a health official said three people died and 39 were wounded after more than 20 rockets rained down on the provincial capital.

An Independent Election Commission (IEC) employee was killed and seven others were missing after the Taliban attacked a polling centre several kilometres from Kunduz city, destroying ballot boxes, provincial IEC director Mohammad Rasoul Omar said.

Eight explosions were recorded in the eastern province of Nangarhar, with two people killed and five wounded, the provincial governor's spokesman said.



Afghan men line up to cast their votes, outside a polling station during the Parliamentary election in Helmand province, south of Afghanistan on Saturday

Comoros Army starts operation to disperse rebels: Minister

AFP ■ MUTSAMUDU

The Comoros military on Saturday started an operation to disperse armed rebels who had taken control of Mutsumadu's city centre on the island of Anjouan earlier this week, a Government Minister said.

"The Army has started to take up positions inside the Medina (old city centre), no shots have been fired. The forces are content to secure the Medina so that the population can move freely," said Mahamoud Salim Hafi, who has led the Government response to the uprising.

US-backed Syria offensive kills 35 ISIS fighters

AFP ■ BEIRUT

An offensive by US-backed forces against the Islamic State group's last redoubt in eastern Syria killed 35 jihadists on Saturday, a Britain-based war monitor said.

Twenty-eight IS members were killed in air strikes by the US-led coalition around the town of Hajin, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Another seven jihadists were killed in ground fighting by the Syrian Democratic Forces, who launched a coalition-backed offensive against the IS-held pocket in the Euphrates Valley last month.

Moscow slams US for 'fabricating' election indictment

Moscow: Moscow on Saturday condemned Washington for indicting a Russian woman for interfering in US 2018 elections, saying the accusations were fabricated in order to impose further sanctions on Russia.

"We understand that Washington is fabricating a pretext in order to impose its notorious sanctions once more against our country," deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov was quoted as saying in a statement.

He complained that after previous accusations involving

the 2016 presidential elections won by Donald Trump, "in Washington they are now trying to play the same card ahead of the approaching election day in the US".

On November 6, Americans will vote in midterm congressional elections.

The finance chief of Russia's leading troll farm, named as Yelena Khusyainova, was indicted by the US Justice Department on Friday, becoming the first person to face charges of interfering in next month's vote.

GLOBE TROTTER

BOKO HARAM KILLS 12 FARMERS IN NIGERIA

Kano: Boko Haram jihadists on Saturday hacked 12 farmers to death as they worked on their fields in the volatile northeastern Nigerian state of Borno, civilian militia said.

LANKANS UNHAPPY WITH INFIGHT IN GOVT: MIN

Colombo: The internal squabbling between President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has left the Sri Lankan public unhappy and dissatisfied, a Minister in the ruling coalition Government said on Saturday.

EUROPE-JAPAN, MISSION SET OUT FOR MERCURY

London: Two satellites developed in Europe and Japan are on their way to the Sun's closest planet Mercury. It is likely to take them seven years to reach their destination. The joint endeavour Ariane rocket that launched out of South America on Friday, the BBC said. The probes lifted clear of the Kourou spaceport in Atlantic coast.

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DEMAND NOTICE
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand. Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual interest mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

| S. No | Name of The Borrower / Address/ Co-Borrower And Guarantor Name | Property Address of Secured Assets |
|-------|---|---|
| 1. | 1. Mr. Monish Paul S/O Kishan Chand Paul R/O Flat No. 201 2nd Floor Tower T-15 Park Floors Btse Sec. 76 Faridabad Haryana-121003 Also At: Mr. Monish Paul S/O Kishan Chand Paul R/O 101 Pace City-1 Sector-37 Gurgaon Haryana-122001 Also At: Mr. Monish Paul S/O Kishan Chand Paul House No. 2460, G.F., Sector 16, Faridabad 121001, Haryana Also At: Mr. Monish Paul S/O Kishan Chand Paul 94/65 Aggarwal Farm, Mansarovar, Jaipur-302001, Rajasthan 2. Mr. Rajender Kumar S/O Mr. Budh Ram, R/O House No.-2619, Azad Nagar/Mjesar, Sector-24, Faridabad-121004 Haryana | Fully finished Flat No. T15-201 on Second Floor of Tower T-15, having a super area of 1225 Sq. Ft. (113.805 Sq. Mtrs.) situated in Group Housing project known as park floors, Sector-76, Faridabad Haryana, alongwith the proportionate, undivided, impartible share only in the land underneath the said building in which the said unit is located, together with the right to use and access all common areas, paths, passages, benefits, and advantages, appurtenant whatsoever to the said unit or any part thereof and to hold the same unto and to the use of the Vendee |
| | NPA Date 11-Jun-18 Date of Demand Notice 5-Sep-18 Outstanding Amt (Rs.) As On Date of Notice Rs. 3,705,424/- Loan Amount (Rs.) Rs. 3,782,487/- | Situated within the revenue estate of Village Fajipur Majra, Nimka, Sub Tehsil Targaon, Dist. Faridabad and bounded as under: East: As Per Title Deed, West: As Per Title Deed, North: As Per Title Deed, South: As Per Title Deed |
| 2. | 1. Mr. Mahesh Sharma S/O Sh. Som Dutt Sharma R/O-67D, Pocket-R, Dilshad Garden New Delhi 110095 Also At: - Mr. Mahesh Sharma S/O -Sh. Som Dutt Sharma C/o- MIS Shonkh Technologies Int. Ltd., 12th Floor Indra Prakash Building 21, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi - 110001 2. Mrs. Suman Sharma W/o- Sh. Mahesh Sharma R/O- 67D, Pocket-R Dilshad Garden New Delhi 110095 3. Mr. Krishan Kumar Sharma (Guarantor) R/O - H -269, Alpha-II, Greater Noida U.P. Also At: Mr. Krishan Kumar Sharma (Guarantor) LG Electronic India Private Limited S1, Udyog Vihar, Surajpur Kasana road, Greater Noida U.P. - 4560900 | A Residential DDA Flat bearing No 251-C, Pocket J & K, under MIG Category, lind Floor, situated in the layout plan of Dilshad Garden -110095 and bounded as under: East -As Per Sale Deed, West -As Per Sale Deed, North -As Per Sale Deed, South -As Per Sale Deed |
| | NPA Date 4-Jan-18 Date of Demand Notice 5-Sep-18 Outstanding Amt (Rs.) As On Date of Notice Rs. 11,56,202/- Loan Amount (Rs.) Rs. 1179000/- | Situated within the revenue estate of revenue Village Shekhpura aise Kankhal Pargana Jwalapur, Tehsil & Distt- Haridwar within the limits of Nagar Nigam Haridwar having total super area of 432 sq ft i.e 40.14 sq mtrs and total covered area of 272 square feet. Being one bedroom, one drawing room, one kitchen, one lavrine-bathroom, balcony along with share and interest in the said land underneath the building in which said property is located and in the common areas and facilities provided in the building/ scheme/ complex and bounded as under/According to sale Deed: East -As Per Sale Deed West -As Per Sale Deed North -As Per Sale Deed South -As Per Sale Deed |
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| | NPA Date 10-Apr-16 Date of Demand Notice 29-sep-18 Outstanding Amt (Rs.) As On Date of Notice Rs. 1,480,615/- Loan Amount (Rs.) Rs. 1,108,000/- | |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ co-borrower(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: 21-10-2018, Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd. Place: Delhi

US official: Trump likely to meet with Kim early next year

Washington: President Donald Trump will likely have his second meeting with Kim Jong Un early next year to continue charting a way for the North Korean leader to give up his nuclear weapons in a verifiable way. A senior administration official told White House reporters Friday that a meeting is "likely sometime after the first of the year." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the meeting have not been finalized.

Government Of Maharashtra Office Of The Executive Engineer Medium Project Divisional Unit, Ambadpat-Kual Tal-Kudal, Dist-Sinhudurg, PIN Code-416520
E Mail Address: kundal.mpd@mahatenders.com, Telephone No. 02362-244241
E-Tender Notice No- 2 For 2018-19 (IInd Call)

Online electronic bids in B-1 Form for below mentioned woik is invited by the Executive Engineer, Medium Project Divisional Unit, Ambadpal-Kudal from eligible and capable contractors. Main tender documents are available form Online bid preparation and submission on web site from Dt 05.10.2018 to Dt. 19.10.2018. Any conditional tender will not be accepted

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| Name of work:- | Estimate for Computation of Blue Line and Red Line including marking for Vaghotan, Devgad, Naringe, Achra, Gad, Karli, Terekhol & Tillari River in District - Ratnagiri, Sindhudurga & Kolhapur. |
| Estimated cost put to Tender | Rs. 412.08 Lakhs. |
| Tender documents are available form Online bid preparation and submission | Dt. 22.10.2018 To Dt. 5.11.2018 |
| E-Tender Opening | Dt. 12.11.2018 |

The information regarding Onling electronic bids are below:
1. <https:// wrd.maharashtra.gov.in>
2. <https:// www.mahatenders.gov.in>
(If any change regarding the above tender notice will be available on above web site)
3. Copy to notice board in the office of the Executive Engineer, Medium Project Divisional Unit, Ambadpal-Kudal .
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Medium Project Division Unit,
Ambadpal-Kudal
DGIPR/2018/2019/3776

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Bank
ICICI Bank Limited
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007. Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051 Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext., New Delhi- 110055
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number | Description of property/ Date of Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
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| 1. | Vikas Kumar Sharma / Vie Technology Pvt Ltd / Rajni / LBDEL00002305468 | Third Floor, Property Bearing No. 13/2, Tihar I, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi / 15-10-2018 | April 27, 2018 Rs.56,76,290/- | Delhi |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: 20-Oct-2018 Sd/-
Place: Delhi NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, P.W.D., Sawali Building Ganpat Jadhav Marg Worli Mumbai-18. e-mail : elcentrallmumbai.ee@mahapwd.com Tel. No. 022-24924349

e-Tender Notice No.40/2018-19

Online item rates tenders form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, Worli Mumbai for the following work from Electrical Licence Holder Contractor. B-I e-Tender document can be downloaded from the e-Tendering portal of P.W.D., Government of Maharashtra <http://mahatenders.gov.in> The Executive Engineer, CMED, Worli, Mumbai reserves right to accept or reject any tender. The conditional tender will not be accepted.

| Sr No | Name Of Work | Amount |
|-------|---|---------------|
| 1. | Est no1509 of 2018-19 Providing and Replacement to 2 Nos of Kone Make 8 passageengers (544 kg) capacity Lifts for G-10 upper flors with necessary Electrical installation work in Gulmohar Building at mazgaon Court Compound, Mazgaon, mumbai. | Rs. 5323728/- |
| 2. | Est no. 1513 of 2018-19 Providing Fully Comprehensive Maintenance of 11 to and 22 ton capacity package type Aic-conditioning system at 3rd flr C& D wing and 8th Flr C&D wing, sales tax new building, Mazgaon, Mumbai (3 years) | Rs. 5216016/- |
| 3. | Est no. 1604 of 2018-19- sub Work -3 - Providing VRF Air Conditioning System in the Auditorium at new Administrative Building at sir jj Hospital, Byculia Mumbai. | Rs. 8364717/- |

1 Contactor Should Quote Price Excluding G.S.T. G.S.T upto 12% will be paid Extra.
2 Download/ Sale Period: Date: 20.10.2018 to 13.11.2018 up to 05.30 pm.
3 Bid Opening Date: 16.11.2018 after 02.01 pm. As Possible Time.
4 All information about e-Tender is available on following website, <http://mahatenders.gov.in>
5 (If there will be change in e-Tender Notice, it will be informed on above website)
6 Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, Worli Mumbai for office Notice Board.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Central Mumbai Electrical Division
P.W.D. Wroli Mumbai
EE/CMED/TC/3141/2018
Date: 11/10/2018
DGIPR/2018/2019/3757

ABD BACKS INDIA TO DO WELL IN AUSTRALIA

HARSHIT BISHT ■ NEW DELHI

South African great AB de Villiers believes India "has a very good chance" of beating Australia in the upcoming away series notwithstanding their recent losses overseas.

India played better in South Africa than what they managed in England but ended up losing both the high-profile series.

The batting let India down on both tours but de Villiers backed batsmen to do well Down Under in the four-Test series beginning from 7th December in Adelaide.

"They have a very good chance, to be honest with you. They came to South Africa, probably playing better cricket (but lost 1-2). Lost in England now but once again the first Test was on a knife's edge and could have gone either way, which would have changed the whole complexion of the series," said de Villiers here on Saturday.

"Going to Australia now, I think if they

can keep the fast bowlers fit they have a very good chance. I saw some of the guys were not hundred percent fit (Bumrah and Bhuvnagar but have recovered now). If they can get all the fast bowlers ready, if not the best, they are one of the best bowling attacks in the world at the moment. And we know what the batting unit is capable of," said the 34-year-old.

The former South African international backs Indian batsmen referring them as the best in the world despite their poor outing in England, which cost side way too much.

"India's Bowling attack is one of the best but India's batting lineup is the best in the world. So there's absolutely no problem with the batting lineup amid the poor outing in Eng, that's my opinion. They can't always score 500-600 but we know what they are capable of."

The series opener in South Africa and England were fiercely fought but India failed

to win the crucial moments of the game. De Villiers feels the trend of losing the series opener will have to change if India were to do well against Australia, who will be without their star players David Warner and Steve Smith.

"They have got to take the opportunity, especially going to Australia. If you slip first Test match there, it becomes a snowball. Actually anywhere in the world, the minute you are playing away from home, the way you start is very important. They slipped in South Africa and England and it snowballed (into a series loss)," said de Villiers on the sidelines of Royal Stag Barrel Select Perfect Strokes.

Talking about young Prithvi Shaw, who gained highlights after his brilliant debut against West Indies in the recently concluded Test series. Ab says that young Shaw has got a lot of talent and is going to be a big asset.



"He has got that talent. I have seen him playing well in the IPL and told Virat that this guy is going to be amazing one day. But it doesn't matter what we say and that's what Prithvi believes. We'll see how it goes. He has got a lot of talent within him. He is a fantastic player. He has got a bright future. He just needs to tell himself that he really wants to achieve this."

De Villiers who played alongside Virat in IPL for eight years also praised Virat's captaincy saying that he is a great leader.

"Virat is a fantastic captain. Great leader. He has got a really good mind around the game of cricket. He has learned a lot in the past few years and is growing as a captain. He is someone who Indian player follows."

He also added that Indian skipper is well aware of his game and that what makes him different from the others.

"Virat knows his game very well and

that's the secret of his playing. The best possible of playing cricket is to know your strength and that you can maximize when you are out there in the field. And he knows that well which in turn makes him the best batsmen in the world."

On his remaining cricketing career, de Villiers said he is not done yet and is looking forward to playing South Africa's newly launched domestic T20 league next month. He will also continue to play in the IPL.

"I am pretty happy with my decision (of quitting international cricket) but I am not finished yet. You will see me playing around the world in the next few years. I still love the game but playing 12 months in a year got a little too much for me," he said.

"I had to make a really tough decision. But as they say 'never say never'. You never know what is going to happen in the next six to 12 months. It has been a very intense 15 years," he said.

India look to solve middle-order puzzle

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Formidable India will hope to get more answers for their unresolved middle-order puzzle when they take on a reeling West Indies in the five-match ODI series starting here on Sunday, ticking off the home team's countdown to the 2019 World Cup.

The World Cup in England is less than eight months away and India have 18-odd games left to decide their middle order, mainly the number four position where many have been tried but with little success.

The series will also mark captain Virat Kohli's return to white-ball cricket as he had taken a much needed break during the team's triumphant campaign in Asia Cup.

Kohli is expected try out a new combination in the middle order that will see Rishabh Pant make his ODI debut, following his exploits in the longest format.

The 21-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman, who scored a century at the Oval in his debut series against England, continued his sublime form with consecutive scores of 92 against the West Indies in the two-match Test series.

Brought in the side as a 'specialist batsman' at the expense of Dinesh Karthik, Pant will be under a little bit of pressure to perform from the world go.

The focus once again will be on MS Dhoni, whose batting ability is on the wane and with limited playing time in the middle, the job gets only tougher for the legendary cricketer. However, chief selector MSK Prasad has time and again said that Dhoni remains the first choice wicketkeeper at least till the World Cup.

Dhoni was far from his best in the Asia Cup, scoring 77 runs in four innings with an average of 19.25 and a strike rate of 62.09.

In whole of 2018, he has batted 10 times in 15 matches, averaging 28.12 with a strike rate of 67.36. He will be playing the World Cup in England, a country where he is yet to score a century in 20 ODIs and averages 38.06, a sharp drop from his career average of 50.61.

While the top-three select themselves, the spotlight will also be on Ambati Rayudu, who is expected to bat four and will look to carry forward his fine form of Asia Cup where he amassed 175 runs, averaging 43.75 from six innings. However, time may be running out for Manish Pandey as he is yet to cement his place in the team after making his debut more than three years ago.

India will also have the services of all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja in the lower-order



and in the absence of injured Hardik Pandya, he will have to step-up. The preceding Test series was productive for the southpaw and so was the Asia Cup, where he made his ODI comeback after a year's gap.

Looking at the bowling attack, the spin department will see the potent duo of Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal, while fast bowlers Mohammad Shami and an in-form Umesh Yadav will share the workload in the absence of Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah, who have been rested for the first two ODIs.

Rookie left-arm pacer Khaleel Ahmed, who impressed in the two matches he

played in Asia Cup, will look to grab the opportunity.

Unlike the Tests, the West Indies were expected to be much more competitive in ODIs but they are grappling with multiple woes.

Dynamic opener Evin Lewis has withdrawn from the ODI series citing personal reasons, dealing another blow to the side which is already missing Chris Gayle and Andre Russell.

To make matters worse, coach Stuart Law, who is into his penultimate assignment with the team, will not be allowed in the dressing room in the first two ODIs due to a breach of ICC's code of conduct.

B'desh nervous of Zimbabwe upset

AFP ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza warned his players against complacency ahead of the start of a one day series against outsiders Zimbabwe on Sunday.

Zimbabwe go into Sunday's game in Dhaka as whipping boys of international cricket after losing every match during a recent tour of South Africa.

The visitors have not won a one day international in Bangladesh since 2010.

"If we win everyone will say this is what should have happened. But if we lose they will take it differently," said Mortaza, whose team are seventh in the world rankings against Zimbabwe's 11th.

"It can create pressure at the back of the mind. It's not as though we have never lost to Zimbabwe," Mortaza said the three match series — with two more 50 over games in Chittagong on Wednesday and Friday — would be doubly important as Bangladesh have only four more series to prepare for next year's World Cup in England.

"They have almost all their senior players back and

outside Zimbabwe they have the best record in Bangladesh. So we have to give 100 per cent," he said.

An eight-wicket loss in Friday's warm-up against a Bangladesh Cricket Board XI did not help the visitors' morale, but Zimbabwe captain Hamilton Masakadza



B'desh skipper Mashrafe Mortaza speaks during press conference AP

insisted his side was not dependent.

"We didn't have a great time in South Africa or in the match yesterday. But the main thing is to focus on tomorrow and to focus on the tour and what we have come to achieve," he said.

"We can only go up from where we are and we are really looking forward to this. The guys are upbeat."

Langer urges Australia to think with their feet



AFP ■ ABU DHABI

Head coach Justin Langer on Saturday urged his batsmen to use their feet in Test matches following his side's 373-run defeat against Pakistan, to lose the two-Test series 1-0.

Langer, himself a batsman of great repute, said feet movement is important.

"You talk about the great Australian players they moved their feet like boxers, every one of them," said Langer, who scored 7696 runs in 105 Tests during an illustrious career.

"They had footwork patterns and then from there you have the skill of run-scoring ability. And it's a really important thing."

"Even in T20 cricket or one-day and most certainly first-class and Test cricket when the ball starts moving around, if you don't move your feet then you're going to come unstuck."

Langer termed series loss as disappointing after the first Test fightback.

"I think really, a huge disappointment," said Langer.

"I thought our preparation was brilliant. We came into the first Test really encouraged, really upbeat. We knew we were evenly matched with Pakistan in terms of ages and games played."

Langer admitted key batsman Shaun Marsh was a big flop in the series, managing just 14 runs in four innings.

"Shaun has obviously had a poor series and he knows that. You can see it in his face he knows he's had a poor series," said Langer of the left-handed top order batsman.

"Whether you're making them in T20 cricket or one day cricket or Sheffield Shield cricket or Test cricket. The only currency of value are runs. That's just the truth of it," said the coach.

However, the team has veteran Marlon Samuels, captain and all-rounder Jason Holder and pacer Kumar Roach.

The squad features three uncapped players -- opener Chandrapaul Hemraj, all-rounder Fabian Allen and pacer Oshane Thomas.

The ninth ranked side lost 1-2 to Bangladesh in its last ODI assignment and has not won a series since 2014.

The venue, Barsapara Stadium, will be hosting its second international match after staging the debut game, a T20 between India and Australia last year. The game had made headlines for wrong reasons after the visiting team's bus was attacked on way to the hotel.

SQUADS

India: Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, Ambati Rayudu, Manish Pandey, MS Dhoni, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, K Khaleel Ahmed, Lokesh Rahul, Umesh Yadav.

West Indies: Jason Holder (c), Fabian Allen, Sunil Ambris, Devendra Bishoo, Chandrapaul Hemraj, Shimron Hetmyer, Shai Hope, Alzarri Joseph, Kieran Powell, Ashley Nurse, Keemo Paul, Rovman Powell, Kumar Roach, Marlon Samuels, Oshane Thomas and Obed McCoy.

'RAYUDU'S CONSISTENCY WILL SOLVE MIDDLE-ORDER PROBLEMS'

India captain Virat Kohli on Saturday said his side's middle-order puzzle will be solved if Ambati Rayudu cements his place at the crucial No 4 position in the matches ahead of next year's World Cup.

Kohli said the challenge was only to find someone for the No 4 slot and with Rayudu stepping up for that position in recent times, the batting order is more or less settled.

"The only position we were trying to figure out was number four for a long time. We tried many players who unfortunately could not capitalise or cement their places in a way we wanted," Kohli said ahead of the first one-dayer against the West Indies here on Sunday.

"With Rayudu coming in and playing well in the Asia Cup, it's about giving him enough game time till the World Cup so that the particular slot will be sorted for us," he added.

On the back of a strong performance for Chennai Super Kings in the IPL, Rayudu, who scored 602 runs at an average of 43.00 and a strike-rate of 149.75, had earned a national call-up for the ODI leg of the England tour but was dropped after failing the 'Yo-Yo' test.

But he made a successful return to the Asia Cup in UAE last month and played an instrumental role in India's victorious

campaign.

"The team felt there -- that he (Rayudu) is designed to play that middle order batsman's role. We feel that our middle-order is more or less balanced now," Kohli said.

"We believe he is the right person to capitalise on that spot. He is experienced and has won many games for his state and also in the IPL. He has a great ODI record already for India. I think the batting order is sorted."

India are slated to play around 18-odd ODIs before the World Cup, including the five-match series against the West Indies, beginning at the Assam Cricket Association Barsapara Stadium here.

"Now these 18 games would be to find the perfect combination that we want to take into the World Cup," Kohli said.

Kohli also spoke about young left-arm pacer Khaleel Ahmed, who has been named as the 12th man for Sunday's match, and said it's good to see someone coming up the ranks after a long time since the retirement of Zaheer Khan and Ashish Nehra.

"We don't want to leave any bases uncovered. We thought bringing a left-arm pacer into the mix will give us enough variety. He has the ability to swing both ways and get good bounce as well. He also bowls at a decent pace," he said.

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21 अक्टूबर 2018

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स्वास्थ्य चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

I'm empathetic to a fault. I really do — embarrassingly enough — tear up when someone squishes a bug in front of me — Kristen Bell



3 The Indian Guru in Kenya
The sheer humility of the narration in Narendra Raval's autobiography is impressive, coming as it does from a self-made billionaire in Africa



6 The gaslight effect
There is growing awareness around the signs of coercive control — the psychological abuse of a partner through threats and restrictions



7 Learn to pray properly
Our method of praying has to change from ordering God to seeking His guidance, and we will never be disappointed

FROM THE INSIDE

SRI LANKA

The road to recovery



The island nation has made significant strides after the LTTE's reign of terror ended in 2009. And for that, the country is obliged to former Lieutenant Colonel in Sri Lankan Army, Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, also the younger brother of former President Mahinda. He tells KUMAR CHELLAPPAN how the US and other Western nations played a key role in the 2015 regime change, and how Sri Lanka will never allow its soil to be used by foreign elements to work against India

Once known as the Pearl of Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka has suffered a series of setbacks due to power play and ethnic crisis, which prompted Pope Francis to describe it as the "tear drop in the Indian Ocean". Life in Sri Lanka has undergone a major change from the crisis-ridden period of 1975 to 2009, and the 'tear drop' is slowly but steadily on its way to regain the sobriquet of 'the pearl'. The number of people who lost their lives and property during the period of strife runs into lakhs. Several eminent people, both Sinhala and Tamil, were the victims of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the dreaded terrorist organisation led by Velupillai Prabhakaran. The remnants of the LTTE days are still visible in the island nation, as people are yet to recover fully from the reign of kidnappings, murders, and mayhem. When there were no healthy men to fight as suicide bombers and terrorists, the LTTE forcefully took away children above the age of six and groomed them as young warriors. Even girls were not spared in this coercive recruitment drive. Adele, wife of the then LTTE strategist Anton Balasingham, played a key role in this ghastly drive. After the end of the conflict in May 2009, human rights organisations have been on the warpath with the Sri Lankan Government with demands to declare the army commanders and political chiefs, who led the country during the civil war, as criminals and prosecute them. Although, they never mention Adele or other LTTE leaders, who wreaked havoc all over South Asia. If Sri Lanka is breathing easy and on its way to recovery, it's majorly because of one man. No, it's not Mahinda Rajapaksa, the then President, who led the nation in obliterating the Tamil Tigers who were fighting for secession from the country and demanding a separate Tamil Eelam. The country is obliged to a low-profile former Lieutenant Colonel in Sri Lankan Army, Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, the younger brother of Mahinda.

Till Mahinda became the President in 2005, nobody had heard of Gotabhaya, who had retired from the Army. It was in November 2005 that Mahinda appointed Gotabhaya as the Defence Secretary of Sri Lanka with the mandate to obliterate the LTTE. When he assumed office, the LTTE had emerged as heroes among a section of the global community, who saw in Prabhakaran a combination of Che Guevara

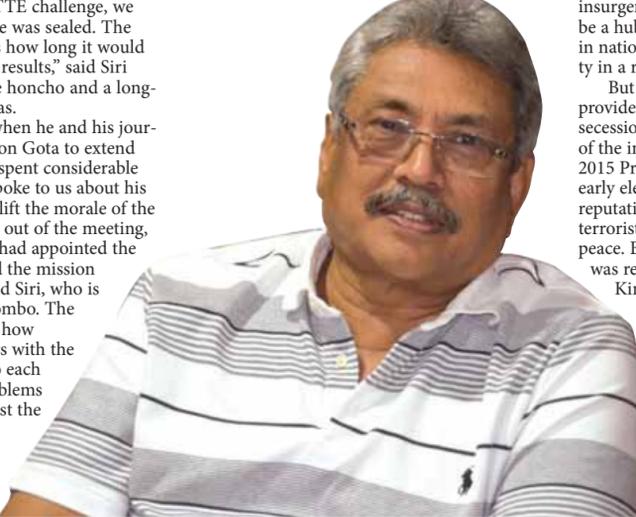
(the Argentine Marxist revolutionary), Ho Chi Minh (the Vietnamese revolutionary), and Yasser Arafat (the Palestine Liberation Organization chief). But Prabhakaran was the embodiment of all that represented evil. The LTTE fought on land, water, and air; its activists died to kill. Any voice different from that of Prabhakaran was silenced.

The media blitzkrieg unleashed by the LTTE across the world portrayed the Sinhalese as a cruel, unethical, dictatorial, and racist regime. The LTTE media had stakes in the media (especially in Tamil Nadu), which portrayed the Tigers as heroes. Pictures of Sinhalese and Tamil children butchered by the LTTE, the Muslims slaughtered by them in Batticaloa, and thousands of Buddhist monks, who were massacred by suicide assassins were conveniently buried by the pro-LTTE media, as well as human rights organisations across the globe.

Gotabhaya entered the Defence Ministry headquarters at a time when the morale of the forces was at its lowest. The LTTE had outnumbered and outmaneuvered the Sri Lanka Army and taken possession of the Elephant Pass, the wild and narrow link connecting the mainland with Jaffna in the north. "The moment he was appointed as the Defence Secretary with the mandate to finish off the LTTE challenge, we knew that Prabhakaran's fate was sealed. The question I asked myself was how long it would take for Gota to give us the results," said Siri Fernando, former corporate honcho and a long-time friend of the Rajapaksas.

Siri recounted the day when he and his journalist wife, Hiranthi, called on Gota to extend Christmas greetings. "Gota spent considerable time with us that day and spoke to us about his challenges and strategies to lift the morale of the forces. By the time we came out of the meeting, we were sure that Mahinda had appointed the right person for the job, and the mission would be accomplished," said Siri, who is leading a retired life in Colombo. The 78-year-old also recollected how Gotabhaya entrusted officers with the responsibility of speaking to each soldier and find out the problems they faced in the fight against the Tigers. "When Gota took charge, he had to deal with some Commanders who he never saw eye to eye with. But Gota was made of dif-

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ferent mettle and the LTTE thoroughly underestimated his abilities," added Siri.

Now Gotabhaya, the soldier, has mel- lowed down. He doesn't speak much because his actions, looks, expressions, and body language are sufficient to make his colleagues understand what is on his mind. Trained in some of the best military establishments in the world, including the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington, Nilgiri, and the Jungle Warfare School in Assam, Gotabhaya is still passionate about his alma mater.

The Sri Lankan forces crushed the LTTE by May 2009, of course, with active and dynamic help from India. The economy of the island nation had been hit severely because of three decades of terrorism. Mahinda, who led the country in its fight against the LTTE, gave a new direction to the economy and development once the civil war came to an end. Massive infrastructure development to make Sri Lanka an El Dorado began in right earnest. The economy gathered pace as the tourism industry flourished in an unprecedented manner. An annual con- clave called the Defence Seminar was organised by the Sri Lankan Army to share with friendly nations its experiences in fighting terrorism and the vast knowledge gained by it in counter- insurgency operations. Colombo turned out to be a hub of disseminating skill and knowledge in national development, prosperity, and security in a regional and global context.

But in spite of the excellent leadership he provided to the country in its fight against secessionism, terrorism, and isolation by some of the international bodies, Mahinda lost the 2015 Presidential Elections. He decided to hold early elections to reap the benefits of his good reputation and the image he had gained fighting terrorists and making the country a haven of peace. But he lost, a la Winston Churchill, who was rejected by the people of the United Kingdom in the 1945 General Election. It was the leadership of Churchill which led the Allies to a great victory in World War II, defeating the then "evils" that included Hitler and Mussolini. (It is another thing that Churchill was called out of retirement in 1951 by the same British people and he served them as the Prime Minister till 1955).

"Don't ask me anything about national politics. I am not in politics and won't be able to tell you anything

about the recent scenario," were the words with which Gotabhaya welcomed this writer to his house. "Tell me about my friend Dr Subramanian Swamy. He is the best friend Sri Lanka has in India. How is he?" asked Gota as we settled into his beautifully arranged office-cum-library.

More than the present-day politics in Sri Lanka, what was haunting the mind was the reason behind Mahinda's defeat in the 2015 polls. "It is something that has to be explained in detail. The result of that election is also an experience we gained in our strides to progress and prosperity," said Gotabhaya before revealing the hitherto untold story. The reasons for Mahinda's defeat are as important as the lessons gained by the outside world from the victories registered by the Sri Lankan Army in its war against the LTTE and holds good for all politicians, irrespective of the region, nation, continent, and the part of the world they belong to.

According to Gotabhaya, Mahinda declared the elections well in advance because he was confident of winning. "It was a winnable election because of a number of factors. Once the LTTE was wiped out, the country lost no time in ushering in an era of development. Economy was progressing and was in a good condition. The entire country was witnessing develop- mental activities on a fast rate. We were doing quite well in agriculture; farmers were getting good prices for their crops and were economi- cally well off. All over the country, there was a feel good factor and the general impression was that it was a winnable time and thus the elec- tion," explained Gotabhaya.

He pointed out that though there were vari- ous forces working against the Mahinda Government, they were a minuscule fraction of the total population. "They unleashed a campaign accusing Mahinda and his family of corruption. They alleged that the Government was authorita- tive and Mahinda's family was calling the shots, which were false and blatant lies," he said.

Mahinda's other brothers — Chamal, Basil, and Namal — are active in politics and were holding important positions in the Government during his tenure as the President. Basil was in the Government not because he was the brother of the President, but because he was the main strategist and brain of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.



LESSONS FROM HYDERABAD AIRPORT

Built economically yet without any compromise on aesthetics or quality, Hyderabad's new Interim International Departure Terminal is a lesson in the development of airports in our country, writes SRINATH RANGARAJAN

It does not take much time to recognise that today's airports are fast becoming hotspots for congestion. The long queues at check-in counters, clogging of boarding gates and associated risks and delays clearly reiterate this. Many of the major airports in India are already operating beyond their capacity and a few more are expected to breach their capacity this year. To refresh our memory, it was only around a decade ago that the new, state-of-the-art airports were built in Bengaluru and Hyderabad with Delhi. A few more are set to join the club. These airports were designed with operational capacities considering the passenger-traffic growth for at least the next two decades. But the unprecedented growth in the Indian aviation industry at nearly 20 per cent every year is crippling our Airport Infrastructure. Added to this, we have the UDAN Scheme of the Government of India to boost regional connectivity which is in turn contributing further to the increased demand.

While India's airport infrastructure needs to take a giant leap, it also needs to be understood that any expansion will take a time of three-four years before the facility gets operational for passengers. With the current geometric progression of the year-on-year growth, any meaningful enhancement of capacity should also address the interim passenger growth that will be taking place in these three to four years in a phased manner.

The recently inaugurated Interim International Departure Terminal (IIDT) building at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad has not got a lot of attention. It is not a giant infrastructure project built with thousands of crores spent over the years. The press coverage on it has also been meagre. Needless to say, it is not something that has sought much limelight. However, there are a lot of things which need to be appreciated in this facility. This terminal building has been carved out of a meticulous planning exercise involving and analysing the pre-

sent traffic growth at RGIA, projected traffic growth, rapid capacity assessments of airside and land-side facilities among others. While analysing these at micro levels, it was observed that passenger traffic is stressed the most at the pre-boarding stage. Thus developed this idea of an exclusive concourse to handle check-in, security, immigration and customs process for international passengers. After completing these formalities, passengers will move into the main passenger terminal building through a connecting corridor from where they will proceed to boarding. The terminal will also have a premium check-in facility from where passengers travelling in business class can avail personalised and assisted check-in process. The terminal also boasts of India's first ever remote, hand baggage screening facility which can increase passenger throughput and reduce the consumption of time at security check.

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national departures, potentially making it completely open for domestic departures. The terminal building is at par with any of the airport terminals in India. The construction techniques employed at every level are designed in such a way that enables this facility to be modified, dismantled or reused for a different purpose in the future. And to make all these aspects significant is the fact that this terminal has been constructed in fast-track mode — it took just six months.

Today, we are living in an India where the demand for infrastructure is burgeoning and the citizens are becoming increasingly aspirational. The demand for enhancing infrastructure is also progressing exponentially and this is something which has its own gestation period to come up. More often than not, the whole situation becomes messy on various accounts while the infrastructure is actually being built. In fact, the issue of catering to the rising interim demand for infrastructure while the actual infrastructure is being built to ensure unin-

dered growth is a ubiquitous phenomenon across all sectors of the economy and it is in this context that we need to understand the importance of innovative ideas like the proposal to come up with an IIDT Building in RGIA which can act as a temporary shock absorber before the big expansion works take shape.

As mentioned by the Civil Aviation Secretary RN Choubey in his speech at the inauguration function, we need more people like GMR Hyderabad International Airport CEO SGK Kishore and GMR Group Business Chairman GBS Raju. Their idea of conducting an exhaustive and meticulous infrastructure planning exercise well in advance and using those results analytically in coming up with innovative ideas is something which needs to be replicated across the board. These are the practices which have the potential of keeping India's economy flying high at all times, without any hindrance.

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The Rajapaksas could not be singled out for bringing family members into politics and the Government. The history of Sri Lanka politics is full of the roles played by family members of the leader, whether it is SWRD Bandaranaike, Sirimao Bandaranaike, Junius Richard Jayewardane or Premadasa. Mahinda ruled with an iron hand and had no pretensions about it. "Those who stay in glass houses should not throw stones at others," said a retired Army commander, when asked about family members dabbling in politics.

But who were the forces behind the media onslaught and false campaign against the Rajapaksa Government? The answer was shocking as it synchronised well with what we see in India. "There were various civil rights groups, leaders of the Opposition, who had a fear psychosis about an impending defeat, and a section of Western countries and groups which worked actively against us," explained Gotabhaya.

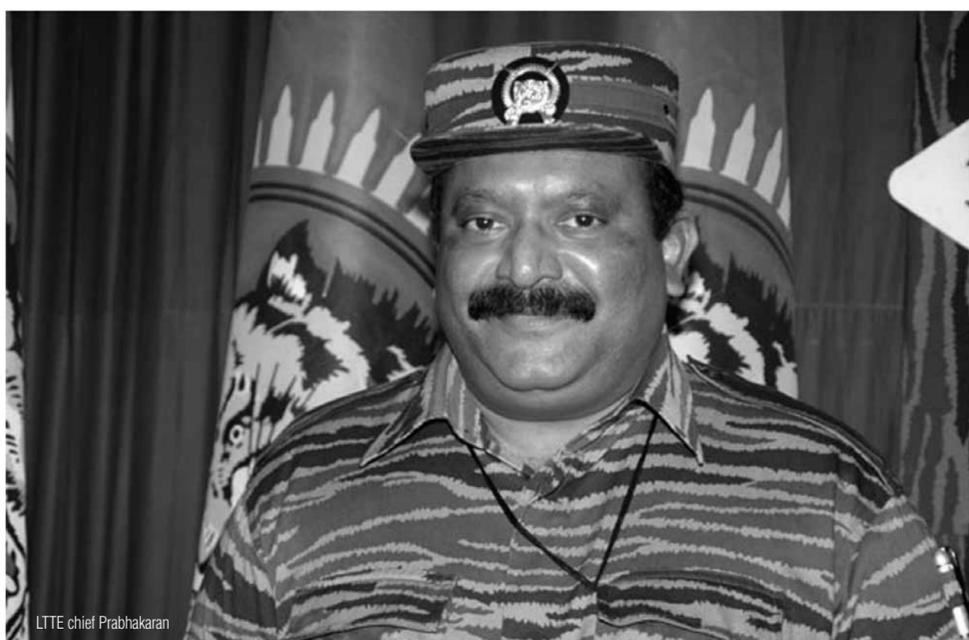
This group worked overtime and created a sense of hopelessness and helplessness among a section of the population. "Their theme was 'good governance'. But they were sure that the Sinhala population would vote only for Mahinda. Hence, they focused on the minorities and Tamils. They conceived and executed a shrewd plan to keep the Muslims away from Mahinda. They even managed to get the help of some extreme Buddhist organisations, which turned the Muslims against the Government," he added.

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He also revealed the role played by urban elites, upper middle class, and a section of the youth in the mission to defeat Mahinda. "These are the sections of the population which go by the promise of good governance and spread bogus allegations against the rivals. This resulted in 95 per cent of the Tamils, Muslims, and the urban elites voting against Mahinda," said Gotabhaya, quoting from the analytical report of the 2015 election results.

The day in and day out campaign was centred on allegations of corruption and accusing a democratic Government of being authoritarian. This campaign proved successful. "More than the capability of the Opposition parties in Sri Lanka, it was the Western powers which planned and executed it," said Gotabhaya, who uses measured and calculated words and phrases, the stiff upper lip culture developed in the Military Academy, perhaps.

Though he was initially reluctant to name the forces which conspired against the then Sri Lankan Government, Gotabhaya finally put the blame on the Barack Obama administration. "The Western nations had a feeling that the Rajapaksa Government was anti-West. The State Department of the Obama administration was dominated by human rights activists. The United States and other Western powers viewed the



LTTE chief Prabhakaran

China factor in Sri Lanka with a different perspective. Our ties with China bothered them," Gotabhaya explained.

The ties between Sri Lanka and China date back to more than six decades. But the US and Western powers felt uncomfortable for reasons best known to them. "They have a lot of vested interests, ranging from commerce, trade, the Indian Ocean, strategic locations, and security. The

involvement of China in the economic development of Sri Lanka also rattled them," he said. Hence, they wanted the Mahinda Government to go. The Opposition parties — which had lost all hope — the urban elites, human rights and civil rights groups, and minorities joined hands with the Western forces, which resulted in Mahinda losing narrowly," Gotabhaya disclosed. This is the first time that the

role of the US and European powers in the 2015 elections has been accepted openly by a powerful person from that administration.

Gotabhaya was an eyesore for those who wanted the division of the island nation. "Let them say whatever they want. That's their freedom and I do not care about it," was his reply when asked about the propaganda against him by the Tamils as well as other

Opposition parties.

There were allegations of India's interference in the 2015 elections in Sri Lanka, and Gotabhaya did not hide his disappointment over them. "We had good relations with the Manmohan Singh-led UPA Government, which was in office till May 2014. The then Government of India helped and supported us in our war against the LTTE. Even the DMK in Tamil Nadu had understood

the seriousness of the LTTE issue and stood by us during the war. But we did not get much time to establish good ties with the new Indian officials, like National Security Advisor Ajit Doval or the Foreign Secretary, after the change of Government in 2014," said Gotabhaya.

He also referred to the "false" campaign by the Opposition on China's role in boosting Sri Lankan economy and security. Mahinda had launched the Colombo Port City project, which would have played the role of a force multiplier. This was done with Chinese investment but strictly under the control of the Sri Lanka Port Authority. "The Opposition and the urban elite claimed that the Hambantota Port had been leased to the Chinese Navy for 99 years, which upset the new Indian Government. The truth was that even in our wildest imagination, we had never thought of such a possibility. But what happened is that the same Opposition, which came to power after the 2015 elections, handed over port to China on a platter," he pointed out.

Mahinda did not make extra efforts to convince the new Government in India about the assurances guaranteed to the UPA administration on the role of China in the island nation. "It is well-chronicled by Shivshankar Menon, the then NSA, in his book *Choices*," said Gotabhaya. In the chapter

titled 'Force Works', Menon wrote: "Security was Gotabhaya's sole preoccupation, which made him sensitive to India's concerns, while his brother Mahinda was much more compliant with Chinese demands, having built a political machine on Chinese money. The basic assurances that Gotabhaya and more reluctantly, Mahinda, gave us were that India's security interests would be respected and that there would be no surprises in Sri Lanka's relations with China. I was assured that there would be no permanent Chinese military presence in Sri Lanka and that Sri Lanka would look to India for most of its military training and intelligence needs."

Gotabhaya, a professional security expert, said his country was and is always conscious of the concerns of India, especially in security related issues. "We will never allow Sri Lankan soil to be used by any foreign elements to work against India. The Indian Ocean and especially the sea lines of communications must be free for all to use without hindrance. Both countries are united not only by the Indian Ocean, but by common historical and cultural ties," said Gotabhaya.

The world learnt a lot from Sri Lanka in how it succeeded in tackling terrorism of the worst kind. It is the ideal time for India to take note of the fact that a Government, which wiped out the last vestiges of terrorism, lost the next elections. There are a lot of similarities between the game being played in New Delhi and the one staged in Colombo; only the language and characters differ.

The sheer humility of the narration in this autobiography of Narendra Raval is impressive, coming as it does from a self-made billionaire and one of the leading private sector lights of Africa, writes GAUTAM MUKHERJEE

The Indian Guru in Kenya



Forewords to this autobiography of Narendra Raval (nicknamed Guru), one of Kenya's greatest industrialists, include congratulatory letters from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has long known Raval, and Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Amherst educated son of the legendary Jomo Kenyatta. Another is from Lord Raj Loomba of the UK, whose charitable foundation Raval supports. The Loomba Foundation helps widows in India, and at the behest of Raval, in Kenya as well.

This book speaks endearingly and conversationally, in Raval's voice. It is cast in inspirational terms, with a plethora of slogans, pieties and bon mots, with a clear belief in destiny. It descends from time to time into a family and organisational scrap book — without however taking anything away from the impressive tale at its core.

Raval was born in a joint family in the tiny village of Mathak in the Halvad Taluka of Surendranagar district of Gujarat, the gateway to Saurashtra. His father and family were thrown out of the prosperous family home by his grandfather before Raval turned 10. Raval's early years were spent dodging school and book knowledge, not only while in his father's care, but elsewhere in Gujarat, with his maternal grandparents, and maternal uncles. A key turning point was his induction as a priest into the Swaminarayan sect. It became

something of a lifelong association and network for him. It began in his late teens, as a priest, first in Bhuj, and later in Nairobi, when he was sent to a Kenyan temple. It laid down the basis of his freelance priestly work carried out later at Nakuru, a Kenyan hill resort. It also has a good deal to do with his own spiritual outlook and honesty, his caring attitude towards employees and colleagues, animals and birds. All this combined with Narendra Raval's extraordinary abilities in palmistry and astrology that made him much sought after in the Gujarati business circles in Kenya and the UK.

It was at Nakuru where the young Brahmin priest began to be called Guru for the first time. This, both for his priestly and astrological skills, the latter learned initially during his time at the Bhuj

Swaminarayan Temple.

It was also at Nakuru where he met President Daniel Arap Moi for the first time in rather mundane circumstances when he had tagged along with technicians who had gone to fix the President's TV.

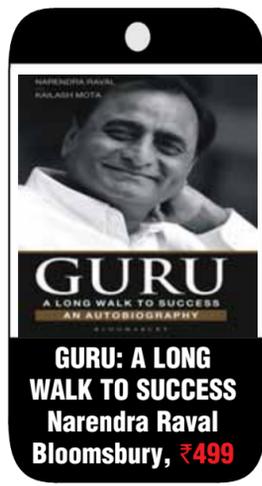
He was invited, soon after, to live in as resident priest and spiritual adviser by the owners of Kenya's most successful steel rolling mills — the Kikuyu Steel Rolling Mills in Nairobi. Raval was thus introduced, in his early twenties, to an opulent business environment by the Dayabhai H Patel family.

He started going to the office with the head of the family, and learnt about the steel rolling business in all its aspects. By the time, not very long after, this family sold up and went their separate ways, to the US, UK, and elsewhere, Raval had his basic grounding in the steel

business. He also had a renewable work permit for Kenya.

Next, Raval teamed up with some of his Nakuru friends who ran a hardware business — Delta Hardware, and persuaded them to open a Nairobi branch for wholesaling. Introducing more and more steel items to the mix out of his knowledge at Kikuyu, Raval gradually took the business national, started importing quota regulated items, and grew Delta Harware to the biggest business in its field in Kenya. But Raval was not a shareholder, nor did he work for a salary. The very growth he induced led to the split and closure of Delta by its four partners. By now Raval had also got married to Neeta, a qualified chemist. Though so much had happened, he was only 23 and not yet a Kenyan citizen.

In Raval's life, many turns for



the better, it is seen, was always preceded by being sent back to square one. Married and almost penniless, Raval resolved to set up for himself, opening the "Steel Centre" in the name of Neeta who was a Kenyan citizen already. They rented a warehouse in a new business district of Gikomba in Nairobi, even though it was in a rough neighbourhood.

But in four years, between 1986 and 1990, the business had grown to Kenyan Shillings 1 million. Raval found finance from wealthy friends and friendly bankers, all due to his priestly work of yore and his ongoing astrology that he still dispensed to help many people free-of-charge.

By 1993, Steel Centre in turn was now the largest hardware trading business in Kenya encompassing wholesaling and retail as

well. The two existing steel rolling mills in Kenya could not keep up with demand, and so, Raval resolved to set up a steel rolling mill of his own. The Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) was instrumental in both financing Raval's move into manufacturing (Devki Steel Mills Ltd.) and seeing it through to stability by 1996. And meticulous accounting, he says is: "The heart and soul of your business. A small error, if not nipped in the bud, can bring down a well established business". Gradually, Narendra Raval expanded, acquired, diversified, and backward integrated, growing his businesses into the "one stop manufacturer for all infrastructure products" he dreamed of. This, in time, meant Steel, Building Materials, Cement, and spreading out into the counties neighbouring Kenya as well.

NEW ARRIVALS

MODI AND MARKETS
Dhiraj Nayyar
Westland, ₹599



India is the fastest growing major economy in the world. This momentum needs to be sustained for the next 30 years. Fortunately, a solid foundation is now in place. No country has prospered without the leadership of private enterprise; few have prospered without a political leadership that delivers key public goods. Most importantly, many countries have faltered at the altar of crony capitalism, or stagnated under the spectre of a corrupt and listless political leadership.

THE NEXT PERSON YOU MEET IN HEAVEN
Mitch Albom
Sphere, ₹499

Fifteen years ago, in Mitch Albom's beloved novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, the world fell in love with Eddie, a grizzled war veteran-turned-amusement park mechanic who died saving the life of a young girl named Annie. Eddie's journey to heaven taught him that every life matters. Now, in this magical sequel, Mitch Albom reveals Annie's story. The accident that killed Eddie left an indelible mark on Annie. Injured, scarred, and unable to remember why, Annie's life is forever changed as she is whisked her away from the world she knew.

THE GUILTY FEMINIST
Deborah Frances-White
Virago, ₹499



This really is the "everything you have always wanted to know about feminism but were afraid to ask" manual. In 2015 I described myself as 'guilty feminist' for the first time. My goals were noble but my concerns were trivial. I wanted desperately for women to be taken seriously in leadership roles all over the world, but I also wanted to look good sitting down naked. A funny, joyful, frank and inspiring book about embracing both feminism and our imperfections, from the creator of the hit comedy podcast, Deborah Frances-White.

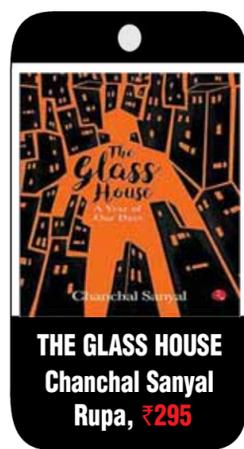
The dream of owning a house for those who do not is a dearly cherished one. But since there is no gain without pain, the dream, usually, is hardly accomplishable without hardships. The gain of a house is fraught with multiple challenges, stressful factors, and even nightmarish uncertainties. Chanchal Sanyal, in his debut novel *The Glass House*, takes a keen look at the house-owning dream — its difficulties, its fragility that is indicated by the title itself, and even its necessity.

The protagonist couple — college lecturer M.B. and his wife, fashion designer Roshni — are young urban Indians, living in Delhi and seeking to gain a house in Gurgaon, part of the National Capital Region of India. As the subtitle to the novel — *A Year of Our Days* — aptly indicates, the story stretches to about a year in the lives of the protagonists and relays accounts of everyday struggles of contemporary urban living. The narrative charts the frustrations associated with the protagonists' house-building, including politics, legal stays, unkept promises of the builder, charges added at a later stage, and risk of having invested years of savings and of having taken on the additional burden of EMIs. M.B.'s successful NRI elder brother Tubluda justly comments, "This middle-class housing game in India is not liberation, it is enslavement." (p.103)

Besides, thwarted ambitions, relationship matters, extramarital affairs, misplaced suspicions and misunderstandings, prejudiced notions that steer relationships the wrong way, and workplace politics all form part of the narrative, making it a complex and therefore, fitting — in view of what life for many is today — portrayal. Sanyal employs his acute observation and his wide-ranging experience of dealing with people in different capacities, having gained exposure to varied domains professionally, to shape his characters. Although he plays with stereotypes often, there is no ringing of a jarring note. His understanding of the intricacies of

The fragility of dreams

For young professionals chasing goals of house ownership, this novel provides consideration-worthy perspective, writes RONICA WAHI



relationships and the cracks that lie beneath smooth surfaces of relationships is sharp, and so is his understanding of perspectives and motivations of people in distinct stations of life.

Among the most interesting aspects of the novel is Sanyal's discussion about Delhi-NCR. His portrait of Delhi is accurate, not only because it has factual correctness, but also because it is unbiased; this portrait lays bare the city's faults and evils alongside its merits. The portrait is also powerful since it shows the love of its creator despite such absence of bias. The truth of the claim in Sanyal's short biography that greets the reader on the first page of the book — "The city and its peoples are of endless

fascination to him" — is revealed as the reader progresses through the book.

M.B., also the novel's narrator, is a lecturer in History and he, fittingly in view of his inclinations, reveals fascinating aspects of the history of the city's geography and popular places. Imagination of what life would have been at a particular place for some individual in times past adds a different dimension to and as if brings alive mere historical facts. He comments on the resilience of Delhi, despite the destructive "development", failed key infrastructural projects, and pollution in and around it, though as he feels despondent in a later portion of the narrative, he imagines Delhi finally surrendering. He particu-

larly dwells, with wit and sarcasm, on the haphazardness of the development in Gurgaon where he and his wife invest all their money for a flat.

The novel takes the readers through the happenings of one year — the point of beginning being the first month of the year and the initiation of the buying process. Events and emotions are recorded in intervals of twenty-one days that make up the parts of the whole up to "Day 379"; just "Day 337" gets three parts — the space accorded sufficiently indicates that multiple important bits are discussed in these. With such division of intervals, the story progresses at a good pace, with recollections making up a major chunk, recollections of the pre-

ceding three weeks to the day discussed as well as of occurrences from the past years of the characters' lives.

With recollections mesh in thoughts, imaginations, and asides of the male protagonist-narrator, and charted are also journeys of learning, growth, hope, and realisations, all gained through happenings and conversations. Despite the gloom over the fate of the flat, hope lingers and the reader wishes for a happy closure as M.B. comments and voices the ardent hope of so many to be able to claim, "This is the permanent address that all government documents keep asking for." (p. 148). The novel says that with the uncertainty of life, getting bogged down by situations is ill. Though certainly important to lead meaningful lives, goals must not determine whether we remain happy. Insights about many aspects of life are also thrown in — for instance, M.B. says for decisive leadership, "Clear instructions with no options, yet, delivered as a request." (p.161)

While the dream, challenges, hesitations, and fears are identifiable, so is M.B. for young urban professionals and particularly for those with academic pursuits. Even the "inverted snobbery of the intellectual for the materially successful" (p.4) that makes M.B. call his rich and imposing landlord "FatBun" is not alien.

The language, wordplay, imagery, and metaphors are vivid and colourful. One interesting comparison is of the "rivers of traffic" in Delhi to those natural streams of water that are referred to as rivers. There are meditations on how English is used by Indians, and the mutated, amalgamated language that many Indians use in their individual ways. Though the text is produced well overall, there are some punctuation errors and typos.

The house-owning dream, despite its fragility, has power enough to keep people ensnared. The novel compels a close look into what must truly matter, ending on a strong note that demands some introspection.

Nascent Gorakhpur Literary Festival



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Many literary festivals wane, become dull and then pale into insignificance mainly because of lack of transparency and dominating vested interests. But lovers of literature hope every such festival held in Gorakhpur will act as a stepping stone for the next. Gorakhpur Literary Festival should in due course reach out to pacifying effect of literature and should aim at achieving what Seamus Heaney wrote, "You've listened long enough. Now strike your own."

The market has changed; these days there were more writers than readers. Everyone was speaking at once while no one heard as in an asylum. The only books people read were diet books, cookery books or exercise books. People didn't want to improve the world, they only wanted better bodies.

— Hanif Kureishi in his novel *THE LAST WORD*

Rita Srivastava lives in Gorakhpur. She is a teacher, TV personality and an accomplished announcer. During 1976-78, I was her classmate in graduation in DAV Degree College Gorakhpur. Sometime back, I got a message from her requesting me to attend Gorakhpur Literary Festival in October 2018. That was how I came to know about this literary event though unfortunately I could not attend it. In this article I aim at stipulating a general framework for literary festival like Gorakhpur's which is in its nascence. Different people form different notions about places they are not well acquainted with. People know Gorakhpur because they have chosen to learn of its fame or absence of it based on what they have read or heard about the place. Unfortunately in the absence of effective defence against such notions, people believe that the image of Gorakhpur despite a few noteworthy literary and other artistic accomplishments, more or less, has not improved much. VS Naipaul, whose mother hailed from some village in Gorakhpur leaving it in late 19th century to settle as indentured laborers in Trinidad before good fortunes started dawning upon Naipaul, had no demur, after visiting Gorakhpur around early sixties of last century, in describing it as a "half-made" and "unorganised society". In that "unorganised society", literature boomed; thoughts got propelled out of writers and we have had literary giants like Munshi Prem Chand and Firaq Gorakhpuri — one writing novels in Hindi; the other poetry in Urdu. English continues to be an anathema. Two things have emerged out. First after these two legendary writ-

ers, there is not the third, not only from Gorakhpur but also from entire eastern Uttar Pradesh, who can claim a status akin to either of them. Not that, there are no literary activities. There are writers but their writings are confined to closed literary groups or a few selected local newspapers. Second, I am not aware of any literary piece worth its salt in English from Gorakhpur. Some very enthusiastic readers may accuse me of feigning ignorance. I will like to be enlightened about a few. Self-critique is the best form of defence. It is the best disinfectant. The doubting Thomases can spare sometime to scan the literary scene in Kerala and Odisha to see for themselves how vibrant these places are when it comes to matured literary activities and literary personalities.

Amitav Ghosh is a highly rated writer though I am more comfortable with the books by writers like Raj Kamal Jha, Pico Iyer and Amitava Kumar. But Amitav Ghosh stands head and shoulders above his peers in as much as he shuns literary festivals, never raring to showcase his face before a crowd a majority of which hardly understand what literary books are all about. His articulated views are well expressed in his essay *Festivals and Freedom*. The essence of this essay is: Books are important; not their authors. "Public spectacles are a sideshow". Great. The relationship between writers, their books and readers gets evolved not in such places of public rendezvous but in private, in isolation where only the book and the reader exist. The message being conveyed here is simple. Faces and personalities vie with each other to decorate the dais in literary festivals. This restricts the scope of such festivals. Should a ravishingly beautiful young actress or a model inaugurate or address a literary festival unless she herself is a literary tour de force? The lines cited in the beginning from Hanif Kureishi's novel confirm the mish-mash between what present day readers prefer to read and what ought to be happening in any literary gatherings. Tastes of readers defy logic behind literary festivals. People



oftentimes don't understand that not all books penned: fiction, non-fiction, poetry or any genre get classified in the category of literary books. The organisers of such literary events ought to be as careful with selection of writers as selection of books or themes. Ensuring a judicious mixture of really known writers and really known books, with a few from aspiring writers factored in between, is the sine quo non for those responsible to host such events. Unfortunately many literary festivals are driven by presence of "vested interests" and "coteries" and only some really serve the objectives of literature and literary events.

Likewise, for many writers not so established, social media sources have become potent instruments for the display of grandeur of achievements and these writers unfortunately fall a victim to walking on the air syndrome, unmindful of the fact that these portrayals imparting joyously rapturous feelings leave momentary visual impact on viewers. Unfortunately they carry the impression that attending such functions tantamount to zenith of their literary pursuits. One is really amazed when confronted with 30 years old writers with twenty books of poetry (mostly self-published or published through non-descript publishers) to their credit. One can

easily guess what these books would be like and what damage may ensue if the ilk of such writers decides the destiny of literary gatherings.

Late twentieth century was and twenty first century is going to be the age of clash of ideologies. World over many ideological battles are being fought on various fronts. Modern literature is privy to onslaught ideological differences bestowed upon human mind. Freedom of expression by thinking minds continues to be a subject of heated discussion. Literary festivals are occasions when concepts like freedom of expression with logical limitations, issues of identity, fragmentation of personality, increasing sense of isolation as culled out from literary sources, can be ruminated over.

Literary festivals too are solemn calling providing writers and artists an outer world so vital to their inner creative works. A new door gets opened or a new path is entered upon. The memories, thoughts, experiences, feelings, criticisms shared on these platforms may make some, to use Ted Hughes phrase, "luminous at the core of their mind". Buzzing with debates and discussions, realisation of self-worth may emanate from genuine interactions here. More questions ought to be raised than answered. More doubts should get scattered to be

pondered over in times to come. No piece of writing is the end of literature and therefore what is the best stays buried in unknown arenas of human unconsciousness. No brave claims should be made to improve or modify the society, for writers are least equipped to perform this assignment. They must not assign this assignment to themselves.

The objective of thinking about larger issues society is encountering should not be lost in the humdrum sound and fury of big names and big books. Oftentimes, the untidy, the weird, the oddball forms of art and literature have to be accommodated in order to give a proper and bigger representation to literary skills. To what extent differing points of view can be resolved into a coherent order of art is something these gatherings should strive for. Moments of insight should figure during discourses. Literature gives society a vantage point; it paves the way for seeing new or afresh. A sound literary festival should be able to accommodate the unruly, the unmanageable and the discordant. It must allow at least serious participants to rein in what American poet and critic Robert Pinsky calls, "inward motion of another mind".

In absence of adequate number of men and women of letters and literary material, many literary festivals the very next day or even in the

post-lunch session of the first day, succumb to less important activities like reciting of local singers locally manufactured songs or turn out to be venues for local *mushairas* or still worse panel discussions on themes which have nothing to do with any form of art. Chattering classes are left with no choices. The sheen is lost. Exploring the unadorned past and contemporary literature making a foray into themes like backwardness, casteism, gender discrimination and insensitivity, regional disparities, terrorism, sexual harassment, incurable diseases, etc., will make pungent material for deliberations and thus consume significant time of events. For this organisers' penetrating gaze should be able to sift the grain from the chaff. Making general plebeians aware of these issues should serve the objectives of a literary festival. Forging connections between writers and masses is essential for any literary festival to succeed.

Taking a clue from Kureishi's lines, I feel tempted to recall a small anecdote before conclusion. I told one of my university mate long associated with academia in Gorakhpur about VS Naipaul's ancestors coming from Gorakhpur. Came out a benign question, "Who is Naipaul?" I tried to quench his thirst. A more benign remark ensued and ended the conversation, "*Uske jaise bahut hain yehan*." (Many like him are here.) The problem lies not with his question but his astute observation made later. When ignorance and arrogance blend, they make excellent bedfellows. Major apprehension emanates from such blending. It poses great threat to any creative ventures.

Of late, it is learnt that Gorakhpur is witnessing much desirable progress on many fronts. This should sustain literary activities. The organisers of Gorakhpur Literary Festival deserve kudos and appreciation for their seminal efforts to organise it. Coming from that place, I can guess how difficult organising it can be. All those in responsible positions should support, by all means, Gorakhpur Literary Festival. The organisers should not be overawed by "big lit-

erary festivals" in India and elsewhere nor should they mimic any of these. Any efforts at these would be narcissistically wallowing in an exercise in futility. To begin with Gorakhpur Literary Festival organisers should open its website stating clearly what its vision and mission statements are. The charter should be clearly laid out along with a brief description as to how the organisers are going to achieve the objectives and raise funds. Most importantly the website should provide facility for public to give their feedback on issues connected with activities of the festival. Transparency must not be surrendered nor any group or coterie must hog its activities. Many literary festivals wane, become dull and then pale into insignificance mainly because of lack of transparency and dominating vested interests. Notwithstanding, lovers of literature hope every such festival held in Gorakhpur will act as a stepping stone for next one: well crafted, gleaming, both lighthearted and intensely serious and enthralling. Gorakhpur Literary Festival should in due course reach out to pacifying effect of literature and should aim at achieving what Seamus Heaney wrote, "You've listened long enough. Now strike your own." A great objective would be served if this literary festival succeeds, even in a very limited way, in seducing both the participating writers and audience to engage with society's interior melee and sharpen the focus towards mitigating the melee.

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PERSPECTIVE

Energising the third world with innovation

Keeping in mind the Global Innovation Index 2018, the demand for energy needs to be met with a sustainable solution. Untapped energy sources must be discovered. But then the burden of relocating and processing these should not fall on the poor. True innovative efforts are those which send benefit to the lowest rung of society. In India, this is very vital.

The Global Innovation Index (GII) released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) aims to give innovation multi-dimensional aspects. It offers various tools which can be used to shape policies to spearhead long-term output growth, enhanced productivity and job growth. It is unique mechanism that can create an ambience wherein elements of productivity are continually examined.

The 2018 GI Report, which covers about 126 countries, highlights the ranking of innovation capabilities and results. These economies represent 90.8 per cent of the world's population and 93.6 per cent of the global GDP. And this year's edition of the GI is based on the theme "Energizing the World with Innovation". At a time when the population is rising at an alarming rate, the amount of natural resources are fast exhausting around the world. The demands of our industrial societies are increasing day by day whereas the supply of natural resources is on precipitous decline. While they do occur naturally, it might take hundreds of thousands of years to replenish them or it may so happen that they may not be reproduced forever. What we all require is innovations so as to reap benefits from our existing and untapped resources around the planet. The GI 2018 Report says: "Higher levels of technological and non-technological innovation are required to meet this demand, both on the production side of the energy equation (alternative sources, smart grids and new advanced energy storage technologies) and on the consumption side (smart cities, homes and buildings; energy-efficient industries; and transport and future mobility). Innovation plays key roles

on both sides." But the report rightly delineates that technological innovation is not the only solution. What is demanded is "changes in societal norms and cultures along with innovations in organisational processes".

In a global age, purely driven by super connectivity, higher technology and superior human intellect, energy is believed to have held the key for every nation. Without adequate supply of energy, no nation can tap its opportunities for further development. It's time to focus on the critical issue of energy access from production to storage, and from transportation and distribution stage to consumption patterns. The GI Report concludes that supply does not commensurate with the global demand for energy needs. It further highlights the need for a sustainable solution to address the issue. Norbert Schwieters, Barry Jaruzelski and Robert Chwalik mention in the report that an estimated 1.2 billion people worldwide are living without electricity, and 2.8 billion without clean and safe cooking facilities. This demands global concerns and solutions. It is clear that across the globe traditional energy frameworks are undergoing fundamental changes as demands and supplies for energy are unmatched. What is critical here is that private sector investment will play a critical role as this new systems take shape, both from traditional utilities, many of which are seeing this new way forward as an opportunity rather than disruption and from the start ups and from the entrepreneurs developing and applying new technologies in the renewable space. It so happens that in vast part of the world, companies are implementing projects, often in close collaboration with pub-



lic sector enterprises which show the transformative potential of these new innovations.

Hence, "energy for all" is a goal worthy to be achieved at any cost. But then the issue is to bridge the existing gap between innovation goals and tangible societal benefits. It's a serious challenge. It demands cooperation from both the Government and private sectors accompanied by civil society support. Then only innovative efforts can be successful, particularly in developing society like India. It needs to

be seen how and what can really foster innovations in a globalised world.

It was widely believed that globalisation would lead to innovations. Competition is supposed to spur immediate innovations and related activities. Probably the most counterintuitive research finding was that massive competition from giant foreign firms has a complete negative effect on product innovations around the world. Those who suffered the most were the domestic companies and firms that do not have easy access

to a multi-national supply chain or other resource facilities available for a health business environment. It was found by top research groups that firms at local rather than national level markets were less likely to innovate. Big firms were likely to innovate more than the smaller ones; on the other hand state-owned enterprises are less likely to innovate than their respective private-owned counterparts, particularly in the field of new and emerging product development.

Also it was found that firms with a large number of college graduates were globally more effective on innovative efforts. But firms with highly skilled workers have a mixed impact on innovations. Finally, that firms with higher capacity utilisation i.e. those that sell everything they make, have lower innovation index than their less efficient counterparts. Thus it can rightly be said that in emerging economies, forces of globalisation can be counterproductive for innovations. However it has been observed that easy access to supply chain and business friendly environment in such countries can surely help in fostering innovations. So globalisation and post-globalisation forces are not purely creating anti-thesis for innovations. What matters most is that firms or industries operate within a range of efficiency and increased competition associated with liberalisation and globalisation has different effects on firms/industries depending on their level of technology. This has brought home the message that technology at this age makes more impact while even innovating at the local level.

There is a huge innovation divide that has been brought out by the GI Report to the world. Countries like India requires

working out its way while competing with its neighbour China. For us what we need is a stable polity supported by an environment less influenced by natural calamities and more business friendly. With a huge skilled young workforce and emerging market, India can definitely shine better than many of its counterparts in the developing world. But then growth and development is not all about access to economy and technology. It is also about what flows back to society and how common man gets benefitted by all these. At the end of the day, basic minimum resources should be accessible to the needy. The gap between the rich and the poor should be minimised. True innovative efforts are those which send benefit to the lowest rung of the society. In India, this is very vital.

Keeping in mind the GI Report 2018, the demand for energy needs to be met with a sustainable solution. This will in turn help in enhancing innovative efforts around the world. Untapped energy sources must be discovered. But then the burden of relocating and processing these should not fall on the poor. What we need is a fair deal at the end so as to see to it that global innovation divide is lesser and lesser in coming days. Isaac Newton rightly highlighted the importance of innovation and creativity simply by saying, "If I have seen further, it is standing on the shoulders of giants." It is all about the massive streams of innovations left behind by our elders, we are simply surviving and making progress in our daily life.

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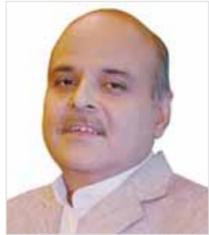


THERE'S BEEN MACHO TALK ABOUT COUNTRIES SURVIVING A NO-DEAL BREXIT; IT CREATES SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS — SIMON COONEY

Elections in five States: Grand alliance talks on hold for now

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Al talks on the grand alliance of the Opposition parties have been put on the back burner for now, and no one will talk about a united front until the results of elections in five States are out. In fact, the Opposition parties are not even talking to each other about the *mahagathbandhan* these days. The parties, which have nothing to do with the elections in five States, say the decision on alliances will be taken only after the results. The BJP has already told its alliance partners that Amit Shah is busy with the elections, so discussions over seat sharing and the alliance formula will be held only after the results. This has also been conveyed to Nitish Kumar, but despite this, the JDU leaders are saying that the seat-sharing announcement will be made soon.

There's another reason why the grand alliance talks have been put on hold. The Congress President Rahul Gandhi is engrossed in the elections of five States, with the party facing a do-or-die situation. It is leaving no stone unturned in campaigning. That is why the parties — which will be going with the Congress, but have nothing to do with these States — have put the talks on hold.

Amid this, there is news that BSP supremo Mayawati has talked to Akhilesh Yadav over phone. Ajit Singh, leader of the RLD, has also spoken to both leaders. However, the final decision will be taken only after the elections. From the alliance point of view, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra are the other important States after Uttar Pradesh. But in these States, there are no talks of alliance as of now. In fact, all regional stalwarts are waiting for the results of five States. The Congress and BJP will also wait for results because after that the political picture of the country will change drastically.

If the BJP fares well, it will either go with the JDU in Bihar and the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra on its own terms and conditions, or it will go alone in both States. If the BJP's performance is dismal, then both the JDU and Shiv Sena would impose their conditions on the party. In the same manner, if the Congress does well, the *kshatrapas* will have to go into alliances on the party's terms. In case the Congress doesn't do well, then it will have to kneel before the SP, BSP, RJD, NCP, TMC, DMK, and TDP.

THE BIGGEST OPPN ALLIANCE

Whatever be the result of five States, one thing is clear from the present political scenario: The Opposition is going to form the largest alliance in



Maharashtra. The Congress and its oldest ally NCP are reaching out to each and every small and big party, trying to persuade them to join the Opposition bandwagon. The Congress and NCP have finalised their alliance partners. Though the seat-sharing formula has not been decided, some arrangement is ready and has already been discussed. Both parties will stick to the old formula. The BSP and Raju Shetti's party will also join the Congress and NCP, and will get one seat each from the latter's quota.

Now, the Congress is talking to Prakash Ambedkar's party for a tie-up. On the other hand, the NCP is in talks with Raj Thackeray's MNS. Though the Congress is not ready to take the MNS into the alliance, Sharad Pawar might have other things in mind. The NCP chief might persuade Raj to either not fight the Lok Sabha Elections or field such a candidate who will pose a threat to the candidates of the BJP and Shiv Sena. Apart from that, the Congress and

NCP are also reaching out to the Left parties and AAP. Though these parties don't have much hold in Maharashtra, an alliance will be finalised with them and they will be given a chance to fight the Assembly Elections. A similar arrangement can be made for the SP as well.

THE STRATEGY OF AAP

The Aam Aadmi Party has announced the name of in-charges of all seven seats of Delhi. People are saying that these seven leaders will be the Lok Sabha candidates of the party. While announcing their names, it was said that they would be declared as candidates at the right time. But sources say that these names can be changed at the last moment. That means their names as Lok Sabha candidates are not final.

This must be noted that in the last Lok Sabha polls, the AAP candidates were on the second position, after giving a tough fight to the BJP. But interestingly, the AAP has decided to not give tickets

to any of the leaders who were in the fray last time. Anand Kumar has already been thrown out of the party, while Ashutosh and Ashish Khetan have also left. Rajmohan Gandhi is facing the age barrier, and MLA Devendra Sherawat is considered a rebel. Rakhi Bidlan is the Deputy Speaker in the Assembly, but the party will not give her a chance to fight. Jarnail Singh will also not contest.

This time, the AAP has given a chance to Dilip Pandey instead of Anand Kumar, Atishi Marlena in place of Rajmohan Gandhi, Raghav Chadha in place of Devendra Sherawat, Brajesh Goyal in place of Ashish Khetan, and Rajpal Solanki in place of Jarnail Singh. They have been made in-charges for five Lok Sabha seats. In North-West Delhi, Gagan Singh Ranga has been made in-charge of the party in place of Rakhi Bidlan. In place of Ashutosh, Pankaj Gupta has been made in-charge for Chandni Chowk seat. Party sources say that many of them are new, so they can

be changed before the elections. This is also being said that if an alliance is finalised with the Congress, then three seats can go to the other party.

'NO ENTRY' FOR BJP IN UP

There is a new headache for the BJP in UP. People have started opposing leaders, MPs, and MLAs of the party in many places. It started in April and has now become a common feature in both east and west UP, where people have put up 'no-entry' boards. It's common to spot a hoarding with a warning to the leaders and workers of the party to "not be seen anywhere in the area". In Shivkuti of Prayagraj, such signages cropped up after the Unnao and Kathua rape cases. Now, the no-entry campaign has started in the Awadh area. In many villages of Azamgarh, Bahraich, Kannauj, and Unnao, such boards are being put up. At first, the local BJP leaders tried to sort this problem out on their own, but now they have roped in the State leadership.

A no-deal Brexit is now closer than ever

It was a moment that has been about 18 months in gestation, but the decision by Dominic Raab to walk away from the Brexit negotiating table recently was entirely predictable. What comes next is much less so. For many months now, it has been clear to those that follow the detail that what was technically deliverable in the negotiating rooms of the EU's Berlaymont headquarters in Brussels was never going to be negotiable politically in London. As the contours of the deal became clear last week, the chorus of opposition from the Democratic Unionists (DUP) and leading Brexiters in the European Research Group (ERG) only grew louder, reaching a crescendo over the weekend.

Raab, himself on the harder end of the Brexiteer spectrum, had little choice but to walk away, or Theresa May would have had a fatal revolt on her hands. So what happens next? In the short term, the wheels continue to grind onwards in Brussels. The clock is still ticking. EU leaders still decided to meet in Brussels to listen to May and decide what to do next.

The Prime Minister, pointing at the febrile nature of her backbenches at home, can only plead for more latitude, and warn EU leaders not to repeat the mistake they made with David Cameron and give her a deal she cannot sell to her party or the country at large. It may be too late for that. The UK is on the way out of the EU now, soon to become a competitive

What separates the two sides is a deep and structural divide, which can't be bridged by warm words, says PETER FOSTER



'third country' to a Union that is wrestling with a populist menace, of which Brexit is deemed a part.

No-one, least of all Emmanuel Macron, the increasingly erratic and pompous French president, is in any mood to build off-ramps for the British. The German chancellor Angela Merkel, whose governing life-force is ebbing away at home, seems unable or unwilling to rein in her French counterpart. Macron was very clear at Salzburg that without significant progress by the October Council, the plan for a November 'seal-the-deal' summit would not be enacted.

Already there is talk about turning this into a 'planning-for-no-deal' gathering.

So where does that leave May? For now, playing for time — pushing back the final reckoning further towards the March 29 2019 deadline in the hope that the pressure will build sufficiently on her domestic critics to make them more amenable to compromise.

But 'playing it long', as Number 10 strategists like to call it, is itself a sign that the limits of what can be negotiated technically are now very close to being reached.

Put aside the detail (which most people understandably

can't be bothered with) and it boils down to two basic questions from Unionists and Brexiteers — how differently will Northern Ireland be treated from the rest of the UK and how soon will we be 'free' from the EU? The two questions are obviously interlinked, but it is clear that, in the absence of May's unicorn solutions (shot down in Salzburg) to try to preserve the Union while delivering trade independence, the UK is going to stay in a 'temporary' customs union with the EU for the foreseeable future. And even then, Northern Ireland will be treated quite differently from the rest of the

UK as it remains in the EU single market for goods.

There are, or were, possible compromises and 'fudges' around this reality — what the negotiators call 'wrapping' — but these are fundamentally cosmetic. They only work if you don't look too closely, and all sides are prepared to suspend their disbelief and buy into the illusion that they are anything more than prettification. Lipstick on the proverbial pig.

But listen to David Davis and Boris Johnson, Arlene Foster and Nigel Dodds in recent days, and it's pretty clear that this is about more than semantics. They may be wrong

about a lot of what is possible in the here and now, but they are not wrong that the deal May is negotiating, with its hand-me-down trade policy and constitutional intrusions, is indeed pretty abject. And it will be seen as such, by large swathes of the electorate.

The EU must take their share of responsibility for this situation. They never made a really serious offer on Northern Ireland, forcing it on to the 'divorce deal' agenda without stopping to think that their 'offer' involved regulatory annexation of a piece of UK territory.

This was a massive failure of political imagination. If they had thought about it, none of the other 27 leaders around the table on Wednesday night would ever accept such a deal. But now it is too late. And instead the EU says only that "you asked to leave, it's your problem". This is the language of the playground.

May has made a good many mistakes of her own, mostly the failure to be brave and honest about what was possible. She did not ask to leave the EU (I bet she wishes we never had) but a clear majority of the British public did, at a fully contested referendum. The EU side has never fully accepted this. In any event, her tortuous efforts to plot a way through the Brexit labyrinth are now close to their end. A 'no deal' Brexit — which might yet result in no Brexit at all — is closer than ever.

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NORTHERN IRELAND AND BREXIT

■ Did Northern Ireland want Britain to leave the European Union (EU)?

No. Northern Ireland voted 55.8 per cent in favour of the UK remaining in the EU, substantially higher than the UK average. The vote was strongly split on political lines

■ Who wanted to stay and who wanted to leave?

The Democratic Unionist Party, the country's largest party, supported Brexit. Sinn Féin, the SDLP, the Ulster Unionists, Alliance and the Green Party wanted to Remain in the EU. The Irish government also supported a Remain vote

■ How might Brexit impact Northern Ireland?

Northern Ireland faces the unwelcome prospect of a hard land border between the EU and UK. This would put North-South relations under strain. Brexit might also have a disproportionate impact on Northern Ireland's economy, heavily reliant on food exports to the EU

■ What will happen to the Irish border?

Both British and Irish governments have stated their commitment to preserving free movement and trade between north and south. Difficulties arise from the fact that Ireland will be the UK's only land border with the EU trade bloc

The EU and the Irish governments would prefer for the Irish Sea to be the border between the United Kingdom and Ireland, avoiding a land border. However, Unionist politicians fear regulation that would in any way drive a wedge between Northern Ireland and the mainland UK

■ Will Brexit lead to Northern Ireland leaving the United Kingdom?

Probably not. However, Northern Ireland would automatically rejoin the European Union if it reunified with Republic of Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement provides a mechanism for that to occur via referendum



How can you tell whether your partner is emotionally abusive or controlling? RADHIKA SANGHANI finds out

THE GASLIGHT EFFECT



There is a growing awareness around the signs of coercive control — the emotional and psychological abuse of a partner, through threats and restrictions, as well as physical violence. This raised profile is thanks, in part, to last year's storyline in *The Archers*. The BBC Radio 4 soap was following a new law on coercive control, introduced at the end of 2015, which can carry a jail term of up to five years. The law — which has been praised by women's charities — can help victims achieve justice and will hopefully instigate cultural change around this lesser known side of domestic abuse. Although it was only used five times between December 2015 and March 2016, there are now signs that emotionally abusive behaviour is being recognised and taken seriously.

Now, the issue has raised its head again, as actress Rebecca Humphries appears to have suggested that her ex-boyfriend, comedian Seann Walsh — who was pictured kissing his *Strictly* dance partner Katya Jones — was “controlling” and has gaslighted her, a term used to describe a man who manipulates a partner into doubting their own sanity. “He aggressively, and repeatedly, called me a psycho/nuts/mental. As he has done countless times throughout our relationship when I’ve questioned his inappropriate, hurtful behaviour,” she wrote in a statement on Twitter.

“This whole business has served to remind me that I am a strong, capable person who is now free; and no victim. I have a voice and will use it by saying this to any woman out there who deep down feels worthless and trapped with a man they love. Believe in yourself and your instincts. It’s more than lying. It’s controlling.”

Walsh and Jones, who is married to fellow *Strictly* professional Neil Jones, have dismissed their encounter as a drunken mistake and not responded to Humphries statement. But it has raised a number of questions for people in unhappy relationships, who might have started to wonder whether their partner's behaviour falls under emotional abuse. That's why we asked national domestic violence charity Women's Aid, to explain what constitutes coercive control — and where the line falls in any relationship.

MORE THAN JUST ONE ARGUMENT

Emotional abuse happens over a sustained period of time, where the perpetrator repeatedly controls their victim. “From our point of view, when we are talking about domestic violence it's not the case that one argument crosses the line and it becomes an abusive relationship,” say Women's Aid. “It's a pattern in the relationship, where one partner is controlling and there's an ongoing sense of fear.”

ABUSER WANTS TO SCARE VICTIM

“With domestic violence, (usually male) partners behave in a way that's designed to intimidate, frighten or coerce their victim's behaviour,” Women's Aid point out. When a victim is frightened of their partner and treads on eggshells out of fear of their reaction, that's a problem. [It's abuse] if you feel frightened of your partner and you're worrying about the consequences of what externally might be relatively minor things. If he gets angry at the slightest thing. If you have to do every thing his way. If you're worried and feel like your behaviour will ‘set him off.’”

THE SMALL THINGS COUNT

Women's Aid give one example, where a man told his partner that she had to wrap cheese in a particular way before putting it in the fridge. If she did it wrong, he would scream and shout at her. “We all have funny little things like that. But the point is she was frightened of his response,” they explain. “He didn't hit her, but she knew he would see it as a symbol that she didn't love him and she was trying to wind him up. It seems like a minor thing to you — but it has a big impact to them.”

A ONE-WAY STREET

In a healthy relationship, equality is present. If one person has particular needs, they accept that their partner will also have their own needs. But an abuser will not think about their partner, and generally puts themselves first. “It doesn't go the other way,” explain Women's Aid. “There's no consideration that you're upset. ‘Perpetrators of domestic violence do it because they feel entitled to behave that way. They think their partner is there to meet to their needs and they're entitled to take whatever they want.’”

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NOTHING EVER HAPPENED

Gaslighting is when someone exhibits abusive behaviour and then pretends it didn't happen — or even switches blame on to the victim. It's also common among psychological abusers. “It can be very confusing,” say Women's Aid. “It can cause serious problems when a woman starts to doubt herself. That's very difficult to get your head around as a survivor. It takes a woman a long time to recognise that the nice behaviour and abusive behaviour are both a conscious decision on the behalf of the perpetrator.”

UNHAPPINESS DOESN'T MATTER

In a healthy relationship, if one person tells their partner just how unhappy they are with their behaviour, they may be upset, annoyed or both. But they will eventually get over it. An abuser will not react that way. Say Women's Aid: “A perpetrator is unwilling to listen to why you're unhappy and will often minimise what has happened. If they're not willing to do any work towards your relationship that would be concerning, as would being too scared to talk about it. If you feel like you have to give up on the things that are important to you to make your partner OK, and to avoid his bad behaviour, that's where the line is.”

CONTROLLING IN MANY WAYS

Women's Aid explain that control is a significant factor in psychological abuse, and a perpetrator can exact it in a number of ways, such as not letting their partner go out or visit friends and family. It can also be financial, with a perpetrator controlling their victim's money, or it can be a case of the abuser not wanting to ever socialise. Control can also extend to the online realm — with tracking software used on smartphones or email and social media accounts hacked.

PERSONAL ATTACKS

There doesn't have to be any physical violence for someone to be guilty of domestic abuse. It's not just about bruises. Often it can simply involve words, where a perpetrator might make comments designed to emotionally manipulate his victim. “[It's abuse] if he or she puts you down and tells you you're stupid and unattractive, that no one else will love you.”

The Daily Telegraph

CULTURE LANE

Johnny Depp defends his casting

Johnny Depp has defended JK Rowling's comments about his casting as the title character in *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*, the second film in the successor franchise to the eight-film Harry Potter series. Rowling had justified Depp's inclusion in the film following allegations of physical abuse made by Depp's ex-wife Amber Heard. Rowling issued a statement in December 2017 saying: “The film-makers and I are not only comfortable sticking with our original casting, but [are] genuinely happy to have Johnny playing a major character in the movies.”

In a new interview with *Entertainment Weekly* to promote the film, Depp said: “I'll be honest ... I felt bad for JK having to field all these various feelings from people out there ... But ultimately, there is real controversy. The fact remains I was falsely accused ... JK has seen the evidence and therefore knows I was falsely accused, and that's why she has publicly supported me.” He also repeated his intention to sue the *Sun* newspaper for defamation in a story about the film.

In a statement to *Entertainment*



Weekly, Heard's lawyer said: “As the parties agreed in their divorce to resolve future disputes in confidential arbitration, that is the appropriate forum to address Mr Depp's public denials that he abused Ms Heard.”

Depp and Heard married in 2015, and Heard filed for divorce in 2016, obtaining a temporary restraining order alleging Depp had been “verbally and physically abusive” towards her. The divorce was finalised in January 2017, and the restraining order was lifted.

Troyer's death ruled as a suicide

Austin Powers star Verne Troyer's death was a suicide, a coroner in Los Angeles has said. The actor, best known for playing Mini-Me in the spy comedy franchise, had openly battled alcoholism and died aged 49 in April. Troyer, who was born with a form of dwarfism that stopped him growing past 2ft 8in, spent the final three weeks of his life in hospital in Los Angeles for alcohol intoxication.

Following an autopsy and further tests, the Los Angeles county department of medical examiner-coroner said Troyer died on April 21 from the effects of alcohol. They ruled his death was a suicide.

Following Troyer's death, tributes flooded in from fellow celebrities. Model and actor Carmen Electra shared a snap of the two of them on Instagram in which she can be seen holding Troyer in her arms. The *Baywatch* star posted “R.I.P Verne Troyer” along with the image. *West Wing* star Marlee Matlin described him on Twitter as having a “lovely smile with a caring and big heart”.



Singer Vanilla Ice and *American Pie* actor Shannon Elizabeth also posted images of themselves with Troyer following the news of his death. As well as *Austin Powers*, Troyer, who appeared on *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2009, starred in films including *Harry Potter* and *the Philosopher's Stone*, *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, and *Men in Black*.

Tilda Swinton poses as an old man



Tilda Swinton used prosthetics and makeup to pose as an 82-year-old man in an elaborate hoax for her latest film. The British actor, 57, is starring in the horror remake *Suspiria*, alongside Dakota Johnson, Chloë Grace Moretz and, ostensibly, octogenarian first-time actor Lutz Ebersdorf.

After pictures emerged showing a resemblance between Swinton and Ebersdorf, who was playing a psychoanalyst named Dr Josef Klempere, the director, Luca Guadagnino, dismissed suggestions they were the

same person as “fake news”. But Swinton has now come clean on the stunt and revealed she underwent four hours in makeup every day to make it work — and even donned fake male genitalia. Asked why she was posing as Ebersdorf, Swinton told the *New York Times*: “Undeniably, I would have to say, for the sheer sake of fun above all. As my grandmother would have it — a motto to live and die by — Dull Not To.” Guadagnino, however, insists Swinton playing the role of a male was essential because the film is about female identity.

ODDLY ENOUGH

CREEPY PLAYING CARDS UNNERVE NEW YORK STATE NEIGHBOURS

Residents of a New York State neighbourhood said they were unnerved to find playing cards in their mailbox as part of an apparent Halloween prank. Neighbors in the Nevins Road area of Henrietta said they have found Joker playing cards in their mailboxes in recent days bearing what appears to be fake blood and the date “10/31” — Halloween. “Is it a sign that they're going to come back on Halloween and do something to my property? To my dog?” resident Michelle Meyer told WHEC-TV. “I think the intent was to scare people and I don't understand why this was funny.” Meyer said he believes

at least six neighbours have found similar cards in their mailboxes. “It seems small and I want to hope it's a prank but you can't assume it's a prank,” Meyer said. “Not anymore.” The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is investigating. (UPI)

PHILADELPHIA BUILDING TAKEN OVER BY TENTACLES

A sculpture installation in South Philadelphia makes it appear as though a building is being attacked by a many-tentacled sea monster. The sculpture at Building 611 in the Philadelphia Navy Yard features more than a dozen inflatable tentacles protruding from the building's windows, as though a giant sea monster is attempting to escape. The installation is a partnership between the Navy Yard and art collective Group X. “Earlier this year, Group X pitched us on doing this piece,” Jennifer Tran, director of Navy Yard marketing and communications, told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. “Out of all the designs, this one spoke to us because we thought it

was really unique. It's never been seen before in Philadelphia. We thought it really pushed the boundaries.” The installation is scheduled to last until November 16. (UPI)

OINK OINK, HONK HONK: ROGUE PIG GOES HOG WILD IN TRAFFIC

It was a classic case of a ham on the lam. Police in Maine's capital city are looking for the owner of a 50-pound piglet that wore itself out while dodging traffic Saturday evening after presumably escaping. *The Portland Press Herald* reports Augusta police went door to door looking for the animal's owner without any luck. They say the pig is being cared for by a person familiar with farm animals until the owner can be found. The animal was in good condition other than being tired out from running around. (AP)

SCUBA DIVERS COMPETE IN UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING

Scuba divers in the Florida Keys took their Halloween spirit 30 feet below



the surface for an underwater pumpkin carving contest. The contest, organised by the Amoray Dive Resort, saw the divers going 30 feet below the surface at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary to carve sub-aquatic jack-o-lanterns.

Participants said the task was complicated by the fact that their buoyant pumpkins kept trying to float away mid-carve. Brothers Sebastian and Gabriel Gimeno, ages 16 and 14, were declared the winners with their pumpkin carving, which portrayed a dolphin and a half moon. The Gimeno brothers were awarded a return dive trip with Amoray Dive Resort. (UPI)

HOUSTON COUPLE CREATES 'GOOD BOY' BEER FOR DOGS

A pair of Houston bar owners who started brewing beer for their ailing canine a few years ago are now selling Good Boy Dog Beer at more than 20 locations. Megan and Steve Long said they learned how to brew beer for dogs, which does not contain alcohol, when

their Rottweiler mix, Rocky, started having digestion problems a few years ago. The brews are called beer “because we use a lot of the same equipment a brewery does. We just skip the fermentation process,” Megan Long told *USA Today*. She said the beer contains all natural ingredients, including vegetables, meat and turmeric, a spice known to aid digestion in canines.

The Good Boy Dog Beer company now has products available at more than 20 dog-friendly bars and restaurants in the Houston area and they also ship their products in cans. The beer is available in three varieties: “IPA lot in the yard,” “Session...Squirrel!” and “Mailman Malt Licker.” (UPI)

'WILLY WONKA' PLEADS GUILTY TO CRIMES

The leader of a multi-state ATM and vehicle burglary ring known as “Willy Wonka”

or the “Chocolate Man” has pleaded guilty to 60 charges. *The Salem News* reports that 47-year-old William “Willy Wonka” Rodriguez pleaded guilty Thursday to his role in crimes in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut that netted more than \$300,000 in property and currency.

The Lawrence man was one of five people arrested in August during a police investigation dubbed Operation Golden Ticket. Rodriguez remains jailed on \$500,000 bail pending sentencing November 7 where he faces up to 12 years in prison.

Authorities say the gang wore black clothing and masks, carried police scanners, two-way radios and power tools. They often stole vehicles, which they used to crash into businesses so they could steal ATMs. (AP)



OUT OF THE BLISS COMES MAGIC, WONDERMENT, AND CREATIVITY — MICHAEL JACKSON

Briefly Speaking



KETO DIET MAY PREVENT COGNITIVE DECLINE

Following a ketogenic diet — a high-fat, low-carbohydrate regime — may boost cognitive abilities, a study in mice suggests. Researchers from University of Kentucky in the US showed that the gut and the brain are more closely connected than we once thought, and in fact the health of one can affect the other. “Neurovascular integrity, including cerebral blood flow and blood-brain barrier function, plays a major role in cognitive ability,” said Ai-Ling Lin, from University of Kentucky. “Recent science has suggested that neurovascular integrity might be regulated by the bacteria in the gut, so we set out to see whether the Ketogenic Diet enhanced brain vascular function and reduced neurodegeneration risk in young healthy mice,” said Lin. The Ketogenic Diet has previously shown positive effects for patients with other neurological disorders, including epilepsy, Parkinson’s disease, and autism.

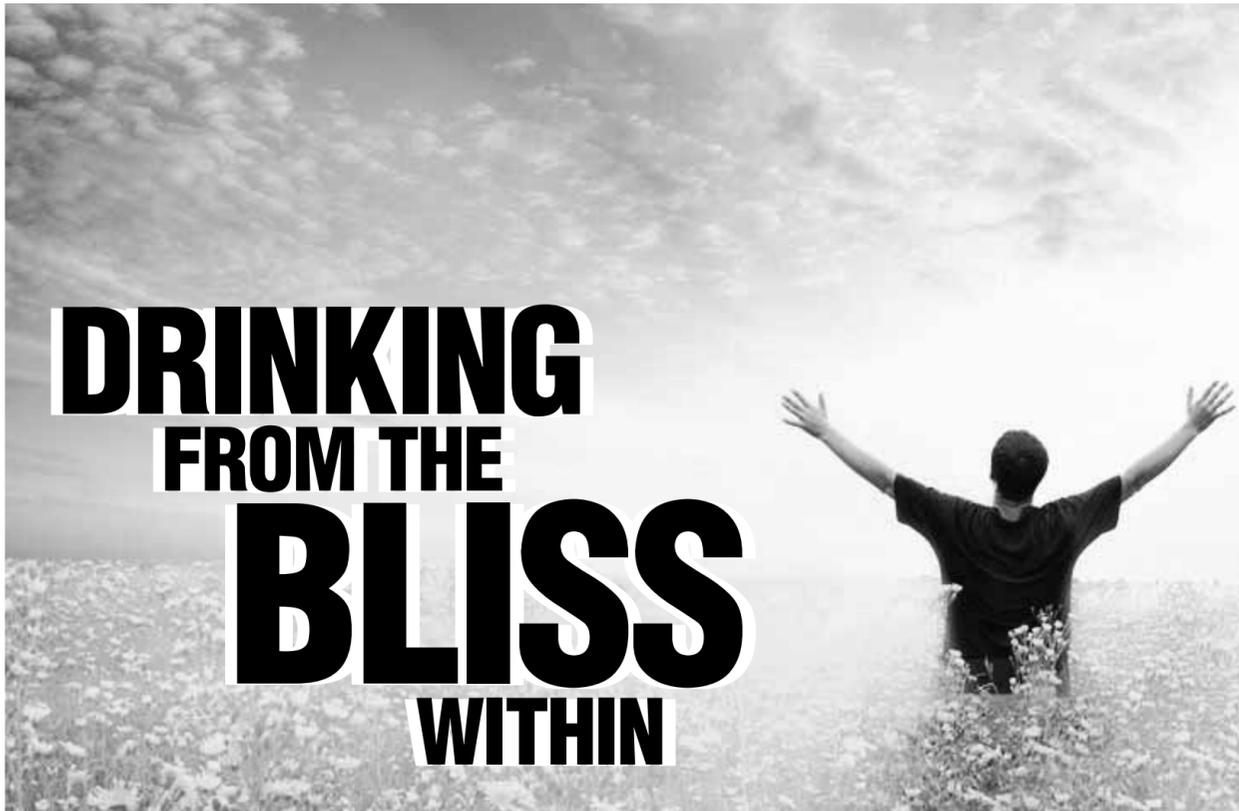
PAIN DISRUPTION THERAPY FOR BACKACHE

People with treatment-resistant back pain may get significant and lasting relief with dorsal root ganglion (DRG) stimulation therapy, an innovative treatment that short-circuits pain, suggests a study. Chronic pain — pain that lasts three months or more — occurs when nerves continue to send signals to the brain after the original source of the pain is gone. An alternative to spinal cord stimulation, DRG stimulation disrupts pain signals by specifically targeting the nerves responsible for the pain. This may avoid unnecessary stimulation of nerve fibers that come from non-painful areas, which may occur with spinal cord stimulation. It also helps to meet the need for non-drug pain treatments in select patients. “People who had DRG stimulation reported significant improvement in pain even after a year, which is notable,” said lead author.

PPD LINKED TO MOM’S PAIN AFTER CHILDBIRTH



A recent study has shown that postpartum depression is linked to mother’s pain after childbirth. Previous researches had demonstrated the pain associated with giving birth may increase the risk of postpartum depression but has not specified which part of the labor process (eg before, during or after delivery) may be the source of the problem. This is the first study to differentiate postpartum pain from labour and delivery pain and identify it as a significant risk factor for postpartum depression. “For many years, we have been concerned about how to manage labour pain, but recovery pain after labour and delivery often is overlooked,” said Jie Zhou, MD, MBA, lead author of the study and assistant professor of anesthesia at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston. “Our research suggests we need to focus more on helping new mothers manage pain after the baby is born.”



DRINKING FROM THE BLISS WITHIN

By learning to meditate and enjoying the eternal joy that lies within, we get protection from temporary sorrows of life, writes SANT RAJINDER SINGH

While growing up, we are taught how important our physical and mental development is. We begin to believe that happiness only lies in developing ourselves in these two areas. Life becomes like a rat race in which we try to meet our physical needs for food, clothing, shelter, and comfort, along with sensual enjoyment, possessions, and love. We spend time developing our intellect by receiving a good education which leads to a rewarding career. We engage in hobbies and pastimes that bring enjoyment to our mind. We look for happiness in meeting our emotional needs for love and companionship through our relationships with our family, friends, and loved ones. We look for a companion in life, and ultimately marry and raise a family. But does anyone ever teach us that happiness lies within our own selves? It has been the role of the spiritual adepts, saints, and mystics to awaken us to the reservoir of this bliss-giving nectar within us.

The way to tap into this pool is simple. It is only a matter of our attention. We can direct our attention wherever we wish. We can place it on our body. We can focus it on our mind. Or, we can concentrate our attention on our soul. Unfortunately, since childhood, we have been trained to focus ourselves on our body and mind. Our senses naturally find it easy to become involved in the activities of the world through our eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and skin. Our parents and teachers have never taught us how to focus on our soul. Had they done so, we would have been proficient by now in tapping into the source of consciousness and bliss within.

Instruction in how to place our attention on our soul is the domain of spiritual teachers. From an adept, we can learn the simple process which can help us experience the pure bliss of our true nature. We call this process concentration or focusing our attention. But its most popu-

lar name is meditation.

Meditation is easy. Spiritual teacher Sant Kirpal Singh used to say that it is like closing one drawer and opening another. During the time of meditation, we merely put our thoughts of the world and our problems in one drawer and close it. Then, we open the drawer of meditation and concentrate only on that. When the meditation is over, we can then open the drawer of our thoughts and worldly problems and deal with them.

Meditation entails focusing one’s attention at the seat of the soul, located between and behind the two eyebrows. If we can stop putting our attention on our outer eyes and ears for a while and concentrate at the seat of the soul, we will tap into the source of happiness and bliss awaiting us.

Spending two hours concentrating on the eye-focus each day will help our attention withdraw from the body. Generally, our sensory currents which give us sensation of this physical world are spread out through the body. As we concentrate at the seat of the soul, the sensory currents start withdrawing from our extremities. They come up from our feet and legs to our trunk. Eventually they are totally concentrated at the seat of the soul. Once at that point, a vista of divine light and celestial sound opens up for us. We witness the light and sound which is emanated from God at the dawn of creation. Like a current, this stream flows out from God through all the regions. It also returns to Him. When our soul comes in contact with this stream, it can travel on it back to the source.

The journey begins at the third eye. By putting our attention there, the soul begins its voyage to the ultimate source of happiness. This is what meditation is.

God and the soul are eternal. They are all conscious, all bliss, and in a perpetual state of happiness. When we are in that state all our desires and longings for the things of this world dissipate. Our worldly desires become mere trifles when we

experience the astounding joy within. At some time in our lives, we experience some great euphoria, such as when our team wins a football game, or we get a long-awaited raise, or we have any of our dreams fulfilled. For that moment, we are so lost in joy that all other problems suddenly seem like a trifle. We put these former difficulties aside, for we do not want to be distracted from the moment of glory and happiness. This is just a small example to show how tapping into happiness can keep us in permanent bliss so that the problems of the world fade away.

Those who learn to meditate can switch their attention to the source of happiness within even in the midst of sorrow. True, they still undergo the outer pains and sorrows of life, but they are not affected by them. They are drinking from the inebriation from within that cushions the pain and takes their attention off their sufferings.

There is nothing magical about meditation. It is something every person, from a child to an elderly person, can learn. Had we learned how to focus our attention within during our youth, it would have become a habit by now. We would be able to do it at will anytime we wanted. But it is never too late to learn this practice. By learning to meditate we can perfect the art of directing our attention to the source of happiness within us. Then we can drink from the eternal pool of happiness at any time. Outer sources of enjoyment may be taken from us, but we have access to an eternal bliss we carry within.

We realise that this world is but a passing show. The ecstasy we experience within fills us with happiness and we are able to overcome our problems. As we meditate and come in contact with the source of love within, we begin to spread it to others. By following this path, we will always be in tune with the happiness within and will radiate it so that the people we come in contact with absorb it. So, we can spread joy wherever we go.

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HIDDENSOULS PRAMOD PATHAK

Ethics for administrators



The need for ethics is felt in all walks of life. More so, in the administration which is responsible for good governance. Needless to say that the governance in our country leaves much to be desired. The onus is certainly on the administrative machinery headed by the civil servants, particularly the officers of the coveted Indian Administrative Services, the kingpins of India’s Administration. Perhaps for this reason there is a complete paper on Ethics, Integrity and Attitude that has been included in the recent past as General Studies Paper-IV for the Civil Services Main examination. The objective of this paper is to test the candidate’s attitude and aptitude towards issues related to integrity and probity in public life, and his ability to handle ethical dilemmas that arise during the course of the career of the civil servant. Ethics is certainly a major issue in the present days and challenges in the form of allurements and sometimes threats to career and even personal well-being do arise in public life. Ethics, it must be understood, is a multifaceted concept which often involves grey areas where the decision maker does not find simple right or wrong answers. It is these areas that offer the greatest challenge to the career bureaucrat and the ability to discriminate is often put to test. Ethics is too wide and complex an issue to be understood and evaluated as consistency is often found missing. The issue of ethics is an issue of attitude, even aptitude but largely character. To ensure that anybody entering the coveted ranks of Indian Civil Services remains ethical in his dealings all through his career is difficult. Ethics is that uncanny ability to exercise the right choices when distraction in the form of rewards are too alluring to ignore. But this is the real test of character. Though this one paper may be of some use in finding out the orientation of the candidate appearing for the examination to some extent, the larger issue is the predictive validity of such examination. What is more crucial is the continuous training and personality development of the incumbent once he joins the services as that is where situations fashion changes in attitudes. One paper then may serve to be some kind of an indicator and, that too, not a very strong one. But the important issue is maintaining integrity all through. Important because the Indian Civil Services is supposed to be the steel fame of Indian Administration. It is, therefore, imperative to ensure that this steel frame does not rust. Unfortunately the rusting is being evidenced as occasional incidents would point out. The big question is training for ethics. How an administrator has to be sensitised. For an effective training regimen the key areas that need to be focused are empathy, non-partisanship, tolerance, humility and compassion. The periodicity of such training is also a consideration. How long and how often? With changes in job requirements the role of the civil servant calls for a systematic change but the intriguing aspect is that the basic model has more or less remained the same. Hence it is important to reinvent the services with emphasis on emotional quotient and morality quotient. The loyalty must shift to the people and the nation rather than the powers that be. The loyalty to the crown was the hallmark of the British rule. Post-independence this seems to have shifted to the party in power in many cases.

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Let us first learn to pray properly

Our method has to change from ordering God to seeking His guidance. We will never be disappointed; God always finds ways to communicate, says AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Remember, God has set the bar quite high for that as He has clarified in *The Gita*, “Those people who worship Me with undivided attention, meditating on Me — for those practitioners of yoga, I help in getting what one does not have and provide security of what one has.” (9.22)

Does it mean that others don’t deserve anything? No, they do because they fall in the category of distressed or seeker of wealth. (7.16) Anyone approaching God will get God’s response. There is a big range from none for atheists to full for devotees, mentioned earlier. What do they deserve? Let us go back to the example of a sick person in a family? God will guide, ie God will indicate what all needs to be done for the patient, but all that has to be done by the family members. God cannot make all of us lazy by doing our duties for us. Even those devotees who are engaged in doing the highest duty of the human life must do all



their duties including attending to their sick family members themselves. God will be very active in helping them. (18.58)

Let us see the logic of God. Whose problem is this? Not God’s. Who is best placed to help? The family members of the sick person of course! So shouldn’t they be used to help? After all, God must act through a medium — a physical person. A person who prays benefits in two ways. One finds workable solutions which can be implemented. And the negativity disappears because one is no longer helpless and is engaged properly with hope in the heart.

There are general guidelines for praying in different situations. I have already mentioned about sickness in family. The next situation is when we need help, and don’t know who can and how. Pray sincerely and God will indicate, because He knows who can and how. Similarly, we are confused between two choices. Both appear okay. Who will

know the answer? God will because He can see the big picture. He can shed light on the various pluses and minuses, which can help us make the decision.

We need something desperately like a material object and do not know where to find it. Again, if anyone knows God will because He is omnipresent. We need protection as all do. We can pray to God — the omnipotent after creating a sound support system; He obliges. We want success. Who can ensure it? God can because He is omniscient. Lastly, we wish to help someone. Pray to God recommending him or her detailing why that person should be helped. What did we learn? That we must establish a solid relationship with God to deserve His active help, which is unlimited. That we must do all our duties as guided by God; He guides.

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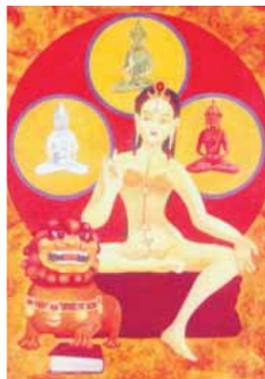


YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19
 You should now listen to your body with care and compassion. Those who are having health issues, it is advisable not to stress about them. You should focus on a healthy outlet to your emotions. Don't overload yourself with work. Indulge in some kind of youthful sport activities that will help you to stay active as well as connect you with your inner child. On the career front, some of you have achieved goals and attained materialistic gains. Even though you are financially sound, do not give too much importance to wealth. Some of you may have a hard time at work place due to your inflexible approach towards change. On the relationship front, those who are committed — your relationship will become stronger and reliable.
Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Saturday



LEO July 23-Aug 22
 This week you should follow the mantra — 'patience is the key'. If your health has been out of balance, then you need to act with great wisdom. Those awaiting test results, don't panic and jump to a conclusion. Trust your intuition. If you feel that a particular treatment is not right for you, then look for another healthcare practitioner. You may face dilemma at the work front. Situations which require immediate action are likely to be there. But before taking any action, you should analyse all the available information. Your own value system is likely to be challenged. Therefore, be honest and seek spiritual guidance. Those thinking to put an end to their relationship should look within and then make the right decision. Ensure that you and your partner are on the same page before parting ways.
Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Wednesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21
 A major disturbance on the health front will shake you up. It may be an illness that may take time to heal. This may also affect you spiritually, mentally and physically. The only thing that will save you from becoming negative is an optimistic — whatever happens, happens for good and you will use this tough time to make yourself stronger. This week in your career, you are likely to meet a counsellor or a mentor that you needed for a long time. This person will help you with new skills and sound advice. Things will be good if you work in an organised way or as per certain rules. Love is in the air this week. You and your partner will share a positive energy. You will be happy in your relationship. A new relationship is on the cards for the singles.
Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Wednesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20
 This week you if you feel that something is wrong with your body, then you need to pay attention to your concerns. You should not panic and don't feel that you can't do anything about it. Trust your intuition and look for other ways to sort out the issues. Be patient while awaiting results. Ensure proper diet, rest and exercise. At work, things will be the way you want them to be. Some of you may face challenges in a project. It is recommended that you take some time off from work and don't take any important decisions this week. You need to maintain your calm amidst the chaos around you. If you can't stay calm, then seek another position. Those who are committed need to focus on their relationship towards the future. Change your old perspective towards an ongoing issue.
Lucky number 22
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22
 In the matter of health, you need to pay attention to your emotions. There will be situations when you will not be able to deal with the challenges with the best of your abilities. In case you are facing illness, then rather than feeling negative about it, start helping yourself with information by talking to experts. Maintain a health regime. Career-wise, this is a very positive time for you. Your efforts will be acknowledged and some of you may be awarded. This will help elevate your confidence in your abilities; ensure that you don't become arrogant. Any self-importance that you display will not go down well with your peers or seniors. Those looking for a new job — the result will be in your favor. Those in committed relationships will have a mystical experience. You will connect with your partner spiritually.
Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Parrot green
Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19
 This week you need to balance your health with your personal and professional responsibilities. This will make your life hectic and you need to be patient. Amidst all the chaos, make sure you take some time out for your own healing. Prioritise your tasks and avoid suffering on account of your health. Your work front will be filled with stress and anxiety that is likely to affect you. Being worried about the future of your career will immobilise you in pursuing your goals in the present. Do not discourage yourself and opt for a flexible approach to deal with negative situations. Those in a committed relationship are likely to feel disappointed in some situation or with the partner. If that is the case, then you need to look deep within yourself for a solution.
Lucky number 2
Lucky colour Baby pink
Lucky day Monday



GEMINI May 21-June 20
 It is time to get up and take action to improve your health condition. Your laid back attitude will have a bad impact on your health. Evaluate your health scenario and decide what steps and efforts are required; it could be a physical exercise or a nutritional diet. You need to revive your positive energy. You have to tighten up your belt and get ready to do some hard work at the work place. Some of you may experience a new beginning. Those seeking employment will be hired into a position that will test their skills. For those of you who are already working will be burdened with responsibilities. This is a great time for love. Committed couples will experience a deep sense of bonding. Some of you may enter the next stage of your relationship. For singles, there are chances to meet someone.
Lucky number 7
Lucky colour Turquoise
Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22
 You should maintain balance in everything including your routine activities like eating nutritional food and getting adequate rest. In case you are facing health issues, trust that things will get better. You are mentally strong and stable. Ensure a healthy body and mind connection to keep going. This week at career front you may get an increment in your pay or a promotion. Some of you may achieve your goals post a minor setback. This will make you feel a sense of accomplishment. You should be grateful for this upswing. Those seeking a new job, keep trying, you will achieve a better position with a better pay. Love is in the air. You and your partner will bond well and will have a mutual understanding. Married females may conceive. Singles, this is the time to find your partner.
Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18
 You will enjoy strong vitality this week and will be self-motivated to make any health-related efforts. This is an excellent time to make some changes in your fitness plan as you will make more progress. You have to channelise this energy in the right manner; being impulsive may create health problems. At work, all your actions will have their own consequences. You are likely to face a situation in which you have to make a decision. Try to be reasonable and consider others' points of view before making any choice. Some of you need to be fair in your dealings. Relationship-wise, this week is a great time to improve your bonding with your partner. Your positive frame of mind will be received well by your partner. Avoid being impulsive. Singles are likely to meet someone with the same mindset.
Lucky number 15
Lucky colour Beige
Lucky day Saturday



CANCER June 21-July 22
 News related to your health will be positive and your efforts are likely to bear fruit. You have full control of the situations around you. Thus, you must take advantage of this and look for an alternative ways to deal with health challenge issues. How you speak your mind and conduct yourself will matter the most at your work place. Conflict and disagreement with peers is indicated. This will create tension. Unfairness at workplace is likely to cause trouble. But ensure that you are not the creator of problems. You need to choose your battles wisely. This week, you will feel that your relationship has come a full circle. As a result, it may culminate into a marriage and for some there will be a sense of closure. Singles have bright chances of meeting someone special.
Lucky number 23
Lucky colour Off-white
Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21
 A news with regard to your health is going to be good. At present you are in a stronger position and have the ability to control your surroundings. This week, any efforts that you put towards your health improvement will be successful. The only thing you need to do is consider an alternate way to deal with health challenges for long-term benefit. Career-wise, you will be happy as money will flow in with an increase in your pay or a promotion. This is because of all the hard work you put in to achieve your goals. Those seeking jobs may get the desired position. At relationship front, you are clear about what you want from your relationship. This is a good sign, but your way of communicating with your partner will be crucial.
Lucky number 22
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20
 You are likely to face health challenges this week. You need to hold your ground during serious health problems. A positive attitude will enable you to do the right things for your health. If a test is required, then get it from a trusted practitioner. You need to walk the path of recovery with courage. Career-wise, things may not be going as per your expectations. If you don't like your job or are facing problems, then remember that you have the ability to improve your environment. Try to have the right mindset before making any decision. Others are likely to oppose you, but you should keep moving forward. Those in a committed relationship may face issues with the partner. It is advisable to have an open conversation to sort out the things.
Lucky number 24
Lucky colour Blue
Lucky day Friday

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Child's healthy growth needs love

The way one is brought up during early childhood has a long lasting influence on a being's personality frame up. The children remain witness to all that would be going around, even if that doesn't relate to them. They may not understand as to what is happening in real terms. They, however, are quite sensitive and receptive and can intuitively have a sense of good and bad; pleasant and unpleasant; love and hatred; anger and frustration. Accordingly, they pick up positive and negative emotions from the environment. At their age, their mind remains uncluttered. So, they have enough of empty mind-space to store a baggage full of inputs. Unfiltered, these impressions get into the inner realms of their raw mind. That shapes the mind and psyche of a child, which given a small trigger, spontaneously play out even much later in life.

In case of over sensitive children, it has been experienced that even during their infant stage, they often behave in an unpredictable way when faced with unpleasant environmental condition. In one such case, an infant used to cry non-stop whenever his parents were quarrelling. No amount of pampering could soften the child for hours together. After

intensive probing, a pediatrician marked this phenomenon, and accordingly counselled his parents to behave properly particularly in his presence. The irony, however, is that the parents and other family members caught up in their ego trip, often lose their sense of reason. They seldom care that their child would be watching their unseemly conduct. They don't realise that unmindfully though, but they corrupt child's mind-state.

Experience suggests that in majority of cases of those suffering from some short of mental disorder, had a very unpleasant childhood. A sense of fear and insecurity develops in minds of children faced with a turbulent domestic atmosphere. A male child deprived of mother's love, or a girl child lacking father's care, end up having serious personality imbalance. Such children grow with a sense of want and deprivation deeply ingrained in their mind, which reflects later in their usual conduct.

Recently, someone came looking for what is in store of his young son's destiny, whose abnormal mind-trends was bothering him too much. The young man's astrological chart bares open his state of affairs. Evidently, my study began with a look at his mind-signifying Moon, which



occupies a dual sign Sagittarius, and is conjunct Neptune. This speaks of a wavering mind not able to reason out things properly in as much as that his indiscrete ill-timed reactions may put him off with others. He may remain stuck to his self-delusional perceptions, distanced from ground realities, and being subject to unpredictable mood swings. Also, he would be habitually an escapist, not keen to take challenges in life.

Here again, Moon happens to be the 4th lord identified with mother and domestic atmosphere, which is conjunct Saturn, the planet of its nemesis. It, in the first place, is indicative of a disturbed home. Second, he would be deprived of motherly love. Third, he may have a doubting negative mind, habitually suspicious of one and all. Fourth, he may nurse a sense of victimhood. On top of that Moon is involved in unholy exchange of zodiac signs with Jupiter, the 9th lord identified with father. It clearly implies parental separation, which must have been preceded by long drawn confrontation.

The fellow could not digest all these and developed inferiority complex. For, Neptune is locked in unholy relationship with Mars, the *lagna* lord, the prime-mover of the young man. More so,

because of his Aries *lagna* where its lord Mars is firmly placed, which happens to be the most volatile sign of natural zodiac. This by itself is enough to make out an impulsive, aggressive, rash, impatient, intolerant, domineering and demanding character. He will wish to be in command of things. All the more, because the Sun, which is marked with individual identity is ill-disposed off to Jupiter.

That points to his swaggering ego, out of touch with reality, stuck to his self-defined dos and don'ts, and not open to look beyond for the right lead. It is also indicative of a sluggish liver, which makes him vulnerable to being short of energy. If all that was not enough, even intelligence signifying Mercury, is conjunct Neptune, which accounts for his insensible reasoning and judgment. And the result is there to see.

To sum up, the parents and family members should bring up their children with love and utmost care to ensure their healthy growth.

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