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## 15 die on bloody Sunday in J&K

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

MOHIT KANDHARI ■  
 SRINAGAR/JAMMU

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

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

Meanwhile, three Indian soldiers attained martyrdom after the BAT, comprising heavily armed terrorists and elite commandos, ambushed patrol party of the Indian Army in the forward area of Sunderbani sector on Sunday afternoon. Two Pakistani intruders were later neutralised by the Indian soldiers in the fierce gunfight.

The surprise attack was 'purposefully' carried out by the Pakistan BAT team close to the LoC with an aim to provoke strong Indian retaliation. The latest incident is set to further escalate the tension in the area.

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



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

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

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

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

Udhampur. His condition is reported to be stable."

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

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

Basan, resident of Pallanwala.

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

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

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

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

ians were killed in a blast triggered soon after joint team of security forces eliminated three local terrorists in Laroo area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district early Sunday morning. Due to impact of the blast, these civilians received grievous injuries and were rushed to the nearby hospital where they succumbed to their fatal injuries.

Chaos prevailed in the area soon after the security forces called off the operation. According to local reports, "Large number of locals in the area converged inside the house to clear the debris and retrieve valuables from inside the house when powerful blast took place injuring large number of civilians." Police spokesman in Srinagar said, "Immediately after the gunfight ended and the forces withdrew from the spot, civilians rushed to the encounter site where an explosive substance went off resulting in death of six civilians." Another civilian succumbed to his fatal injuries late in the evening, police spokesman said.

"Despite requests to not visit the spot till thorough search is done for explosives, several civilians visited the encounter site immediately after the operation. While they were there, some explosive substance went off, resulting in on spot death of a civilian and injuries to several others," the police official said.

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

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

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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### CAPSULE

#### PETROL PUMPS IN DELHI TO SHUT FOR 24 HOURS

**New Delhi:** Fuel pumps in the national Capital will remain shut for 24 hours starting on Monday 6 am to press the Delhi Govt to lower value-added tax (VAT) on the key transport fuels. The Central Government as well as several State Governments, including Haryana and UP, slashed fuel prices.

#### SIX NEW ZIKA CASES IN RAJASTHAN; TOTAL 123

**New Delhi:** Six more people tested positive for Zika virus in Rajasthan's Jaipur district on Sunday, taking the total number of such cases to 123, a Government official said.

#### 61K POSTS VACANT IN PARAMILITARY FORCES

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

#### RAHUL'S 'SHOLAY' DIG AT MODI-AMBANI 'DOSTI'

**New Delhi:** Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Sunday used a popular song from Bollywood blockbuster "Sholay" to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his "proximity" to industrialist Anil Ambani.

## 6 women stopped from entering Sabarimala

Not a single woman in banned age group has so far reached temple which is to close today

PTI ■ PAMBA (KERALA)

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

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

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

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



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

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made by some young women, including an activist, to enter the temple of the 'Naishtik Brahmachari', the eternally celibate deity, since Wednesday, the devotees backed by priests have stood their ground, saying they would not allow the tradition to be breached.

By all available indications, not a single woman in the age group of 10 and 50 has so far

reached the temple which will close on Monday at the end of the monthly puja.

According to police sources here, 12 women in the 10-50 age group have so far been prevented from offering worship at the temple, since it opened for the monthly pooja.

The BJP demanded a special Assembly session to seek the Centre's intervention, while

the Congress sought an ordinance by the NDA Government. The Pandaram royal family, the traditional custodian of the Sabarimala temple, alleged the CPI(M)-led LDF Government was trying to destroy sanctity of the shrine of the "Naishtik Brahmachari" by taking women in the menstrual age group there.

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## Shatabdi Express to be replaced by 'Make in India' 160 kmph Train 18

Indian Railways all set to roll out this train by October end

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

Three decades after the then elite class Shatabdi Express made it on Indian tracks in 1988 much to the delight of railway passengers, the train will gradually be replaced by an ultra modern train laced with sophisticated interiors, digital platforms and onboard Wi-Fi services. Named Train 18, the first of the lot will be launched by this month end.

When India's first Shatabdi Express was introduced it made a revolution in inter-city travel in terms of speed and comfort. Now a new set of self-propelled train (like metro coaches) made indigenously at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, will be hitting the tracks on October 29.

Sources said the route for the introduction of the first pair



of trains will be selected by the PMO and the choice could likely be between Patna-Lucknow and Varanasi-Patna, as this would cover both the politically sensitive States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

"Train 18 will be able to attain speeds of 160 kmph which means travel time will come down by at least 15 per cent compared to Shatabdi. The new technology will also save around 20 per cent in terms of life cycle cost and will require less maintenance as compared to Shatabdi Express. The weight of Train 18 is also

considerably less since no locomotives or power cars are required. The net energy required is less," said S Mani, ICF General Manager.

The first stainless steel-made train set will have 16 chair-car type air-conditioned coaches — 2 executive and 14 non-executive — with a maximum seat capacity of executive chair cars at 56 passengers. The capacity of the non-executive class will be 78. The most interesting feature of Train 18 would be its automatic doors and footsteps.

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During his visit to Tata Main Hospital (TMH) in Jamshedpur, Chief Minister Raghubar Das picks up a waste item from the floor and dumps it in the dustbin.

## CM asks private hospitals to partner in Ayushman Bharat

'Arogya Mitra' to coordinate with hospitals

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Chief Minister Raghubar Das on Sunday held discussions with the representatives of private hospitals like Tata Main Hospital to discuss the possibility of treatment facilities available under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana.

The Chief Minister apprised the hospital management that there are several patients who come every day for treatment but are not employed in Tata Steel or its subsidiaries. Chief Minister Raghubar Das said that funding for infrastructure will also be done by the government.

About 50 per cent non-employees are still being admitted at hospitals under the scheme their money will be paid by the



CM Raghubar Das in a meeting with TV Narendran, CEO and MD Tata Steel on Sunday in Jamshedpur

PNS

Government. The Chief Minister said that the pain of the disease is unbearable for the families suffering from poverty. "To get rid of diseases, the poor tend to keep mortgages. Considering this pain, the Prime Minister of India has initiated this big health insurance scheme of health sector, so that no one should consider themselves

helpless at the time of illness. It is also expected that all the private hospitals should also support the best treatment facilities," said the CM.

The Chief Minister said that in order to redress the problems of private hospitals in relation to the Jan Swasthya Yojana,

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# SAIL gearing up to supply wheels for LHB coaches: Chairperson

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chairman Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) Anil Kumar Chaudhary on Sunday visited SAIL Durgapur Steel Plant continuing his series of large group interactions and emphasised on fulfilling the Railways requirement of wheels for LHB coaches. During the visit he said, "SAIL is geared up to supply wheels for LHB coaches to Indian railways which are currently being imported by them. Currently, SAIL is the only domestic producer of forged wheels which are used for high speed trains and locomotives."

He also urged the DSP collective to ensure the timely delivery of wheels and axles to Indian Railways as per their requirement. SAIL DSP, in its endeavour to effectively participate in 'Make in India' recently started supplying metro railway wheels for Kolkata Metro Railways. Earlier Kolkata Metro used to import its entire requirements of such wheels.

Emphasizing on the utmost priority to maintain and adopt safety as a habit at work place, Chaudhary said that SAIL has to gain the volumes in production and maintain quality while remaining cost competitive to succeed in today's market.

The Chairperson further added that SAIL has the potential, modern techno-



logical means and leadership abilities in every sphere of production and SAIL must triumph. Expressing his confidence on capabilities of Team SAIL he said that SAIL can outperform challenges with its talented manpower and for that we have to bring a change in our attitude and each employee must take ownership of his domain.

Chaudhary met cross section of employees at every Plant and Unit in a structured and one-to-one manner and

conveyed the priorities of top management for achieving the targets. Accompanied by Functional Directors for faster decision making, Chaudhary also pointed towards reorienting SAIL's marketing strategies and the need to change with time in carrying out every process. He also mentioned that SAIL has the rich legacy and experience of making steel for the Nation for the last six decades and now it has to look beyond the challenges to carve a greater niche for itself.

# Police Martyrs' Commemoration Day observed at Garhwa

PNS ■ GARHWA

The solemn ceremony of Police Martyrs' Commemoration Day was observed by the Garhwa Police by laying wreaths at the Police Martyrs' Memorial at police line, Garhwa this morning. Garhwa SP Shivani Tewari, who was the chief guest for the ceremony, was the first to offer floral tributes to the martyrs.

Speaking at the programme, the Superintendent of Police (SP) said, "This was not a condolence meeting but a day to re-dedicate ourselves. Policemen risk their lives for the safety of citizens and one should pay homage to these martyrs with reverence." She added that martyrs are those who die while serving the people and everyone should be with the families of those who had laid down their lives.

The SP called upon the Police personnel to be committed in their work and be ready to face any situation that may arise and read out the names of all the Police personnel who laid down their lives of the district.



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# Bokaro residents offer condolences to Punjab train accident victims

PNS ■ BOKARO

Many social activists, members of NGOs and political parties paid tribute to the victims of the Amritsar train accident and expressed condolences at different places in Bokaro on Sunday. A two-minute silence was also observed.

Over sixty-one people were dead while several injured after two speeding trains in opposite directions mowed down people standing on the tracks near a railway crossing watching a Ravan effigy being burnt at a Dussehra celebration at Amritsar on Friday evening.

Speaking at a condolence meeting at Sector 3, Dr Prakash Sing of JVM (P) said the accident is very tragic and heart-wrenching. "We are paying an emotional tribute to those who died in Amritsar train mishap," he added.

While Congress party



workers, members of NGOs including PACE, ORANGE and other social activists participated in a candlelight vigil to pay tribute to the victims of the Amritsar train accident.

Congress workers led by Manjur Ansari hold a candlelight march from Gandhi Chowk at Sector 4 in Bokaro

Steel City. Beside others, Lalmohan Layak, Asha Devi, Rita Devi, Dinanath Pandey, Ashok Soren, Mukhtar Ansari, Ramlal Soren, Raman Karn, Pradeep Rai, Pankaj Singh, Kunal Rawani, Raja Yadav, Abhishek, Ankit Bharti, Punam, Mamta, Navin were present there.

# SAD demands N Sidhu's expulsion, his wife's arrest

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Score committee on Sunday demanded the immediate expulsion of Punjab Local Government Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu, besides registration of a criminal case against his wife Dr Navjot Kaur Sidhu as well as the organizers of Dussehra function — responsible for "abetting" the Amritsar tragedy.

SAD's core committee, which met under the chairmanship of former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal and attended by SAD president Sukhbir Badal and other senior leaders, rejected the magisterial inquiry ordered by the Congress Government while demanding a judicial probe by a sitting judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Terming the man-made disaster as unparalleled on account of the criminal negligence and sheer abetment by the organizers, the core group condemned the "cover-up operation" launched by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, and demanded registration of a fresh case in the matter as per the statement of the victim families.

The core committee said that like it was doing to every other section of society, the Congress Government was now muzzling the voice of the poor by instituting a tailor-made inquiry with the sole aim of giving a clean chit to the culprits and putting the blame squarely on the Indian Railways.

It said that this was being

# Amid controversy, Amarinder Singh heads to Israel

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Amid criticism for going ahead with his Israel tour days after Amritsar rail tragedy, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Sunday made it clear that the decision was taken "after feeling completely satisfied with the relief and rehabilitation measures being carried out for the victims of the Amritsar train tragedy and



following assurances by his ministerial colleagues that everything will be taken due care of"

Earlier, Capt Amarinder was scheduled to visit Israel on Friday evening, but had cancelled it at the last moment, following the train accident in Amritsar around the same time. Chief Minister, who will be on five-day visit to Israel, is scheduled to hold meetings from Monday.

done despite the fact that the victim families were ready to present irrefutable evidence against a Congress councillor as well as Dr Navjot Kaur for abetting the tragedy.

"Evidence against the councillor and Sidhu is present in the public domain and this should be taken into account while proceeding against both of them," the party noted.

"Keeping all these facts into account, there is no possibility of a free and fair inquiry by a magistrate who is reporting to Cabinet Minister Navjot Sidhu and his family," said the party

while condemning Sidhu's "casual attitude".

The core committee said that it was condemnable that the State was refusing to take action against the Congress leaders despite worldwide condemnation and a demand that the guilty be prosecuted however high and mighty they may be.

It noted that even heads of State including those from Russia, Canada and Pakistan, had expressed shock at the tragedy. "The entire world is watching, and in case, the Government continued to fail to give justice in the case.

# Odisha: Former Minister Padmalochan Panda joins BJP

PNS ■ SIMULIA (BALESWAR)

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

**He was Minister of State for Fisheries and Animal Resources Development and Panchayati Raj Departments in 1999 and 2000 during the Congress regime**

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

# Amit Trivedi to perform live at XLRI's Ensemble

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

As the preparations for Ensemble-Valhalla, the flagship annual festival at XLRI Jamshedpur, enters the final phase, the curtains on a number of much-anticipated events have been lifted and are adding to the growing fervor. The fest will be held from November 2 to 4. The oldest B-school of the country is happy to announce that it would be holding Amit Trivedi for its final professional show night on November 4.

Known for his distinct compositions & his series of hit Bollywood Songs, Amit Trivedi has composed music for the movies such as Dev D, English Vinglish, Queen, Shaandar, Bombay Velvet, Uda Punjab, Dear Zindagi, Secret Superstar, Manmarziyaan and Andhadhun . He has a number of accolades to his name, including National Award, Filmfare and GIMA among others. The hit music composer has also left audiences in awe all across the country with his live performances, #ItsAmitTrivediLive.

The event which promises to be bigger than ever before is already witnessing an overwhelming involvement, with the highest ever participant turn out for its pre-event competitions and the flagship event's prize money set to as high as Rs 1.2 lakhs. The fest's theme promises to be an extravagant stroll down the memory lane, encompassing all the spheres that fest stands for — management, culture and sports.

# Police Commemoration Day observed in Bokaro

PNS ■ RANCHI

Bokaro Superintendent of Police Kartik S said that the National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on October 21 remembering the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties. Rich tributes are paid to the martyrs on this day.

The SP paid tributes to 20 martyred police personnel in Bokaro, who were killed on duty specially in Naxal operations in Bokaro over the past 18 years. Their sacrifices couldn't be forgotten, added the SP.

He showed his condolences on the solemn occasion at the Police Memorial in Bokaro. Senior police officers and various other police in-charge were reportedly present on the occasion to pay respect and homage to the martyrs.

The Inspector cum Officer-in-Charge Prameshwar Leyangi of Bokaro thermal police station and others police officials observed police commemoration Day.

Floral tributes to all 20 police personnel who lost their lives in Naxal operations were



paid by officers.

They also observed two minutes silence. All police stations of Bokaro including Nawadhi, Gandhinagar, Gomia, Paterwar, Mahuatard, Jaridih, Kasmar, sector IV, Chas, sector IX, and others

were also observed Commemoration Day and paid floral tributes.

Police sources said that on October 21, 1959, twenty Indian soldiers were attacked by the Chinese troops in Ladakh.

This altercation between the troops led to the death of ten policemen. Seven of the others who were also imprisoned, managed to escape from the Chinese troops.

On November 28, 1959, the Chinese troops handed over

the dead bodies of the martyred policemen to India. Their cremation was held with full Police honours at the Hot springs in Ladakh.

Ever since the incident, this day on October 21 is observed for their martyrdom.

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# 'STATUE OF UNITY' UNVEILING CEREMONY IN GUJARAT Jharkhand delegation to attend inauguration

**CM, Ministers likely to visit Sadhu Bet of Gujarat**

PNS ■ RANCHI

A delegation of the Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FJCCI) including senior politicians and office bearers of the BJP would visit Sadhu Bet riverbed of Narmada River in Gujarat where the world's tallest 'Statue of Unity' is to be dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31 of this month.

The list of visitors may also include Chief Minister Raghubar Das as Minister of Revenue in Gujarat Government Kaushik Bhai Patel would meet him and Governor Droupadi Murmu on Monday to extend

formal invitation for the ceremony to them.

The visiting Minister from Gujarat along with Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand Parimal Nathwani on Sunday met office bearers of FJCCI and extended the invitation to them. The 182 meter 'Statue of Unity' is dedicated to country's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and being built after collecting iron equipments from all over the country.

Jharkhand has been one of the premier States which contributed in the making of the 'Statue of Unity'. A campaign in the had taken place in January, 2014 aimed to collection of iron made equipments used in agricultural activities in villages spreading across length and breadth of the State.

Panchayat level representatives had actively participated into the collection drive and as



FJCCI members felicitate Revenue Minister of Gujarat Kaushik Bhai J Patel during a function in Ranchi on Sunday. Rajya Sabha MP Parimal Nathwani, Chairman Khadi Board Sanjay Seth and others were also present on the occasion Vinay Murmu

many as 4,000 collection kits across were distributed amongst them comprising invitation let-

ters to them, a signature form to seek "moral support" of people, posters, and bags for collecting

soil and iron tools. "Jharkhand has contributed its bit to the statue making

which is largest in the world. It is a matter of pride for the people of the State to take part in the inauguration ceremony. The team from Gujarat met us and representatives from FJCCI would surely attend the ceremony," said FJCCI general secretary Kunal Ajmani.

Besides that, organizations like Patanjali Yogapeeth, members of Vikas Bharati, Citizen Foundation and several other likeminded organisations would also go to Gujarat that had played their roles in building public opinion at grass root level.

The statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is coming up on Sadhu Bet riverbed of Narmada River and around 3 km from the Sardar Sarovar dam and scheduled to be unveiled on October 31 by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the iron man's birth anniversary.

# RMC begins cleanliness drive amid workers strike



**Assures cleaning up waste products from ponds within 48 hrs**

PNS ■ RANCHI

Considering the orders of Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB) on idol immersion inside water reservoirs that suggests cleaning up of water bodies soon after completing the immersion takes place, the Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) pulling its socks up has started clearing the strew accumulated at the demarcated ponds where immersion ritual was carried out on October 19 and 20.

As per the guidelines of the State Pollution Control Board, materials like flowers, clothes and other items used during the puja rituals must be removed within 48 hours of immersion from the sites like ponds and other water bodies for conserving the water from getting contaminated.

Amid the strike of sanitation workers of MSW Essel Infra - the firm managing the work of door to door garbage collection here, the Municipal Corporation has come up with alternative arrangements to clean up the mess considering the auspicious 'Chhath Puja' lined up in November second week.

"Demarcation of ponds for carrying out idol immersion rituals provided much respite to the civic body personnel in clearing the dirt collected at water reservoirs after Durga puja. Also, two-day time for puja samitis to complete the immersion rituals by the district administration helped the RMC workers to complete the cleaning up of water bodies here on time. Around 80 per

cent ponds listed with RMC for idol immersion has been cleaned," said Deputy Mayor Sanjiv Vijayawargia.

The immersion ritual is carried out at Ranchi Lake, Banas Talab, Kanke Dam, Dhurwa Dam, Line Tank, Jail Talab, Batan Talab, Tetar Toli Talab, Argora Talab and PHED Talab annually. "The concerned team of each ward under whose jurisdiction the enlisted water bodies come have assured RMC that by October 22 evening, all water reservoirs will be cleaned, in case, the cleaning activities are yet to be carried out," said City Manager and RMC SBM Cell In-charge, Sandeep Kumar.

Meanwhile, following the increasing complaint cases from different wards on irregular solid waste collection from the households, the civic body has planned to streamline the service by taking the charge in its own hand. Notably, 500 sanitation workers called the strike over delay of payment. Since October 15, RMC is managing the service of garbage collection, segregation and disposal. However, the Deputy Mayor said that after a dialogue and assurance, the sanitation workers have given their consent to resume the work at each ward from October 22.

"The delay in payment issue has been resolved on October 20. Due to the banks holiday, the problem aroused. Also, after the written assurance of company's senior officials over streamlining the service, the Municipal Corporation is keeping a close watch on company's daily activities like garbage collection, segregation of garbage from Mini-Transfer Stations (MTSS) and the total waste disposed at the dump yard," added Vijayawargia.

# Khadi Board to organise blood donation camp



PNS ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand State Khadi and Village Industries Board will organise a blood donation camp on October 22 in association with RIMS on the premises on Khadi Board office, Ratu Road. Also, a free health checkup camp will be organised under the aegis of Orchid hospital Ranchi. Artisans including other officials will donate their blood for saving the lives of thousands. The health camp will be inaugurated by Minister Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education Ramchandra Chandravanshi, Rajya Sabha MP Parimal Nathwani including the delegates from Gujarat.

# Khadi Board, Jharcraft ready to makeover school uniform

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular dictum 'Khadi for fashion, Khadi for nation' may soon have an extended version - 'Khadi for fashion, Khadi for nation, Khadi for school goers!'

In the first of its kind attempt, students attending over 40,000 government schools functional across Jharkhand will soon get a Khadi uniform as the two nodal agencies of the State government are set to redesign their dresses giving a whole new identity to the kids.

Soon after the announcement of Chief Minister Raghubar Das who said that his Government was drafting a plan to supply Khadi-made clothes to school as part of an expansion idea to popularise this indigenous product in Jharkhand, State Khadi Gramodyog Board, Chairperson Sanjay Seth and Jharcraft MD Manjunath Bhajantri during a press meet on Sunday unanimously gave their consent to supply uniforms to the government schools made with the fabric. "There is a big market for



State Khadi Board Chairman Sanjay Seth along with MD Jharcraft Manjunath Bhajantri during a press conference at his office in Ranchi on Sunday Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

Khadi products in Jharkhand. In the wake of the recent announcement of the CM, both Khadi Board including Jharcraft have done their preliminary exercise and we are all set to start the work in accomplishing the project of supply Khadi uniforms in each government school," said the Khadi Board Chairperson.

Under the plan, Jharcraft State Khadi and Village Industries Board and Jharcraft will work jointly enroll Government schools on their respective boards for Khadi school uniforms for their students and accordingly the sup-

ply will be made to each school in a time-bound manner.

"Considering the engagement of women workforce in Khadi industry, this specific endeavor will not just give thrust to the cottage industry waiting for revival across the State but will also aid in making the Khadi a household name. The project will start this year, if things fall in place," Seth further asserted.

Meanwhile, Seth further said that efforts are being put to start the Khadi Park in Dumka district on or before August 15, 2019. Interestingly, the much awaited park will have a train-

ing center, a production unit including a Gandhi museum. "The Khadi Park at Dumka is being designed with State-of-the-Art facilities. Spread over

acres of land, training of sewing, spinning and other specialised designing methods will be taught to the trainees there," said Seth.

# Saras Khadi Mela to kick off on Dec 20

PNS ■ RANCHI

The much awaited annual fair -- Saras Mahotsav and Khadi Mela will start on December 20, 2018. The two weeks long affair that is considered to be one of the biggest consumer fairs of the State will have stalls ranging from attires to decorative products to other knick-knacks as per the customers' choice under one roof.

The fair organised with an aim to popularise indigenous products and to provide a platform to the artisans engaged in different cottage industries will give preference to those stalls having registration with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Development Commissioner (Handicraft

DCH card, Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and those organizations registered with Department of Industries.

According to the members of the organising committee the last day for booking the stalls at the fair is November 15. "The first four stalls decked up in front of all the hangers will have to pay ₹40,000 during the booking. For booking the general stalls, the interested parties will have to give Rs. 20,000 for getting one stall while food stalls will be allocated to the interested persons at ₹30,000 each. Each person or an organisation will be allotted only two stalls," said Khadi Board Chairman, Sanjay Seth. The annual fair will conclude on January 6.

# Eight jailed in Chando communal violence

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Life is leaping back to normal at Chando and also at Bakouriya where on the night of Friday communal convulsions took place between two communities. According to Superintendent of Police (SP) P Palamu Indrajit Mahatha eight people accused of this violence at Chando were remanded to judicial custody on Sunday. Police have invoked various sections of IPC against them.

Police sources said that the jailed persons belong to both communities. Inspector General of Police (IG) Navin Kumar and DIG STF Saket Kumar Singh who reached Chando on Saturday reviewed the situation and police deployment there. The two left for Ranchi the same evening.

IG police Navin Kumar

said, "Situation at Chando is normal. Our vigil is very high there. Bakouriya is all peaceful and pretty normal." DIG STF Saket K Singh said, "Our push is for peace and harmony and these two are there at Chando and Bakouriya."

Satya Narain Singh who was driving the tractor with idols and met with accident when his tractor that he was driving hit wall and tree leading to his treatment in the government sadar hospital Daltonganj where he succumbed to his accident injuries was cremated at the Koyal ghat in Chando on Saturday, said the SP.

Police helped this family by providing timber for the pyre added SP who said this was a humanitarian gesture of police on occasion like this where some wayward people of both the communities saw red at each other.



A pair of Royal Bengal tiger and lion enjoying sunbath during sunny days ahead of winter season inside Tata Steel Zoological Park (TSZP) at Jamshedpur on Sunday



SANJIB KUMAR DUTTA | Pioneer

# Horse riding cradle gallops to new high

Once considered hobby of rich the sport gaining popularity among denizens

PARVINDER BHATIA ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Once a hobby associated with the rich people, horseback riding is gaining popularity among the common people in Jamshedpur, thanks to Horse Riding School at CH Area the first-of-its kind in Jharkhand.

The Horse Riding School under Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) is taking innovative steps to reach out to the people. To give further boost to the riding activity, TSAF had procured three new horses at the Horse Riding School.

"There are only few cities in India which can boast of a full-fledged Riding School. Jamshedpur which is known for its culture of adventure and sports is indeed lucky to

have such a school for enjoyment and learning a new skill altogether. We have procured three horses from Royal Calcutta Turf Club. We have three trainers. People of all ages have started enrolling their names," noted an official of TSAF.

Hemant Gupta a senior functionary of Horse Riding School, says, "People of Jamshedpur are really privileged to have such a facility, which is limited only to a select few metro cities. We have several active members, however I feel there is a need to spread greater awareness about the facility available here". Gupta adds that students from XLRI B-school too are taking keen interest to learn lessons on horse riding and every year students enroll themselves.

The Horse Riding School was set up in 1994 and inaugurated by Dr. J J Irani the then managing director of Tata Steel



on October 30, 1994. The school, situated near the Sai Temple, was being run by the Tata Steel Officers Beach Club - with membership open only to the Officers of Tata Steel. The school was handed over to TSAF and after clearing all formalities the riding lessons were started from Feb 1, 2009. Out of the 5 horses at the time two were very old and only three were suitable for the lessons. The training continued and gradually the school

horse and its effect on the rider during the ride", one of the students.

"It's becoming a craze for us. We began gallop a year ago purely from our passion for horses but now I feel like riding it whenever I get time," said Preet Khanuja, a resident of Sonari.

Horse riding can change your personality, observes a senior citizen Sunil Das. "You're alone on the horse; the process is entirely manual. Managing and directing it gives you immense confidence," he said.

An official of TSAF informed that the course entails learning various beginner levels or horsemanship like introduction to the horse, mounting and dismounting with instructors help, posture, controlling the movement of the horse, walking the horse, trotting, repetition of lessons, mounting and dismounting independently, walking and trotting with greater ease.

# Homage, blood donation camps mark Police Commemoration Day

PNS ■ RANCHI

Central Reserve Police Force personnel on Sunday donated four hundred and nineteen units of blood at its Sembo Group Centre in Dhurwa to mark the 'Police Commemoration Day'. The occasion is observed to remember the bravery and sacrifice of the force to protect the motherland.

Addressing a gathering on the CRPF IG Sanjay Lathekar said, "Police Commemoration Day' is observed to remember the gallant fight put up by the CRPF personnel against Chinese incursions at Hot Spring in Ladakh on October 21, 1959. Thwarting a hostile incursion 10 CRPF brave hearts laid down their lives



Ranchi SSP Anish Gupta felicitates to a martyr family member on the occasion of Police commemoration day function in Ranchi on Sunday Vinay Murmu

and seven others were injured." He said every personnel of the force must be ready to make big sacrifice for integrity and sovereignty of the country. The CRPF also honoured dependents of the martyred personnel with mementoes and commendation letters. A CRPF press release in

this regard stated that Jharkhand boasts of producing brave sons who have made the supreme sacrifice to ensure internal security of the nation. A total of 54 CRPF personnel hailing from the state have laid down their lives across various operational theatres whereas 113 CRPF personnel have attained martyrdom in Jharkhand since the creation of the State in

2000. Besides, the force has played a premier role in containing the Maoists in Jharkhand adding deployment of CRPF has thinned the extremist's presence to a larger extent and has restored the situation to normalcy in recent years.

# AAP's door to door campaign begins

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The rank and file of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) including the party Convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched and actively participated in the "door-to-door" campaign in order to reach out to the common people in its bid to garner their support and collect donations for filling the dry coffers of the party ahead of Lok-Sabha elections due next year.

Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday, visited households in the New Delhi area to collect donations and ask for votes for his party in parliamentary polls 2019. It gave many families a "selfie" opportunity as they captured their moments with their CM as he visited their houses. AAP leaders are resting their hope on common people of Delhi who they think would vote for them in return for the good work done by the AAP dispensation.

"People were very happy with the work done by the Delhi Government and they will give donations and votes to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)", said Kejriwal. His cabinet colleagues, including Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, MPs and MLAs, along with AAP workers, also took to the streets, visiting people in various parts of the city seeking donations and votes for the party.

"Delhi Government is working with honesty. AAP is run by your donation and we need money to fight the election. Whatever possible, you donate so that we can work



with honesty," said Kejriwal. Interacting with the residents of his New Delhi Assembly constituency, Kejriwal said the BJP MPs in Delhi did nothing except "creating hurdles" in the work of the AAP Government.

The donation campaign "Aap Ka Daan, Rashtara Ka Nirman" was launched by Kejriwal last Monday. The campaign will go on for four months, with around 3,000 AAP workers going door to door in all the seven Parliamentary constituencies in Delhi.

Arvind Kejriwal said that it has been more than 3 three years since AAP Government is in Delhi and has spend worth lakhs and crore of Rupees for public welfare but the party doesn't have money for itself because it has never earned. He said that the AAP will continue to work for the "Janta" or common man as it takes donations worth ₹100 from them and not for any "Adani-Ambani".

Kejriwal said it was immaterial for Delhi as to who became the next Prime Minister, adding that if the

AAP won any Lok Sabha seat in the national Capital, it would get work done with whosoever was in power at the Centre.

"We will tell people not to get concerned about who becomes the next prime minister. The BJP MPs did nothing for Delhi. By the way, nobody knows who will be the next Prime Minister. All (parties) are in a poor shape," he said.

The AAP, which has already announced party in-charges for all the seven Lok Sabha constituencies, intends to go to the voters asking for

votes by claiming that its Government has achieved "excellent" results in health, education, water and power supplies.

Issues like the Delhi Metro fare hike, alleged "failures" of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MPs and the ongoing sealing drive in the city are also likely to be raised during the campaign.

In view of the upcoming elections, the party appealed to the people to donate any amount which they like ranging from ₹100, ₹1,000 or ₹10000 every month.

# Punjab DGP: No point of questioning national integrity of any student

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/JALANDHAR

Days after the Kashmiri students studying in Punjab's educational institutes were nabbed for having links with the terrorists, the state Director General of Police (DGP) Suresh Arora on Sunday maintained that there was no point of questioning the national integrity of any student, especially from Kashmir, by the Punjab Police.

"It is our duty to ensure access to quality education to every student from any part of the country," said Arora while interacting with media persons on the sidelines of 59th Police Commemoration Day parade.

At the same time, he made it clear that in case any sort of violation of law is done by any citizen of the country, law would take its own course.

Notably, as many four students from Kashmir, studying in Punjab's private institute, have been arrested by Punjab Police for alleged links with terror outfit — Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind on October 11-12.

Apprehending arrests, many Kashmiri students studying at various colleges across the state started return-

ing home to the valley fearing harassment and arrest, alleging that the police were profiling them by asking them to fill "forms" through college administrations.

The forms entitled "other students database" asks for details like full name, date of birth, gender, father's name, address, contact, Aadhaar detail, date of admission and a photograph to be pasted on the supplied data sheet. Kashmiri students were also being asked to intimate the police before going on leave and also on returning.

As per reports, as many 40 students of the CT Institute of Engineering Management and Technology alone have proceeded on leave.

"I have already passed on directions to district police chiefs to have detailed interactions with the students studying in educational institutes and assure them that the Police was there to assist them in case of any difficulty," said Arora while insisting that there was no question of alienating students from any part of the country.

State DGP said that Additional Director General of Police (Community Policing) Ishwar Singh and Inspector General of Police V Neerja have been appointed as nodal officers to redress the griev-

ances, if any, of the students. "The students can contact both these officers in case of any problem," he added.

Responding to another query, Arora said that the nefarious attempts being made on social media to misguide the youth would be dealt with sternly. "The same attempt was made during the dark days of years 1984-1994 but the youth should not fall prey to such tactics. Rather, the youth must contribute generously in social and economic development of the country in general and state in particular," he said.

Earlier, addressing the gathering, the DGP recalled the Punjab Police's stellar role in preserving the state's hard earned peace besides safeguarding the unity and integrity of the country.

Arora also hailed the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's decision to restore the special family pension of the officers martyred during operations against the terrorism. "The families would get full pension, instead of that cut in year 2014, along with the facility of Red Card. Punjab Police would ever remain indebted to its illustrious heroes, who brought laurels for the Police force through their gallantry deeds," he said.

# CM asks private hospitals to..

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a committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Health Secretary at the state level. If any kind of problem arises after being nominated and treatment starts, then its solution will be provided.

The delegates assured the Chief Minister that they would prepare a proposal and would soon go to Ranchi and work towards becoming partner in the scheme.

The Chief Minister said that Arogya Mitra (Health Friend) will work as a Medical Coordinator. The patient will be taken to see if proper treatment of the dis-

ease is available in the concerned hostel or not, and the proper availability of the bed etc. Otherwise it will be referred for elsewhere. Health friend has also been trained for this.

In order to improve the condition of Jamshepur in the hygiene ranking, the Chief Minister gave instructions. The Chief Minister said that Jamshepur has high quality roads and a global level infrastructure. "We need to prioritise cleaning to bring the city to the top 10 clean cities in the country. For this, cleanliness system should be further strengthened by making manpower more trained," said

the CM. In order to make the city's law and order more stringent, the Chief Minister instructed to install 70 CCTV cameras under MLA funds. The Chief Minister also gave directions for providing cyber crime status, cyber police station, JNAC cleanliness system, providing advanced walkie talkie handsets to policemen stationed in all the main roads of the city.

Tata Steel CEO and MD TV Narendran, Tata Steel Vice President - Corporate Affairs Sunil Bhaskaran, Tata Motors' AB Lal and TMH Hospital GM Dr Rajan Chaudhari were also present in the meeting.

# Shatabdi Express...

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Shatabdi Express to be replaced by 'Make in India' 160 kmph Train 18

The modular toilets will have aesthetic touch-free bathroom fittings. They have zero discharge bio vacuum toilets. The luggage rack of Train 18 will be more spacious so that passengers can carry more luggage. Just like the metro trains or the EMUs, Train 18 will have driver's cabin at both ends of the train. The coaches of the self-propelled train set will be interconnected and they will also have space for wheel-chairs for disabled passengers.

Train 18 will have the latest generation coaches for greater comfort with several new features, including reduced aerodynamic drag for improved energy efficiency, improved air ducting for better distribution and underslung propulsion. It will have quick acceleration and deceleration, thus reducing the travel duration. While there will be on-board Wi-Fi and infotainment, GPS-based information system will enable passengers to know the real-time movement of the train. The initial idea to replace Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Bhopal by Train 18 has been dropped due to the model code of conduct coming into effect for the Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh. The new train set is also likely to be cost-effective for the national transporter as it would cost around Rs 5-6 crore per coach.

# No 2 in CBI says...

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"On receipt of information that Satish Babu paid illegal gratification to Sh Alok Verma, Director, CBI, the same was brought to the notice of the Cabinet Secretary by Asthana through his letter dated August 24 this year.

The CVC has initiated an enquiry and sought the relevant files from the CBI," Asthana alleged in his plaint to the CVC. Asthana has alleged in his letter to the CVC that Satish Babu Sana, one of the accused proposed to be arrested, attempted to flee but could not leave the country, owing to the LOC opened by SIT headed by him (Asthana). The file was submitted back on October 3 to the CBI Director answering all his queries and providing all the documents sought by DoP, the file has never returned.

"Meanwhile, Satish Babu Sana appeared before the IO on October 1, 2018. He stated that he approached Shri CM Ramesh, MP (Rajya Sabha), TDP who in turn personally met the CBI Director. Later, CM Ramesh assured that Satish Sana would not be called again by the CBI. On October 4, ED also examined Sana," Asthana alleged.

Meanwhile, the CBI transferred the Moin Qureshi case to JD (policy) AK Sharma "with malafide intention to shield the bribe payer and bribe receiver. It is clear that active efforts are underway to falsely implicate the undersigned (Asthana)," Asthana alleged in his second complaint to CVC on October 19. Sharma is said to have verbal-

ly ordered the flight of controversial businessman Vijay Mallya against whom a Look Out Circular (LOC) was pending.

Asthana also sought transfer of eight cases including the Moin Qureshi case to the SIT.

In his earlier complaint to the CVC on October 18, Asthana said, "On the basis of reasonable grounds and apprehension, LOC was got opened against them (Moin Qureshi and others) on May 16, 2018 as they are facing serious charges and can flee from justice, and may not return to India. During September 2018, as soon as the CVC called for relevant files including the files related to RC 2242017 A0001-AC-VI/SIT, Delhi (against Moin Qureshi and others), CBI Director Alok Kumar Verma came to know about possible allegations in the instant case.

"A proposal to arrest and (subject) custodial interrogation of Satish Babu Sana and others was submitted by the Investigating Officer (IO) on 12.09.2018, which was duly endorsed by the SP/SIT on 12.09.2018 and by JD/SIT on 20.09.2018. I also endorsed the arrest proposal on 20.09.2018 and, put up to the CBI Director for approval. However, Alok Kumar Verma, after four days, in a deviation from the procedure generally adopted by the CBI and violation of Para 12.3 of CBI (Crime) Manual, 2005, marked the arrest proposal to OP Verma, Director of Prosecution (DoP) on 24.09.2018."

# 15 die on bloody...

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Adviser to the Governor, K Vijay Kumar, and DGP Dilbag Singh have expressed regret over the loss of civilian lives at the encounter site and conveyed their profound condolences to the bereaved families.

He said such sites should be avoided by civilians till they are properly sanitised.

Reacting to the news of loss of civilian lives, former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah termed it as 'terrible news'. "Terrible news coming out from Kulgam. May the deceased find place in Jannat. Alienating the people in the fight against militancy is a sure fire recipe for losing the fight. How long can we go on ignoring the ground realities & living in denial about how bad things are in Kashmir?" Omar wrote on Twitter.

The slain civilians were identified as Ubaid Laway, son of Mohammad Maqbool Laway; Uzair Ahmad, Mansoor Ahmad, Talib Maqbool of Laroo, Tajamul Ahmad of Denew Bogund and Irshad Ahmad of Shurat.

All three terrorists were locals and affiliated with Jaish-e-Muhammad. They have been identified as Shahid ul Islam Tantray of Wangam Shopian, Yazil Makroo of Arwani Bijbehara and Zubair Lone of Ahwatoo Kulgam.

Meanwhile, Joint Resistance Leadership has called for shutdown on Monday against the killings.

# 6 women stopped...

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On Sunday, a 47-year-old woman reached up to the 'Nadappandhal' close to the sanctum sanctorum, but was prevented by the devotees chanting "Swamiye Saranam Ayyappa" while five others were stopped enroute to the hills.

The woman, who complained of uneasiness, was brought to a hospital here by the police. A elderly woman devotee who was present at the spot said as the identity card of the woman showed she was born in 1971 and had not attained the 'permissible age', the other devotees started chanting Sarana mantra.

Earlier, the protesters prevented two women, in their 40s, at the foothills itself. The women were accompanied by their relatives. Police, who took the women to the safety, said the two informed them that they came to Sabarimala without knowing the customs of the temple.

After the women were brought Nilackal, the base camp, they gave in writing to the police that they did not want to break the centuries-old custom of the temple, sources said.

Amid mounting protest in the state against the Supreme Court order, BJP Sunday urged the Kerala government to convene a session of the assembly and pass a resolution seeking the centre's intervention to overcome the crisis.

# ND Tiwari cremated with full State honours

PNS ■ HALDWANI

The former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Narayan Dutt Tiwari's mortal remains were cremated with full State honours at Chitrashila Ghat on the banks of the Gaula river in Ranibagh here on Sunday. A large number of people, apart from Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and politicians from various parties were among those present on the occasion. Tiwari's funeral procession began from the circuit house to the Chitrashila Ghat where his son Rohit Shekhar Tiwari lit the pyre.

Earlier, Chief Minister, Trivendra Singh Rawat, paying tribute to Tiwari, said that he used to work above party lines and will be remembered for his developmental works. He said that the present State Government will take forward the works carried out by him. Calling him the Bhisma Pitamah of politics, Rawat said that Tiwari will

always be remembered as a popular leader. Vidhan Sabha Speaker Premchand Aggarwal said that Tiwari was a 'political guru' and his demise has caused an irreparable loss to the country and society.

Union Minister of State for Textiles Ajay Tanta, MPs and ex CMs Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Ramesh Pokhriyal, Finance Minister Prakash Pant, Transport Minister Yashpal Arya, Agriculture Minister Subodh Uniyal, Cooperative Minister Dhan Singh Rawat, Women Welfare and Child Development Minister Rekha Arya, former CM and AICC general secretary Harish Rawat, leader of opposition Indra Hridayesh, BJP State president Ajay Bhatt various MLAs and members of the public paid their last respects to the veteran leader on the occasion. The general public were allowed to pay their tributes to the departed leader at circuit house.

# Matri Sadan to begin Tapasya to pursue Sanand's demands for Ganga

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

The mentor of the late ascetic Swami Gyan Swaroop Sanand, Swami Avimukteshwaranand has held the Government responsible for his disciple's death. He expressed his views at Shradhdhanjali Sabha organised in memory of Sanand at Matri Sadan. He said that to carry forward the demands of Sanand, three-day long discussion will be held in Varanasi which will be attended by 1008 ascetics from across the country. He said to awaken the Government from its long slumber and to get the pain of mother Ganga heard a campaign shall be launched.

The three day 'Manthan Baithak' shall be held in Varanasi on November 25-27, he announced. Meanwhile founder of Matri Sadan, Swami Shivanand has announced to carry forward the struggle undertaken by Sanand for Ganga and begin penance from October 24. Who would undertake hunger strike shall be decided on the same day, he said.

Speaking to the media, Shivanand said that Matri Sadan



has been fighting for Ganga for the past decades and will continue doing this in future. The ascetics of Matri Sadan are vying for the chance to perform penance for Ganga so it was not possible to decide at the spur of the moment who will begin hunger strike. Earlier, he had announced his own name to undertake the hunger strike from October 24.

It will be recalled that three Matri sadan ascetics including Swami Gyan Swaroop Sanand who died this month during fast

unto death pressing his demands for Ganga Act, have sacrificed their lives for Ganga conservation and ecological balance.

Swami Nigamanand Saraswati died in June 2011 after 114 days of hunger strike demanding blanket ban on quarrying in Ganga river bed. Earlier Brahmchari Gokulanand had staged four week fast in March 1998. As part of his tapasya, he had left for Himalayas to perform austerities in 2013 and was found dead in Bamni village of Nainital district.

# Tiwari dedicates FCTS to people in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Bhartiya Janta Party President Manoj Tiwari on Sunday dedicated the Fixed Compactor Transfer Stations (FCTS) to people in a function organised at Badli industrial area.

Addressing the gathering, Tiwari said while municipal corporations are engaged in improving the services by providing services door to door but the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is engaged in collecting donations visiting door to door.

Tiwari said that this initiative is an important step in managing of garbage and its disposal.

Former Mayor Preety Agarwal who was also present on the occasion, said that "The aim is to change the life of the poor. She said our aim is to keep Delhi clean and compactors are being installed for making it successful. "It would also now help in checking littering around



dhalao as it would directly receive garbage without spilling around," she said.

"The project lays great emphasis on segregation based on the three R Concepts — Reduce, Recycled and Reuse. The implementation of the

project results in the disposal of the almost full quantity of waste, resulting in the minimum leftover garbage to be dumped at the landfill site. The salient features of FCTS include primary collection of waste from the street level through

auto tippers, transporting the waste in covered primary vehicles to the fixed compactor transfer station to mobile transfer stations (MTS)," a senior Corporation official said.

The official further said that the initiative is going to

ensure primary and secondary collection of garbage side by side. He added that the new FCTS in the West Zone will bring a remarkable change as far as collection and disposal of garbage is concerned.

Explaining the working of FCTS, a senior Corporation official said that the FCTS comprises of a bin, tipcart hydraulically operated loading shovel bucket, compressor and hook loader. "The collected garbage from the localities will be put into the bin with the capacity of around seven tone garbage in bin measuring ten and a half meter cubic area.

The tip carts bringing the garbage can bring two and halftone garbage putting it into the bin. The collected garbage in the bin will be hydraulically operated loading shovel bucket attach with the fixed compactor will transfer the garbage into the compactor for compressing it into short size," he said.

# PAK TERRORISTS SHIFT FOCUS IN J&K

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# PM inaugurates police memorial

## Slams Congress for delaying construction

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

The supreme sacrifice by



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

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

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

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

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

Instead, the previous

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

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

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

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

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

"There is a serious question

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# BJP Govt will be dislodged in Raj: Pilot

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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# POLITICS OVER GREAT LEADERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

# 6 new zika cases in Raj, total 123

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# J&J FAULTY HIP IMPLANTS

## Affected patients seek clarity on compensation amount

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

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

"We are unclear about the basis of deciding on a formula in the absence of any consultation with patients to understand the range of our suffering because of the hip implants, the aggravation of pain and misery caused by unjustifiably delayed medical attention and other negative impacts on our lives.

"We question why we have to rely on media reports — which quote unnamed sources — for information about an issue that is directly related to our pain and suffering," they said in the letter.

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

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

# 61,000 posts lying vacant in paramilitary forces

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

A Home Ministry official said the vacancies in the paramilitary forces arise due to retirement, resignation, death, creation of new posts or raising of new battalions.

"The vacancies are filled through various modes, including direct recruitment,

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

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

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

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

anti-Naxal operations in Maoist-hit areas.

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

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

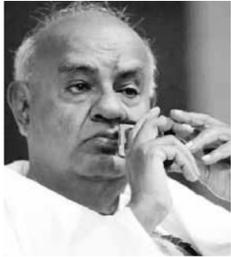
The guru-shishya duo who fought and divided Karnataka politics have come together now in a show of strength to, what they call, defeat the Modi-Shah combine in the State.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kumar Chellappan

# Chandy: Saritha's sexual abuse FIR politically motivated

IANS ■ KOTTAYAM (KERALA)

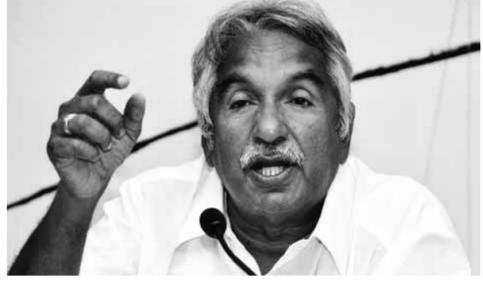
Reacting to the Kerala Government registering a new case of sexual abuse alleged by solar scam accused Saritha Nair, former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy on Sunday said the move was politically motivated.

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

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

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

In the complaint, Nair said



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

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

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

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



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

# Surat rape accused arrested in Bihar's Buxar

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Mamata pays tribute to INA soldiers

IANS ■ KOLKATA

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

"Today is the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Azad Hind Government. My heartfelt tribute to all the brave soldiers of INA who fought for India's freedom under the leadership of Netaji. Jai Hind," she tweeted. On Police Commemoration Day, Banerjee also conveyed her best wishes to the police forces of West Bengal and other states.

"On Police Commemoration Day, my best wishes to @wbpolice, @kolkatapolice and all the police forces of all other States for their service to the nation. From festivals to disasters, they always work hard to keep us safe."

# Uddhav attacks BJP, says Centre needs no alliances

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

Thackeray addressed public meetings at Shirdi and Ahmednagar.

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

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

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



gathering.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# BSF pays homage to martyrs on police commemoration day

PTI ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

When asked about the need for such a campaign, Afzal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MRM has been reaching

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

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

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

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

# Nitish likely to go for Cabinet expansion

PNS ■ PATNA

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



seen as only next to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ PATNA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

# Gujarat ATS nabs man from Kashmir in heroin smuggling case

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

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

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

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

"Manzoor Ahmad Mir has

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

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

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

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

The CJI had expressed his

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

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

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

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

Taking a cue from the

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

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

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

# BJP true saviour of Dalits: Yogi

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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



ever thought in this direction?" Yogi said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# AMRITSAR TRAGEDY

# 11 natives of UP among dead

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

two children, lived in Unnao.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



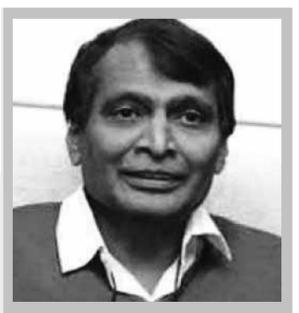


**We were off-loading 75-100 tonnes of onions from the buffer stock in the last ten days. Now, we have decided to release more quantity, at least 200 tonnes, on a daily basis in the wholesale markets. We are going to release buffer stock of onion in the open market till first week of December, by then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

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

## BUZZ FROM GOVT

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**Suresh Prabhu,**  
Union Commerce Minister

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

The sentiment was also



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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

Further, the official said it would be essentially a co-operation agreement and the proceedings would be at one place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST) was rolled out on July 1, 2017.

"The ministry further said that for those taxpayers who have been recently migrated from erstwhile tax regime to GST regime, the last date for availing ITC for the period July, 2017 to March, 2018, is December 31, 2018 or the date

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

Gadkari said the Revas

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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



both the auctions was held on Saturday.

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

The opening preview for

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

The m-cap of ITC soared ₹16,856.05 crore to ₹3,531,141.45 crore.

Kotak Bank's m-cap zoomed ₹5,749.62 crore to ₹2,28,754.68 crore and that of ONGC surged ₹4,941.25 crore to ₹2,066,79.25 crore.

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

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

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

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

SBI's valuation went down by ₹2,231.14 crore to ₹2,32,797.87 crore and that of TCS declined by ₹506.57 crore to ₹7,19,350.91 crore.

In the ranking of top-10 firms, TCS stood at number one position, followed by RIL, HDFC Bank, ITC, HUL, Infosys, HDFC, SBI, Kotak Bank and ONGC.

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

# 200 Chinese investors attend seminar on investment in India

PTI ■ BEIJING

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**What is the requirement**

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

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

**Nothing in the agricultural sector?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ PANAJI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goa has a port, railway infrastructure and an airport is also being constructed by the Centre (apart from the already existing airport at Dabolim).

"Goa is ideal for creating the logistics hub which will result in huge job creation," Prabhu said.

**OPEN-ENDED (GROWTH)**

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

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

**ICICI PRUDENTIAL MUTUAL FUND**

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

**KOTAK MAHINDRA MUTUAL FUND**

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

**SAHARA MUTUAL FUND**

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

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

**SBI MUTUAL FUND**

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

**OPEN-ENDED (INCOME)**

**DHFL PRAMERICA MUTUAL FUND**

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

**ICICI PRUDENTIAL MUTUAL FUND**

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

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

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

**JM FINANCIAL MUTUAL FUND**

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

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

# US TO EXIT RUSSIA NUCLEAR TREATY

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AP ■ ELKO, NEVADA

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

Britain said it stood "absolutely resolute" with the US, while Germany called Trump's move "regrettable." Heiko Maas said in a statement Sunday that the three-decade-old Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty is "an important pillar of our European security architecture" and Trump's announcement "raises difficult questions for us and Europe."

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

violating it for many years," Trump said. He asserted that the US is "not going to let them violate a nuclear agreement and go out and do weapons and we're not allowed to."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## JAMAL KHASHOGGI KILLING

# 'Not satisfied' with Saudi account: Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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



## ...US, Saudi tensions rise

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TURKEY VOWS TO REVEAL 'TRUTH'

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

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

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

## Turkey to quiz more witnesses

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

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

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

## Saudi explanation not credible: UK

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

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

# Khashoggi's fiancée writes him parting message

IANS ■ ANKARA

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

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

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

interview, reports CNN.

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

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

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

In the event that he did not emerge,

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

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

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

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

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

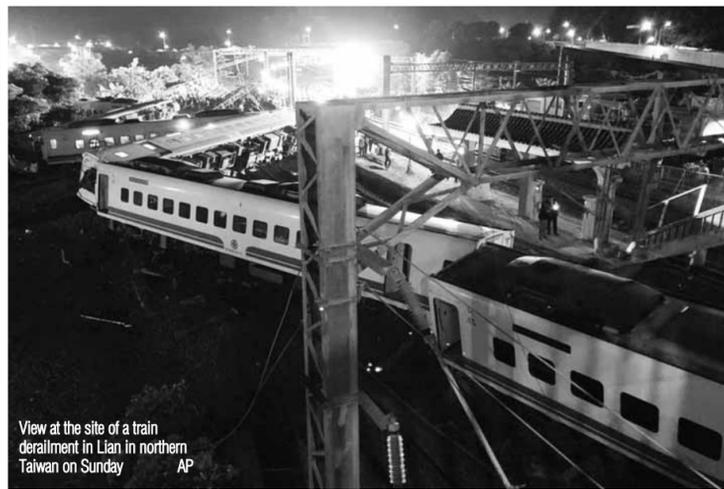
## Trump: Obama did nothing despite FBI's advise on Russian meddling

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

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

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

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



## 22 dead after train flips in Taiwan

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

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

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

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

administration said.

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

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

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

AFP ■ COLOMBO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GLOBE TROTTER

### AFGHAN VOTE FOR 2ND DAY AFTER ATTACKS

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

### EBOLA DEATH TOLL RISES TO 200 IN CONGO

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

### NIKKI HALEY MOCKS PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

### 11 MISSING AFTER SHIP SANK OFF CHINESE COAST

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

### FORMER DUTCH PM KOK DIES AT 80

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

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

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

## Air quality gets better in nearly 350 Chinese cities

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

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

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

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

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

## Eating spinach, beetroot could help prevent vision loss

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

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



of nitrate per 100g. "This is the first time the effects of dietary nitrates on macular degeneration risk has been measured," said lead researcher Bamini Gopinath from Westmead Institute for Medical Research in Australia. For the study, the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

duration, are needed to expend 770 kilocalorie.

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

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

Trend Glazer

Lara refuses work offer from Mukesh

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



**'Nothing has changed over the years. I still work with my heart. Some people take me in the films thinking it will change their life or film. Sometimes I look at the banner, or the script or at the director. But emotions is something I am associated with.'**



**—Jackie Shroff**

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



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

Avril doesn't regret marriages

Singer **Avril Lavigne** said she does not regret marrying musicians **Chad Kroeger** and **Deryck Whibley**, who are now her former husbands. Lavigne said, "I love love. The way I looked at it is I married my long-terms." Recalling her initial reaction to the collaboration suggestion with Kroeger, she said, "He's had a ton of hit songs. He plays guitar. This could be great. A month later, I had a 14-carat ring on my finger." The 43-year-old rocker quickly caught her attention when he arrived for their first studio session with a \$3,000 bottle of Screaming Eagle wine. She said: "(I thought) I'm in love." She said around 75 per cent of her inkings were done in tandem with other people, including two she has with Whibley, a musical note and a number 30 to mark the Sum-41 rocker's 30th birthday, which fell after they had split.



HINT OF SPICE

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



TV actor makes wild card entry

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

Bigg Boss is a reality show with intrigue, mystery and real emotions, all rolled in one. To win one season, contestants have to go through a dramatic roller coaster with each episode. Actor Rohit Suchanti has received the opportunity of a lifetime to enter the house almost a month after season 12 began. Rohit says that he's very

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excited to see what's going to come his way. He sees this platform as a big opportunity and says, "It's very important as it's a great chance for me to make a place for myself as an individual." The wild card contestant says, "I am so thrilled that I can't wait to enter the house. I'll completely be myself there and will have fun."

Rohit doesn't seem to have any expectations before entering the house. He says, "As I see them all playing, my expectation level has come to zero. I don't really have anything to expect from the contestants already present in the house."

The TV actor adds, "I am pretty much prepared for all the drama. It truly depends on the way you play the game. Let's see how it goes. I have been following the show since it started to prepare."

WEBBED

HOUSE OF CARDS

Golden Globe winner and Emmy Award nominee **Robin Wright** returns as President of the United States in the award-winning, landmark series *House of Cards*. Wright is joined by Academy Award nominees **Diane Lane** and **Greg Kinnear** as well as **Cody Fern** this season alongside Emmy Award nominee **Michael Kelly**, **Jayne Atkinson**, Academy Award nominee **Patricia Clarkson**, Emmy Award Nominee **Constance Zimmer**, **Derek Cecil**, **Campbell Scott** and **Boris McGiver**.

Melissa James Gibson and Frank Pugliese continue as showrunners for season six, and they serve as executive producers along with **Robin Wright**, **David Fincher**, **Joshua Donen**, **Dana Brunetti**, **Eric Roth**, **Michael Dobbs** and **Andrew Davies**. Created for television by **Beau Willimon**. *House of Cards* is produced by **Donen/Fincher/Roth** and **Trigger Street Productions, Inc.** in associated with **Media Rights Capital** for Netflix.

The final chapter of the *House of Cards* will launch on November 2.



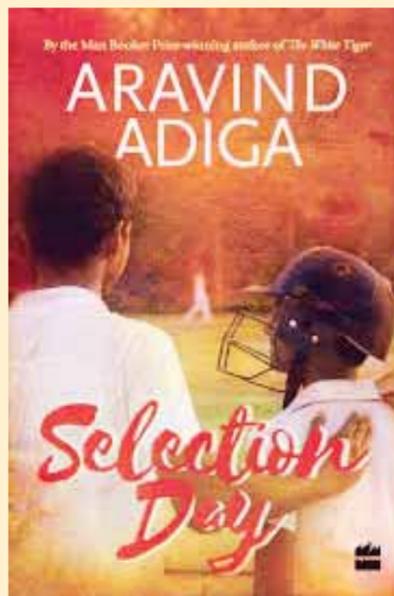
SELECTION DAY

*Selection Day*, based on **Aravind Adiga's** novel of the same name is a coming-of-age drama about two brothers who are raised by their strict, obsessive father to be star cricket players in India. It's a moving story about ambition, love, acceptance and finding your own path.

Fourteen-year-old **Manju** is destined for cricket greatness. There's only one problem, he hates cricket. Controlled from a young age by his overbearing and cricket-obsessed father, **Manju's** main role in life is to support his older brother and fellow cricket star, **Radha**. When the family moves to **Mumbai** and the brothers start at a new school, **Manju** discovers his interests outside of cricket and starts slipping away from **Radha** and his father's grasp. More importantly, **Manju** becomes friends with **Radha's** greatest cricket rival, a boy who is the very definition of freedom and confidence — concepts **Manju** has never experienced himself.

The show stars **Mahesh Manjrekar**, **Ratna Pathak Shah**, **Rajesh Tailang**, and introduces newcomers **Yash Dholye** and **Mohammad Samad** as brothers **Radha** and **Manju Kumar**.

The series launches globally on December 28.



TECH TALK

Tracking fake news accounts

As the elections are round the corner, Facebook has launched its new 'War Room' to reduce the spread of misleading content

In line with its efforts to prevent misuse of its platform during elections, Facebook has set up a 'War Room' to reduce the spread of potentially harmful content.

Facebook faced flak for not doing enough to prevent spread of misinformation by Russia-linked accounts during the 2016 US presidential election. The social networking giant has rolled out several initiatives to fight fake news and bring more transparency and accountability in its advertising since then.

The launch of the first war room at its headquarters in Menlo Park, California, is part of the social network's new initiatives to fight election interference on its platform.

Although Facebook opened the doors of the war room ahead of the general elections in Brazil and mid-term elections in the US, it revealed the details only this week.

The goal behind setting up the room was to get the right subject-matter experts from across the company in one place so they can address potential problems identified by its technology in real time and respond quickly.

"The room has over two dozen experts from across the company — including from our threat intelligence, data science, software engineering, research, community operations and legal teams," said **Samidh Chakrabarti**, Facebook's director of product management, civic engagement.

"These employees represent and are supported by more than 20,000 people working on safety and security across Facebook," **Chakrabarti** added.

Facebook said its dashboards offer real-time monitoring on key elections issues, such as efforts to prevent people from voting, increases in spam, potential for-



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election interference or reports of content that violates our policies.

The War Room team also monitors news coverage and election-related activity across other social networks and traditional media in order to identify what type of content may go viral. These preparations helped a lot during the first round of Brazil's presidential elections, claimed Facebook.

The social networking giant said its technology detected a false post claiming that Brazil's Election Day had been moved from October 7 to 8 due to national protests.

While untrue, that message began to go viral. But the team quickly detected the problem, determined that the post violated Facebook's policies, and removed it in under an hour.

"And within two hours, we'd removed other versions of the same fake news post," **Chakrabarti** said.

The team in the War Room, Facebook said, also helped quickly remove hate speech posts that were designed to whip up violence against people from Northeast Brazil after the first round of election results were called. "The work we are doing in the room builds on almost two years of hard work and significant investments, in both people and technology, to improve security on Facebook, including during elections," **Chakrabarti** said.

Facebook said that it was planning to set up a task force comprising "hundreds of people" ahead of the 2019 general elections in India.

"With the 2019 elections coming, we are pulling together a group of specialists to work together with political parties," said **Richard Allan**, Facebook's Vice President for Global Policy Solutions.

Facebook has also set a goal of bringing a transparency feature for political ads — now available in the US and Brazil — to India by March next year, **Allan** informed. With the new ad architecture in place, people would be able to see who paid for a particular political ad.

# RISE LIKE A PHOENIX

Abandoned by her husband, ASMA BIBI raised five children single-handedly, provided them with an education, while running her business all on her own. By SADAF ZAREEN



## CLEANSE THE MIND

Mental pollution is causing the environmental one as well, says RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJ JI

Today, every country is facing the consequences of pollution, contamination or abuse of air, water, food and even space on a very large scale but they are not able to find a foolproof solution to this dangerous threat for humanity. Since environmental pollution has been the focus of public attention the last couple of years it is now being increasingly realised that man has wantonly and cruelly been treating the planet and ravaging and ruining the atmosphere. The denudation of forests, the poisoning of lakes and rivers with pesticides and industrial wastes, the pollution of atmosphere with smoke from automobiles and factory chimneys and the overuse of chloro-fluorocarbons, resulting in the depletion of ozone, have brought the world to the brink of an environmental ruin. Environmental scientists now warn that the accumulation of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere would not only result in the green-house effect but would also result in increase in the planet's average temperature from 3° F to 9° F and this would cause the oceans to rise by several feet, flooding coastal areas and ruining huge areas of farmlands and triggering other calamities. It is, therefore, being suggested now that the industries must re-examine their production processes so that the industrial wastes and the smoke from their chimneys can be reduced and that waste products must be recycled and that means of mass transport be encouraged in place of automobiles for individuals or families.



has become such that there is a great demand for energy and consumer goods. So, more and more trees are cut and forests and farmlands vanish to give place to expanding cities and there is more industrial waste and emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, etc. So without reducing population and changing lifestyle and attitudes, the problem of environmental pollution cannot be solved and it is in this respect that the help of spiritualists is called for. Because the ultimate solution to this problem lies in realising the self and also our relationship with other human beings. Remember, great men are those who see that the spiritual force is much stronger than the material force. Hence, without a spiritual orientation of the relationship

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If we look up for the dictionary meaning of word pollution, we may find something like 'to destroy purity of; to contaminate'. However, we humans are only aware of the material pollution in the branches of the polluted tree and we have totally disregarded the seed or root of thought pollution, which gave growth to that tree. So without destroying the root basis of pollution, the source can never be purified. Infact it won't be an exaggeration to say that the problem of environmental pollution is actually due to pollution of man's mind which is full of selfishness, jealousy, greed, anger, etc. The problem of ecological imbalance is due to our mental imbalance, and the disequilibrium in nature is due to disequilibrium in our mind. Secondly, we must understand that the problem of pollution is linked with the problem of population increase. To meet the demands of the growing population, more and more electricity, fuel, energy, automobiles, wood, water, paper and industries are needed and all these act badly on the environment. Also, man's lifestyle

between humans moral and spiritual values cannot be brought into play or be sustained, and, in the absence of these core values, no problem can really be solved for considerable length of time. It is, therefore essential, for all of us to understand our real and intrinsic nature behind the mask or the garment of the body to set the direction right. If this is not done, then possibly science without spirituality may dangerously lead mankind to a nuclear catastrophe or population explosion or environmental upheaval. So, let us use the powerful weapon of spiritual wisdom to cleanse our soul from thought pollution and live in harmony with nature and its elements without any kind of disturbance whatsoever.



Sometimes it is important to dream big to be successful in life, it can be more exciting than just possessing bookish knowledge. Often people remain confined to the four walls of their house because they feel that they cannot do anything in life and people will mock them. This tendency is mostly seen in women, especially in rural areas. In fact, this mentality is due to the social environment where because of lack of education women are only considered to be objects of sexual pleasure and reproduction. This is a major reason for women not even dreaming of moving forward. Education is very important for women and our society is unable to provide it. In fact, education is an important factor for the advancement of any society. It explains the difference between right and wrong and arouses curiosity in the mind. Annals of history have tales of many educated

women playing important roles in preparing social structures with enthusiasm. Despite their achievements, the present stratum of society makes fun of them. But in our society, there are many women like Asma Bibi who, despite being uneducated, have been able to make their own distinct identity. She lives in a small village in Rohtas district of Bihar, cannot read or write a single alphabet in any language but through her own initiative has become an example of women's empowerment. Parents of 50-year-old Asma Bibi, living in Akbarpur village, located at Dehri in Rohtas district, were illiterate too and kept their daughter away from acquiring any form of education. She was married off at an early age and had six children one after another. Her husband started spending all the household earning on liquor and used to beat

**THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY IS NOT UNDERSTOOD, WHICH IS WHY THEY CONSIDER IT THEIR FATE TO WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF INHUMAN LAWS MADE BY MEN**

her up when she would refused to give him any money. Her life continued to go on despite the problems until she got a shock one day when her eldest son went missing. Her husband had by then moved away to a city in search of a job and never returned. But she did not give up hope. She kept trying to find her son. After losing both husband and son, she took up the responsibility of improving the condition of her household and raising her remaining five children. She started doing sweeping and swabbing in houses and with that money she started buying women's makeup items and other accessories from the city to sell in the village. Even though she could not read the name of the station, Asma Bibi used to go to Ferozabad to buy items at cheap rates. At the same time she started traveling further and further in the hope of finding her son.

Asma was keen to learn to read, whether it was in Hindi, English or Urdu. She faced ridicule for saying the words wrong but that did not discourage her. She realised the need for education and was determined to educate her children. Along with managing the expenses of the house, she started raising money for her children's education. She enrolled her three daughters in school and sent her two sons to a large Madrasa (Institute for Islamic Studies) in Aurangabad to receive religious education. She got the admission forms and new updates about schools and colleges. She would even ensure she found out about scholarship schemes and other government schemes to be able to provide her children with the best education. Asma Bibi, without any support from anyone, has changed the living conditions of not only her own life but also her children's lives for the better because of her courage, hard work and enthusiasm. The circumstances in which they live today have changed completely from what it was earlier. She made sure that her daughters completed their graduation. She was able to get her daughters' married into good homes because they were well educated. Eight years later, her missing son returned home and to help him to earn a living Asma has taken a loan to send him to Saudi Arabia for work. The younger son is a Hafeez (one who recites the Holy Quran by heart). Her desire to read is still very much alive even today and she is learning to read the Quran and has also learnt Urdu from her son. In fact, Asma Bibi today has become an example for those women who give up their dreams and lose heart by throwing away their desire of becoming someone great or of achieving knowledge. When they think of themselves as weak they allow people to exploit them both physically as well as mentally. The importance of education and the rights of women in society is not understood, which is why they consider it their fate to walk in the footsteps of inhuman laws made by men. However, with changing times this mentality of society is gradually changing. But a lot needs to be done in rural areas. —Charkha Features

Body shaming — these two words say a lot about their intent. In fact, it has become a serious issue in our society today. Technically, body shaming is defined as inappropriate, negative statements and attitudes toward another person's weight or size but it is so much more than that. It is one of the most serious form of bullying, harassment and humiliation and usually experienced by women more than men.

In an age where mainstream media and social media are easily accessible, there is a strong emphasis on idealised beauty on platforms such as Instagram, magazines and television. When we look at celebrities and models who are believed to have 'perfect bodies', individuals start becoming critical of their own bodies and succumb to the pressure of living up to unrealistic standards. Studies show that more than 90 per cent women are not happy with the way they look. Where do you think this self-rejection comes from? Why do you think these women and girls are becoming more and more conscious about how they look, what they wear and what skin color they have.

With global celebrities coming out and breaking their silence on their experiences of body shaming in the industry,

## Different bodies, one message

Irrespective of whether you're fat or thin, body shaming has plagued many people. The only way to overcome it is by talking about it. By AISHWARYA SHARMA



it has become one of the most talked about things recently. Despite their status, some celebrities have had to deal with body shaming, from comments left on their social media pages, to having Photoshop applied to their pictures for magazine covers. *Mad Men* actress

Christina Hendricks recently spoke out about being rejected for a role for being too curvy. Priyanka Chopra spoke about being rejected for her skin color in a lot of Bollywood and Hollywood films. This is a point where we realise that no matter who you are, body

shaming is something which follows you everywhere and engulfs everyone. Statements like "You are so fat", "You should probably try to gain weight", "Your parents don't feed you?", "Your top is too short for your belly" which can come from complete

strangers or your family member can create a feeling of helplessness and humiliation for the one at the receiving end. You, I and others, we all have gone through it. We all have had people who told us how inappropriate we look in a certain dress because we have chubby thighs, belly fat, short legs or because we are simply stick thin. Eventually, we start feeling that we aren't enough. Experts say "Psychological invalidation is one of the most lethal forms of emotional abuse and body shaming is the worst thing you can do to a person. It kills creativity and confidence of the individual." Body shaming is universal. When we say that, we mean that shaming can come from anywhere and from anyone. It could be out of concern or to demean the other person. Sometimes, it can be internal too. Studies show that a lot of women have resigned to self-shaming. They keep shaming themselves because they think they aren't like the girls in the magazines. Magazines con-

stantly offer tips about 'how to lose weight in days', 'appear slimmer instantly', and 'hide our imperfections'...without actually knowing anything about us, much less our appearance. This is only one example of body shaming in media. There are sitcoms that frequently use overweight actors' bodies as the basis of jokes. However, people today are more outspoken about their struggles and stories and when we are made aware of them we realise how important it is to actually let it out instead of let it kill you from inside. Nobody wants to go to bed crying and wake up with a feeling of not being enough and it's unimaginable as to how many people experience that each day. Important questions are who are these people?, why do we care about what they say? and why are we detesting ourselves because someone else is not comfortable? It has become essential to represent different bodies, races and skin colours. (The writer is a fashion activist.)

**Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts. —Winston S Churchill**

**BOWEL DISEASE UPS DEATH RISK**

Children who develop Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) — ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease — are at an increased risk of death, both in childhood and later in life, as per a new study. IBD is the ongoing inflammation of all or part of the digestive tract. The research suggests that it is important to carefully monitor patients who are diagnosed with IBD. "Individuals who are diagnosed in childhood need to be monitored carefully," said Ola Olén, lead researcher at Karolinska Institute, Sweden. The results of the study, published in the journal *Gastroenterology*, showed that children who developed IBD before 18 have a three to five-fold higher mortality rate than people without IBD, both during childhood and into adulthood.

**SMOKING MARIJUANA INCREASES STROKE RISK**

If you are smoking marijuana, you're at an increased risk of developing cerebrovascular effects of cannabinoids or stroke, as per a new study. The research, presented at the World Stroke Congress in Montreal, showed a rise in stroke incidence among marijuana users from 2010-14 while overall stroke prevalence remained stable. As per the researchers from the University of Toronto, there are over 80 million people currently living with the effects of stroke globally. For the study, the team evaluated the use of the drug rivaroxaban versus acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) to prevent strokes in patients with an enlarged left atrium of the heart. The results showed that the rate of stroke of all types of marijuana users increased from 1.3 to 1.5 per cent. During the five-year span, the prevalence of stroke among all patients was stable, the team said.

**AEROBIC EXERCISES HELP REDUCE DEPRESSION**

Supervised aerobic exercises have large anti-depressant treatment effects for patients with major depression, a study, in the journal *Depression and Anxiety*, suggests. It showed a significantly large overall anti-depressant effect compared with anti-depressant medication and/or psychological therapies. "Collectively, this study has found that supervised aerobic exercise can significantly support major depression treatment in mental health services," said author Ioannis D. Morres from the University of Thessaly, Greece. For the study, the research team involved 455 adults across 11 eligible trials patients between 18 to 65 years with depression as a primary disorder. The exercises were performed for 45 minutes at moderate intensity, thrice per week and for 9.2 weeks. Analyses revealed comparable effects for exercise across various settings in both outpatients and in patients regardless of symptom severity.

**NEW METHOD TO DELIVER DRUGS TO BRAIN**

Researchers have found a potentially new approach to deliver therapeutics more effectively to the brain. The findings, done on mice, showed that the research could have implications for treatment of a range of diseases, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and brain cancer. "Improving the delivery of drugs to the central nervous system is a considerable clinical challenge," said author Maiken Nedergaard from the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC), US. "The findings of this study demonstrate that the brain's waste removal system could be harnessed to transport drugs quickly and efficiently into the brain," Nedergaard added. The study shows the power of glymphatic system, the brain's process of removing waste, discovered by Nedergaard in 2012. The team believe that this method could be used to not only deliver into the brain proteins like antibodies, but small molecule drugs and viruses.

**CYCLING, WALKING IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH**

A study shows, people who commute — walking or cycling — through natural environments are more likely to develop better mental health than those who commute less. Natural spaces included all outdoors having 'green' and/or 'blue' natural elements like trees, forests, city parks, reserves and water bodies. "Mental health and physical inactivity are the main health problems associated with life in urban areas. Urban design could be a powerful tool to confront challenges and create healthier cities. A way of doing so is investing in natural commuting routes for cycling and walking," said Mark Nieuwenhuis, University of Barcelona. The research team examined 3,600 participants through a questionnaire about their commuting habits and mental health. The results showed that respondents commuting through natural environments everyday had a 2.74 point higher mental health score than those who commuted less frequently.

# KOHLI, ROHIT SMASH WINDIES

## Virat's 140, Hitman's 152\* help India beat Caribbeans by 8 wickets in 1st ODI

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Skipper Virat Kohli and his deputy Rohit Sharma conjured up breathtaking centuries as India's ruthless domination over the West Indies continued with a facile eight-wicket win in the first One-day International, here on Sunday. Making mockery of what looked like a stiff 323-run target, the home team catered to the win with 7.5 overs to spare, taking a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Kohli pounded the Caribbean bowlers with 21 fours and two sixes to raise his 36th ODI century and now needs just 81 runs to join the elite club of cricketers who have amassed 10,000 runs in the One-day format.

After early departure of Shikhar Dhawan (4), Kohli raised a massive 246-run stand for the second wicket with Rohit, who remained unbeaten on 152. It was Rohit's 20th ODI hundred which came off 117 balls with 15 fours and eight sixes.

While Kohli and Rohit plundered boundaries to entertain the packed stadium, it painted a sorry picture of the West Indies attack, which once was intimidating for any batting line up in the world.

The only high point for the West Indies while defending their total was 21-year-old newcomer Oshane Thomas' raw pace up front.

Playing his first ODI in more than three months, Kohli was unstoppable. It seemed another routine affair for Kohli as he also got past the milestone of 2000 International runs in the calendar year.

He emulated iconic Sachin Tendulkar in scoring 2000-plus runs in three successive years. After Kohli was stumped off leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo, India's vice captain took the side home in company of Ambati Rayudu (22).

After their rout in the Test series, West Indies did a good job by putting on board a challenging 322 for eight, capitalising on the absence of India's front line pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah.

The duo has been rested for the first two



### HIGHEST STANDS FOR INDIA AGAINST WI

RUNS	WKT	PARTNERS	VENUE	DATE
246	2nd	Virat Kohli/Rohit Sharma	Guwahati	21-10-2018
196	First	Sourav Ganguly/Virender Sehwag	Rajkot 1	2-11-2002
176	First	Ajay Jadeja/Sachin Tendulkar	Cuttack	09-11-1994
176	First	Gautam Gambhir/Virender Sehwag	Indore	08-12-2011
165	4th	Mohammed Kaif/Yuvraj Singh	Colombo	07-08-2005

Faisal Features

ODIs and the 21-year-old Shimron Hetmyer (106) put to sword an under-strength Indian attack to raise his third ODI hundred.

Hetmyer punished the Indian bowlers with six fours and as many sixes in his entertaining 78-ball knock.

However, any hopes of a close contest evaporated when Kohli and Rohit started striking the ball clean and hard.

The Indian bowling looked lacklustre while the fielding was shoddy as India, on a high after their Test series win, seemed to have underestimated their opponents.

The Guyanese lad brought up his half-century in 41 balls and brought up two 50-run plus partnerships with Rovman Powell (22) and skipper Jason Holder (38).

Hetmyer notched up his century by lofting Mohammed Shami for a six over extra cover. While he used brute force against the pace, Hetmyer also looked fluent against the spin duo of Yuzvendra Jadeja and Ravindra Jadeja before being dismissed by the latter after immediately betting the milestone mark.

Looking to redeem themselves after the 2-0 Test series thumping under six days, the touring side put up a strong challenge after being put in by home captain Virat Kohli.

Visiting skipper Jason Holder on the eve of the match had said 300-plus is the benchmark of ODI cricket and his young batters responded well with Devendra Bishoo taking the team past the milestone in the penul-

imate over.

Opener Kieran Powell set up the foundation with a 39-ball 51 (6x4, 2x6) in a 67-run stand for the second wicket with Shai Hope (32).

Powell and his debutant opening partner Chandrapaul Hemraj dealt in boundaries against Shami and Yadav.

West Indies lost three wickets in quick succession but the Guyana youngster came to take charge after Marlon Samuels departed for a duck in his landmark 200th ODI.

### FIGURATIVELY

**152** Rohit becomes the second Indian to score 150+ runs against West Indies in an innings in limited over cricket.

**4** Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have scored hundreds in the same innings for the fourth time in One Day matches.

**10** Rohit Sharma becomes the 10th batsman to score a century against all 10 oldest full members of International cricket.

**246** Runs stand between Rohit and Kohli was the second highest second wicket stand in successful ODI chases. This was also the highest partnership for India batting ODI in 20-over game.

**6** Rohit Sharma becomes the first batsman in International cricket to have six 150+ scores in ODI cricket.

**83** Runs conceded by O Thomas is the worst performance for a Windies debutant in limited over game.

**190** Rohit Sharma jumps to third position in terms of hitting most number of sixes for India in One day matches. Faisal Features

### SINGLES

#### IND A FACE AUS A IN WOMEN'S T20

**MUMBAI:** India A women's team will clash with Australia A in a three-match T20 series beginning here on Monday as a tune-up for next month's T20 World Cup in the West Indies. The India A team announced for the series is the same that will represent the senior team at the women's T20 World Cup and as such the series will offer the hosts a good platform to test their strengths and shortcomings. With experienced campaigners like Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana and Mithali Raj in the home team's ranks, the Aussies will have a tougher time. The home team bowlers would also get a good chance to work on their weaknesses before heading to the West Indies.

#### ABBAS SHOOTS TO THIRD IN TEST RANKINGS

**DUBAI:** Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Abbas rose to number three in the Test bowling rankings on Sunday following his 17 wickets in the series against Australia in the United Arab Emirates. The 28-year-old took 10 for 95 to help Pakistan to their biggest Test win — a 373-run hammering of Australia — in the second Test in Abu Dhabi. The new International Cricket Council (ICC) rankings see Abbas shoot to third from 14th and he is now behind only England's James Anderson and South Africa's Kagiso Rabada. Abbas has taken 59 wickets in his 10 matches and became the joint second-fastest Pakistani to take 50 wickets with legendary paceman Waqar Younis and Shabbir Ahmed. Pakistan's leg-spinner Yasir Shah was the fastest to reach 50 wickets, taking just nine Tests.

#### BECKY ENDS WAIT FOR MAIDEN PRO WIN

**GURGRAM:** India's rising stars Gaurika Bishnoi and Tvesha Malik were the top home players at tied 13th place even as Becky Morgan of Wales ended a 18-year-old barren run to secure her first ever professional title at the Hero Women's Indian Open, here Sunday. The two youngsters, who are only in their second year of professional golf, shot 73 and 72 respectively to finish at one-over 289, eight shots behind Becky Morgan (68, and 7-under 281). Vani Kapoor (70), who played with tendinitis this week, and Astha Madan (70) were Tied-37th. In her 18th year on tour, and after rounds of 72, 72, 68 and 69, for a total of 281, Becky could finally enjoy her moment in the sun. "It's taken me 18 years and it's a mixture of excitement and relief that finally I have done it. I knew I was doing fairly well, because I was playing well, but I kept to myself and let it happen," she said.

#### SHARMA ENDS 55TH, KOEPKA BECOMES NO 1

**JEJU ISLAND:** After a sublime third round, Shubhankar Sharma shot a modest 74 to finish a distant Tied-55th at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES here on Sunday. Sharma had four birdies and four bogeys and an eagle in his round of 74 as he totaled 1-under 287. His third round of 64 had seen him rise to T-26 and raised hopes of coming inside Top-20 after a T-10 finish at CIMB Classic a week earlier. The star of the day was three-time major champion and 2018 PGA Tour Player of the Year Brooks Koepka, who produced a commanding 8-under 64 with a closing eagle to beat back the opposition by four shots. Koepka totaled 21-under total of 267. With the victory, Brooks Koepka moves to No 1 in the official rankings for the first time in his career, passing Dustin Johnson for the top spot. Koepka has now won three of his last 11 starts on the PGA TOUR.

#### PRAJNESH ENDS 2ND AT NINGBO CHALLENGER

**NEW DELHI:** Prajnesh Gunneswaran will have to wait for his second title of the season on the ATP Challenger circuit as he finished runner-up at the Ningbo Challenger in China after playing his heart out in the final against Thomas Fabbiano. After losing a close first set, Prajnesh won the second but eventually lost a marathon summit clash 6-7(4), 6-4, 3-6 after battling hard for almost three hours against the Italian, who is ranked 131 but reached a career-high 70 last year. The 28-year-old Indian, ranked 170, was playing his second final of the season on the Challenger circuit having won the Kunming Challenger in April this year. The Indian left-hander earned 65 ranking points and pocketed \$ 12,720 as prize money for his effort.

## Windies series will be crucial for Dhoni: Ganguly



PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Sunday backed struggling Mahendra Singh Dhoni to do well in the World Cup and said the ongoing series against West Indies would be crucial for the veteran stumper looking forward to next year's showpiece event.

A colossus in ODI cricket, of late Dhoni is struggling with his batting and his scores have dwindled in the last few years.

Starting with the five-match ODI series against West Indies here, India have 18-odd matches left for the World Cup and the think-tank has brought in dashing Delhi wicketkeeper batsman Rishabh Pant in the mix to spice up the scenario.

"I don't know what combination they are thinking at. But I'm sure he (Dhoni)

will do well in the World Cup. It's (against West Indies) big series for him," Ganguly said at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium while watching the ODI.

In the Asia Cup, Dhoni batted four times, scoring 77 runs with an average of 19.25 and a strike rate of 62.09.

Overall in 2018, he has batted 10 times in 15 matches, for an average of 28.12 and a strike rate of 67.36.

Dhoni has an unimpressive record in the seaming conditions of England where he is yet to score a century from 20 ODIs, and averages 38.06, a sharp drop from his career average of 50.61.

"His overall record is very good," Ganguly pointed out.

"It all depends how the players perform going ahead to the World Cup. It's about scoring runs. That's why Pant has been given a chance," he added.

## 'Rohit makes chasing look easy'

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

India captain Virat Kohli on Sunday hailed his deputy Rohit Sharma for his superlative batting display, saying it is easy to chase down any target when the Mumbai batsman is at the other end.

Kohli (140) and Rohit (152 not out) shared a massive 246-run partnership for the second wicket as India mowed down a challenging 323-run target with 7.5 overs to spare.

"It feels pretty good. It was very convincing for us. West Indies put up a really good total. 320 targets are very tricky, but we knew we could do it with a big partnership. It's never too difficult when you have Rohit at the other end," said Kohli.

"Among the top three, I mostly take the anchor role because both Rohit and Shikhar (Dhawan) are good stroke-makers," he said.

Kohli was adjudged man-of-the-match for his 107-ball knock and the India skipper said he enjoyed his batting on Sunday.

"It was one of those days where I felt good and I told Rohit I will continue to bat this way positively and maybe you can play the



Rovman Powell, right, greets Rohit Sharma after India won the 1st ODI AP

anchor role," he said.

Kohli said building partnerships is the key to success in One Day International cricket.

"When (Ambati) Rayudu came he took that role and Rohit took over from me. I think that's what ODI batting is all about. It's about communication and batting in partnerships," he said.

"It's our 5th or 6th double-century partnership, it's a pleasure to bat with him (Rohit). When we are batting like that, it's good fun out there and we know the team will benefit from it as well."

The India captain refused to be too harsh on his bowlers for leaking runs but said they could have bowled much better at the

death.

"You got to be honest to the sport and that is when the sport gives you back. It's difficult to contain when a side like West Indies bats like that. I don't want to be too harsh on the bowlers, but yes, we could have applied a bit better and bowled better in the last few overs. That is something to learn for us," Kohli said.

West Indies captain Jason Holder too felt the pair of Kohli and Rohit took the game away from the visitors with their scintillating batting display.

He also praised young Shimron Hetmyer, who scored 106 off 78 balls to propel West Indies to the total.

It was Hetmyer third century in 13 innings of International cricket.

"Pleased with the guys for the batting effort. Hetmyer batted exceptionally well. We needed to be a lot more decent with the ball. Probably we got a par score," he said.

"(But) credit to Kohli and Rohit for taking the game away from us. Oshane (Thomas) is one of the exciting talents we have got. Hopefully we can play better in the second game."

## No medals but Asiad was the best I ever shot: Manu Bhaker

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

She returned empty-handed from the Asian Games but Manu Bhaker on Sunday said she delivered a career-best performance in Palembang with the record-shattering qualifying score of 593 in 25m pistol event.

Considered the most promising among India's Gen-Next shooter, Bhaker won Gold and Silver in 10m air pistol individual and mixed event at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires recently, overcoming the Asiad disappointment.

Asked how difficult it was to shrug off the Asiad show before Youth Olympics, Bhaker said: "On the contrary, I would say Asian Games served as a huge morale-booster. I shot 593 in 25m pistol event (qualifying) which I believe is my best performance till date. A score like 593 doesn't happen everyday."

"I don't think I ever shot better than that qualifying round. Yes, I missed out on a medal but that 593 is like a benchmark for me. When I need inspiration, that performance serves as a morale-booster," 16-year-old said at the sidelines of the IOA felicitation function for



Commonwealth and Youth Olympics Gold medalist Indian shooter Manu Bhaker poses for photo PTI

the Youth Olympics medalists.

Bhaker rates her Youth Olympic medal as one of the major highs of her career considering the level of competition.

"It feels fantastic to win Gold for India. To see the tri-colour flying itself is a matter of pride. Each and every competition has helped me evolve as a shooter," said the reigning Commonwealth Games champion in 10m air pistol event.

"This is my debut year in international events and I am only

gaining experience. But I still want to remain a kid," said Bhaker.

The youngster said she shares a great rapport with other young shooters like Saurabh Chaudhary.

"I share a good rapport with everyone. They are all co-operative, well behaved. There is never any pressure," she said.

Like a pro, she sidestepped queries on competition with senior shooters like Heena Sidhu.

"Heena di is a great competitor. But I need to focus on my game."

## Bajrang moves closer to Gold

PTI ■ BUDAPEST

Living up to the expectations, Lstar Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia put himself in contention for a historic World Championship Gold medal after quelling a spirited challenge from Alejandro Enrique Valdes Tobier in a tense 65kg semifinal here on Sunday.

The Commonwealth Games and Asian Games Gold medalist ensured himself a second medal at the Worlds, having won a Bronze at the 2013 edition. The in-form 24-year-old had come into the event as one of the strong medal contenders and has continued with his red-hot form this season.

If Bajrang manages to win Gold, it will be a rare achievement to win titles at all major championships in a single season.

While he had dominated the competitions at CWG and Jakarta Asian Games this year, Bajrang's road to the final in Budapest was not easy as he had to use all his mental and physical prowess to down his Cuban opponent (4-3) in the semifinal after overcoming Mongolia's Tulga Tumur Ochir (5-3) win in



Bajrang Punia reacts after defeating her opponent

the quarter-finals.

There were not many attacking moves in the semifinal with both Bajrang and Tobier mostly using the upper body power. Bajrang opened the scoring with a takedown but the Cuban reduced the margin by pushing the Indian out.

Seconds before the first break, Bajrang took a 4-1 lead with a throw move.

The second period was again very intense and no grappler could score a point until the Cuban found a two-point move at the edge of the circle. Pressure

was mounting with Bajrang's coach shouting 'attack' attack' from outside. Tobier tried everything but the Indian maintained his lead to emerge victorious.

Earlier, Bajrang defeated Roman Asharin 9-4 in the first round and beat Korean Lee Seungchul 4-0 but faced stiff competition from Tumur Ochir.

In other bouts of the day, Sandeep Tomar began in stupendous fashion but could not sustain the momentum. He out-classed Jose Mox Arias by technical superiority but lost the second round to G Edisherashvili.

# Ethiopians rule the roost in Delhi

## Debutant Gemechu smashes women's course record, Belihu runs supreme in men's elite



Ethiopia's Tsehay Gemechu reacts after winning the Women's elite category PTI

HARSHIT BISHT ■ NEW DELHI

Debutant Tsehay Gemechu of Ethiopia set the new course record in the women's event while countrymen Andamlak Belihu overcame neck to neck battle in the men's elite field as the Ethiopian duo raced to finish best at the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon here on Sunday.

It was maiden victory for both the winners at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, which saw over 34,681 participants turn up for race events in six different categories.

The 20-year-old Gemechu, running her maiden half marathon, clocked 1:06:50sec, four seconds better than the earlier women's course record of 1:06:54sec, which was set by Kenya's Mary Keitany in the 2009 edition.

"I wasn't expecting to win. It was a trial for me as this is the first time I ran a half marathon. I am delighted that I won against such famous athlete," a delighted Gemechu said after the race.

While the favourite and current world record holder, Joycline Jepakosgei, finished with a Silver medal after completing the race at 1:06:56sec.

"I am happy for the second spot as I was unsure if I would finish on the podium at all. I didn't prepare for this race well," Joycline said.

Zeineba Yimer of Ethiopia grabbed the last spot on the

### TOP 3 MEN FINISHERS

RANK	NAME	COUNTRY	FINISH TIME
1	Andamlak Belihu	Ethiopia	59:18
2	Amdework Walelegn	Ethiopia	59:22
3	Daniel Kipchumba	Kenya	59:48

### TOP 3 WOMEN FINISHERS

RANK	NAME	COUNTRY	FINISH TIME
1	Tsehay Gemechu	Ethiopia	01:06:49
2	Joycline Jepakosgei	Kenya	01:06:56
3	Zeineba Yimer	Ethiopia	01:06:59

podium with a time of 1:06:59sec.

Both Gemechu and Belihu pocketed the identical winners' cheque of \$ 27,000. Gemechu will take home an additional \$ 10,000 for setting a new course record.

However there was a disappointment for Tirunesh Dibaba, the greatest ever distance runner woman in the world with three Olympic, five World Championship Gold medals in 5000m and 10,000m, who finished sixth.

In the men's elite category, last year's runner up Belihu, improved on his personal best, clocking 59:18 seconds. However, he was unable to break the course record which still stands in the name of Ethiopia's Guye Adola, set in 2014.

Walelegn clinched the Silver ending the race with a time of 59:22 seconds. While

Kenya's Daniel Kipchumba grabbed the third spot clocking 59:48 seconds.

The trio of Belihu, Walelegn and Kipchumba led the pack from the start of the race with the Ethiopian duo soon racing ahead. It was a neck-to-neck battle between the two with the 19-year-old claiming victory at the finish line.

"I tried to push for the course record but it was difficult. I was second the last time so this time I prepared more. I tried to push the pace setter as well but it is difficult to run alone, away from everyone," Belihu said.

The Ethiopian ran away with four of the top positions, while Kenyans grabbed the remaining two positions.

Among the Indians, Abhishek Pal won the men's race clocking 1:04:13 seconds after a tough fight with 22-year-old Maharashtra run-



Winners of the Men's elite category Ethiopia's Andamlak Belihu (1st position, C), Ethiopia's Amdework Walelegn (2nd position, R) and Kenya's Daniel Kipchumba (3rd position, L) pose for photo PTI

**The 20-year-old Gemechu, running her maiden half marathon, clocked 1:06:50sec, four seconds better than the earlier women's course record of 1:06:54sec, which was set by Kenya's Mary Keitany in the 2009 edition**

ner Avinash Sable, who came second with the timing of 1:04:14sec. While Asian marathon champion Gopi THonakal sealed the third spot on the podium finishing at 1:04:15sec.

Defending champion Nitendra Singh, who had created the course record in 2017, time finished 12th among the Indians at 1:06:37sec.

Sanjivani Jadhav was the best Indian in the women's elite field finishing with a time of 1:13:58sec.

"I was second here two years ago, I am glad that I have bettered my performance and won the Gold this time," Sanjivani said.

Parul Chaudhary, who finished third in the last edition did one better, secured the second spot on the podium clocking 1:14:01sec.

"I am a bit disheartened I didn't perform as well as my preparation. I wanted to better my timing from last time but I wasn't able to do so," Parul said.

Monika Athare, who had taken the top honours in the 2016 edition, was unable to replicate the same performance this year and had to settle with the Bronze clocking 1:16:55sec.

The men's and women's winners among the Indians pocketed an identical ₹ four lakh each while the second and third place finishers were richer by ₹ three lakh and ₹ two lakh each.

# Saina fails to break Tai's code

PTI ■ ODENSE

Saina Nehwal gave her all before losing steam as the ace Indian shuttler yet again succumbed to nemesis and world No 1 Tai Tzu Ying to settle for a runner-up finish at the Denmark Open here on Sunday.

In an exciting but energy-sapping 52-minute final, Saina lost 13-21, 21-13, 6-21 to the superior Chinese Taipei rival.

Tzu Ying claimed the Denmark Open title after a gap of two years. She had last won the tournament in 2016.

The win also bettered Tzu Ying head-to-head record against Saina to 13-5.

In fact, this was Saina's fifth straight defeat against Tzu Ying this year.

The Indian had come out second

best three times earlier this year -- Indonesia Masters, All England Championships and Badminton Asia Championships.

The top seed Taipei player meant business from the start as she dictated the pace in the first game to race to a 6-1 lead.

Saina looked indecisive but debatable poor line calls also cost her dearly. Tzu Ying on the other hand, was at her clinical best as she engaged Saina in long rallies to tire her out.

The Chinese Taipei shuttler never let the Indian opponent take the lead even once in the opening game as she led 11-6 and continued to maintain the upper hand. She pocketed the first game in mere 15 minutes.

But the world No 10 Indian, who



Saina Nehwal in action against Tai Tzu Ying AP

was unseeded here, was in no mood to give up without a fight and came out all guns blazing in the second game. Saina's ploy to adopt an attacking approach worked wonders as she completely dominated the second game.

Inspiration and tips from her fiancé Parupalli Kashyap at the end of the first game also motivated Saina who was at her fiery best in the second game.

Riding on her booming cross court smashes and some indecision from Tzu Ying, Saina led 11-5 at the break and then went on to win the game 21-13 to draw parity.

But the Indian failed to continue

with the momentum in the decider as her legs gave up in the wake of an intense match.

Tzu Ying curtailed her mistakes and once again engaged Saina in long rallies which drained out the Indian.

Unforced errors returned to haunt Saina in the third game as she was guilty of finding the net and hitting wide on numerous occasions.

Once Tzu Ying took a seven point lead at 9-2 it was always going to be difficult for Saina to comeback.

In the men's final, Japanese K Momota beats Chinese TC Chou in three sets to win the men's title.

World Championship Gold winner Momota, who beat Srikanth in semi-final got better of his opponent by 22-20, 16-21, 21-15.



Elina Svitolina celebrates after beating Petra Kvitova in WTA finals AP

# Svitolina ends Kvitova curse in Singapore

AFP ■ SINGAPORE

Karolina Pliskova and Elina Svitolina secured opening round-robin match wins at the WTA Finals on Sunday.

Pliskova, who now leads the tour with 48 wins this season, defeated defending champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark 6-2, 6-4 in the second match.

Pliskova saved all 10 break points she faced in the match, including two when serving for the match in the final game. The Czech closed out the match on a third match point with an ace.

Earlier, Elina Svitolina of Ukraine ended a seven-match losing streak against Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic for a 6-3, 6-3 win.

The seventh-ranked Svitolina, making her second consecutive appearance in Singapore, only earned qualification to this year's tournament last week when Dutchwoman Kiki Bertens failed to reach the

Moscow semifinals.

Later, Bertens made the final eight when No 1 ranked Simona Halep withdrew with a herniated disk in her back.

"It's very nice to be back in Singapore and I'm very, very happy with the match tonight, with the performance tonight," Svitolina told the crowd. "I had to stay focused and be strong mentally. I had to play quickly and keep moving my feet so I need a massage now."

"You have to play your best level because everybody is very strong playing here."

Svitolina, who now holds a 1-0 record in the White Group, had only beaten Kvitova once before in their first match at the 2014 Cincinnati tournament. Sunday's victory was Svitolina's first against a top-10 opponent since May.

The fifth-ranked Kvitova, who won the year-end title in 2011, never looked settled and struggled with her serve throughout the 1 hour, 29 minutes match.

While, Kvitova came into Singapore with a tour-leading five titles this season.

Wozniacki came into the late match with a 6-3 career record over Pliskova, including their last meeting in the round-robin portion of last year's WTA Finals.

Wozniacki's best effort in the match was saving two match points on her serve in the ninth game of the second set.

# MESSI SUFFERS INJURY AS BRACA MOVE TO TOP



Lionel Messi reacts after getting injured during the Spanish La Liga match between FC Barcelona and Sevilla at Camp Nou AP

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi is expected to be out for three weeks with a fractured right arm but his last contribution was to help send Barcelona back to the top of La Liga on Saturday.

Messi scored and then went off injured as Barca beat Sevilla 4-2 at Camp Nou, in a six-goal thriller that never looked like ending in anything other than a home win.

Any joy at jumping above in-form Sevilla, however, was tarnished by Messi's injury, which will now rule him out of next weekend's Clasico against Real Madrid.

A Barcelona club statement read: "Tests carried out on Leo Messi have confirmed that he has a fracture of the radial bone in his right arm. He will be out for approximately three weeks."

It means Messi will also miss the Champions League

### HENRY SUFFERS DEFEAT ON DEBUT

PARIS: Thierry Henry suffered defeat in his first match as a head coach when his 10-man Monaco side slumped to a 2-1 loss at Strasbourg on Saturday to drop into the Ligue 1 relegation zone.

The principality club have failed to win in 11 games in all competitions since the opening weekend of the French top-flight season, and are only above bottom team Guingamp on goal difference.

Monaco, who were

runners-up to PSG last season, are now 24 points adrift of the reigning champions.

Seydou gifted Strasbourg midfielder Adrien Thomasson an early opener, and substitute Samuel Grandsir was sent off midway through the second half.

Lebo Motiba doubled the advantage, and a late Youri Tielemans penalty was a mere consolation for the 2017 Ligue 1 title-winners.

AFP

know what he does to the opposition.

"We have to prepare ourselves, it is clear we are going to notice the loss of Messi but we have players that can cover."

Messi fell to the ground following a tussle with Sevilla's Franco Vazquez and, as his right hand tried to cushion the landing, his



Indian Men's in action during a match against Pakistan in 5th Men's Hero Asian Champions Trophy PTI

# India beat Pakistan 3-1

PTI ■ MUSCAT

India made a stupendous comeback after being a goal down as they beat Pakistan 3-1 in the fifth Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament to stretch their unbeaten streak against the arch-rivals to 11 games.

Captain Manpreet Singh (24th), forward Mandeep Singh (31st) and Dilpreet Singh (42nd) scored for the winners with Indian captain's impressive performance earning him 'Man of the Match' award on Saturday night.

Ranked fifth in the world, India went into the match with a 10-match unbeaten streak against Pakistan but it was the World No 13 side, who started in good rhythm.

It was a quick start for the Pakistanis as they won a penalty corner in the first minute and managed to score through Irfan Jr.

India tried to look for the equaliser in the second quarter but struggled inside the striking circle.

But it was a moment of magic from skipper Manpreet, which saw India finally get the equaliser as the midfielder showcased individual brilliance to score in the

24th minute.

In the third quarter, it was Mandeep's turn to get his name on the score-sheet and give his team a 2-1 lead.

India had a good third quarter as they denied their arch-rivals in making too many circle entries and then extended their lead to two-goals when Dilpreet scored his fourth of the tournament to put India 3-1 ahead.

India's chief coach Harendra Singh was proud of the way the team staged a comeback against Pakistan but he wants the strikers to sharpen up their finishing inside the opposition circle.

"I am proud of the manner in which the team staged a comeback. They deserve full credit, but I remain concerned with our finishing," said Harendra.

"We missed a few chances. We are taking too much time to make decisions. That's where we need to sharpen up."

India captain Manpreet said the team needs to work upon its grey areas. "Despite playing a good match, there are many things we need to do. We need to avoid giving away easy chances," said Manpreet.

India will next play Japan on Sunday night in the third game of Asian Champions Trophy.

