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## War in CBI sucks top names from AP, T

**Satish Babu Sana is at heart of ongoing tussle apart from CM Ramesh, Mohammed Ali Shabbir**

**OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD**  
The vortex of internal war in the premier investigation agency, Central Bureau of Investigation, is threatening to suck in many prominent political figures of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. While a controversial businessman from Andhra Pradesh, Satish Babu Sana, is at the heart of the ongoing war between the two top officials of CBI — Director Alok Verma and Special Director Rakesh Asthana — over an alleged bribery case within the agency, many more names from the two Telugu States have cropped up. They include CM Ramesh, Telugu Desam Party MP and a close associate of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N

Chandrababu Naidu, and Mohammed Ali Shabbir, senior Congress leader in Telangana. Another interesting name coming up in the context of raging controversy is that of former Joint Director of CBI VV Lakshminarayana, who recently took voluntary retirement from service to enter active politics. Different stories are doing the rounds about each of these key players whose profile make interesting reading: Satish Babu Sana: He has emerged as a pivotal figure in the entire sordid drama as it was based on his complaint that the CBI registered FIR against its number 2 officer Special Director Rakesh Asthana. Sana reportedly told the CBI he paid a bribe of ₹2 crore to Alok

Verma to be "spared" in a case under CBI investigation. Asthana complained to the Cabinet Secretariat that Sana had reached a settlement with the CBI Director Alok Verma to avoid his arrest through TDP member of Rajya Sabha and industrialist CM Ramesh. Sana has now become a complainant against Asthana and accused that at his behest Sana's statement was "falsified" by Deputy SP Devender Kumar to "frame" the CBI boss in meat exporter Moin Qureshi case. The Hyderabad-based industrialist, Sana, is quite an influential and well connected figure. From his humble start as an employee of Government electricity department at Kakinada — a job he got on compassionate ground after the death of his father — Sana went places and today he is a director of half a dozen companies and was closely associated with several top politicians and people from Telugu film industries. List of his friends in



high places include late Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, his son YS Jaganmohan Reddy, present Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, KVP Ramachandra Rao, MP, CM Ramesh, noted film producer D Suresh and prominent industrialist Nimmagadda Prasad and controversial meat exporter Moin Qureshi, who is now facing charges of tax evasion and illegal transfer of money. It was in a money laundering case related to Moin Qureshi that Sana was facing a CBI investigation. The CBI FIR booked against Asthana says that a Dubai-based middle man had paid ₹3 crore as a bribe to a conduit named Somesh Prasad for settling the case in his favour. Controversies are not new for Satish Babu Sana. Earlier, he was under CBI scrutiny in one of the cases of disproportion-

ate assets of YS Jaganmohan Reddy. It was alleged that the YSR Government had allocated 22,000 acre land to industrialist Nimmagadda Prasad in Guntur-Prakasham belt and in quid pro quo the industrialist made an investment of ₹854 crores in Jagan's companies. In its chargesheet in this case, the CBI had said that Sana had paid ₹50 lakh to Moin Qureshi to settle the case and appoint the VV Lakshminarayana as the CBI Joint Director in Hyderabad. Later Lakshminarayana had led the investigations into cases against Jagan. But Sana denied the allegation and said that he had made a legal investment in Moin Qureshi's meat export company. CM Ramesh: Industrialist-turned-politician CM Ramesh was recently in the news when the Income Tax department and Enforcement Directorate carried out raids against his companies and claimed finan-

cial irregularities in his record. Now his name has again cropped up in the context of infighting in the CBI. While Asthana alleged that he mediated on behalf of Sana, Ramesh has alleged that there was a high-level conspiracy hatched by BJP president Amit Shah to frame him. Ramesh, who is in Vienna along with his family, said in a statement that he was being targeted systematically by Amit Shah and the BJP Government ever since he contested and was elected to the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament. "I won despite opposition of Amit Shah and I was warned of consequences," he said. Ramesh also said the BJP Government was going after him because he took up the case of steel plant in Kadapa and sat on a hunger strike to press the issue. "The allegation that I mediated between the CBI Director and Sana is fabricated and baseless," he said,

adding that the BJP is trying to suffocate the TDP leaders. Mohammed Ali Shabbir: Shabbir is presently the Leader of Opposition in Telangana Legislative Council and is likely to contest Assembly elections. His name was mentioned in the purported statement Sana gave to the CBI alleging that Shabbir had accompanied him to the CBI office in Delhi to lodge a complaint against Asthana and Deputy SP Devendar Kumar. Shabbir strongly denied allegation that he visited the CBI office with Sana. Interestingly Shabbir's name already figures in the Enforcement Directorate chargesheet in which it was claimed that Shabbir and Moin Qureshi had visited the CBI office to help Hyderabad-based jeweller Sakesh Gupta of MBS Jewellers. Shabbir said he did not receive any notice from the CBI but confirmed that he knew both Sakesh Gupta and Sana.

## 6-day HC breather for Asthana from arrest

**Court orders status quo in probe against CBI Special Director, remands Dy SP in 7-day agency custody**

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
The CBI will be interrogating its own Dy SP Devendra Kumar for one week in the custody in the murky bribery scandal that reached the Delhi High Court on Tuesday. The court sent Kumar, a member of CBI Special Director RK Asthana probe team, to seven-day custody and directed the CBI to maintain status quo on the criminal proceedings initiated against Asthana. Both Kumar and Asthana have challenged the FIR lodged against him on bribery allegations. Justice Najmi Waziri also sought response of the probe agency and its Director Alok Kumar Verma as also Joint Director AK Sharma on the separate pleas of Asthana and Devendra Kumar for quashing of the FIRs against them. The notice has also been issued to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), which has jurisdiction over the CBI and its permission is required for registering an FIR against bureaucrats.



Suspended Dy SP of CBI Devender Kumar being produced at Patiala House Courts in New Delhi on Tuesday

Asthana's plea only. Meanwhile, sources said the CBI Director has divested Asthana of all functional power and took away all cases being probed by him. Sources also said that the CBI boss has made adverse remarks against Asthana in his annual assessment report that could seal Asthana's chances of being promoted to the CBI chief post. The HC, which heard the matter for 20 minutes, asked both Asthana and Kumar to preserve the records which are in their custody, including mobile phones. The court listed the matter for October 29 after CBI's counsel K Raghavacharyulu sought time to bring on record various Sections under which

the FIR was lodged. During the hearing, the CBI said charges against Asthana are serious and the agency was investigating the matter and is likely to add more offences in the FIR. Senior advocate Amrendra Sharan and advocate Amit Anand Tiwari, appearing for Asthana, said it is a case of malafide and illegal registration of FIR against the Special CBI Director which is based on the statement of an accused. The advocate said there was "utmost urgency" and great amount of "sorrow" in the matter. To this, the judge said this was not the stage to examine the allegation of malafide. **Continued on Page 4**

## SC constricts Diwali revelling to 2 hours

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

People in the country can burst firecrackers from 8 PM to 10 PM only on Diwali and other festivals, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday, allowing manufacture and sale of just the "green crackers" which have low emission of light, sound and harmful chemicals. The top court carved out an exception for the Christmas and the New Year eve saying that crackers for these occasions would be burst between 11.55 pm and 12.30 am, since these celebrations start at midnight. It also banned the manufacture, sale and use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris) saying that they cause "huge air, noise and solid waste problems".

The apex court said the noise and smoke emission limits of the crackers will have to be approved by the Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organization (PESO), under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. To curb pollution in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR), it directed the Centre, the Delhi Government and State Governments of NCR to permit community fire-cracking, wherever it could be done. A Bench of Justices AK Sikri and Ashok Bhushan said though burning of crackers during Diwali was not the only reason for worsening air quality, it contributed to air pollution in a significant way. The Bench accepted the



People purchase firecrackers in a market ahead of the festival of Diwali in New Delhi on Tuesday

suggestions given by the Centre saying the measures strive a nice balance between competing interests of right to liveli-

hood and health and concerned authorities to implement the same with immediate effect. **Continued on Page 4**

## ED files chargesheet against Sterling for ₹8k cr loan fraud

**SBL Group promoters splurged bank loans on personal purpose**

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday filed a prosecution complaint (chargesheet) in a ₹8,100 crore money laundering case against Sterling Biotech Ltd (SBL) Group, which has been accused of defrauding Indian banks in the country and their branches abroad. The ED investigation revealed that main promoters of Sterling Group Nitin Sandesara and Chetan Sandesara, Dipti Sandesara and

others hatched a criminal conspiracy to cheat banks. "They manipulated figures in the balance sheets of their flagship companies and induced banks to sanction higher loans. After obtaining loans, they diverted the loans funds to non-mandated purposes through a web of shell companies," the ED said in a statement. The ₹8,100 crore loans were diverted, layered and laundered by the promoters for their personal purposes. The case against SBL Group was registered in August 2017. The prosecution complaint has been filed against 191 accused entities/persons, including seven individuals and 184 companies. The accused entities, include flag-

ship companies of the group like Sterling Biotech Limited, PMT Machines Limited, Sterling SEZ and Infra Limited, Sterling Port Limited, Sterling Oil Resources Limited and 179 Shell Companies. The chargeeeted individuals include Nitin Sandesara and Chetan Sandesara, Dipti Sandesara, Rajbhushan Dixit, Hitesh Patel, their Chartered Accountant Hemant Hathi and middlemen Gagan Dhawan. "To fulfil their criminal motive of defrauding banks, the promoters devised a multi layered strategy of cheating whereby they not only cheated banks but also cheated revenue department as well as the shareholders. **Continued on Page 4**

## Markets plunge to 6-month low on rupee woes

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty fell for the fourth session in a row to hit their over six-month low levels, dragged by IT and pharma stocks as concerns over rupee fall, global trade war tiff and geo-political tensions resurfaced. The BSE index ended 287.15 points lower at 33,847.23 — the weakest closing since April 10, when the 30-share gauge had settled at 33,880.25. Similarly, the NSE Nifty dropped 98.45 points to end at 10,146.80 — its lowest closing since April 4. Meanwhile, the rupee depreciated to 73.82 against the US dollar, which too had a negative influence. **Detailed report on P10**

## CAPSULE

**UNITED OPP PACT FOR '19 POLLS UNLIKELY: PAWAR**  
Mumbai: NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday indicated that a national level pre-poll Opposition alliance for the 2019 general elections was unlikely but said he was trying to bring the non-BJP parties together on a common platform in a bid to defeat the ruling NDA.

**SABARIMALA: SC TO HEAR REVIEW PLEAS ON NOV 13**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that it would hear on November 13 the petitions challenging its Sabarimala verdict allowing women of all age groups entry into the temple.

**FIVE PAK NATIONALS APPREHENDED**  
Gandhidham: Five Pakistani nationals were caught by the BSF from Indian territorial waters in the Arabian Sea.

## Quota benefits to unreserved category women, Divyangs

**Govt employees get DA hike ahead of Diwali**

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

The State Government has decided to cover women and Divyangs belonging to unreserved category under the quota meant for jobs and educational purposes. As per the norms set for horizontal reservation the sections would be provided with five and four per cent quota, respectively. Informing about the decision taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, Home Secretary SKG Rahate said that the provision was in place under a resolution. "The Cabinet assented to the proposal providing five per cent reservation to women and four per cent to Divyangs coming from general category. The reservation would be given

## CABINET DECIDES...

- ◆ DA of Govt employees hiked by 2 % from July 2018
- ◆ JAS official American Ravidas dismissed from service
- ◆ 7545 acre of land at Dhanbar of Dhanbad to DFCCIL

within the 50 per cent unreserved seats arising in any vacancy etc," said Rahate. Notably similar provisions are already in place into the reserved categories. This apart the Cabinet also set the norms to recover additional payments done to any Government employee due to faulty pay fixation during the service. The decision has been taken in the light of a recent Supreme Court order given in this regard. Matters coming would be handled on individual

basis varying from case to case. "The Cabinet also sanctioned grant of Rs 103.31 crore for the infrastructure facilities such as road, power, water supply for the Core Capital Area coming up at HEC. In another important decision the Cabinet decided to regularise eight persons working on contractual basis at Jharkhand Bhawan at New Delhi in the wake of the Jharkhand High Court order," said Rahate. Similarly, nine contractual staffs at District Disaster Management

Department have been given extension for one more year. Also, decision to bring the rules to register contractors with Water Resources Department in accordance with Road Construction Department and several others has been taken. Amendments into appointment rule of mining engineers have also been done by revising the minimum pass marks and few others. At the same time dearness allowance of the State Government employees and pensioners has been raised from 7 to 9 per cent which would put additional financial burden in the tune of ₹350 crore annually. The Cabinet has also handed over job to setup and maintain Software Technology Park of India center in Ranchi to STPI under the Center on nomination basis along with the draft of the MoU to be signed. The STPI would be paid ₹50 lakh annually for five years duration.

## 2 killed in FoB stampede at railway station in West Bengal

**Kolkata:** Two persons were killed and 17 injured in a stampede on a foot overbridge at Santragachi railway station in West Bengal on Tuesday around 6.30 pm after announcements were made about simultaneous arrival of trains on platforms connected by the overbridge. The incident occurred between platform numbers two and three at Santragachi station in Howrah when Nagercoil-Shalimar Express and two EMU locals arrived there around the same time and passengers rushed to the platforms to board the trains, South Eastern Railway spokesman Sanjay Ghosh said. "Two persons died in the stampede," said Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. **Detailed report on P6**

## Brazen Pakistan Army hits Brigade HQ after 21 years

**No casualty after shell from across LoC lands in Poonch**

**MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU**

In one of the gravest provocations from Pakistan, Brigade headquarters of the Indian Army in Poonch was targeted by the Pakistan Army on Tuesday morning. After 1997, this is for the first time a shell from across the Line of Control (LoC) has landed in Poonch city located more than 5 km from the LoC. According to preliminary reports, the local police and Army authorities are investigating the nature of the shell used in targeting Brigade headquarters. Late on Tuesday, Ministry



An Army official looks inside an 'unmanned' store hit by a shell fired from across the LoC inside Poonch Brigade headquarters on Tuesday

of Defence Spokesman in Jammu Lt-Col Devendra Anand said, "Around 10.35 am during ceasefire violation, Pakistan troops fired Rocket propelled grenades

(RPG). One round landed on a barrel type store shelter in Poonch causing it to catch fire. Initial analysis indicates calibre of 105/106 mm RCL was used."

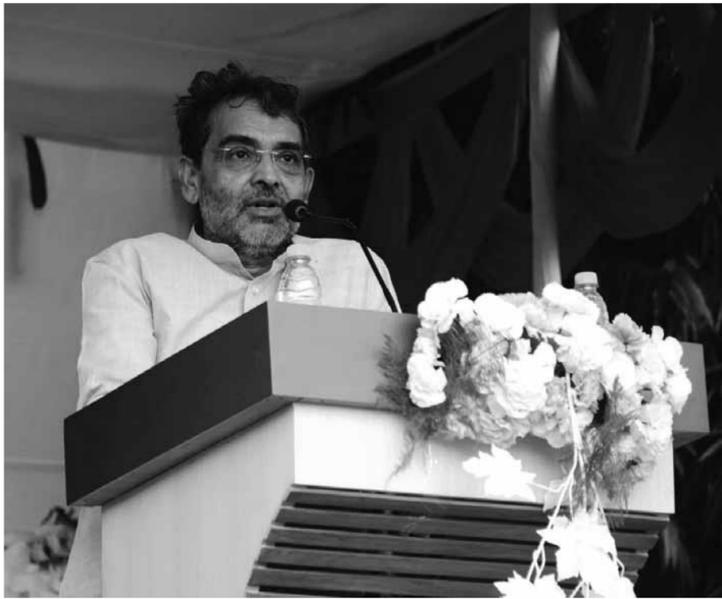
# HRD Minister opens 2nd pvt varsity in Kolhan

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Union Minister of State for HRD Upendra Kushwaha has called for value based education. Addressing a gathering in the city, Kushwaha stressed upon the need of value education and building life skills in a university. He gave examples of how IAS officers too have committed suicide and other related incidents he said that education is more about building character and personality and not just about just receiving degrees and jobs.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Minister inaugurated the second private university of Kolhan region - East Singhbhum, Seraikela-Kharswan and West Singhbhum after Arka Jain University at Pokhari on the outskirts of Jamshedpur.

"We need to develop skills among youths so that they can face challenges of life. It is really sad to see how even the top Indian universities cannot secure a good rank in global rankings. The need is to concentrate more on research and stress on value education. We gave the world universities like Vikramshila and Nalanda



Union Minister of State for HRD Upendra Kushwaha inaugurates Netaji Subhas University (NSU) near Jamshedpur on Tuesday

and I hope with our efforts, we will make place in global rankings soon," said Kushwaha. The Netaji Subhas

University (NSU) which was earlier Netaji Subhas Institute of Business Management (NSIBM) was inaugurated by

union minister of state for HRD Upendra Kushwaha at its Pokhari campus. Former director of state

higher education, Abu Imran, Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato, Potka MLA Menka Sardar, Kolhan University vice chancellor Shukla Mahanty, city SP Prabhat Kumar; chancellor of NSU Madan Mohan Singh and other dignitaries.

The university already has a seven acre land at present and have already identified nearby 16 acres for the university. The university starting 2018-19 session kicked off with MBA, BBA with 280 students in MBA, BBA, BCA and hotel management. The number of faculty members is 25.

An official of the university said most of the students after completion of their education settle in other States thus leaving their home place to struggle with exodus of human resource too. Crisis of qualified teachers in colleges, delayed academic sessions and inadequate infrastructure for higher studies have led the students migrate to other cities.

"We cannot deny that exodus of the students to other metro cities for better education facilities. We want to curb the migration by providing better courses," said an official.

# DIG Palamu supports naming roads after Police martyrs

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Very few deputy inspector generals (DIGs) of police have found time, courage and passion to write on naxalism and how this affects and pollutes the unsuspecting minds of the youth.

Vipul Shukla DIG of Palamu police range is different. He wrote a big piece on this issue of naxalism and sent a copy of it to the Pioneer man here. Here is the extract of what this DIG of police Shukla meant to say in his write up.

Naxalism is a big internal threat wrote the DIG and even to buttress his point that internal threat is far more dangerous for any nation he referred to Chanakya's most oft quoted line that internal abettor of violence is like a 'lurking snake.'

He went on to say further that naxals cobbled together to 'overthrow 'the system of the country by 'violent means' but the fact is that naxals are now most badly overthrown by the security forces who have made supreme sacrifices of their lives in curbing, containing and

limiting naxalism in Jharkhand. Shukla also got a list of cops and officials slain fighting naxalism from 2001 to 2018 (till 21.10.18) in this Palamu police range which comprises 3 districts Palamu, Garhwa and Latehar. It showed his pains and concerns for the families of the slain police personnel.

According to Shukla's list covering 2001 to 2018, 25 police personnel were slain in Latehar district, 7 in Garhwa district and 26 in Palamu.

By his account extremism was at a very low key in Garhwa district in all these 17 years beginning 2001.

This man in uniform culling a point from history of extremism wrote that Palamu was the breeding ground of naxalism, which took its birth although in naxalbaree in 1960 in West Bengal but later its tentacles got spread faster and there came on the scene Red corridor.

Author DIG appears to have researched hard on naxalism here as he further went on to write areas which remained 'deprived' (read

where development could not reach) became the 'recruiting grounds' for the Maoists.

He has not talked about the problem of naxalism alone. He has suggested ways and means to curb it. He bats for 'multi dimensional' approach to tackle this internal threat by putting emphasis on development with full security provisions.

Two vital questions have been asked by DIG. One is "Why should we honour our martyrs? and second how should we honour them? He gave answers to both knowing well that many will duck these questions.

As for honouring martyrs DIG reiterated a nation that forgets its martyrs languishes and naming any road after the martyr's name or setting up statue of the martyrs is quite a temporal attitude as the real honour to a martyr is inculcate his chivalry and heroism and rise to serve the nation with great will and determination.

Like all soldiers this DIG holds the view police are the first line of defense and it be well taken care of.

# Arjun Munda turns 'star campaigner'



PNS ■ RANCHI

He served as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for the maximum time and is one of the stalwart leaders of the BJP. Now he has turned as star-campaigner for the candidates in fray for Chhattisgarh elections.

Munda went to Dantewada today and went to the Deputy Commissioner's office to during nomination of candidate Bhima Mandvi. The party's candidate along with Munda participated in padh yatra. Before start of the campaign he went to Maa Danteshwari temple.

In his own style, he is talking to the voters in their local language. His reach has expanded. The idea behind the campaign is to woo the voters, which can play a significant role in party's victory.

The party's star campaigners list includes 40 names, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President Amit Shah. In addition to the Union Ministers, veteran leaders in the list are Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states. List also includes Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, Uma Bharti, Smriti Irani, Sushma Swaraj, Dharmendra Pradhan, Yogi Adityanath, Hema Malini.

Apart from this, leaders like Bihar MP Hukumdev Narayan Yadav, Arjun Munda and Manoj Tiwari have also been given place in this list.

There are 29 Scheduled Tribes seats for the 90-member assembly. Elections will be held in two phases in Chhattisgarh on November 12 and 20, while counting will take place on December 11. In 2013, the BJP got 49 seats, Congress 3, BSP 1 and others got one seat. Under the leadership of Raman Singh, BJP formed the government for the third consecutive term by defeating Congress in the last elections.

# BIT Mesra's Hack-A-BIT frn 26th to 28th Oct



PNS ■ RANCHI

Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, a premier name in the field of education for more than 60 years introduces HACK-A-BIT for all programmers and geeks involved in software development to collaborate intensively on software projects. The first ever hackathon, Hack-A-BIT is scheduled from 26th to 28th October, 2018.

According to a press release issued by the organizers a total of 54 teams from more than 20 colleges have been selected for the on-site round from an initial 413 teams (1200 + participants). The teams were selected after three rounds of online screening based on the ideas submitted, its novelty, its importance in the present world and the CV of the members of the participating teams, the release said.

The final project that will be developed within 36 hours by the teams in the Grand Finale will be judged by a panel of highly skilled individuals. The 5 judges for the finals include Durga Raju, founder of ITVersity LLC, through which he has trained thousands of students in big data and related tools like Hadoop and Spark. He trained himself in the fields of database and big data which enabled

him to move through an array of roles in those domains, including a stint at IBM as a database architect. He has had 14 years of IT experience for clients like IBM, Walmart, Citi, AT&T and ERCOT, and also specialises in Application Development, Big Data, Cloud and DevOps, and Data Warehousing.

The second judge is Kaushik MLN who is currently the Head of Engineering at ITVersity, a digital learning platform created by none other than our first panelist, Mr. Gadiraju. He is the co-founder of Zup, a Digital Payments startup, and Z2P, which is a mobile based P2P lending startup. He is also the co-founder of RuddBuddy. Mr. Kaushik specialises in Web and Mobile Application Development and Big Data.

The third panelist is Pratyush Agarwal who is the co-founder of CodeAsylums, which aims to help students crack technical interviews and help them develop products using latest technologies and practices in the software industry. He is an experienced freelancer and has also worked in companies like DE Shaw. He specialises in the domain of BigData, Blockchain and FinTech, which will surely help the participants trying to deploy their projects using

these technologies. Kushagra Singh and Abhishek from InfoTech Hub complete the judging panel as fourth and fifty judges. With good experience of hackathons and a great knowledge about the current technical advancements in the world, the two surely add a great amount of experience in the judging panel.

To put in place a considerable sum of prizes and incentives as part of the hackathon, it has rewards in store for all its entrants, the release said.

The team securing the top notch spot in this technical extravaganza, has been allocated a whopping cash prize of INR 25,000, while the 1st and 2nd runners-up will receive cash prizes of INR 15,000 and INR 10,000 respectively, along with goodies from team HACK-A-BIT which include wireless headphones, fitness bands, power banks and pen-drives.

The winners will also receive goodies from Ubisoft, Zebtronics and TopCoder.

Every contender qualifying for the Finale will receive Free credits from Digital Oceans, while the top 15 teams will get premium coupons from Jetbrains and Balsamiq. To add on to it, Zebtronics will be providing goodies worth INR 10,000 and \$1,000 credits will

be presented by Bugsee. The best hack on '.tech domains' will receive \$150 cash while the best bot using Zulip API will get \$100 cash. Also, the best app on Hasura GraphQL Engine will be presented with Amazon Gift Coupons worth INR 5,000.

Having a hand in creating a usable software to generate a functioning product, purveys the participants to win online credits and Cloud facilities worth \$20,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

Amazon Web Credits worth \$10,000 will be provided to the top 50 teams, while Winkies will be presenting gift hampers to the participants.

This 36 hours long hackathon holds out 'Swag Bags', comprising of official HACK-A-BIT t-shirts, stickers, bands and laptop skin for all the contenders

A separate cash prize of INR 5,000 will be awarded to the best all-girls team and to the team with the best hardware hack. Cash prizes will also be rewarded to the teams who solve the 'Hoolah' challenge. With a total of 54 teams from more than 20 colleges competing for cash prizes and goodies, this technical activity is all set to come up with novel ideas that stand out and possibly, can disrupt current industry standards, the release said.

# Grant status of ST to J'khand tribals & Andaman island:JDP

PNS ■ RANCHI

National President of Jharkhand Disom Party (JDP) And Adivasi Sengal Abhiyan Salkhan Murmu has demanded grant of status of ST to tribal of Jharkhand living in Assam and Andaman - Nicobar islands.

In a press release Murmu has listed 9 more demands. It reads that Adani Power plant has forcibly acquired land at Godda and Godda is soon on the path of becoming Singur of West Bengal. His party would oppose this.

# Murmu has listed 9 more demands

The CNT in Jharkhand is to be protected from all such forces which want to make dent into it he urged. Murmu has urged for inclusion of Santhali, Mundari, Kuruk, Ho, Khariya, Bhumji languages in the academic curriculum. Murmu is all out for recognition of Sarna dharma code and a clear cut policy on adivasi and mool vasi in Jharkhand. Legitimate reinclusion of domicile policy in Jharkhand is the high point of Murmu's party. Murmu has batted for effective implementation of SC/ST prevention of atrocities act in Jharkhand.

He has stated in his press release that on November 27 tribal dominated districts falling in states namely Jharkhand, Bengal, Odisha, Assam and Bihar will observe a peaceful sit in for fulfillment of the demands of the tribal community across these states

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Mobile Science Lab, A Step towards quality education (children and teachers in public school - 3 years project) चलत प्रयोगशाला के लिए वाहन के Fabrication हेतु विभिन्न शर्तों के अधीन मानक स्तर के कंपनियों, निर्माताओं, अधिकृत एजेंसियों से अल्पकालीन मुहरबन्द निविदा दिनांक-06.11.2018 के अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी कार्यालय में आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा राजकीय संस्कृत उच्च विद्यालय परिसर, हजारीबाग-825301 के पते पर भेजी जाय। निविदा निबंधित ढाक के माध्यम से ही स्वीकर होगी। निबंधित समय के बाद प्राप्त निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायगा। निविदा दिनांक-06.11.2018 के अपराह्न 4:00 बजे जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी कार्यालय, हजारीबाग में क्रय समिति के समक्ष खोली जायेगी। निविदा से संबंधित आवश्यक नियम एवं शर्तें हजारीबाग के वेबसाइट [www.hazaribag.nic.in](http://www.hazaribag.nic.in) पर देखी जा सकती है या मोबाइल नम्बर 9431398452 एवं 06456-224805 पर अधिक जानकारी के लिए सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

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## प्रेस विज्ञापित

एतद द्वारा श्री अविनाश कुमार पाण्डेय, सहजिना, गढवा को सूचित किया जाता है कि बानो प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत हाटिंगहोड़े आवासीय विद्यालय परिसर में 50 शैया आदिवासी छात्रावास का एकरारनामा किये थे जिसका एकरारनामा संख्या 11F2/13-14 दिनांक 26.06.2013 है। इस एकरारनामा से नया मद् (ITEM) Plaster (1:6) का कार्य अतिरिक्त आपके द्वारा किया गया है जिसका पूरक एकरारनामा (supplementary agreement) आपके द्वारा अभी तक नहीं किया गया है। इस संबंध में इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 760 दिनांक 15.10.2018 के द्वारा आपको निदेशित किया गया था कि पूरक एकरारनामा कर लें जिसका अनुपालन आपके द्वारा नहीं किया गया।

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# Two on motorcycle killed as speeding tanker hits them

PNS ■ BERMO

Two motorcyclists were killed after being hit by a speeding tanker on Bokaro-Ramgrah NH-23 near Barkabone mobile tower on Tuesday around 2 am. The deceased were identified as Devraj Sharma, 19, and Abhay Kumar, 20, both the resident of Dumka district.

The two were hit by a speeding tanker from behind. The accident happened around 2 am. Police said the two victims were friends and were going towards Ranchi when they met with the road accident.

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However, the bodies kept lying on the main road for more than two hour and these were lifted only when cops

from Jaridih police station rushed to the spot. The victims were taken to private Hospital, where doctors declared both of them brought dead.

The bodies were transported from the accident spot to the local Hospital, Jainamor, Bokaro in a private vehicle.

Sources said that the both youths who were coming from Dumka on their motorbike (JH 04 P -1069) and on way to Ranchi for appearing in railway examination to be held on Tuesday.

The bodies later have been handed over to their family members, who came from Dumka this afternoon after getting a postmortem examination, said Inspector, Rajesh Kumar.

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**प्रेस विज्ञापित**

उपायुक्त, चतरा के आदेशानुसार चतरा जिले में संविदा के आधार पर Staff Nurse-UPHS, ANM-UPHC, Lab. Technician-UPHC, Pharmacists-UPHC & GNMs-District NCD-Clinic के नियुक्ति हेतु प्राप्त आवेदनों की सूची वेबसाइट [WWW.Chatra.nic.in](http://WWW.Chatra.nic.in) पर प्रकाशित कराई गयी है। अगर किसी भी आवेदक को प्रकाशित सूची में कोई आपत्ति है, तो दिनांक 25.10.2018 से 10.11.2018 तक 10:30 बजे पूर्वाह्न से अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक सिविल सर्जन कार्यालय, चतरा में लिखित रूप से आपत्ति दर्ज कर सकते हैं, अन्यथा बाद में कोई आपत्ति मान्य नहीं होगी।

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PR 194236 (Health Med Edu and Family Welfare) 18-19 (D)

# Two new industrial areas to be set up around Ranchi



Chief Minister Raghubar Das holds meeting with senior officials at Project Building in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Industrial Area Development Authority (JIADA) approved the proposal to set up two new industrial areas located at the vicinity of capital Ranchi. The industrial areas are proposed to come at Sodha of Namkum and Patratu of Ramgarh. JIADA meeting chaired by Chief Minister Raghubar Das on Tuesday allocated 210 acres of land at Sodha and 222 acres at Patratu for that purpose. "The industrial areas would cater the needs of entrepreneurs of Ranchi and around since we were getting demands from them for a fairly long period of time. This apart the JIADA Board of Directors also decided to allocate land for developing leather Footwear Park at Dhabad and IT parks besides few others," said a senior official present in the meeting. The Chief Minister addressing the Board told the Authority to improve infrastructure facilities in industrial areas which are already existing in different parts of the State. "The State Government is providing all sorts of facilities to investors and entrepreneurs."

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JIADA should work hard in building conducive atmosphere in the State so that more and more investors can come," said the CM. He at the same time also indicated the authority to work for greenery, plantation and improving basic facilities like road, drainage etc which are directly concerning to the people. The CM also suggested that facilities for the investors should be developed where they actually want. Besides the Chief Minister, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) Sukhdeo Singh, Principal Secretary to the CM Sunil Kumar Barnwal, Revenue and Road Construction Secretary KK Soan, Industry Secretary Vinay Kumar Chaubey, JIADA Secretary Sunil Singh and other Board members were present in the meeting.

# Corruption has become profession: CJ Tripathi

ASHIS SINHA ■ BOKARO

Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court Ajay Kumar Tripathi believes that too much consumerism is giving birth to various kinds of crime, compelling people to live the life beyond their needs. Justice Tripathi, who had been sworn as the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court on July 7 this year, happens to be "son of the soil", born and brought up in Bokaro and in the city to spend his Durga Puja vacations. In a chat with The Pioneer, Justice Tripathi said that people's rising thirst for consumerism has given birth to corruption. "Failed consumers will lie, cheat and steal to gain the trappings of success so that they can be regarded as normal," he pointed out. "Corruption now becomes the profession. Risk-taking appetite is increasing among the people which is destroying our society," he said, adding "It needs to be rooted out immediately."

"During early days it was different, no one got mugged, perhaps because they did not have anything worth taking. But now in the present generation, people become calculating rather than law-abiding in their overwhelming desire to be normal and for that, they take a wrong path due to their rampant egoism of consumerism, where enough is never enough," said the CJ. "And precisely because of its competitive nature, consumer-driven crime cannot be switched off through tougher laws," he added. "Today, it is the need to change the thinking of common people." "We all have to build a strong society with a sympathetic thinking and people will have to develop a tendency to comply with the law and not to violate it." An alumnus of St. Xavier School, Bokaro, he said, "Judicial system can also play a vital role but it needs quality people (in judiciaries) and quick delivery of judgment." He was elevated as an Additional Judge of Patna High Court on October 9, 2006 and took oath as a Permanent Judge of the High Court on November 21, 2007. Admitting the utmost need to strengthen the legal services in the tribal areas, especially in the bordering areas of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh i.e. Ambikapur, Latehar, Palamu and others, the CJ

of legal aid-are unable to avail it. "To be able to deliver appropriate legal services to the rural and tribal communities, we need an alternative delivery system with a different model of legal service providers," he said. Prior to his elevation, Justice Tripathi had held the office of Standing Counsel for the Union of India and the Income Tax Department. He appeared as a special counsel for the CBI and the Auditor and Comptroller General of India. He also represented many Public Sector Undertakings. He has appeared in many important cases of the day which made headlines at the state and national level. He is presently a member of the General and Academic Council of the University. Justice Tripathi is also a member of General Council of National Law School Bangalore. He was in the Board of Directors of the Bihar Judicial Academy and Chairman of Bihar State Legal Service Authority when tele-law services were launched in the state of Bihar, which happened to be the 2nd State to do so in the country.



said, "I have joined recently in Chhattisgarh and yet to visit those areas, but will take a necessary step after going through the official process." "Access to legal services continues to be a challenge for the tribal population especially residing in remote areas due to geographical, resource and infrastructure constraints," he added. The problem has been compounded by the failure of mainstream legal-aid services, particularly for the marginalised communities, especially rural and tribal population; senior citizens; persons with low income; persons with disabilities; victims of drug abuse, human trafficking; prison inmates- the rightful recipients

Ministry of Steel along with partnership of CII and Mecon organised a conclave on Capital Goods for Steel Sector in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on Tuesday. HEC officials Avijit Ghosh and Rana S Chakravarty attended the conclave. PNS

## INBRIEF

**ATTENTION EPFO PENSIONERS**  
In an attempt to provide better services, attention is invited to all Employees Provident Fund Organisation Pensioners to ensure to submit their Digital Life Certificate/No remarriage Certificate through this offices facilitation centres from 15/11/2018 functioning at EPFO regional office at Karamtoli, Ranchi or district offices at Dhanbad, Bokaro, Giridih, Sahabganj, Deoghar or Koderma or at their concerned banks from where the pensioners draw their pensions, according to an EPFO release issued by S. Biswas, regional provident fund commissioner, Jharkhand. The pensioners are directed to submit their Digital Life Certificate/No Remarriage Certificate to continue their pensions from January 2019, the release added.

**SBPS STUDENTS VISIT RUSSIA**  
An experiential learning trip to Russia was organized for the students of Sarla Birla Public School. Their sight-seeing included Kremlin, Gorky Park Tour, St. Basil's Cathedral, Mosfilm Studio tour and also Red square tour. Depicting the rich cultural heritage of Russia, students also got a chance to witness the Russian circus and the Moscow metro stations adorned with scriptures and carvings. They visited the Russian Cosmonaut museum and learnt about the working of astronauts worldwide. Accompanied by the Principal, Paramjit Kaur who said that such trips are important for the overall development of the students as it gives them exposure to develop new skills, positive attitude.



**PLUTON'S PYRE LAUNCH IN RANCHI**  
Authors Nitin Kulkarni and Gyandeeep Kaushal are launching their book titled 'Pluton's Pyre- Evolution of a Demon' in Ranchi on October 24 at Audrey House, 4:30 pm onwards. Governor of Jharkhand, Draupadi Murmu will be the chief guest for the occasion. Justice D. N. Patel of Jharkhand High Court will be the guest of honor where as Gautam Kumar Choudhary, vice- chancellor; N.U.S.R.I will be a special guest.

**DHANTERAS OFFERS BY TRIBHOVANDAS BHIMJI ZAVERI**  
With Dhanteras approaching Tribhovandas Bhimji Zaveri, is offering discount on the making charges of gold and diamond jewellery Yellow gold, antique, kundan, temple and exclusive imported patterns are being offered at a making charge of Rs. 225 per gram. Adding more to the occasion they have introduced Bikaneri Meena Collection, 22K Rose Gold Collection and other collections. Their offers are valid till October, 5. Consumers can also avail their Kalpavruksha Easy Plan to invest in jewellery.

**EXCURSION TRIP FOR OPS STUDENTS**  
Oxford Public School had organized an excursion trip for its students to Agra, Jaipur and New Delhi. A total of 31 students and four teachers were part of the trip. Students were taken on a tour of the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Lotus Temple, Rajghat and Rashtrapati Bhavan to name a few places. On their return Principal Suraj Sharma said that such trips are important because the students get to know about the rich cultural heritage of our country. The trip was well appreciated by the students of the school.



**OPPO PARTNERS WITH 'TENCENT GAMES'**  
OPPO - a popular mobile brand recently partnered with Tencent Games, the world's largest gaming company for India's biggest eSports Championship, 'Player Unknown's Battlegrounds MOBILE Campus Championship 2018' in India. After receiving multiple entries and a total of 10,000 teams from over 2000 colleges, a month-long action-packed tournament finally culminated on October 21 at the first ever PUBG themed OPPO store in Bangalore. The winners were commemorated with prize money of INR 50 Lakh.

**CONCLAVE OF CAPITAL GOODS FOR STEEL SECTOR**  
Ministry of Steel along with CII and Mecon organised a conclave on Capital Goods for Steel Sector on Tuesday at Odisha against the backdrop of enhancing indigenous capacity for manufacturing steel plant equipment and spares. The country aspires to boost its production to 300 mtpa by 2030-2031. Minister of Steel, Choudhary Birendra Singh, Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Sector Enterprises Anant Geete, Minister Petroleum, Natural Gases and Skill Development, Dharmendra Prasad were present in the conclave.

**TOURISM INDONESIA SIGNS MOU WITH SADIO MANÉ**  
The Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Indonesia, has sealed a deal in partnership with Liverpool FC's prolific winger, Sadio Mané, following a contract signed between Tourism Indonesia and Mediapro Asia. The aim of this partnership is to generate more interest towards Indonesia as a tourism destination, targeting holiday makers and travellers globally while leveraging on the football player's popularity around the world. With this partnership, Tourism Indonesia is expecting to see an increase in millennials visiting the country, and also in raising the profile of destinations within Indonesia.

# Minister inaugurates Gandhi Centre

Women artisans to receive training in Gandhi Centre

PNS ■ RANCHI

In a bid to carry forward the thoughts and ideologies of 'Father of the Nation', the Minister of Art, Culture and Youth Affairs, Amar Bauri along with Vikash Bharti Secretary, Ashok Bhagat inaugurated the State-of-the-Art Gandhi Centre established inside Jharkhand State Khadi and Village Industries Board office here on Tuesday. As a mark of tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the Minister said, "On the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, quite a number of programmes are being organised across the nation, however, in the first of its kind attempt, at the Gandhi Centre besides carrying out the regular activities here will be primarily used for giving training to the women artisans." Bauri further added that the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has helped in reviving one of the most expen-



Revenue & Land Reforms, Art, Culture Minister Amar Kumar Bauri inaugurate Mahatma Gandhi Sabhagar in Ranchi on Tuesday. Chairman Khadi Board Sanjay Seth, Secretary Vikas Bharti Ashok Bhagat and others were also seen. Vinay Murmu/Pioneer

and Village Industries Board in linking the women artisans in quite a number with different cottage industry projects. Meanwhile, Vikash Bharti Secretary, Ashok Bhagat said that the vision of the Prime Minister and State government's initiatives have given a thrust to the Khadi movement. "The status of Khadi today is such that it is capable of generating employment in sufficient number making it a prominent place in apparel sector. The efforts of Centre and State have worked in shaping the lives of several women residing in rural pockets. In this era, promotion of Khadi and other indigenous goods will not just boost the revenue but will also open the door of opportunities for the marginalised class," Bhagat further added. Furthermore, State Khadi Board Chairperson, Sanjay Seth present on the occasion said that with a mission to promote women artisans, the centre has been inaugurated.

# Marandi: Govt provides open protection to guilty and tainted officers

PNS ■ RANCHI

Even as it should be priority of the government to punish the guilty and tainted officers, in Jharkhand such officials seem to get open support from the government, said former chief minister and Jharkhand Minister Vikas Morcha (Prajantrik) Babul Marandi. He pointed that state government did not flit the need to take action against three top officials including the former Chief secretary Raj Bala Verma, DGP and the ADG when they were accused of irregularities. On the contrary the government was trying to protect these officials, he said. Marandi alleged that government only took token action the officials when other agencies including High Court and the Election Commission passed strict directives. He said he government has not taken action against senior officials on its own adding that a few of its actions were partial.

He said Bakoria case is latest case in the point which has exposed the real face of the police. The DGP himself is surrounded by controversy in the case. He asked what action was taken by the CM who is holding home department when ADG ranked officers had stated that he was being pressurized to go slow in the investigation of the case. He said that putting up hindrance in a case is also a crime adding a former CM of Bihar has been imprisoned in this regard. Similarly the state government took nominal action against ADG Anurag Gupta when election commission took passed orders in connection with the Rajya Sabha elections. Marandi stated state's government favours on former CS Raj Bala Verma is also known to all as she was getting protected even after allegations against her in the fodder scam case.

# RMC to earmark restored ponds to promote 'Pisciculture'

PRAGYA PALLAVI ■ RANCHI

The State of Jharkhand that had already achieved a prominent position in production, supply of fishes to other States and has also attained a self sufficient status in fulfilling the State's requirement in fish production, may soon use its prominent water reservoirs for expanding and promoting 'Pisciculture' - the technique of raising fish commercially in tanks or enclosures. Fish farming linked with the endurance of several communities here, the State's biggest Urban Local Body (ULB) - Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) is planning to utilize the water bodies currently undergoing the process of restoration for endorsing 'Pisciculture' in a more elaborate way. Considering twin benefits which include creating employment for rural populace and for maintaining cleanliness in and around the restored ponds managed by the



View of Ranchi Lake during ongoing beautification work in Ranchi on Tuesday. Vinay Murmu / Pioneer

nascent stage, however, considering the deadline of the completion of the ponds beautification project, the drafting of the proposal is likely to be begin soon under the guidance of experts. Since, the State had recently registered a significant rise in fish production and distribution; no additional amenities will be required to start the project. An individual or organisations which get the charge of a particular pond for fish farming will have the additional responsibility of managing it," the Mayor further added. As many as 15 major and minor water bodies located within the municipal periphery are being restored with all basic civic facilities. From Ranchi Lake aka Bada Talab - located at the base of the landmark Ranchi Hill, the 53-acre man-made lake -- 2,100 feet above sea level which is being restored at a whopping cost of Rs. 14 crore to Line Tank Pond beautification work, the Civic Body is spending hefty sum in giving a complete makeover to the water reservoirs. The beautification project rolled out at a cost of Rs. 3.35 crore from Chutia Pond two years back covering both major and minor ponds for revamping and de-silting the water bodies also includes making boundary walls around the ponds, constructing pathways,

# Woman 'poisoned' to death for dowry

SURESH NIKHAR ■ GIRIDIH

Dowry claimed yet another life when a woman was allegedly poisoned to death by her husband and parents in laws in Barwadih mohalla of Giridih town on Monday. The deceased woman's father, in an FIR lodged with Dewari police station on Tuesday, said that ever since he married his daughter, Puja Devi(24) to Ajay Singh, in 2014, his daughter never led a peaceful and happy married life as she was perennially harassed and tormented for dowry by her husband and his parents. Recently, the husband asked his daughter, Puja, to put pressure on him for a motorbike. But, after they obliged them by buying the motorcycle, their demands remained unfulfilled, and her husband asked Puja to force her parents to cough up money, police said. On the fateful day, Puja's husband and his parents pre-

vented her from going to her father's house to attend a function, unless they were given an additional dowry. Late in the night, she was allegedly poisoned to death. Dewari O/C Uttam Upadhaya told The Pioneer on Tuesday evening that Ajay Singh, his father, and mother have been absconding since Tuesday for allegedly poisoning Puja to death.

# Sport climbing attracts youths at JRD complex

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The popularity of sport climbing is reaching new heights in the Steel City as more number of children are busy enrolling in the Sport Climbing facility at JRD Tata sports complex to hone their skills.

Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) has installed the facility of climbing at its premises in Tata sports complex. The foundation also organises a summer camp for the children for hone their skills.

"Several rural children from outside Jamshedpur are learning the ropes. Some have also represented Jharkhand in national competitions," a TSAF official said.

Hemant Gupta, alumni of IIT Bombay and Manager, Adventure Programmes, Tata Steel took it upon himself to see that the Sport Climbing activity became a popular event in Jharkhand.

He said that Jamshedpur is one of the few cities in India to boast a sport climbing facility. Apart from Bangalore and Pune, the steel city is the only city in East India to have such facility. Besides courage and strength, the sport requires foresight, planning, determination and skill. It provides both fun and adventure to people of all ages. It is great for stimulating children's creativity and will provide them with a unique learning experience.

"Sport Climbing is a comparatively new and exhilarating addition to mountaineering, which has now attracted a huge following all over the world as



well as in India. Since natural rock faces are not always accessible due to factors like distances and weather conditions there was a long felt need for an artificial climbing surface which would stimulate natural rock feature and provides routes for varying degree of difficulty to improve climbing abilities to easily accessible and safe locations," noted Gupta.

The first artificial climbing wall was constructed in Delhi during early nineties which was sponsored by the house of Tatas. The wall was known as the 'Tata Rock Wall'. It then spread over in different parts of the country.

Keeping in view the facility available at Tata Sports Complex and its potential, a full time Sport Climbing Instructor was appointed in 2015. Bibhas Roy a National Climber himself made a prop-

er curricula for providing training and converted the facility at Tata Sports Complex into a Sport Climbing Training Centre enabling people to become members and practice regularly in a structured way.

In time some good climbers made it through the zonals and played at Nationals. Talim Ansari became the first boy from Jharkhand to grab silver medal at the National Sport Climbing Championship in 2015.

"We have over 25 children who are passionate about Sport Climbing and come every day to train. Their entire coaching and equipment expenses are taken care of by TSAF. This year Talim Ansari, was selected to represent India at the Asian Youth Sport Climbing championship held in Tehran," noted an official.

# Punjab signs MoU on water mgmt with Israel's Mekorot

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To boost cooperation in water conservation and management as well as agricultural research and education, Punjab Government on Tuesday signed four Memorandums of Understandings (MoUs) with Israel.

The MoUs were signed in the presence of the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on the second day of his Israel visit, which is aimed at strengthening collaboration between the two sides in the key areas of agriculture, water management and homeland security.

The Chief Minister said that the MoUs would help Punjab secure the much-needed technical expertise and knowhow for strengthening its water management systems and improving its agricultural research and learning.

The MoU on water management was signed between Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation and



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Israel's national water company, Mekorot Development and Enterprise Limited.

Under the MoU, Mekorot will formulate a water conservation and management plan for Punjab, and will recommend use of appropriate tech-

nology, detailed project reports etc.

The basic data shall be provided by the Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation, with the two parties to decide on any additional data that might need to be collected, or any studies that might be required to be carried out. The plan will be finalized within two months, unless the parties agree to an extension.

Besides, a joint working group, comprising an equal number of members from each of the parties, shall be formed within three weeks of the MoU to monitor the process of execution of the plan, which has been necessitated due to the water crisis faced by Punjab as a result of overexploitation of groundwater resources.

The three MoUs, relating to agricultural research, have been signed by the Punjab Agricultural University with Israel's ARAVA Institute, Tel Aviv University (TAU) and Galilee International Management Institute.

# Dengue fever: district health dept sounds alert

PNS ■ BOKARO

With the change in climate dengue fever has again started to spread its wings in Bokaro. At present three suspected patients are admitted in the isolation ward at Bokaro General Hospital (BGH) and kept under observation, informed AK Poddar, district Malaria officer.

Few days earlier one case of dengue fever was traced at Ranipokar and tested positive. Presently three more suspected cases from Ranipokar and one Anita Kumar (24) a resident of Sector 12 were admitted at the hospital and now under observation, he said.

"Blood samples of all suspected cases have been collected yesterday and sent for further test," added Poddar.

The district health department issued an alert, closely monitoring the areas from where the fever was reported and found the factors leading the spurt in the mosquito-borne disease. Precautionary measures are being taken to control dengue. Soon we will

send our teams for fogging and to conduct surveys in the city as well as villages, he said.

"We have sought public support in controlling the menace of vector-borne diseases and also sent a letter to the civic body for participating in the campaign to fight against it," he added.

"Generally, people use mosquito repellents at night. But due to changes in climatic conditions, they must use them during the day as the Aedes mosquito bites in the daytime too," said a medical expert.

Dengue fever (DF) is a viral disease transmitted by infected mosquitoes. DF causes severe, flu-like symptoms with high fever and extreme muscle and joint pain. Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) and dengue shock syndrome (DSS) are less common but more severe forms of the disease.

DHF or DSS initially present with very similar symptoms to DF. The disease then progresses to a stage where the blood vessels become permeable causing a breakdown of the circulatory system, fluid loss, and possibly death, he said.

# ED files...

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Their strategy included incorporation of shell companies, conducting circular transactions to artificially inflate turnover of flagship companies, claiming higher depreciations on non-existing machinery, artificial share trading, layering and laundering of proceeds of crime within India and abroad through the web of shell companies," the ED said. Investigation has revealed that the

promoters used their employees' names and got incorporated 249 shell companies. The original PAN cards, original stamps, original seals, original memorandum of association and original blank signed cheque books of the shell companies have been seized by the ED from the possession of the promoters. All these shell companies were controlled, managed and beneficially owned by the promoters and were actually used in the process of money laundering, the agency added.

# Matri Sadan writes to PM Modi on Ganga

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Taking the cause-which saw the noted environmentalist Swami Gyan Swaroop Sanand sacrificing his life-forward, a Matri Sadan ascetic Brahmachari Atmabodhanand has written a four-page letter to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that he would start his fast unto death from October 24. In the letter, he demanded immediate and complete ban on mining in Ganga riverbed in Kumbh Nagar Haridwar and scrapping of all hydro-power projects operating on Ganga and its tributaries.

The copy of the letter has been sent to many others, including the Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for drinking water Uma Bharti, MP from Haridwar Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat.

Addressing the media persons at Matri Sadan ashram in



Jagjeetpur on Tuesday, Brahmachari Atmabodhanand said, "We have categorically told the PM in the letter that Matri Sadan would continue the crusade undertaken by Swami Sanand. We would not allow his sacrifice to go in vain."

The founder of Matri Sadan Swami Shivanand said that they were shocked to be informed that the Government had not acted on the fast of Sanand because it was 'ek admi

ki jidd' (stubbornness of one man) according to it. "Nothing can be more unfortunate in a democracy than this nonchalance on the part of the Government," he said.

Notably, Atmabodhanand had started a fast on October 30 last year with a seven-point charter of demands which included steps to make the stone crushers to comply with the norms laid down by the Central Pollution Control Board.

# New North Chotanagpur Commissioner Surendra Kumar takes charge

PNS ■ HAZARIBAG

New commissioner of North Chotanagpur, Surendra Kumar said officers are accountable to government as well as society too.

He said demand of the time is that officers should be very sensitive towards people's problem ensuring speedy disposal. He said he had worked on various posts before joining here and so having enough experience intaking up this new challenge.

Kumar joined on Oct.15 but today hestarted working.

Talking to The Pioneer, Kumar said he originally belonged to Palamau district and came in service in 1984 getting first responsibility as circle officer of Lohardaga.

He said he will remain available for people always and in case any problem they can come and meet him without any hesitation. "I will try to solve their issues in best possible way," added.

I will use my experience to work on this key post, added he.

Kumar admitted that lands grabbed through fake hukum-namas but now this practice came to an end due to government introducing online system inland sale and purchase. He said now everything related to land is in public portal and so no way to commit anything wrong.

According to him, he will understand the problems of areas under his jurisdiction so as to discharge his duties in more effective way.

He said as government sending officers to various districts as its representative, it is their duty to give the best for welfare of society.

He said he will remain available for people always and in case any problem they can come and meet him without any hesitation. "I will try to solve their issues in best possible way," added.

# SC constricts Diwali revelling to 2 hours

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"On Diwali days or on any other festivals like Gurpurab, etc, when such fireworks generally take place, it would strictly be from 8 pm till 10 pm only. On Christmas even and New Year eve, when such fireworks start around midnight, i.e. 12 am, it would be from 11:55 pm till 12:30 am only," the court said.

With regard to community fire-cracking in Delhi-NCR, the court said the Centre and state governments of NCR should pre-identify particular area/fields and the exercise should be completed within a week so that public at large is informed about the designated places one week before Diwali.

"The areas designated now for the purpose of Diwali shall be valid for community fire-cracking on other occasions/festivals as well, as mentioned. Even for marriages and other occasions, sale of improved crackers and green crackers is only permitted," it said, while asking other states to explore the feasibility for community firecracking.

# 6-day HC breather for...

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Asthana's counsel said DoPT's sanction is required to proceed against the officers and no permission was sought from the department.

When the court asked whether there was any bar on registration of FIR, Sharan said any investigation done without permission is illegal and barred. Senior advocate Dayan Krishnan, who appeared for Kumar, also sought quashing of the FIR against the officer.

CBI's counsel said the FIR was registered under the provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act and the IPC, including criminal conspiracy, and they have added more sections against the accused relating to extortion and forgery.

When CBI counsel dished out an outlandish remark that if there is pest in wood, the wood becomes useless, the judge interjected and asked the advocate not to make such statements in court.

The counsel said it was a bribery case and the probe was at a primitive stage. "In a case of this nature, give us some time, we will put everything on record in a sealed cover," he said, adding that the matter concerned an institution and "we all are concerned with the institution".

The court turned down the plea of Asthana's counsel

seeking to stay further proceedings in the matter.

"Nothing will happen. Tomorrow is Maharshi Valmiki's birthday, kuch nahi kaha (nothing will happen)," the judge said and asked the CBI not to "disturb the equilibrium today".

Asthana has also sought direction to call records of the case and other documents and that no coercive action be taken against him by the CBI. Asthana moved the petition on Tuesday, hours after Kumar approached the High Court which agreed to give an urgent hearing.

Both the petitions were mentioned before Chief Justice Rajendra Menon, who allocated the matter for hearing before Justice Waziri.

The CBI had on Monday arrested its DSP, Kumar, in connection with bribery allegations against Asthana.

Kumar, earlier the investigating officer in a case involving meat exporter Moin Qureshi, was arrested on the allegations of falsification of records of accused Sathish Sana who had alleged to have paid bribe to CBI Director Alok Verma to get relief in the case. Sana has now been made a complainant by the CBI and the agency registered the case on the day the complaint against Asthana was lodged.

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3.	21/PR/JUVNL/18-19	Procurement of siren for intake gate.

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**झारखण्ड सरकार आदिवासी कल्याण आयुक्त कार्यालय कोटेशन/दर आमंत्रण सूचना**

कल्याण विभाग, झारखण्ड अन्तर्गत संचालित 143 आवासीय विद्यालयों में वर्ग- 2 से 12 में अध्ययनरत विद्यार्थियों के त्रैमासिक / अर्द्धवार्षिक / वार्षिक मूल्यांकन परीक्षा हेतु झारखण्ड अधिविद्य परिषद् के पाठ्यक्रमानुसार प्रश्नपत्र तैयार कर प्रश्नपत्र/प्रश्नपत्र-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका की छपाई (विद्यालयवार एवं कक्षावार आवश्यकतानुसार पैकेजिंग सहित) हेतु झारखण्ड राज्य के लक्ष-प्रतिष्ठ मुद्रकों से निम्नानुसार दर आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

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  - कक्षा VIII से X -
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  - कक्षा II से IV -
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- कोटेशनदाता को प्रतिष्ठान का निश्चय/Labour Licence/GST No. एवं सूचना जनसम्पर्क विभाग में Empanelment से संबंधित दस्तावेज कोटेशन के साथ संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- कोटेशन के साथ प्रश्नपत्र/प्रश्नपत्र-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका का नमूना संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- परीक्षा की निर्धारित तिथि के पूर्व विहित तिथि एवं स्थान पर आपूर्ति करना आवश्यक होगा।
- उद्भूत दर में अंक या शब्दों में अन्तर आने पर शब्द में दर्शाए गये दर मान्य होंगे।
- प्रश्न पत्र तैयार करने एवं मुद्रण का अनुभव प्रमाण-पत्र संलग्न करना आवश्यक होगा।
- प्रश्नपत्र/प्रश्नपत्र-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका हिन्दी/अंग्रेजी/संस्कृत इत्यादि भाषाओं में विषयवार आवश्यकतानुसार मुद्रित करना होगा।
- कोटेशन आमंत्रण में दिए गये शर्तों का अनुपालन नहीं करने अथवा विभाग कोटेशन देने पर कोटेशन रद्द कर दिया जाएगा।
- किसी एक कोटेशन न रद्द करने का अधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा।
- इस प्रकार के पूर्वानुभव वाले कोटेशनदाता को प्राथमिकता दी जा सकती है।
- निविदादाता अपना कोटेशन अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय (कमरा सं०-303, प्रोजेक्ट भवन, दुर्गा, रांची) में निर्धारित समय एवं तिथि के पूर्व समर्पित करेंगे।

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# Vigilance Awareness event begins with elocution, painting contestat CCL



PNS ■ RANCHI

Like every year, CCL is Observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 29th October to 3rd November, 2018. Under the guidance of CVO CCL A K Srivastava and Vigilance department under the leadership of GM (Vigilance) S K Singh, taking an early lead, Vigilance Awareness Programme was organized today at CCL Gandhinagar to create awareness among the citizens particularly youths against corruption, to motivate and encourage them to actively participate in creating corruption-free India.

According to a CCL press release, the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week this

year is 'Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India'. Vigilance department will be organizing various activities to reflect the said theme so that ethical values are ingrained permanently in the minds of the younger generation.

In the process of creating awareness in different corners of the society, CCL Vigilance Dept team reached students of DAV Gandhinagar schools of Ranchi today. CCL Vigilance team comprising U K Sinha, CM (E&M), Swayam Prakash, Sr. Manager (Pers), P Maity, Sr. Manager (Mining) conducted elocution and painting competition among the students on the topic 'Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India, which is also the theme of this year's Vigilance

Awareness Week.

There was active participation in the drawing/painting competition, 45 participants took part in the competition. In the elocution, 12 participants delivered their views in the presence of judges, teachers and students from class V to XI.

Elocution - First: Nandini Class XII and Jyoti Class XII Second: Shoak Vatsal IX, Saina Class XI and Sunita Pathak Class X, Painting - First Bhavya Upadhayaya, Class XII Second: Ananya Class X, Third: Komal.

In addition, two students Priya, Class XI and Annie, Class XI were presented with a consolation prize award in the painting competition, the release said.

# India raises protest over soldiers' killing

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a two-pronged diplomatic and Army offensive, India on Tuesday lodged a strong protest with Pakistan over killing of three Indian soldiers in Sunderbani in Rajouri on Sunday during a suspected Border Action Team (BAT) raid by Pakistani infiltrators. While the External Affairs Ministry summoned a senior official of Pakistan High Commission here to issue a demarche on the matter, the weekly talks between offices of Directors General of Military Operations (DGMO) saw the Army lodging protest over the killings despite the two countries deciding to maintain peace on the Line of Control (LoC) in May this year.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in a statement, said it also condemned in the strongest terms such a provocative action by Pakistan, which revealed the neighbouring country's complicity in aiding and abetting terrorism and exposed the hollowness of its deceitful claims of promoting a constructive engagement with



India and desire for peace. The Pakistan High Commission official was summoned to the MEA and a demarche was made, lodging a strong protest over the loss of lives of Indian soldiers during the cross-border infiltration bid by Pakistani terrorists in the Sunderbani sector on October 21, the statement said.

"It was informed that two Pakistani armed intruders have been killed by the Indian security forces during the ensuing firefight and the government of Pakistan should take custody of the dead bodies of its nationals," the MEA said.

Two heavily-armed

Border (IB). "Despite repeated calls for restraint and adherence to the ceasefire understanding of 2003 for maintaining peace and tranquillity, Pakistan forces have carried out 1,591 incidents of unprovoked ceasefire violations along the LoC and IB in 2018 so far," the MEA said.

Pakistan was also asked to abide by its bilateral commitment not to allow any territory under its control to be used for supporting terrorism against India in any manner, it added.

Meanwhile, during the DGMO office level talks on the hotline between the two sides, an Indian Brigadier conveyed similar sentiments to his Pakistani counterpart. The talks lasted for about 10-15 minutes and Pakistan is expected to come back on the issue next week, sources said.

Explaining the rationale for protest, they said the two DGMOs during their talks on May 29 at the behest of Pakistan decided to maintain peace and the Line of Control (LoC). India at that time also urged the Pakistan

Army to restrain terrorists operating from its soil. Since then, the Indian Army has shown utmost restraint in maintaining ceasefire at the LoC despite provocations by the other side and Pakistan continuing to aid and abet terrorists, they said.

As regards the Pakistan Army actions despite talks on May 29, they said the Pakistan Army is persistently attempting to push terrorists from its territory into India across the LoC. Backing this with figures, officials said seven infiltration bids were foiled by the Army since May 30, in which 23 terrorists have been killed.

Moreover, reports indicated concentration of large number of terrorists in the launch pads desperate to infiltrate before the onset of snow. At least 250 to 300 trained and armed militants are poised to sneak into Kashmir from the launch pads close to the LoC in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK). The Army troops are alert and maintaining round-the-clock vigil to scuttle any attempt of infiltration by the terrorists.

# Proposed Khurja coal plant catalyst for bad air, financial burden: Report

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when renewable energy is considered better option than the conventional one and Delhi is grappling with poor quality air, the State-run THDCIL's proposed ₹12,676 crore Khurja coal power plant in Uttar Pradesh would not only be a financial burden but also add to the pollution in the region, a report by the US-based Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) said on Tuesday.

The researchers of the report "The Khurja Thermal Power Project: A Recipe for an Indian Stranded Asset" which was released here have called for re-evaluation of the 1,320 MW proposed project in the wake of changing technologies. THDCIL, formerly known as Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Ltd, is a joint venture of the Central and Uttar Pradesh Governments with a 75:25 equity sharing ratio. While the first unit is scheduled to be commissioned in November 2022, the second unit would go

on steam in April 2023. The electricity users — the State and Central Governments — and project's lenders should not be burdened with yet another expensive stranded asset at a time when local residents need cleaner energy options, IEEFA Director of Energy Finance Studies Tim Buckley told reporters here.

"Delhi already has the dubious reputation of having the worst air pollution of any city in the world. If the Khurja coal plant is built as planned near Delhi, this will increase the impact on local residents, emergency workers and the local Government.

"The Khurja power plant was feasible when first proposed eight years ago in response to power supply shortages and outages across northern India, but technology has moved on," he said.

According to Buckley, renewable energy generation in India is now cheaper than Khurja's non-minemouth coal, with ongoing price declines prompting States, including

Uttar Pradesh, to seek solar and wind options to meet incremental demand growth. "The Khurja proposal relies on a prohibitively expensive 900-km-long rail haul to bring coal to the plant. Additionally, the market price of coal continues to increase globally," he said.

"Our analysis shows any power generated at the Khurja plant would likely be sold for ₹5.67 per kilowatt hours, while renewable energy prices today are only plus or minus ₹3 per kilowatt hours. The economics of the project look dim. The Khurja proposal must be re-evaluated," Buckley said. Kashish Shah, IEEFA Energy Research Associate and co-author of the report, said "India is aiming to achieve 40 per cent of its electricity generation needs by 2030 from non-fossil fuel sources including wind and solar. As a coal-fired power station takes significant time to ramp up power generation, the Khurja power station cannot help with grid stabilisation and peak demands, one of the new requirements of the Paris commitments."

# SC shocked over 'vanished' 31 hills in Aravalli

Directs Rajasthan Govt to stop illegal mining within 48-hours



New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed shock over "vanished" 31 hills in the Aravalli area of Rajasthan and asked the State Government to stop illegal mining in the 115.34-hectare area there within 48 hours.

The top court said though Rajasthan was earning a royalty of around ₹5,000 crore from mining activities in Aravalli, it cannot endanger the lives of lakhs of people in Delhi as the disappearance of hills there could be one of reasons for

in pollution level in the national Capital region (NCR). A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta referred to the status report filed by Rajasthan Government and said it indicated that illegal mining activity was going on in 115.34 hectare area in Aravalli range in the State.

It also referred to a report of the central empowered committee (CEC) which had said that out of 128 samples taken by the Forest Survey of India

(FSI), as many as 31 hills or hillocks have vanished. "31 hills or hillocks have disappeared. If hills will disappear in the country, what will happen? Have people become 'Hanuman' that they are running away with hills?," Justice Lokur asked the counsel appearing for Rajasthan.

"15-20 per cent hills have vanished in the state of Rajasthan. This is your ground truth. Whom you want to take for a ride?," the bench asked, adding that the State has failed to protect the Aravalli range from illegal mining.

The top court said that it was compelled to pass an order to stop illegal mining activities

in 115.34-hectare area there within 48 hours as it appeared that the state has taken the issue "very lightly". It directed the chief secretary of Rajasthan to file an affidavit regarding compliance of its order within this week and posted the matter for hearing on October 29.

The bench said that it was "not at all satisfied" with the contents of status report filed by the state as it mostly deals with the "so called incompetence" of the FSI.

It said that State of Rajasthan must appreciate that FSI was a body of Government of India and it would not be proper to make "wild allegations" against them. **PTI**

## INSHORT

### SABARIMALA: SC TO HEAR PETITIONS ON NOV 13

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that it would hear on November 13 petitions challenging its Sabarimala verdict allowing women of all age groups entry into the temple. A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice S K Kaul told lawyer Mathews J Nedumpara that it has already passed an order with regard to listing of petitions on November 13.

### NGO TAKES PART IN 'SINDOOR KHELA' AT DELHI EVENT

New Delhi: Under the banner of WILGA, an NGO working for the welfare of women, transgenders, sex workers and HIV/AIDS survivor communities from India HIV/AIDS Alliance came together recently to celebrate the oneness of womanhood at 'Sindoor khela' event organised by Matri Mandir Pooja Committee at Safdarjung Enclave here on the occasion of Dussherra.

### GO BACK TO DOON JAIL ON NOV 16: SC TO DP YADAV

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed controversial Uttar Pradesh politician DP Yadav, convicted in a murder case and now on interim bail on medical grounds, to go back to Dehradun jail on November 16 to serve the remainder of his life sentence.

### CEC, EC SELECTION: SC REFERS PIL TO 5-JUDGE BENCH

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday referred to a five-judge Constitution Bench the PIL seeking collegium-like system for selection of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the ECs to ensure institutional integrity of the poll panel and fair elections in the country.

## Modi urges people to contribute to BJP through app for transparency



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday donated ₹1000 to the BJP through his app and also urged people to contribute to the party, saying it will spread the message of transparency and strengthen the resolve of party workers to "serve the nation".

"Contributed to the BJP, via the 'Narendra Modi Mobile App'. I urge you all to contribute to the party through the app and spread the message of transparency in public life," he tweeted.

"You can contribute any amount from ₹5 to ₹1000 via the 'Narendra Modi Mobile App'. Your support and contribution will strengthen the resolve of our karyakartas to serve the nation," he added. Modi also posted a link to his website, [Narendramodi.in/](http://Narendramodi.in/), for offering donation. Various party leaders, including its president Amit Shah and Union minister Sushma Swaraj, also made similar donations as part of an initiative to boost transparency and probity in public life. **PTI**

## Railways' UTS app to book unreserved tickets online to go live from November 1

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Waiting in long queues to buy tickets at railway stations will now be a thing of the past as the railways' UTS mobile app for buying unreserved tickets online will be available nationwide from November 1. While the scheme was started four years ago, it failed to catch on among passengers except in Mumbai, where it was first launched because a large number of people travel in locals.

The scheme is also open for those who want to buy tickets for travelling long distance. In the last four years, there were around 45 lakh registered users of this app with around 87,000 tickets being bought per day on it on average. A passenger needs to be around 25-30 metres away from the station to avail the application and is allowed to book only four tickets at a time through it.

As of now railway has already implemented the scheme in 15 of its zones with the North-east Frontier Railway and West Central Railway being the remaining two zones. The scheme is also open for those who want to buy tickets for travelling long distance.

"We have been trying to engage people to encourage them to use the UTS mobile application more and more. The numbers are growing and we are hopeful that once passengers understand the benefits of this app, they will buy their tickets online. With certain zones not being a part of the app, a lot of passengers were unable to use it. Any station intersecting these zones was left out of the app. From November 1, it will be available across India," a senior railways official said.

On the app, a registered user can not only buy tickets, but also platform tickets and monthly passes. The railways earns around Rs 45 lakh per day through the online sale of such unreserved tickets, said a senior railway official.

## CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL JPC set to table report in Winter Session

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was introduced in the Lok Sabha to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955. The main purpose of the amendment bill seeks to grant citizenship to people from minority communities — Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians — from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan after six years of residence in India instead of 12 even if they don't possess any proper document.

Many organisations in the Northeast have opposed the bill saying it will nullify the provisions of the Assam Accord of 1985, which fixed March 24, 1971 as the cut-off date for deportation of all illegal immigrants irrespective of religion. The Meghalaya and Mizoram Governments have strongly opposed the Citizenship Amendment Bill and adopted resolutions against it.

"We understand there are concerns among some people. Many of the organisations have met us. We are open for further discussions in the coming days," Agrawal said, when asked whether the committee members will again visit Assam, where the bill is receiving maximum opposition. The JPC has already taken six extensions from the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. It has sought time for the presentation of the report on the "first day of the last week of the Winter Session, 2018".

During the course of its examination and study visits, the committee met a cross section of people in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Assam and Meghalaya and heard views of organisations, individuals, experts and others. Political parties, including the Congress and the AIUDF, have extended their support to Tuesday's bandh in the "interest of Assam and its indigenous people".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi shakes hands with Chinese State Councillor & Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi in New Delhi on Tuesday **PTI**

## Court directs police to hand over documents to Tharoor in Sunanda death case

New Delhi: A court here on Tuesday directed the Delhi Police to hand over certain documents to Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, an accused in a case related to the death of his wife Sunanda Pushkar.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal passed the directions after he was told by senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, appearing for Tharoor, that there were deficiencies in the documents in the electronic evidence provided to him by the prosecution.

The folder containing the videos of the post-mortem conducted has only the videos and not the photographs, the counsel said.

The police, represented by public prosecutor Atul Srivastava, told the court that fresh copies will be given to Tharoor, after which the court fixed the matter for further hearing on November 3.

Pushkar was found dead in a suite of a luxury hotel in the city on the night of January 17, 2014. The couple was staying in the hotel as the official bungalow of Tharoor was being renovated at that time.

The court had directed the Delhi Police to hand over various documents filed along with the charge sheet, including statements of witnesses, to Tharoor on a plea moved by him.

The Thiruvananthapuram MP was granted regular bail by court on July 7 after he appeared before court in pursuance to the summons issued against him.

The court had on June 5 summoned Tharoor, observing there was sufficient ground to proceed against him.

Tharoor has been charged under sections 498A (husband or his relative subjecting a woman to cruelty) and 306 (abetment of suicide) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), but has not been arrested in the case. **PTI**

## STUDY ON BIG CAT'S HEALTH

# Russian wildlife experts to help Indian counterparts

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian wildlife experts will be assisted by their counterparts from Russia in a study to check the health of big cats in the tiger reserves across the country.

A team of researchers from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) will kick-start the study soon with an aim to protect the beleaguered tiger population in the country from zoonotic diseases like Canine Distemper Virus (CDV), which has wiped out over 30 lions in the Gir Forest in Gujarat.

Following the Lions' death, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), meanwhile, also issued an alert to all reserves to

keep a close watch for symptoms of the CDV. "Wildlife experts from Russia are being roped in for our study as the country is facing similar challenges as India on conservation front. Today, fewer than 500 Siberian tigers — the largest of the tiger subspecies — survive. The Russians have experience in protecting and researching the Amur tiger, as well as outline a long-term, comprehensive system of conservation measures," said a senior official from the NTCA, the top tiger conservation body of the government in the country.

He said that an agreement will soon be signed between Dehradun-based WII and A N Severtsov Institute of Ecology

in Evolution Academy of Sciences, one of the leading biological Institutes of Russia. The Institute is a scientific research centre on ecology, biological diversity, ethology, evolutionary morphology and nature conservation.

One of the study's objectives will be to formulate a strategy for the protection of the tigers from the fatal diseases, if any, the official said noting that emerging infectious diseases are a concern not only to humans but also to the conservation and welfare of wildlife species.

As per the proposed study, the researchers will test every tiger carcass they finds for the virus or any other threatening disease. Efforts will also be

taken to vaccinate dogs around the periphery of the reserves against canine distemper.

According to a 2014 study from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), CDV has the potential to be a significant driver in pushing the tigers towards extinction. The authors evaluated these impacts on the Amur tiger population in Russia's Sikhote-Alin Biosphere Zapovednik (SABZ), where tiger numbers declined from 38 individuals to 9 in the years 2007 to 2012. In 2009 and 2010, six adult tigers died or disappeared from the reserve, and CDV was confirmed in two dead tigers leading scientists to believe that CDV likely played a role in the overall decline of the population.

## No equipment to measure decibel levels of firecrackers: Police

New Delhi: Police officers said they do not have any equipment to measure the decibel levels of the firecrackers or the smoke they emit following the Supreme Court's order allowing conditional sale and manufacture of low emission firecrackers.

The apex court on Tuesday permitted the sale and manufacture of low emission "green" firecrackers countrywide and fixed a two-hour time period from 8 pm to 10 pm for bursting them in Diwali and other festivals, and made the station house officers liable if banned firecrackers were sold in their area.

Some shopkeepers also informed police officers they do not have any fresh stock of firecrackers and the stocks are two years old and in such a short period of time they would not be able to get fresh stocks.

The Supreme Court said the noise and smoke emission limits of the crackers will

have to be approved by the Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organization (PESO), under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

It also said that station house officers of police stations concerned will be held liable if banned firecrackers are sold in their area.

Delhi Police public relation officer and Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Madhur Verma said it will be ensured that the Supreme Court order is fully enforced.

"The Delhi Police's Licensing Branch will be holding a meeting with the PESO officials to understand the certification criteria and the station house officers will be made aware about the guidelines. Meetings will be held with resident welfare associations to sensitise them to encourage bursting of crackers only between 8 to 10 pm and at designated places,"

Verma said. The officer added they will also be issuing advertisements to create awareness about the issue.

In 2016, the Delhi Police had issued 968 licenses for temporary sale of firecrackers and this year the limit has been fixed at 50 per cent of this number, the officer said.

An inspector posted in the central district said, "There are no instruments to measure the decibel levels of the firecrackers, but the senior officers might direct the licensing branch of the Delhi Police to frame some guidelines for issuing licenses."

According to another officer from the central district, shopkeepers have said that they would not be able to produce 'green firecrackers' within 15 days.

"We held a meeting with the shopkeepers selling firecrackers and they said they have stocks which are two years old. They said in such a short span of time they would

not be able to get fresh stocks and even asked us for suggestions to dispose off their old stock whose sale won't be possible."

Another SHO posted in north district said they are waiting for direction from senior officers, but neither do they have any apparatus to measure the intensity of a firecracker and nor they are aware of any criterion to ascertain if the firecrackers being sold fall under the green category.

Police officers said they would have to rely on human intelligence and their source son ground whether norms are being violated in the absence of any proper equipments or guidelines.

"It will be a difficult task to monitor whether shopkeepers are following guidelines since it will be Diwali time when crackers are sold in bulk quantities. Beat officers will have to be sensitised to ensure norms are not flouted," another officer added. **PTI**

# 'Women have right to pray but not to desecrate temple'

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Union Minister Smriti Irani on Tuesday drew an analogy of taking blood seeping sanitary napkins into a friend's home to voice her stand on the Sabarimala temple entry issue. She said women had the right to pray but had no right to desecrate the place of worship.

Participating at a Young Thinkers' Conference organised by the British Deputy High Commission and think-tank Observer Research Foundation (ORF) here, Irani said: "I believe I have the right to pray but I don't have the right to desecrate... And that is the difference we need to recognise and respect... I am nobody to speak on the Supreme Court verdict because I am a current serving Cabinet Minister. But just plain common sense. Would you take menstrual blood seeping sanitary napkins and walk into a



friend's home? You would not. "And would you think that it is respectful to do the same when you walk into the house of god? So that is the difference. I have a right to pray but I don't have the right to desecrate. That is my personal opinion," the Minister said.

Following the Supreme Court's verdict, the Sabarimala temple opened its doors to women of all age groups. The temple was closed on Monday after the monthly pujas. Widespread protests by devotees succeeded in preventing

women in the banned age group of 10 to 50 years from entering the temple premises. Prior to the apex court's verdict, women in the menstruating age were only permitted till the base camp near the Pamba river, while men were allowed to continue the five-km long uphill trek to the temple.

Irani, who is married to a Parsi, recalled as to how she was made to wait outside a fire temple in Mumbai with her son inside.

"What does that mean irrespective of whether I am a politician or a minister, because I have two Zoroastrian children and a Zoroastrian husband. I am made to stand outside. I will stand either on the road or sit in my car..."

"When I took my newborn son (to a fire temple in Andheri), I had to give him to my husband at the temple, because I was shooed away and told don't stand here," she said.

# Shivpal's new party is Pragatisheel SP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) will be the name of the new party headed by Shivpal Yadav. On Tuesday, at an event here to enrol new members, Shivpal announced that the new party had been registered with the Election Commission.

Shivpal parted company with the Samajwadi Party in August and floated Samajwadi Secular Morcha on August 29 before announcing that his party would contest all 80 Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh in 2019 elections.

Close Shivpal aide and former minister Sharda Pratap Shukla said that the new party would be a force to reckon with in the State.

Shivpal Yadav said that he had always wanted 'unity' in the Samajwadi Party but neither he nor Mulayam Singh Yadav got the due respect under Akhilesh Yadav. "I was



pushed out. I ask you all not to get involved in sycophancy. You will be free to point out if there is something wrong going on. I will allow freedom in my party," he said. Claiming extensive support for his political front, Shivpal asserted: "There is an anti-people government both at the Centre and in Uttar Pradesh. Due to wrong policies and decisions of these two regimes, people are distraught. Decisions like demonetisation and GST (Goods and Services Tax) have broken the backbone of traders and the economy. Besides, promises made by the BJP were not met."

# Karnataka CM rules out security for women heading for Sabarimala

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka is not providing any security to women going from the State for darshan of Lord Ayyappa at Sabarimala temple in Kerala.

Addressing a meet-the-press organised by the Press Club of Bengaluru and Bengaluru Reporters Guild on Tuesday, Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, who is heading a fragile coalition, said it is the responsibility of the Kerala Government.

He said "in federal system such assurance cannot be given. I cannot interfere in the functioning of other State Governments. Kerala Government has its own system of providing security to women devotees visiting Sabarimala following the Supreme Court verdict to allow all women in the age group of 10 to 55 also to visit the hill shrine."

The Chief Minister also declined to be dragged into the

recent 'Me Too' campaign going on. "I don't want to comment on the issue. Let it be discussed by the learned people."

He asserted that the opportunity to occupy the CM's post was "godsend" for him and he was not bothered how long he would survive in the chair. Kumaraswamy, who is heading the Congress-JDS coalition government facing frequent pin-pricks from some sections of the coalition partner, said both parties had come together to save the State and not for any vested interests.

Responding to a query, he said, "I am not bothered how long I am here in this post. I believe I am here for five years. God gave me this opportunity, which I have to use for the benefit of people."

He also said the Narendra Modi "trend" witnessed in 2014 general election no more existed, as reflected in the results of several by-polls across the country. "Karnataka has provided a

new platform for the 2019 parliamentary elections and a new political change will take place from here," he said.

Kumaraswamy claimed that the results of November 3 by-polls in three Lok Sabha and two assembly constituencies in Karnataka would impact the poll outcome in the five states where assembly polls are being held.

JDS and Congress had entered into a post-poll alliance after the May assembly polls yielded a hung verdict with BJP emerging as the single largest party but failing to muster numbers to form a government.

"We did not form the government to advance our vested interests. It is a government to save the state and its people. It is not a government to protect Siddaramaiah or Kumaraswamy," he said.

On the Congress-JD(S) coalition arrangement, Kumaraswamy said developments in Karnataka had always impacted national politics.

# Naidu vows to make Vizag India's Fintech hub

NAYAN DAVE ■ VISHAKHAPATANAM

Inaugurating the second edition of Vizag Fintech Festival 2018, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu claimed that in the next couple of years the newly-formed State would generate 50,000 jobs in the financial sector.

Already investment worth Rs 500 crore have been committed by various fintech firms in the State, said the Chief

Minister, adding that his Government want to promote Vizag as the fintech hub of India and aiming to make the country's cleanest city as one of the top 3-4 fintech destinations in the world in the next two years.

"We want to use technology to make the state corruption free with the target of giving 'visible governance and invisible government'. Proper leadership can bring everything. The state has seen 10.5 per cent growth rate in the past four

years but we are not satisfied, we are targeting 15 per cent growth rate and it is possible," said Naidu.

Stressing the need of providing leadership for the transformation of robot Sophia's interaction at the second edition of Vizag Fintech festival 2018 here on Tuesday, he said that when the robot is ready but the one who operates it failed, tells us that technology how advanced it can't succeed if the human behind it fails to operate it.

He further said that Andhra Pradesh government is mulling to bring in a series of policies on threshold technologies to promote activities around fintech area. During the function around ten organizations entered into MoUs with the state government including Cardlytics, Federal bank, Deloitte and Fintech Association to promote financial technologies in the State. The event, aimed at creating

conducive environment for fintech companies to set up their centres at the proposed fintech valley here.

"Nearly 30 per cent of the total cell-phones manufactured in India were being produced in Tirupati, Nellur and Chennai. We want to promote these areas as Silicon Valley of India where hardware and elec-

# Sonia, Rahul to visit Amethi, Rae Bareilly

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A day after some former Congressmen targeted Priyanka Gandhi Vadra by putting up posters and referring to her as an 'emotional blackmailer' at Rae Bareilly, party vanguard Sonia Gandhi and party chief Rahul Gandhi decided to visit Rae Bareilly and Amethi on November 2.

Some Congress leaders claimed that the posters were put up by former party leaders. "They knew about Sonia's programme of November 2, but to add a slice of controversy, they put up posters against the family," they said.

Sources said that Sonia and Rahul would reach Rae Bareilly separately on November 2 but would fly back together the same evening. Priyanka is tipped to accompany her mother.

Party sources confirmed in

Lucknow on Tuesday that UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi would reach Rae Bareilly on November 2 morning and attend a meeting of district vigilance and monitoring committee to review development works in her constituency.

They added that during her brief stay, Sonia Gandhi would meet party leaders and workers to assess preparations for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

"Sonia is also expected to visit families of fatal road accident victims in the constituency. There are also speculations that Sonia could keep herself away from polls and, instead, field daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from Rae Bareilly, a Congress leader said.

Party sources said that Rahul Gandhi would reach Lucknow the same morning and go to his parliamentary constituency of Amethi by road.

# 2 die in Howrah Rly station FOB stampede

PNS ■ KOLKATA

At least two persons died and 14 others were injured in a stampede on a foot overbridge at Santragachi railway station in Howrah, South Eastern Railway sources said.

The incident occurred at about 6.30 pm between platform numbers two and three when the waiting passengers rushed to catch their respective trains while others disembarked from the ones that arrived in.

"The incident occurred as two crowded EMU locals and the Nagercoil-Shalimar Express arrived at the same time," SR sources said, the passengers waiting for Shalimar-Vishakhapatnam Express and Santragachi Chennai Express only added to the problem as all passengers tried to use the same over bridge.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable Property)\***  
(Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1))

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter the Act) and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 to the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 30.06.2018 calling upon the borrower/surety/owner of the property,

**BORROWERS :**

- M/s. Bulland Buildtech Pvt. Ltd.  
A-2, Bulland House  
Khanpur Extension, New Delhi-110080
- Mr. Rajneesh Nagar (Director)  
A-20, Bada Mohalla, Devi Road  
Khanpur Extension, New Delhi-110080
- Mr. Krishan Pal Singh (Director)  
H. No. 648, Second Floor  
Sector-5, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010
- Mr. Ramesh Basist (Director)  
H. No. A-2, Devi Road  
Khanpur Extension, New Delhi-110080

**SURETIES :**

- Mr. Rajneesh Nagar  
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The borrower/surety/owner of property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner of property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 18th Day of October 2018.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/surety/owner of property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject on the charge of the Syndicate Bank, MCB-1, New Delhi Branch for an amount of Rs. 29,14,98,274.75 (Rupees Twenty nine Crore Fourteen Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Seventy Five Only) and interest thereon, costs etc.

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**Bounded :**  
On the North by Plot No. 3  
On the South by 60 Meter Wide Road  
On the East by Plot No. 3 B  
On the West by Plot No. 1 D

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 18.10.2018

Authorised Officer  
(Syndicate Bank)

(\* To be quoted while issuing/publishing the possession notice. To be sent to all parties (borrowers/surety)

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ravi Kumar S/o Narain Singh R/o B-290, Sushant Vihar, Delhi** has committed the offence in a **FIR No. 100/17 u/s 33 Ex. Act, PS Narela, Delhi** and it has been returned to the warrant of arrests thereupon issued that the said accused **Ravi Kumar** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ravi Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ravi Kumar** of **FIR No. 100/17 u/s 33 Ex. Act, PS Narela, Delhi** is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.11.2018**.

By order  
**Sh. Vikram**  
Metropolitan Magistrate  
Room No. 116, 1st Floor  
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DPI/2255/RD/18

**New Okhla Industrial Development Authority**  
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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPCL. Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

(A) (1) **38/GM(S)/SM(WC-6)/ET/18-19**, D/o Village-Parthala (M/o Road and drain (Peripheral road) along Village-Parthala) Noida. Cost Rs. 58.97 Lacs. Which can be uploaded by date **13.11.2018 upto 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **14.11.2018 at 11.00 AM**.

**General Manager (S)**

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# Swachh Bharat campaign makes slow progress in UP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship programme of 'Swachh Bharat', which was launched on October 2, 2014, is struggling in Uttar Pradesh as against the daily generation of over 15,000 MT of solid waste, only 30 per cent is being processed and recycled while the rest is being despatched to landfill sites, rivers, nullahs, water bodies and agriculture land.

Same is the state of close to a dozen solid waste management plants set up under Jawahar Lal Urban Renewal Mission in big cities of the state during the Bahujan Samaj party regime (May 2007- March, 2012). These solid waste management plants are either defunct or working far below their installed capacity to recycle garbage from cities of the state.

Swachh Bharat campaign aimed at eradication of open

defecation by the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2019, by constructing 90 million toilets in rural India at a projected cost of Rs 1.96 lakh crore.

Urban Development Minister Suresh Khanna told mediapersons in Lucknow on Tuesday that all solid waste management plants were functional and admitted that the Lucknow plant was working below capacity. He said that the national average of recycling or processing of solid waste was 35 per cent while it was 30 per cent in UP.

Khanna claimed that the sanitation programme in Uttar Pradesh achieved spectacular success under the Yogi government as out of total 653 Urban Local Bodies (ULB), 630 were declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF). He said that over 7 lakh toilets were constructed after the Yogi government came to power in

March 2017, over 1.41 lakh toilets were being constructed and 22,900 community toilets were also built. Khanna added that in 653 ULBs, there were total 12,007 municipal wards and door-to-door collection of garbage was being done in over 7,000 wards. He claimed that each ULB had been provided dustbins to prevent littering of garbage.

"In the national sanitation survey in 2017, of the 434 cities, as many as 50 cities from UP figured in the worst 100 cities. But in 2018, this number came down to zero and four UP cities were declared as most clean cities of India," he claimed.

A study by Centre for Science and Environment, a public interest research and advocacy outfit in New Delhi, said on Monday that if more toilets and septic tanks were built without sewer systems, it would swamp the State.



People from the tribal community play musical instruments as they gather at Azad Maidan during a protest to demand loan waivers and transfer of land titles in Mumbai on Tuesday

TENDER NOTICE							
SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT/BOARD/CORP./AUTH	LETTER REFERENCE NO. AND DATE	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, GURGAON	195713 18.10.2018	ANNUAL REPAIR OF MAIN BLOCK AT HARYANA BHAWAN, NEW DELHI FOR YEAR 2018-19 (RE-INVITED) + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 1.11.2018	22 LACS	<a href="https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	pwd-eeed1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in 01242322424
2	PWD B&R, GURGAON	195283 18.10.2018	CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERPASS/ELEVATED WALK WAY AND SURFACE ROAD AT MAHAVIR CHOWK AND AGRASEN CHOWK.	CLOSING DATE 20.11.2018	22.26 CRORES	<a href="https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	pwd-eeed1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in 01242322424
3	PWD B&R, GURGAON	7472 17.10.2018	PROVIDING STRENGTHENING OF GURUGRAM - PATAUDI-REWARI ROAD.	CLOSING DATE 30.10.2018	616 LACS	<a href="https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	pwd-eeed2-gurgaon@hry.nic.in 01242300891
4	PWD B&R, NARNAUL	6476 20.10.2018	RESTORATION OF DAMAGES ON PATIKARA TO FAIZALPUR ROAD.	CLOSING DATE 2.11.2018	9.63 LACS	<a href="https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	pwd-eeed-narnaul@hry.nic.in 01282-251267
5	PWD B&R, JHAJJAR	15723 18.10.2018	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AT VILLAGE KULANA IN DISTRICT JHAJJAR + 2 OTHER WORKS	19.10.2018 11.11.2018	1343.57 LACS	<a href="http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	01251252085
6	PANCHAYATI RAJ, (E)	2377 23.10.2018	PG. E. (RENOVATION) OF DIRECTOR PANCHAYAT OFFICE IN 30 WAYS BUILDING CHANDIGARH.	22.10.2018 30.10.2018	1.83 LACS	<a href="http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	preenenglec.amb@hry.nic.in 9467807024
7	DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER	3471 22.10.2018	TUBEWELL BORE IN DULOTH RF AND SOHLA RF + 1 OTHER WORK	25.10.2018 5.11.2018	36.11 LACS	<a href="https://forest.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://forest.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	dfongarh@yashoo.co.in 01285220229
8	WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, REWARI	5310 22.10.2018	SNP	CLOSING DATE 11.11.2018	60 LACS	<a href="https://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	porerawl.wcd@gmail.com 01274223694
9	PWD B&R, ROHTAK	587 17.10.2018	CONSTRUCTION OF 2-LANE ELEVATED ROAD ON I/C NO. 60 IN KM. 20/6-7 OVER DELHI-BHATINDA RAILWAY LINE CROSSING KACHA BARI ROAD IN ROHTAK CITY PORTION.	18.10.2018 15.11.2018	39.48 CRORES	<a href="https://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in">https://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in</a>	
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# Four inmates injured in Mathura jail clash

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Four undertrials were injured when two groups came to a head inside Mathura district jail in the early hours of Tuesday. Ironically, Mathura jail authorities did not inform the local administration about the development aiming to conceal it and shifted the injured to the jail hospital from where one of them was shifted to the district hospital. No case was registered in the matter so far.

The incident was also hushed up by the jail brass as one of the accused used knives to attack each other, but how the sharp-edged weapons found their way inside the barracks would be difficult for the officials to explain.

# Assam bandh draws total response

ANUP SHARMA ■ GUWAHATI

The 12-hour Assam bandh called by over 60 organisations against the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 on Tuesday drew total response in the State except in four districts of Barak Valley despite the BJP-led Government's all-out efforts to foil the bandh.

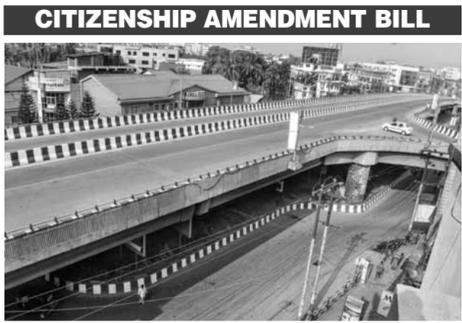
While most of the Government offices in Assam's Capital town Guwahati recorded a thin attendance, most of the commercial establishments across the State remained closed.

Vehicular traffic remained off the road in most of the districts barring a few buses run by the State-owned Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC).

In most of the places bandh supporters blocked roads by burning tyres and also attacked buses and other vehicles plying on the road for violating the bandh.

The Assam Government on Monday sent strict instructions to the Government employees to attend the offices and threatened that punitive action will be taken against those who fail to attend the offices on Tuesday.

The Government had also threatened to cancel trade license if the commercial establishments shut their shutters



A view of a deserted Sixmile flyover during the 12-hour Assam bandh, in Guwahati on Tuesday

during the bandh hours.

Assam BJP president Ranjit Kumar Dass said that the bandh drew response only in some minority dominated areas.

Farmers' leader Akhil Gogoi thanked the people of Assam for making it a success and hoped that the BJP led Government in Assam takes a lesson from the people's support to the bandh.

Assam's regional political party Asom Gana Parishad also took out a massive rally in Guwahati against the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 and appealed the BJP led NDA government to throw the Bill to dustbin.

The Assam Accord is Gita, Bible and Quran for us and I want to ask the BJP leadership from here today to make clear whether they respect the Assam Accord or not?

"I want to ask the BJP leadership to make clear if they respect the blood of martyrs of the Assam movement who has laid down their lives for the sake of Assam and indigenous people?" said Bora while addressing the rally that covered from Latastil playground in Guwahati to Chandmari area.

The AGP is a partner of the BJP-led alliance Government and the party has three Ministers in the Cabinet.

# J&K situation has improved: Rajnath

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Blaming Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism in India, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said that India is not averse to talks but terror and dialogue cannot go together.

Talking to reporters at the high-security Nehru Guest House at the culmination of his day-long visit to Kashmir to review the security and developmental scenario, Singh exuded confidence that the environment of terror would be eliminated from Jammu & Kashmir and it would figure in the list of developed States of India.

Singh arrived on Tuesday morning and flew to the Guest House in a chopper unlike his previous visit in July when he expressed pleasure in driving through Srinagar roads. The authorities had sealed off Lal Chowk area to thwart separatists' plan to hold protests in the city centre against the recent killing of seven civilians at an encounter site in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. A complete shutdown was observed in the Valley on Monday against these killings. The Home Minister regretted the loss of life in Kulgam incident and announced ex-gratia relief of ₹5 lakh each to the families of victims.

Singh said that he reviewed security situation and pace of work on developmental projects. Apart from holding a meeting with Governor Satya



Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh arrives to address a press conference in Srinagar on Tuesday

Pal Malik, he met five delegations, four of them belonging to prominent mainstream political parties. He expressed satisfaction over the conclusion of elections in 'fair and transparent' way.

He said he reviewed the arrangements for upcoming panchayat polls and claimed that the conduct of village polls would be a "historical step" in J&K's history.

"I congratulate those who took part in urban local body elections. I appeal people to participate in the panchayat polls," he said adding that several complexities confronting the state could be resolved through democratic process. He said the people who do not believe in democracy were not the well-wishers of J&K.

The Home Minister said

that during the past four months (after sacking of Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP-BJP Government), the situation has improved as incidents of stone-pelting and recruitment of fresh militants has reduced.

He said the Central Government was keen to give fillip to developmental activities in the region and Home Ministry alone has embarked on a plan to provide employment to 11000 youth. "Around 2.5 lakh youth would be engaged in Central Government sponsored schemes," he added.

He said several powers in the world were not comfortable with India's growing economic power and they wanted to offset it through terrorism. When asked that Pakistan Premier Imran Khan has blamed India for refusing to

engage in talks, he said India walked extra mile when Prime Minister Narendra Modi side-stepped protocol to reach out to the neighboring country. "We are not averse to talks but they can't be held when terrorism is promoted on the Indian soil."

"India is among 6 fastest growing economies of the world. Soon it will be among top five economies," he said. Singh regretted the killing of seven civilians in Kulgam on

Sunday and appealed to the people to refrain from marching towards encounter sites during anti-militancy operations. He said while the security forces have been asked to exercise restraint during these operations, the public must also take care. When asked that thronging of thousands of people to encounter sites reflected that the common people were against the rule, he refused to draw any conclusions.

## Notification issued for first phase of nine-phase panchayat elections

PNS ■ SRINAGAR

Chief Electoral Officer Shaleen Kabra on Tuesday issued notification for the conduct of the first phase of panchayat polls in Jammu & Kashmir.

The polls would be held in nine phases.

The notification has been issued for Keran, Ramhal, Tarathpora, Teetwal, Tangdar in District Kupwara, Gurez, Baktoor, Tulail in District Bandipora, Kunzer, Uri, Parenpillan, Noorkhah, Kandi-Belt Rafiaband in Baramulla District, Gund in Ganderbal District, Khanmoh in Srinagar District, Khanshab in Budgam

District, Drass, Lungnak, Barsoo, Tai-Suru in Kargil District, Durbuk, Singay Lalok, Kharu, Nyoma, Rong, Rupsho in Leh District in Kashmir Division.

In Jammu Division, the Panchayati elections will be held in 1st Phase in Dachhan, Bunjwah, Marwah, Padder, Warwan in Kishtwar District, Bhallessa, Changa, Jakyas, Chilli Pingal in Doda District, Ramsoo, Khari in Ramban District, Dudu Basantgarh, Lath Marothi, Panchari, Moungrin in Udhampur District, Bani, Duggan in Kathua District, Manjakote, Panjgrain in Rajouri and Buzfliaz, Surankote in Poonch District.

## Giriraj parroting what PMO taught: Owaisi

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

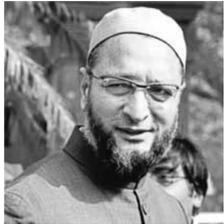
Union Minister Giriraj Singh's veiled "threat" to Muslims over Ayodhya has evoked a sharp reaction from the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen president and MP Asaduddin Owaisi.

After Singh described the Indian Muslims descendants of Ram and warned that if Muslims don't support Ram temple in Ayodhya at the place where Babri Masjid was demolished, Owaisi said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

thinking was at work behind Singh's talk.

In a statement issued in Hyderabad, Owaisi said, "Giriraj is merely parroting what was taught. He is reading the script which was given to him from the Prime Minister's office."

Condemning the inflammatory remarks of the Minister, Owaisi in a strong attack said that Modi was trying to cause a big fire across India before 2019 elections. "When he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat he did not stop the blood shed-



ding. Now he wants India to burn", he said asking whom he was trying to frighten with such statements.

Owaisi also alleged that Narendra Modi was challenging India's constitution and rule of law and wanted to spread anarchy in India. He referred to the report of the United Nations that the hatred and violence against minorities was increasing in India.

Prime Minister Modi is responsible for tarnishing the name of India.

Referring to the infighting in the CBI, Owaisi said that it

"WHEN HE WAS THE CHIEF MINISTER OF GUJARAT HE DID NOT STOP THE BLOOD-SHEDDING. NOW HE WANTS INDIA TO BURN"

was civil war like situation with in the central government agency and the central government was helpless and weak. When the No. 1 man in CBI has lodged FIR against the No. 2, the question will arise who was fighting against corruption. He said situation was so bad that one half of Enforcement Directorate was with one half of the CBI and the other half of ED was with the Research and Analysis Wing, the counter intelligence agency. He said that infighting was also on within the office of the Prime Minister.

## Foreigners attend Didi's Puja carnival

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The yearly Durga Puja carnival conceived by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to showcase before the world the grandest festivities of Bengal tended to gain in popularity with thousands of cheering spectators including foreign dignitaries and hundreds of international tourists on Tuesday turning out to witness the grand extravaganza.

Seventy-five Puja-organising clubs of Kolkata took part in the grand carnival parading down the historic Red Road a la the Republic Day Parade of Delhi putting a brief display before the world of their abstract Durga Puja themes that drew more than 20-25 million people over the preceding one week of festivities.

## Pawar's prediction: No party will get majority in '19 polls

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar predicted here on Tuesday that no party would get a majority in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and that there would be a change in the Government at the Centre.

Speaking at India Today's Mumbai Manthan event here, Pawar said: "Today's political situation is much more like the one in 2004. It does not seem possible for a single party to remain in power in 2019. No party would have that mandate...I don't think that the power equations will remain same in Maharashtra and at the Centre in 2019. There would be changes in both Maharashtra and New Delhi."

Alluding to the fact that the AB Vajpayee-led BJP had gone into the Lok Sabha polls with an impressive "India Shining" campaign but failed to return to power, Pawar said: "The 2019 polls would be like 2004 election when no party got the majority but a coalition Government under Manmohan Singh came to power and it continued for 10 years."

Queried if the Opposition would have an alternative to Modi to lead a coalition of Opposition parties, Pawar said: "In 2004, the BJP was led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee. They said that there was no alternative to Vajpayee...Compare Vajpayee's stature and leadership with the current Prime Minister's stature and leadership. I think Vajpayee was one of the tallest leaders of the Bharatiya Janata



Party. I don't think that is the situation even in that party today," Pawar said.

Anticipating that the 2019 polls would throw up an alternative to Modi, Pawar said: "Who had thought in 2004 that Manmohan Singh would be the Prime Minister? There is never a vacuum in politics. Every situation throws up a leader."

Referring to senior Congress leader P Chidambaram's statement that the Congress had not projected party president Rahul Gandhi as its prime ministerial candidate, Pawar said: "Chidambaram has stated the fact. He has placed on record the position of the Congress

change."

Pawar said that he agreed with Chidambaram's view that no leader should be projected as a Prime Ministerial candidate from the Opposition for the 2019 polls and that the Prime Minister should be decided by the coalition partners in post-election scenario.

Rejecting the the possibility of "Modi versus Rahul" battle during the 2019 polls, the NCP chief said: "I have had talks with Rahul Gandhi also. His thoughts are not much different from what Chidambaram has said....The existing political situation in the country does not suit for a personality-based electoral contest for Lok Sabha."

Ruling out the emergence of "mahagathbandhan (grand alliance of Opposition)" ahead of the 2019 polls, Pawar said: "Such a political environment is not there in the country (where we can expect Mahagathbandhan.

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General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Annu D/o Sh. Jagdish Chander R/o H.No.-A-608, Babu Park, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi Aged - 19 Years has been reported Missing since 25.07.2018 vide DD No. 16-A dated 26.07.2018 lodged at P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-  
Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'2", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Clothing: Pink Colour Suit Salwar and Sandals in Feet.



Any person having any information/Clue about this kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
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Tender ID - 2018\_NDMC\_16020\_1  
Name of Work: Repair & Maintenance - Buildings  
Sub-Head: Servicing & Repairing and CAMC of Solar Water Heating System installed at Swati Working Girls Hostel, Palika Nikunj Housing Complexes (B Nos.), Aaradhana Old People Home and Akanksha Working Girls Hostel under BM-I (E) Division in NDMC North of Rajpath Area.  
Estimated Cost : ₹ 13,41,079/-  
Date of release of tender : 23.10.2018  
Last date/time for receipt of tenders : 02.11.2018 upto 3.30 PM  
Date/Time for opening of bid : 02.11.2018 at 4.00 PM  
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- 103/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2018-19, D/o RSP Sector-55, 57, side verge, kondly marg 59, 60 (dust free program) with One year maintenance. Cost: Rs. 30.70 Lacs.
- 109/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2018-19, Re, D/o Park Sector-23 B-76 and C-44 Park with two year maintenance. Cost: Rs. 25.83 Lacs.
- 133/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2018-19, D/o RSP Central verge under the elevated road MP II from Nithari Triangle police chowki to Nithari red light crossing Pillor No. P17, P18, P24, P25, P39 and P40 Making of Vertical Garden with one year Maintenance. Cost: Rs. 48.04 Lac.
- 134/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2018-19, D/o RSP Central verge under the elevated road MP II from Kanchanjanga to flex U-turn Pillor No. P111, P112, P120, P122 and P123 Making of Vertical Garden with one year Maintenance. Cost: Rs. 48.04 Lac.
- 136/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2018-19, D/o RSP Central verge under the elevated road MP II from NTPC Chauraha to front of Petrol Pump Sec.-54, Pillor No. P56, P57, P88, P89, P95, P96 Making of Vertical Garden with one year Maintenance. Cost: Rs. 48.04 Lac.
- 237/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2018-18, D/o Park Multi level car parking sec.-18 (Planter around 1st to 5th floor) with one year maintenance. Cost: Rs. 36.52 Lac.
- 123/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2017-18, D/o Park (C/o Noida Bio Deversity Park S/H Monobloc Pump-5 Nos. And S/H Fountain Aerators for Stepped Water Body-6 Nos. Sector-91) Noida. Cost: Rs. 42.80 Lac. which can be uploaded by date 31.10.2018 upto 5.00PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 01.11.2018 at 11.00AM.
- 78/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2018-19, D/o RSP in Sector-137 Metro Station (Vertical Garden) with Two Year Maintenance. Cost: Rs. 36.36 Lac. which can be uploaded by date 10.11.2018 upto 5.00PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 12.11.2018 at 11.00AM.

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## Maoist chief tops most wanted list; NIA puts bounty of ₹15L on him

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

Muppala Lakshman alias Ganapathy, the shadowy head of the outlawed CPI Maoist tops the list of the most wanted persons in the country. The National Investigation Agency in its latest list of the "most wanted" has put a reward of ₹15 lakh on his head.

Born in Karimnagar in Telangana, Ganapathy is at the helm of the dreaded ultra left organisation for almost a quarter of a century. After leading a coup d'état against the founder chief of the People's War in early 1990s and taking over the leadership Ganapathy ushered all the armed Maoist groups towards merger to form pan India Communist Party of India Maoist in 2005.

Though the police and intelligence organisations of several States as well as the agencies of Government of India have been chasing him, Ganapathy has always managed to dodge them and believed to be ensconced somewhere in Dandakarnya forest.

However, is catching up with him and the 69-year-old guerrilla fighter is facing several health issues. Amid the increasing pressure he was likely to make way for his lieutenant Nambala Keshav Rao alias Basawaraj who is No. 2 in the ranks of the Maoist leaders. In the NIA list of 258 most wanted Maoists he carries a reward of ₹10 lakh.

Keshav Rao is a key figure as he is the top most expert in making improvised explosive devices and also an expert in military strategy.

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PRESS NIT NO. 40 (2018-19)

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost in Rs	Date of release of tender on e-procurement solution	Last Date/Time for receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
01	Replacement of old sewer line of 600mm dia Kucha Ghasi Ram to Kucha Kabil Akhatar at main road Chandni Chowk for SRDC under EE(Central)-I.	₹ 40,90,231.00	20/10/2018 06:30 PM onwards Tender ID: 2018_DJB_160747_1	01/11/2018 upto 03:00 PM
02	Replacement of old sewer line of 600mm dia Kucha Natarwa to Fountain Chowk at main road Chandni Chowk for SRDC under EE(Central)-I.	₹ 27,48,487.00	20/10/2018 06:30 PM onwards Tender ID: 2018_DJB_160748_1	01/11/2018 upto 03:00 PM

PRESS NIT NO. 41 (2018-19)

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01	Replacement of old C.I. water line 400mm, 200mm dia Red Fort to Gurudwara at main road Chandni Chowk for SRDC under EE(Central)-I.	₹ 42,44,148.00	20/10/2018 06:30 PM onwards Tender ID: 2018_DJB_160749_1	01/11/2018 upto 03:00 PM
02	Replacement of old C.I. water line 300mm, 200mm dia Union Bank of India to Fateh Puri Masjid at main road Chandni Chowk for SRDC under EE(Central)-I.	₹ 46,80,733.00	20/10/2018 06:30 PM onwards Tender ID: 2018_DJB_160750_1	01/11/2018 upto 03:00 PM
03	Replacement of old C.I. water line 400mm, 200mm dia Nai Sadak to Fateh Puri Masjid at main road Chandni Chowk for SRDC under EE(Central)-I.	₹ 43,30,312.00	20/10/2018 06:30 PM onwards Tender ID: 2018_DJB_160751_1	01/11/2018 upto 03:00 PM
04	Replacement of old C.I. water line 300mm, 200mm dia Lalpat Rai Market to Union Bank of India at main road Chandni Chowk for SRDC under EE(Central)-I.	₹ 47,97,600.00	20/10/2018 06:30 PM onwards Tender ID: 2018_DJB_160752_1	01/11/2018 upto 03:00 PM
05	Replacement of old C.I. water line 400mm, 200mm dia Gurudwara to Nai Sadak at main road Chandni Chowk for SRDC under EE(Central)-I.	₹ 42,19,293.00	20/10/2018 06:30 PM onwards Tender ID: 2018_DJB_160753_1	01/11/2018 upto 03:00 PM

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# Ladakh warning

The BJP, whose poll machinery keenly combs the ground for trigger issues, failed to nurture its most favourable constituency

Uncontested as the local body elections in Kashmir were by the People's Democratic Party and National Conference, the BJP was expected to romp home in an unprecedented manner which it did on an embarrassingly low voter turnout ranging from five to nine per cent of those eligible to vote. In the bargain, it scored what is likely to turn out to be a pyrrhic victory in 20 civic bodies including in the militancy-hit districts of Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian of the Valley. But the real story of those polls lies in the fact that the disappointed Kargil and Ladakh voter hit back savagely at the BJP which failed to open its account in the region, considered simpatico to the saffron outfit. Of the total 26 wards in this region, the Congress bagged all the 13 seats in the Leh municipal committee and won five wards in neighbouring Kargil.

That this result came about despite the dangling of promises and having the local MP Thupstan Chhewang in its ranks, the message is that the BJP cannot take Ladakh for granted anymore and has to think about acceding to the region's autonomy aspirations. Ladakhis have upped their demands for Union Territory status in recent months, something the BJP had promised while campaigning for the last General Election. The demand for UT status which many observers thought would subside after the approval to the draft Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (Amendment) Bill, 2018, which enables councils to collect and levy taxes and control various government departments in districts, shows no signs of doing so. At least partly because there has been no move to actualise it. Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not mention it when he laid the foundation stone for a tunnel at Zoji La which connects the Kashmir Valley to Ladakh and is expected to make the landlocked region more accessible during the five-month-long, snowy winter and is one of the necessary infrastructural moves to mainstream the region. The BJP perilously ignored warning bells of popular discontent when it was unexpectedly defeated by the Congress in bye-elections for the Shey-Thiksay seat in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), which runs the key district of Leh. The defeat was humiliating for more reasons than one. It happened despite the personal watch kept on the electoral battle by Chhewang and the Congress scored a win in a seat that had been held by the National Conference for long. Clearly, the BJP, whose poll machinery keenly combs the ground for trigger issues and has the number-game on its finger tips, has failed to nurture what could be its most favourable constituency, what with Buddhists and Hindus having a combined population of nearly 4,14,968 in Leh and Kargil districts. Muslims are a 1,27,295.

Ladakh is a bulwark region against China's expansionist intentions, a spill-over from the 1962 war. Besides, the strategic Siachen Glacier is located right next to it. Politically, then, the party ruling at the Centre cannot afford to loosen its grip on Ladakh. It is time for the BJP to demonstrate its actionable capabilities considering the Congress is inching ahead promising the real, not the unattainable. Leave aside the demand for UT status, the BJP has also not moved to fulfil pledges like including the Bhoti language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and opening up the Kailash Mansarovar route via Ladakh.

## 50 WORDED IT Welcome move

It is indeed welcome that the Supreme Court of India, as well as the Union Government, are on the same page in relation to the appointment of 6,000 judges for the lower judiciary. It is now a widely accepted fact that Indian courts are worryingly overburdened and the failure to fill up vacancies is impacting justice delivery as pendency has reached an all-time high. Justice delayed is, as the adage goes, justice denied.

# Up in smoke

Supreme Court's firecracker ban may be well-intentioned but smacks of Lutyens' Delhi exceptionalism and is unimplementable

While the Central Pollution Control Board in their obturate madness had demanded a blanket ban on firecrackers on Diwali, the Supreme Court seemed to have a little bit of sense and restricted the burning of firecrackers between 8 and 10 at night of November 7, Diwali. Now let us clear the air on some things. Delhi suffers from an air quality problem, of that there is no doubt. Poorly made firecrackers in India, often with banned chemicals, will burn and load the air with noxious nitrogen oxides and sulphurous gases. Given that the weather is changing in Delhi and temperatures are getting lower, thermal inversion will occur and the dirty, polluted air will not leave the Capital for days and find its way into the lungs of every man, woman and child. But banning firecrackers or even restricting their use will make little or no difference to those wanting to celebrate. One thing that this newspaper can say with a degree of confidence is that there will be mass contempt of the Supreme Court's orders on Diwali, particularly with a police force that will be extremely reluctant to implement this order. And given the overworked police, can you really blame them? The fact is: Diwali is a celebration, it is important for many people and not just Hindus. People have always enjoyed *atishbazi* on Diwali. A Supreme Court order or a plea by a Government law officer seemingly against his own Government will not change that. This order is at face value even more ridiculous than the unimplementable Sabarimala order.

But excessive bursting of firecrackers is a problem, so how do you deal with it? Well, first make the manufacture of firecrackers a far more organised industry that follows international standards in the processes used, hand-made firecrackers might be traditional but they need to go. Second, like cigarettes, once the firecracker industry is formalised, tax the hell out of firecrackers, and while this might make inaccessible to the public at large, the money raised from these taxes can be spent on cleaning up the air. And third, like cities the world over, large cities in India can have communal fireworks displays, in Delhi this can be at several places. Professional pyrotechnics teams can set up incredible and mesmerising displays instead of the hap-hazard, chaotic display in our skies. Of course, all these suggestions need political will and spine, but there is none on display.

# Making Germany great again is not kosher as it is still haunted by its past. But making Europe great again is fine. For its own good and for Europe, however, Germany has to pull itself together

pact with an independent nuclear deterrent? James Bindaenagel and Philip Ackerman of the University of Bonn write that Germany is coping with its past, Cold War *et al*, still devoid of strategic culture, passive, timid and with a guilt conscience. But morally uncompromising. It needs a national strategy... How is India seen in Germany? Its red Rajasthan sandstone embassy in central Berlin, a novelty a decade ago, has lost its aura and charm. Considered a middle power in the class of Japan, South Korea and Australia, India is also seen as a rising power, though all eyes are trained on China. Germany is India's biggest economic partner in Europe and sixth largest at the global level. India-German development cooperation operates at different levels — cleaning the Ganga, cleaning India, wildlife protection, metro projects in Lucknow, Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Bengaluru and much more. Two issues dominate the German discourse: Re-energising Germany and keeping Europe together. Berlin seeks to establish an alliance of multilateralists to prevent unilateral behaviour. We were told that Indians do not realise that European Union (EU) countries have ceded some of their sovereignty to Brussels. This shared sovereignty is under stress due to US President Donald Trump's Make America Great Again, Turkish President



Recep Tayyip Erdogan's recall of the Ottoman Empire, uncertain Brexit, China's blistering rise and worldwide surge of nationalism. "We are a trading nation. Now China is setting the rules of trade," said one official interlocutor, adding "two-thirds of our cargo containers pass through the Indian Ocean". Germany's revived interest in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) mirrors EU's new maritime security strategy and action plan. This renewed interest in the IOR is marked by plans to strengthen a decaying German Navy with new frigates. Berlin has also put some money in the Indian-Ocean Rim Association, headquartered in Mauritius. It also supported the recent statement by Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) must become the foundational pillar of IOR to prevent a repeat of *fait accompli* in the South China Sea. Afghanistan, with which India's security is inextricably woven, has become a peripheral issue in Germany. With 1,300 troops located at Mazar-i-Sharif, the recurring phrase one heard is: "Time is running out. Germans are not interested but politicians are, to demonstrate solidarity with Nato and the fragile Transatlantic Partnership." Germany does not want Afghanistan to become another Syria. It will continue providing develop-

ment aid and maintain its security forces. A top politician commented that former US President Barack Obama made a big mistake by pulling out US troops from Afghanistan. Our conversations were held in the background of recent bloody and disorderly parliamentary elections last week, which were delayed for three years but miraculously held. China is very sensitive about its image in Europe. It has divided the wealthy North and low growth countries in South over the development of infrastructure. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) resonates in smaller countries, like Montenegro, Hungary, Poland, Italy, Greece and Czech Republic. They show their loyalty to China by differing from Germany and the EU in their stance on BRI. Like India, Germany and EU have questioned issues of transparency, debt entrapment, sovereignty and implementation while not endorsing the BRI. Smaller countries have signed Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Agreements with China, and Czech Republic has called itself the 'unsinkable aircraft carrier' for China. This has shown the fault lines in Europe and absence of consensus in foreign policy in Brussels. China has succeeded in extending its string of pearls from South Asia to parts of Europe. Brussels has come out with a connectiv-

ty document as riposte to BRI, like Trump greenlighted last month a new \$60 billion United States International Development Finance Corporation to bankroll projects in Asia and Africa. But there is no money on the table, though the European Investment Bank is worth Euro 90 billion. Meanwhile, China is buying up companies in Europe. German elections in Bavaria and Hessen later this year have/vill reveal chinks in the vision of the mainstream parties — the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the Social Democratic Party (SPD), the ruling grand coalition in sharp decline. Last Friday, October 19, visiting the Willy Brandt Haus, the citadel of the SPD in Berlin, we heard charged debates on the future of the party and the grand coalition. Questions of leadership, internal restructuring and possible alternative to the present coalition are likely to be resolved by next year if the AfD is to be contained and rolled back on immigration and hyper-nationalism. One million Syrian refugees are in Germany along with millions of Turks, Russians and Italians as guest workers. Germans are being encouraged and incentivised to produce children. Making Germany great again is not kosher as it conflicts with the past. But making Europe great again is fine. As the writers from University of Bonn have noted: German public version to militarism has not changed. Sixty seven per cent support the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) but only 40 per cent would want to defend a Nato ally if attacked by Russia. Inward-looking Germans have forgotten how during the 1971 India-Pakistan war, which led to the creation of Bangladesh, Chancellor Brandt — Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) not being a member of the UN, an ally of the US and embedded in the Cold War, still punched above its weight in its mediation between the three countries. A secret agreement between the FRG and India for the latter not recognising the GDR before it had first, contained the *quid pro quo* of the FRG becoming the first Western country to recognise Bangladesh on February 4, 1972. Further, Brandt was able to persuade Dacca not to insist on war trials of 195 Pakistani prisoners of wars (PoWs), paving the way for the release of 300,000 Bangladeshis in Pakistan. Germany proved it could rise to the occasion if its domestic politics was stable. For their own good and for Europe, Germany has to pull together to become great again. (The writer is a retired Major General of the Indian Army and former member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the revamped Integrated Defence Staff)

## POINTCOUNTERPOINT

It's time India realises that it must resolve the Kashmir dispute through dialogue, in accordance with the UNSC resolutions. —Pakistani Prime Minister IMRAN KHAN

Instead of making comments on India's internal affairs, the Pakistan leadership should look inward and address its own issues. —MEA spokesperson RAVEESH KUMAR

# Royal battle in Rajasthan

Strong anti-incumbency, caste calculations, internal bickering and her own failure to deliver on governance have compounded problems for Vasundhara Raje

Among the three BJP-ruled States going to polls in November-December, Rajasthan as it seems to be the most vulnerable than the other two — Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh — for the BJP. The Congress is upbeat with pre-poll surveys predicting a win for the party in this State where it has not returned to power for decades and more. In the eight by-elections, the Congress, which was reduced to 21 seats in 2013, was able to win six by-polls, including two Assemblies and one Parliamentary election this year. While the grand old party's morale is up after its recent wins, it has to guard against any internal sabotage and get more funds.

The ABP News-CVoter has given the Congress almost 50 per cent of the vote share and 142 and 124-138 seats respectively to the two parties in the 2018 member Assembly. However, a minor swing can turn the tide in favour of either. There are two main chief ministerial aspirants for the Congress. PCC president Sachin Pilot has the blessings of Congress president Rahul Gandhi. Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is the other serious contender. The five-time Lok Sabha member and two times Chief Minister is looking for a third chance, though the party high command has not projected any chief ministerial candidate, fearing sabotage. The BJP has no such problem, as Vasundhara Raje is the chief ministerial candidate despite a decline in her popularity. She has been working hard in the past few months to recover lost position. Since the polls are scheduled on December 7, the last among the Assembly polls, the BJP proposes to field its top leaders in the final stages and is also hopeful that the Modi magic will work in the State.

While the BJP might still win in the State, there are problems. First, there is an anti-Vasundhara wave. Raje is facing more anti-incumbency compared to the other two BJP Chief Ministers. It is a double whammy as the party is ruling both at the Centre and the State. Even workers and BJP leaders are upset with Raje's style of functioning. She is trying to change this perception. Second, there is no Opposition unity as the State is facing a multi-cornered contest unlike earlier when it was a direct fight between the BJP and the Congress. Opposition votes might split with the emergence of a Third Front. Seven parties, including the Samajwadi Party, Communist Party of India, Janata Dal (Secular), Rashtriya Lok Dal, Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation and Communist Party of India (Marxist) have come together to form Loktantrik morcha. The Bhujan Samaj Party is planning to contest solo in all the 200 seats. All these could cut into the BJP and the Congress votes. Third, the Congress is not as weak as compared to Chhattisgarh and Madhya

Pradesh. It can win comfortably if it plays its cards well. After all, difference in vote share is just about two per cent. That is why a minor swing can upset their poll calculations. Fourth, caste factor will play a crucial role. Raje is in a more difficult position. Traditionally, the BJP has the backing of Rajputs, Gujjars and Brahmins. The Congress has the backing of Jats, Muslims, SC, ST and Meenas. This is changing. Raje's cash dividends are being increased over the heads of Rajputs and Gujjars, two of the BJP's core supporters. This can upset Raje's plans. Gujjars are disenchanted with the BJP for not providing five per cent reservation in Government jobs and universities and have edged over to the Congress. The BJP has now turned to Meenas and their archrivals. The Jats, the most influential community, both in terms of numbers and presence in the Assembly, have long been Congress supporters. Fifth, Raje's woes have increased on account of the farmer's agitation, the High Court stay on Gujjar reservation Bill, and an Ordinance prohibiting protest against public servants without sanction, cow vigilantism and the recent *Padmanav* controversy. She has suspended some welfare schemes like free medicine, started by her predecessor. Doctors, teachers and trading community are unhappy with her rule. However, it is not all bad news, as some of her schemes like Bhamashah Yojana and Jal swavlamban are successful. Sixth, farmers are at the centre-stage of this election. Both parties are trying to woo this community, which forms 70 per cent of the electorate. To pacify them, Raje has recently announced complete loan waiver for 1,20,000 farmers. Finally, a proper ticket distribution might contain the internal sabotage. It is clear that a win in Rajasthan will set the tone for the 2019 Lok Sabha poll. Losing a State in the Hindi heartland will be a loss of face for the BJP. But still, it is ready to face it if it can win the other two States and also Mizoram in the North-East. For the Congress, any improvement is good news. Will Raje somehow manage to win the State in spite of all these? It is a question mark and it depends on Dame Luck. (The writer is a senior political commentator and syndicated columnist)

# Dividends: Boosting investors' morale

Dividend payment brings about a regulation to the management's investment decision-making. The evidence of financial well-being of a company in the form of a dividend check can go a long way in boosting growth

John Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Company had said, "Do you know what gives me pleasure? It's to see my dividends coming in?" It is true that dividends and cash payments that companies pay to the stockholders from their earnings are a good news for both investors and the companies themselves. It gives a feel-good factor and communicates the intention and ability of the company to share its earnings with the investors instantly. It also gives clues about the strong fundamentals and financials by paying steady dividends over time with a possibility to increase them in future.

From the time when companies were not required to disclose financial information to the stockholders to not pay out dividends are fundamental and increased transparency, dividends still remain a worthwhile yardstick to measure a company's present performance and future prospects. But does that mean that companies which do not pay out dividends are fundamentally weak? However, on the contrary, they may be growing and performing extremely well. Companies can have four different dividend policies. First, regular dividend policy is a type of dividend policy where investors, who want regular income, get dividend at a usual rate. This type of dividend payment can be maintained only if the company has a regular earning. Second, stable dividend policy can be further classified as constant dividend per share and constant payout per share. Third, in irregular dividend policy, companies do not pay regular dividends to the shareholders. And finally, companies with no dividend policy may have requirements of funds for further growth.

Another approach of dividend payout is a combination between the residual and stable dividend policy. Using this approach, companies tend to view the debt-equity ratio as a long-term rather than a short-term goal. In today's markets, this approach is commonly used by companies that pay dividends. Generally, mature companies with stable earnings issue dividends as they do not have much options to reinvest their earnings, and investors, who are risk-averse and require steady income associated with dividends, are more likely to buy such stocks. These type of stocks are ideal choice for an older or a retired investor as the risk associated with these type stock is low. Even young people who want to balance the decline in stock price with dividend can also invest in such stocks. Worldwide companies like Apple, Microsoft, Exxon Mobil, Wells Fargo and Verizon payout regular dividends. Indian companies like Coal India, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, Indian Oil Corporation, National Mineral Development Corporation, Oracle Financial Services Software and Hindustan Zinc have the record of paying the most consistent dividends. Since high-dividend paying stocks may not be the best, independent research before investing in these stocks is crucial and one should consider several aspects while investing in dividend stocks. These include a healthy track record for regular dividends, higher dividend yield, at least to beat the inflation, and future growth prospects.

Investors need to be careful in understanding the valuation of dividend stocks. Although, generally the dividend yielding stocks are cheaper, yield-hungry investors might, in some situations, increase the share prices. Rushing blindly into a dividend stock purchase based solely on its yield is risky, particularly since it could be the result of a depressed stock price born of poor operating performance. This is clear when looking at the formula for dividend yield: Dividend yield = Dividend/Share Price. If the dividend amount rises faster than the share price, the dividend yield can stay constant or increase. However, while dividends can grow as an offshoot of a company's performance, yield can also increase if a company's share price falls by half. While the former is an attractive scenario for an investor, the latter is a blaring red flag. Additionally, while evaluating a company's dividend-paying practices, investors should examine the dividend-paying capacity of the firm. The ratio between a company's earnings and net dividend paid to the shareholders — known as dividend coverage, which is the ratio of earnings per share and dividend per share — remains a well-used tool for measuring whether earnings are sufficient to cover dividend payouts. A healthy dividend coverage



ratio is between two and three and when coverage gets thin, odds are good that there will be a dividend cut, which can have a dire impact on valuation. In practice, however, the coverage ratio becomes a pressing indicator when coverage slips below about 1.5, at which point prospects start to look risky. If the ratio is under one, the company is using its retained earnings from last year to pay this year's dividend.

At the same time, if the payout gets very high, say above five, investors should ask whether management is withholding excess earnings, not paying enough cash to shareholders. Managers who raise their dividends are telling investors that the course of business over the coming 12 months or more will be stable. Further, while investors tend to view companies that pay dividends as boring, but reliable stewards of shareholder capital, these payouts aren't necessarily the best sign of a strong company.

According to a research by William Thorndike, a private equity investor who delved into the management habits of top CEOs, contrary to conventional wisdom, those CEOs who avoided dividends ultimately delivered stronger performance. While dividends and stock buy-backs have been the staple demands of activist investors in the last few years

to keep all of their earnings. A company may also choose not to pay dividends because the decision to start paying dividends or to increase an existing dividend payment is a serious one. A company that eliminates or reduces its existing dividend payment may be viewed unfavourably and its stock price may decrease. The choice to not pay dividends may be more beneficial to investors from a tax perspective. Usually dividends are taxable to investors as ordinary income. Some well-known companies that historically have not paid dividends to shareholders include Facebook, Alphabet, Amazon, Biogen, and Tesla. The senior management of these firms believe that instead of paying dividends to shareholders, they may not have enough investment opportunities to reinvest their cash dividends. They may prefer to reinvest on their behalf instead of paying out dividends as they would have better options to reinvest. This can ultimately be visible in an increased share price and contribute to capital appreciation.

The opportunities available to firms are reinvesting in their own operations and pursue organic growth and acquisition of other companies or repurchase shares. The proponents of these two strategies are struggling to unlock growth. Take General Electric for example, an American stalwart whose yield at 4.2 per cent of payouts and a dividend received is taxed as income, which long-term investors may not want. Furthermore, introducing a dividend may turn off investors who do not want dividends. Dividend payment is a great disciplinarian and brings about a regulation to the management's investment decision-making. Holding on to profits and not distributing them to the shareholders may lead to unhealthy practices like excessive executive compensation and unproductive uses of assets like over-paying for acquisitions and further damaging shareholder value.

In fact, companies that pay dividends tend to be more efficient in their use of capital than similar companies that do not pay dividends and are less likely to cook the books. The bottom line is that dividends matter significantly and the evidence of financial well-being of a company in the form of a dividend check can go a long way in boosting the morale of investors. As they say, a bird in hand is worth two in the bush. (The writer is Assistant Professor, Amity University)

— as they push company management to unlock more value for shareholders — it can also throw light on those managers struggling to unlock growth. Take General Electric for example, an American stalwart whose yield at 4.2 per cent of payouts and a dividend received is taxed as income, which long-term investors may not want. Furthermore, introducing a dividend may turn off investors who do not want dividends. Dividend payment is a great disciplinarian and brings about a regulation to the management's investment decision-making. Holding on to profits and not distributing them to the shareholders may lead to unhealthy practices like excessive executive compensation, and unproductive uses of assets like over-paying for acquisitions and further damaging shareholder value. In fact, companies that pay dividends tend to be more efficient in their use of capital than similar companies that do not pay dividends and are less likely to cook the books. The bottom line is that dividends matter significantly and the evidence of financial well-being of a company in the form of a dividend check can go a long way in boosting the morale of investors. As they say, a bird in hand is worth two in the bush. (The writer is Assistant Professor, Amity University)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

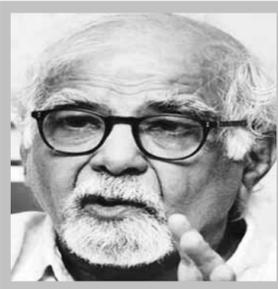
**RESTORING GLORY** Sir — This refers to the editorial, "War without" (October 23). It is for the first time in the history of independent India that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), India's premier investigation agency, has begun to probe its own leadership. The enquiry against Rakesh Asthana, the agency's second-in-command, and his team of officers for corruption is shocking. Allegedly, there were corruption charges against Rakesh Asthana, a Gujarat cadet IPS officer, when he was proposed as the Special Director of the CBI. The incumbent Director had vehemently objected to his appointment on this count. However, with the clearance of the Central Vigilance Commission, Asthana became the Special Director and second-in-command of the CBI. Now he is being regularly involved in bribery case, worth three crore rupees. Asthana has been accused of taking bribes to settle a money laundering case against exporter Mojin Qureshi. The Prime Minister has rightly stepped in to find ways to contain the stink in the CBI. Though Congress president Rahul Gandhi has accused Asthana as being the blue-eyed boy of Modi, one

hopes that the Prime Minister will not give room for any complaint to be levelled against him, will punish the guilty and act in such a manner that can restore the CBI to its former glory. **Tharicus S Fernando** Chennai

**POLITICAL CIRCUS** Sir — This refers to the report, "Jaitley's daughter was on payroll of fugitive diamondaire Mehul Rahul" (October 23). It is unfortunate that the Congress party gave its visionary leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel, Rajendra Prasad, Subhas Chandra

Bhutan shows the way for survival of humanity Queen Jetsun Pema on their traditional attire named 'gho' and 'kira' and place their pictures in homes. British philosopher Jeremy Bentham had remarked about an ideal State: "The greatest happiness of the greatest number of people." Unfortunately, most of the countries desire to achieve 'development' and 'modernity' by catering to the influential Bhutan and occupy a sacred place in the hearts of the common Bhutanese citizens who adorn the badges of the King and Gross National Happiness (GNH), which is much more important than Gross Domestic Product. Prime Minister Shreeing Tobgay quoted the fourth King Jigme Singye Wangchuck so as to define GNH in three simple words: "Development with values." Bhutan has also become the first carbon negative country in the world. If survival of humanity is indeed the need of the hour, all states should follow Bhutan. **Kajal Chatterjee** Kolkata

Bose, among others, is currently headed by a reluctant politician. It is widely felt that the grand old party is now passing through its worst phase. It has been reduced to a little over 40 MPs in the Lok Sabha that does not even entitle it to the status of the opposition party needing a minimum 10 per cent of the strength of the House. Even with depleted numbers, a leader with maturity and dignity can transform the Congress. But sadly, Congress president Rahul Gandhi's main focus is to point fingers at the ruling party, particularly Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This time Rahul Gandhi targeted Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. He also had accused his daughter (a lawyer) of being "on the payroll of fugitive diamondaire Mehul Choksi". Apparently, an ICICI bank account number from which money was allegedly transferred to Jaitley's daughter was presented by Rahul Gandhi. No wonder, even some of the senior leaders in the Congress do not see Rahul Gandhi as a prime ministerial material. **M Ratan** Via mail **Send your feedback to: letterstopioneer@gmail.com** University of Delhi



**We have the NPA crisis that by all account is a lot worse now as a share of GDP or as a share of loans. And there are reasons why that is grown up and I think in my opinion the tight monetary policy that has been followed by the MPC is in some part to blame for the fact that the NPAs have risen**  
**Surjit Bhalla, Member, Economic Advisory Committee**

## BUZZ FROM GOVT

**The State (Odisha) produces about half of the country's iron ore, which makes it an ideal location for setting up steel industries. Over the past two decades, my Government is focused on enhancing the production level of the key minerals along with manufacturing of value-added products in the State**  
**Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, Odisha**



# Market hits 6-month low as ₹ woes | Trade war worries linger

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty fell for the fourth session in a row to hit their over six-month low levels, dragged by IT and pharma stocks as concerns over rupee fall, global trade war and geo-political tensions resurfaced.

The BSE index ended 287.15 points lower at 33,847.23 — the weakest closing since April 10, when the 30-share gauge had settled at 33,880.25. Similarly, the NSE Nifty dropped 98.45 points to end at 10,146.80 — its lowest closing since April 4.

Meanwhile, the rupee depreciated to 73.82 (intraday) against the US dollar, which too had a negative influence.

Geo-political concerns over death of a Saudi journalist, Brexit and likely breach in Italy's budget also kept investors cautious.

"Profit booking in IT & Pharmaceuticals stocks dragged the indices lower today. These two sectors were holding their ground recently while overall markets corrected. Investors choose to book some profits here as the tailwinds of depreciating currency are slowing," said VK Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Group, HDFC Securities.

The 30-share index closed down 287.15 points or 0.84 per cent at 33,847.23 after hitting a low of 33,742.75. This is the weakest closing since April 10 last, when it settled at 33,880.25. The index had lost 1,028 points in the previous three sessions.



The broader NSE Nifty too fell below the 10,200 level by dropping 98.45 points, or 0.96 per cent, to end at 10,146.80. Intra-day, it touched a low of 10,102.35. However, short-covering by speculators towards the fag-end helped both the key indices to trim losses.

"In yet another volatile trading session, the Indian equity benchmark indices ended lower for fourth straight session, driven largely by weak global cues... Barring Power & Realty which ended marginally higher, all the other sectoral indices ended in the red with IT, Healthcare & FMCG being the top losers, down 1.2-2.8 per cent. Globally, the Asian & European indices traded sharply lower," experts said.

Overall market sentiment remained weak largely in sync

with other Asian markets, tracking overnight losses at the Wall Street as caution grew ahead of a slew of earnings reports this week, brokers said.

On a net basis, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) sold shares of ₹511.91 crore Monday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought shares worth ₹303.21 crore, as per provisional data.

Asian Paint was among worst performer in the Sensex pack, falling 5.21 per cent, followed by Sun Pharma at 5.07 per cent after the company reported a 14.76 per cent fall in its consolidated net profit to ₹506 crore for the September quarter Monday.

Other laggards included Wipro, TCS, Infosys, SBI, Vedanta Ltd, HUL, RIL, M&M, ICICI Bank, ITC Ltd, Maruti Suzuki, ONGC, Hero MotoCorp, HDFC Bank, and L&T, falling by up to 3.93 per cent.

# Govt to relax norms for setting up petrol pumps

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is mulling relaxing norms for setting up petrol pumps as it is keen on getting more private players into fuel retailing so as to increase competition.

The Oil Ministry has set up an expert committee to recommend easing of fuel retailing licensing rules, the Ministry order said. At present, to obtain a fuel retailing licence in India, a company needs to invest ₹2,000 crore in either hydrocarbon exploration and production, refining, pipelines or liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals.

The expert committee will "look at various issues related to the implementation of existing guidelines for grant of marketing authorisation of market fuels - petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF)," it said.

The panel would include renowned economist Kirit Parikh, former oil secretary G C Chaturvedi, former Indian Oil Corp (IOC) chairman and IIM Ahmedabad Director M A Pathan. It has been asked to furnish its report within 60 days after due consultations with stakeholders.

The panel will "review the existing architecture and extent of private sector participation in retail marketing of major transportation fuels in the country," the order said.

It will "identify entry barriers, if any, for expansion of retail outlets for private marketing companies."

State-owned oil marketing companies — Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL), currently own

most of 63,498 petrol pumps in the country.

Reliance Industries, Nayara Energy — formerly Essar Oil and Royal Dutch Shell are the private players in the market but with limited presence. Reliance, which operates the world's largest oil refining complex, has less than 1,400 outlets. Nayara has 4,833 while Shell has just 114 pumps.

BP plc of UK had a couple of years back secured a licence to set up 3,500 pumps but hasn't yet started doing so. Last week, French energy giant Total in a joint venture with Adani Group announced plans to set up 1,500 petrol pumps in the next 10 years.

IOC is the market leader with 27,325 petrol pumps in the country, followed by HPCL with 15,255 outlets and BPCL at 14,565 fuel stations.

The expert committee will "assess the need, if any, to further liberalise the existing guidelines for authorisation of private sector marketing companies," the order said.

A senior oil ministry official said the Government is keen on getting more private players in the arena and is willing to relax investment norms as well as the number of permissions needed for setting up a petrol pump.

The expert group would make specific recommendations on the nature of amendments required to the existing guidelines for grant of a license to private retailers.

The official said more competition would improve services as well as give customer choice. It may also lead to retailers vying with each other to offer the best price.

# Hyundai Motors launches next-generation Santro

PRICES START AT ₹3.89 LAKH; AMT VARIANT ALSO ON OFFER

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The country's second-largest carmaker on Tuesday relaunched the Santro brand with which it had entered the country 20 years ago with an all-new model. The 'All New Santro' as Hyundai is calling the car will retail from ₹3.89 lakh for the base D-Lite variant and go up to ₹5.46 lakh for the automated manual transmission (AMT); which offers a clutchless drive; Sportz variant.

The new Santro which will sit above the Eon and below the Grand i10 in the Hyundai small car line-up is expected to compete with Maruti-Suzuki's WagonR, reigniting the old marketing conflict from 17 years ago when Hyundai had launched the initial Santro and Maruti brought in the first-generation WagonR. The Santro will also go up against the Maruti-Suzuki Celerio and Tata Motors' Tiago.



Hyundai Motors is betting big on the new Santro, and expects monthly sales to top 10,000 units shortly. "We believe the prices of the new Santro are extremely competitive and with features that we are offering including a best-in-class modern AMT, touchscreen infotainment system and rear-parking camera, consumers will choose us over our rivals," Hyundai Motor India, Managing Director, YK Koo told The Pioneer. To reinforce the brand, Hyundai also brought in the Santro's initial brand-ambassador and Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan. "My association with Hyundai Motors is one of

the longest associations in the world. I was very sad when Hyundai withdrew the Santro in 2014, but I am really excited about this new car," Khan said, but added that he was yet to drive the car.

While the new Santro will give a fillip to Hyundai's sales, the company is struggling to cope with demand, especially for the extremely popular Creta SUV with manufacturing expansion plans put off yet again. According to Koo, additional demand will be met with process enhancements that will raise Hyundai's annual production at their Sriperumbudur plant outside Chennai to higher than 750,000 units.

# Modi Govt's tenure 'best years' of Indian economy: Bhalla

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Economic Advisory Council (EAC-PM) member Surjit Bhalla on Tuesday said the four years of the Modi Government are the 'best years' of the Indian economy and favoured more key reforms needed to be undertaken.

Bhalla also said although the macroeconomic parameters have shown good performance in the last four years, there are concerns about bad loans, and part of the problem can be attributed to the RBI Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) decision to keep interest rates high.

"If you look at any macro parameters then these (Modi government's four years) are the best four years of the Indian economy... So without a doubt, the macro performance is better, that is not to say everything is working or everything is fine," he said in an interview.

The EAC-PM member also observed that the rupee fall has not been beneficial for the Indian exports.

# BSE to introduce weekly F&O contracts Sensex 50 from Oct 26

EXCHANGE SHALL INTRODUCE WEEKLY FUTURES AND OPTIONS CONTRACTS ON S&P BSE SENSEX 50

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Leading stock exchange BSE will introduce weekly futures and options contracts on Sensex 50 index from Friday.

The bourse will introduce 7 weekly futures and options contracts expiring on every Thursday of the week, excluding monthly expiry week, BSE — formerly known as Bombay Stock Exchange — said in a circular.

In case Thursday is a holiday, then contract expiry will be on the working day prior to that. New serial weekly future and options contracts will be introduced after expiry of the respective week's contract, it added.

"The exchange shall intro-

duce weekly futures and options contracts on S&P BSE Sensex 50 index with effect from October 26, 2018," the bourse noted.

This index was launched in December 2016 to measure the performance of the 50 largest BSE-listed companies.

Derivative in financial markets typically refers to a forward, future, option or any other hybrid contract of pre-determined fixed duration, linked for the purpose of contract fulfilment to the value of a specified real or financial asset or to an index of securities.

Broadly, there are two types of derivative contracts — futures and options. A futures contract means a legally binding agreement to buy or sell the underlying security on a future date, while options contract gives the buyer or holder of the contract the right (but not the obligation) to buy or sell the underlying asset at a pre-determined price within or at the end of a specified period.

# 38 MoUs signed aimed at saving nearly ₹40K cr capital goods import

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Leading Capital Goods (CG) producers from the across the globe inked 38 MoUs with leading Indian steel companies envisaging reduction in imports of CGs meant for the steel sector worth ₹39,400 crore by promoting manufacturing of capital goods in the country. The MoUs were signed at a Conclave in Bhubaneswar which was organized by Ministry of Steel, Government of India in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and MECON.

The National Steel Policy - 2017 envisages creation of 300 million tonnes (MT) of steel capacity in the country by



2030-31 as against existing 130 MT. The estimated import of plant and equipment, for reaching 300 MT capacity, will be around \$25 billion. Further, for meeting the spares requirement, it is estimated that at 300 MT capacity level, India will have to spend about \$500 million annually for import of proprietary and other spares.

# Minister to foreign companies: set up manufacturing units in India

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Union Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh on Tuesday said foreign companies can immensely benefit by setting up manufacturing units in India as the country has set a target to produce 300 million tonne of steel by 2030-31. Singh said this while addressing a conclave on Capital Goods for Steel Sector here. The conclave was attended by 28 participants from different foreign countries.

"In view of the proposed additional capacity in the next 10-12 years, Indian steel industry is expected to invest 128 billion USD for creation of new capacity," Singh said adding that India will have to import large number of critical plants and equipment valued almost 25 billion \$ to meet needs of its steel industry by 2030-31.

The Steel minister said spares worth over 500 million USD will have to be imported every year to meet the needs of India's steel industry by 2030-31.

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**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Company is processing for issuance of duplicate Share Certificates in pursuance of intimation about the loss of shares certificates having the following particulars:-

S. No.	Name of the Shareholders	Folio No.	No. of Shares	Certificate No.	Distinctive No.
1.	HIRALAL PRANJIVANDAS PATEL & JITENDRA HIRALAL PATEL	H001233	60	214591-92	18979613-9672

Public is cautioned against purchasing or otherwise dealing with the above mentioned share certificates. A Duplicate thereof will be issued to the shareholders, unless any objection is received by the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.  
 For Modi Rubber Limited Sd/-  
 (S K Bajpai)  
 Head-Legal & Company Secretary  
 Place : New Delhi  
 Date : 23.10.2018

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
 Resident Commission  
 5-Prithviraj Road, New Delhi - 110011  
 Tel: 24611210, 24611108, Fax: 011 24627047, 24601277

**Quotations for dry cleaning work at J&K House, Chanakyapuri, J&K House, 5-PrithviRaj Road and 7- Akbar Road, New Delhi**

- Quotations are invited from firms/ agencies for dry cleaning services of sofa sets, visitors/ Executive Chairs, dining chairs, various types of chair, carpet, curtains etc.
- Interested firms/ agencies, may please submit their rates in sealed envelopes alongwith client list and experience, duly addressed to under-signed, Resident Commission, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, 5-Prithviraj Road, New Delhi, on or before 30.10.2018 under Caption "Quotation for dry cleaning work at J&K House Chanakyapuri & 5 Prithvi Raj Road." The Quotation shall be opened on same day at 03.30 p.m. and firms/ their representatives, may, if they so desire, be present at the time of opening of quotations.
- The list of items for which the rates are to be quoted are enlisted in Annexure 'A' and can be obtained from the Manager, 5-PR, J&K House, New Delhi.
- Terms & Conditions:-**
  - No Conditional offer shall be accepted.
  - Validity of quotation shall be for a minimum period of two months.
  - Principal Resident Commissioner reserves the right to accept/ renew or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason thereof.
  - The firm shall attend to the dry cleaning work at the respective sites as per requirement.
  - The firm shall be held responsible for any damage/ defect caused due to dry cleaning work and they shall be liable to pay for the damages.

**Under Secretary, Resident Commission, J&K Govt, 5 Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi.**  
 KBI/Adv/1753-54/2018  
 Dated: 23.10.2018  
 KRC/65/misc/86/ 4497/18  
 Dated: 23.10.2018

**HDFC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.**  
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**DEMAND NOTICE**

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s), within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice(s), as per details given below. The undersigned have got/are getting these notices pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
1.	Mr Deepak Takkar, S/o Sh. B. D. Takkar (Borrower), Mrs. Neena Takkar, W/o Mr Deepak Takkar (Co-Borrower in LAC Nos. 560661758, 560722163, 560825499 563380470), Mrs. Raj Takkar, W/o Sh. B. D. Takkar (Co-Borrower), all R/o House No.-3064, FF, Sector 21-D, Chandigarh-160022, Mr. Puneet Takkar, S/o Sh. B. D. Takkar (Co-borrower), C/o R & R Hospital Campus, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi-110001 and Mr. Rajeev Kumar Takkar, S/o Sh. B. D. Takkar (Co-Borrower), R/o House No.-6032, Modern Housing Complex, Manimajra, Chandigarh-160100 A/c Nos :560661758, 560722163, 563380470, 560825499, 602513226	Rs.21,98,176/-	08-OCT-18 as on 31-AUG-18*	S.C.F No.11 Sector 19-D, Chandigarh measuring 100.45sqyd C.P.No.391 registered in favour of Smt. Raj Takkar W/o Late Sh. Bishamber Dass Takkar, Sh. Deepak Takkar, Sh. Rajeev Takkar and Dr. Puneet Takkar, All Sons of Late Sh. Bishamber Dass Takkar vide sale deed/Vasika no. 450 Book No.1, Vol.119 dt 23.05.2000. The said property can also be identified as: SCO No.11 situated at old SCF No.11, Sector 19-D, Chandigarh.
2.	Ms. Richa Khurana, W/o Late Sq. Ldr. Divesh Pankaj, R/o Flat No. 134, Unicity Mystic Homes Zirakpur-140603 (Co-Borrower and Legal Heir/Representative of deceased Borrower Late Sq.Ldr. Divesh Pankaj) Also for the attention of other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Late Sq. Ldr. Divesh Pankaj [since deceased] A/c No: 605107425	Rs.27,58,588/-	08-OCT-18 as on 31-AUG-18*	Plot No. A-527 (Changed to C-17), NRI Township Yamuna Block A, situated at Plot No.-TS 1, Sector-26 A, Yamuna Expressway, Greater Noida- 201308 measuring 200 sq. yards alongwith construction thereon both present and future allotted in favour of Sq. Ldr. Divesh Pankaj S/o Sh. Mohan Lal Pankaj and Mrs Richa, W/o Sq. Ldr. Divesh Pankaj vide Allotment letter cum Buyer's agreement dated 10.09.2015.

\*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.  
 If the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) shall fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.  
 The said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of HDFC Limited. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.  
**For Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited**  
 Date : 24.10.2018  
 Place : Chandigarh  
 Sd/-  
 Authorised Officer  
 Regd office :- Ramon House, H.T. Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020

# Santro makes a comeback

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

South Korean auto major Hyundai Tuesday relaunched its once popular hatchback, Santro, in a new avatar in India, with introductory prices ranging between ₹3.89 lakh and ₹5.64 lakh (ex-showroom). The company, which operates in the country through its wholly-owned subsidiary Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL), had discontinued the previous Santro model in December 2014.

The new car, which is powered by a four-cylinder 1.1 litre petrol engine, comes with automated manual transmission (AMT) and factory-fitted CNG fuel options.

The manual variants of the car are priced between ₹3.89 lakh and ₹5.45 lakh. The two CNG trims are tagged at ₹5.23 lakh and ₹5.64 lakh while the two variants with automated gear shift are priced at ₹5.18 lakh and ₹5.46 lakh (all prices ex-showroom). The previous Santro was priced in the range of ₹3.09 lakh to ₹4.15 lakh when it was discontinued in 2014.

The new introductory prices would be for the first 50,000 customers. HMIL has already received online bookings for over 23,500 units in the last 13 days. "We have invested over ₹700 crore (USD 100 million) on the development of this model over the last three years. The new Santro has been



designed in our R&D centre in Nanyang (South Korea) and it will help us consolidate position in the mid-compact segment," HMIL managing director and CEO YK Koo told reporters here. The new model would cater to first time buyers as well as entry level customers, he added. "It is a very important model for Hyundai. We are looking at sales of around 8,000-9,000 units per month to start with," Koo said. He added that the all-new Santro is a true example of Hyundai's Made in India philosophy and a shining result of numerous product clinics and rigorous durability test on various terrains in India.

"Our R&D centre in Nanyang (South Korea), Chennai and Hyderabad have put strong efforts for product supremacy and utmost customer delight," Koo said.

The all-new Santro will be competing with the likes of Maruti Suzuki's WagonR,

# Govt looks to relax norms for setting up petrol pumps

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government is mulling relaxing norms for setting up petrol pumps as it is keen on getting more private players into fuel retailing so as to increase competition.

The Oil Ministry has set up an expert committee to recommend easing of fuel retailing licensing rules, the ministry order said.

At present, to obtain a fuel retailing licence in India, a company needs to invest ₹2,000 crore in either hydrocarbon exploration and production, refining, pipelines or liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals.

The expert committee will "look at various issues related to the implementation of existing guidelines for grant of marketing authorisation of market fuels - petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF)," it said.

The panel would include renowned economist Kirit Parikh, former oil secretary G C Chaturvedi, former Indian Oil Corp (IOC) chairman and IIM Ahmedabad director M A Pathan.

It has been asked to furnish its report within 60 days after due consultations with stakeholders.

The panel will "review the existing architecture and extent of private sector participation in retail marketing of major transportation fuels in the country," the order said.

It will "identify entry barriers, if any, for expansion of retail outlets for private marketing companies".

State-owned oil marketing companies - Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL),

currently own most of 63,498 petrol pumps in the country.

Reliance Industries, Nayara Energy - formerly Essar Oil and Royal Dutch Shell are the private players in the market but with limited presence. Reliance, which operates the world's largest oil refining complex, has less than 1,400 outlets.

Nayara has 4,833 while Shell has just 114 pumps.

BP plc of UK had a couple of years back secured a licence to set up 3,500 pumps but hasn't yet started doing so. Last week, French energy giant Total in a joint venture with Adani Group announced plans to set up 1,500 petrol pumps in the next 10 years.

IOC is the market leader with 27,325 petrol pumps in the country, followed by HPCL with 15,255 outlets and BPCL at 14,565 fuel stations.

The expert committee will "assess the need, if any, to further liberalise the existing guidelines for authorisation of private sector marketing companies", the order said.

A senior oil ministry official said the government is keen on getting more private players in the arena and is willing to relax investment norms as well as the number of permissions needed for setting up a petrol pump.

The expert group would make specific recommendations on the nature of amendments required to the existing guidelines for grant of a license to private retailers.

The official said more competition would improve services as well as give customer choice. It may also lead to retailers vying with each other to offer the best price.

## BUSINESS CORNER

### ONLINE JEWELLERY BRAND MELORRA AIMS RS 40 CR REVENUE

New Delhi: Online jewellery startup Melorra aims nearly five times jump in its revenue at ₹40 crore in the current fiscal on bullish demand from non-metro cities, founder and chief executive Saroja Yeramilli said on Tuesday. The company, which sells contemporary lightweight jewellery in gold, diamond and coloured stones, had clocked a revenue of ₹8.5 crore in the first year (2017-18) of its business, she added. "Much of the demand is coming from non-metro cities. We are getting orders from smaller cities and adding 100 new cities for delivery every month. We expect our revenue to touch ₹40 crore this fiscal," Yeramilli told PTI. With rise in internet and smart phones users, the company expects revenue to touch ₹100 crore mark in the next fiscal and start making profits from 2021 onwards, she said. The company's unique selling point is affordable rates, modern designs and quality of gold and diamonds from recognised agencies, she added. That apart, the Bengaluru-based company does not carry any inventory as it makes gold jewellery on order and delivers to customers with a return policy in 30 days and lifetime exchange of jewellery at prevailing rates of gold. On investment plans, Yeramilli, who had once headed sales division at Tata group jewellery brand Tanishq, said the jewellery start-up has already raised USD 12 million from a venture capitalist, out of which USD 8 million has been spent on the business. "We still have funds. We will invest that and later look for more funds. Funding has not been a problem. Investors are keen to invest in our company," she said. Asked if the company would go offline, Yeramilli said: "There are no plans to set up retail outlets. Melorra is an internet brand and it will remain like that."

### LG ELECTRONICS EYES HIGHER SALES FROM PREMIUM PRODUCTS

Seoul: LG Electronics said on Tuesday it plans to beef up its presence in premium products in India as it looks to increase the share of the segment in overall sales and boost profit margins. The South Korean electronics giant also emphasised that the recent hike in customs duties by India on LED panels imposed customs duty hike on LED panels in India would not have a significant impact on its profit margins from the country. Premium products presently account for 30 per cent of LG's global sales, including in India, but it plans to enhance this to 50 per cent with a renewed focus on the segment and a series of fresh launches. Addressing a delegation of visiting journalists from India, LG Group senior vice-president, head of Appliance Overseas Sales & Marketing, Chris Jung said the revenue growth of LG Electronics in India "will be great". He noted that the company will have to compete with Chinese firms on their price competitiveness, and therefore it is investing heavily in research and development. Asked about LG Electronics' threat perception from the presence of Chinese firms in a price sensitive market like India, Jung said: "The Chinese won't catch up so soon. In the future they may get to where we are now but we are not sitting idle, we will also be moving forward."

## NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
HINDPETRO	209	220.25	201.5	219.65	9.05
IBULHSGFIN	694.5	770.9	683.9	739	25.85
HDFC	1,645.00	1,710.00	1,644.50	1,692.05	33.75
INDUSINDBK	1,436.00	1,498.00	1,425.00	1,476.75	27.3
YESBANK	209	216.7	206.5	215.1	3.6
POWERGRID	188	192.65	185.8	192	2.85
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,540.00	2,598.70	2,526.00	2,588.00	31.1
IOC	128	131.3	125	131	1.25
TATASTEEL	540	550	535.15	550	5.25
BAFINANCE	2,095.00	2,155.35	1,997.55	2,135.00	19.65
KOTAKBANK	1,150.00	1,179.80	1,143.55	1,173.70	9.7
COALINDIA	2,745.00	2,808.85	2,743.3	2,777	2.2
AXISBANK	557	571.4	553.5	566.3	4.25
ADANIAPORTS	317.35	320.71	311	317.6	2.2
BPCL	268	273.7	260.5	273	1.85
NTPC	771.9	787	766.15	780	5.2
NITF	164.15	166	162.55	165.7	0.85
TATAMOTORS	170	175.7	169.55	171.3	0.55
HEROMOTOCO	2,717.00	2,744.90	2,694.00	2,738.20	6.4
LT	1,195.90	1,209.05	1,182.50	1,207.00	0.4
ONGC	155.35	157.4	150.9	156	0.05
BHARTIARTL	283.05	290.6	283	285.0	0.05
RELIANCE	1,052.75	1,064.70	1,043.65	1,061.70	-0.95
INFRAEEL	264.6	270.4	258.6	265	-0.25
M&M	730.5	734.4	716.2	732.95	-0.8
GAIL	340.9	344.7	334.5	341.3	-1
MARUTI	6,779.00	6,857.00	6,666.00	6,785.00	-27.2
EICHERMOT	22,040.00	22,475.00	21,901.00	22,300.00	-125.1
ITC	286	291.2	283.55	286.7	-1.8
ICICIBANK	323	328.6	318.35	324.9	-2.2
HDFCBANK	1,973.00	1,998.90	1,973.00	1,985.00	-13.9
CIPLA	628.8	632	616	624.85	-4.8
TECHM	676	683.9	666	668.55	-8
HINDUNILVR	1,575.55	1,582.00	1,547.50	1,562.50	-22.4
VEDL	211.8	216.25	207.6	210.4	-3.15
DRREDDY	2,524.95	2,546.25	2,425.10	2,481.00	-38.4
HINDALCO	221.9	226.9	216.4	220.5	-3.5
BAJAJFINSV	5,250.00	5,285.00	5,055.00	5,166.35	-83.85
SBIN	258	259	255	255.9	-4.45
JSWSTEEL	353.8	355.85	342.25	348	-7.1
INFY	675.95	682	653.3	663.05	-16.9
ZEELE	444	450.75	430.55	437.25	-11.95
TCS	1,888.00	1,898.00	1,837.00	1,847.75	-51.25
HCLTECH	970	983.6	947.6	951.65	-28.4
UPL	631	635	608.75	614.65	-19
GRASIM	847	863.9	819.1	829.7	-27.65
ULTRACEMCO	3,453.80	3,460.90	3,260.45	3,345.30	-117.95
WIPRO	318.9	320.25	305.1	308.35	-13.85
ASIANPAINT	1,135.20	1,190.00	1,118.00	1,142.45	-57.95
SUNPHARMA	605	605.6	572.75	576.85	-30.05

## BSE 500

Script	Last Price	Abs Change	Change %	CGPOWER	37.15	0.2	0.54
CHAMBLFERT	143.8	2.25	1.59	CHENNPETRO	265.4	8.45	3.29
3MINDIA	19529.95	-1307.95	-6.28	CHOLAFIN	1113.6	-30.25	-2.64
8KMILES	96.1	-5.05	-4.99	CIPLA	622.95	-6.25	-0.99
AARTIND	1248.55	-3.6	-0.29	COALINDIA	277.1	1.1	0.4
ABB	1244.85	-3.45	-0.28	COCHINSHIP	379.7	-5.9	-1.53
ABBOTINDIA	7067.85	-116.75	-1.63	COFFEDAY	267.15	0.65	0.24
ABCAPITAL	96.5	-3.7	-3.69	COLPAL	1132.35	11.05	0.99
ABFRL	173.5	-4.1	-2.31	CONCOR	576.5	0.15	0.03
ACC	1382.55	-36.45	-2.57	CORPMANDEL	376.05	2.6	0.7
ADANIAPORTS	318.25	3.55	1.13	CORPBAK	22.75	-0.25	-1.09
ADANIPOWER	33.35	0	0	COX&KINGS	190.1	-9.7	-4.85
ADANITRANS	157.7	0.5	0.32	CRISIL	1359.5	-56.3	-3.98
ADVENZYMES	185	-2.15	-1.15	CROMPTON	197.65	0	0
AEGLISOJ	222.45	-10.55	-4.53	CUB	172.2	4.55	2.71
AIANG	1518.2	25.65	1.72	CUMMINSIND	654.6	-38.3	-5.53
AJANTPHARM	976.85	-31.3	-3.1	CYIENT	611.65	-10.6	-1.7
AKZOINDIA	1532	-19.2	-1.24	DABUR	400.5	-4.25	-1.05
ALBK	35.95	-0.75	-2.04	DALMIBABHA	2027.3	33.3	1.67
ALKEM	1950.9	10.05	0.52	DBL	404.15	-26.25	-6.1
ALLCARGO	94.5	-1.25	-1.31	DCBBANK	156.4	0.6	0.39
AMARAJABAT	749.1	7.45	1	DECSHIRRAM	394.4	-17.8	-4.32
AMBIJACEM	201.15	-4.65	-2.26	DEEPAKERT	203.75	6.35	3.02
ANDHRABANK	26.05	0	0	DEEPAKNI	237.9	3.1	1.32
APARINDS	555.9	0.8	0.14	DELTA	210	-8.85	-4.48
APLAPOLLO	1240.15	-74.45	-5.66	DELTA	210	-8.85	-4.48
APLTD	578.4	-1.65	-0.28	DHANUKA	382.75	-1.8	-0.47
APOLLOHOSP	1144.45	12.3	1.09	DHFL	193.45	3.35	1.76
APOLLLOTREY	196.05	-10.3	-4.99	DISHVIT	42.8	-0.4	-0.93
ARVIND	315.15	-3.85	-1.21	DISVILAB	1250.02	-41.75	-3.23
ASAHINDIA	290.5	6.8	2.4	DLF	153.05	0.2	0.13
ASHOKA	110.35	-0.35	-0.32	DMART	1136.15	-57.45	-4.81
ASHOKLEY	111.5	-1	-0.89	DRREDDY	2473.85	-47.7	-1.89
ASIANPAINT	1138.8	-62.65	-5.21	ECLERX	1045.1	-11.6	-1.1
ASTRAL	866.7	-21.6	-2.43	EDELWEISS	143.6	-6.45	-4.3
ATUL	3195.7	55.05	1.75	EICHERMOT	2287.5	5.98	-0.27
AUNBANK	530.55	6	1.14	EIDEPARTY	210.65	-5.65	-2.76
AUROPHARMA	738.3	-18.5	-2.44	ELIOTHE	155.8	-0.9	-0.57
AVANTI	377.45	5.7	1.53	ELGIEQUIP	239.4	4.15	1.76
BAJAJFINSV	563.05	1.95	0.35	EMAMILTD	420.4	0.25	0.06
BAJAJ-AUTO	2586.4	29.6	1.16				
BAJAJCORP	361.5	-14.8	-3.93				

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SBILIFE	547.2	586.05	545.1	585	27.15
ICICIRULI	313	328.3	313	325.6	9.1
BEL	84.35	87.55	84.1	87.05	2.35
PEL	1,870.00	1,959.90	1,861.40	1,930.00	47
HAVELLS	580	602.9	579.2	599.5	10.15
DLF	150.3	155	149.75	154.9	2.1
LATHE	120.4	124.7	120.1	123.6	1.5
IDEA	35.15	35.75	34.15	35.55	0.4
NHPC	23.8	24.3	23.8	24.25	0.25
NMDC	108.5	111.5	107.15	110.6	1.1
CADILAHK	369.5	380.8	367.4	376.7	3.7
COLPAL	1,126.00	1,139.00	1,120.00	1,135.25	10.5
MODWELL-N	507.5	519.8	499.05	513.3	4
BHEL	75	76.05	72.85	74.35	0.4
CONCOR	570	583.7	560	578.35	2.55
PGHF	9,140.00	9,174.00	9,060.00	9,169.95	29.65
SAIL	63.5	64.75	62.45	64.45	0.1
INDIGO	781.35	814.95	781.35	807	5.5
LICHSGFIN	414	421.45	409.4	417.95	-0.85
MARICO	308	318.25	307	310	-0.9
PETRONET	212.75	215.2	209.3	212.15	-0.65
NIACL	203	206.95	203	205.05	-0.65
ABB	1,250.00	1,282.40	1,227.00	1,245.50	-5
DABUR	399.5	409.65	386	402	-2.7
ASHOKLEY	112.4	113.35	109.8	112	-0.8
MRFL	61,600.00	62,177.00	61,301.00	61,662.10	-544.85
BANKBARODA	101.4	103.65	100.95	101.7	-0.9
GODREJCP	746.1	748.45	730.2	740	-8.05
HINDZINC	282	283.45	272.6	279	-3.15
GICRE	313	318.4	311	311	-3.55
BRITANNIA	5,569.00	5,601.10	5,452.25	5,498.00	-82.15
SRRTRANSFIN	1,017.40	1,034.50	992.6	1,002.00	-15.4
ICICI	786	794	783.1	793	-12.25
HDFCLIFE	365	369.8	359	359.95	-5.75
OFSS	3,750.00	3,805.00	3,650.00	3,690.00	-71.45
SIEMENS	877.8	896.9	852.4	863	-16.7
ACC	1,409.90	1,409.90	1,375.00	1,389.90	-33.25
BANDHANBANK	403	407.75	397	399.4	-9.55
AMBIJACEM	202.8	206	196.8	201.05	-4.95

ANTI-MBS SAUDI JOURNO JAMAL KHASHOGGI KILLING

# ERDOGAN CALLS FOR PUNISHMENT

AFP ■ ANKARA

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday said that the 'savage murder' of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul was meticulously planned, demanding that all those linked to the killing face punishment.

Erdogan had promised that his speech in Ankara would give the 'naked truth' about the killing and he gave a host of new details while still saying Turkey wanted answers to key questions, including who gave the orders.

Hours before Erdogan delivered his speech to ruling party lawmakers in Ankara, a major Saudi investment forum opened in Riyadh under the heavy shadow of the murder after key delegates pulled out.

The murder of the Washington Post contributor has severely dented the international reputation of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman who has spearheaded a reform drive in the kingdom.

With international pressure mounting, Saudi Arabia's cabinet on Tuesday said it would hold accountable all those behind the murder "no matter who they may be".

Erdogan outlined the steps taken by what he said was a 15-person team who came from Riyadh planning to kill Khashoggi, including carrying out reconnaissance outside Istanbul and then deactivating security cameras at the consulate.

He said that 18 suspects already detained by Saudi Arabia should be extradited to Istanbul to face trial over the killing and



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, addresses members of his ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) at the Parliament in Ankara on Tuesday. President Erdogan says Saudi officials started planning to murder Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi days before his death in Saudi Arabia's Istanbul consulate.

called for an investigation into those who have 'even the slightest link' to the 'savage murder'.

But Erdogan did not confirm or even mention some of the most striking claims that appeared in the Turkish press over the last days, notably that Khashoggi's body was cut up into multiple pieces or that there is an audio recording of the murder. The president himself admitted that several questions remain unanswered.

"These (15) people, from whom did they get orders and came there? We are seeking answers," he asked.

Taking aim at the inconsistent position of Riyadh in the days after the murder he added: "Why when the murder was clear, why were so many inconsistent statements made?"

Erdogan did not mention Prince Mohammed by name in the

speech. But he said he was confident of the full cooperation of his father Saudi King Salman in the probe and vowed full retribution for all the guilty.

"The conscience of humanity will only be satisfied when those who ordered (the murder) and those who carried it out answer for their actions."

He said no Saudi linked to the murder should enjoy diplomatic immunity as set out by the Vienna Convention.

"The Vienna Convention and other international regulations don't allow for a savage murder to be protected from investigation by diplomatic immunity."

Erdogan's statements still appeared to contradict the version of Saudi Arabia, which only confirmed the killing more than two weeks after the event and indicated he was killed in a brawl at the consulate.

## Saudis plotted Saudi scribe's killing for days: Turkish Prez

Ankara: Saudi officials murdered journalist Jamal Khashoggi in their Istanbul consulate after plotting his death for days, Turkey's president said Tuesday, contradicting Saudi Arabia's explanation that the writer was accidentally killed.

He demanded that the kingdom reveal the identities of all involved, regardless of rank.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also said he wants Saudi Arabia to allow 18 suspects that it detained for the Saudi's killing to be tried in Turkish courts, setting up further complications with the Saudi Government, which has said it is conducting its own investigation and will punish those involved.

## LEBANON PM BACKS SAUDI ARABIA IN KHASHOGGI CASE

Beirut: Lebanon's premier-designate Saad Hariri threw his support behind Saudi Arabia Tuesday as it faces outrage over the murder of Saudi journalist and government critic Jamal Khashoggi at its Istanbul consulate. Hariri's comments came less than a year after he resigned in mysterious circumstances in a televised address from the Saudi capital, sparking rumours he was being held there against his will.

"The measures taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding the case of journalist Jamal Khashoggi... Come within the framework that serves the path of justice and the disclosure of the whole truth," a statement from his office quoted him as saying. On Tuesday, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir pledged a "thorough and complete" investigation into Khashoggi's murder.

## Jamal Khashoggi's death was 'a plot gone awry': POTUS

Washington: US President Donald Trump has said he believes the death of Saudi dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi was the result of a 'plot gone awry,' and that he opposes ending the USD 110 billion mega arms deal with Riyadh over the issue.

The Saudi government initially said he left the consulate through the back door. Following a global outrage, the Saudi government on Friday in a statement acknowledged that Khashoggi was killed in a fistfight inside the consulate and noted that an interrogation went wrong.

Turkish officials have said they have evidence Khashoggi was tortured, dismembered and murdered inside the consulate.

US President Donald Trump has said he was 'not satisfied' with the response of Riyadh over Khashoggi's death. The president also said a group of US officials are in Saudi Arabia and another group of investigators in Turkey are trying to gather information on this issue.

"I am not satisfied with what I've heard," Trump told reporters at the White House before leaving for an election rally in Texas Monday.

## US will increase nuclear arsenal: US President

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump has warned that the United States will increase its nuclear arsenal until other nations 'come to their senses,' days after he said the US would pull out of a Cold war era arms control treaty with Russia.

Trump has confirmed that he would withdraw the US from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty with Russia that limited the number of missiles in the two nations, accusing Moscow of violating the deal.

The 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.

"We will build it (nuclear

arsenal) up. Until people come to their senses — Russia has not adhered to the agreement. This should have been done years ago.

"Until people come to their senses — we have more money than anybody else by far, we'll build it up until they come to their senses," Trump told reporters at the White House.

The US now wants to leave the INF. "I'm terminating the agreement because they violated the agreement. I'm terminating the agreement," he said.

Retreating that Russia had violated the treaty, he said, "They have not adhered to the spirit of that agreement or to the agreement itself, Russia — China's not as good as the agreement, they should be. But until they get smart, there's nobody that's going to be even close to us."

## China slams Trump nuke treaty 'blackmail'

AFP ■ BEIJING

China warned on Tuesday it would 'never accept any form of blackmail' after US President Donald Trump said his decision to withdraw from a nuclear pact with Russia was also linked to Beijing's arsenal.

China is not a signatory to the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF), which the United States signed with the then-Soviet Union in the 1980s, but Trump said Monday that Beijing should be included in the accord.

The landmark treaty was signed by Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev and led to nearly 2,700 short- and medium-range missiles being eliminated.

## Japan PM heads to China looking for economic common ground

AFP ■ TOKYO

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe makes a rare trip to China this week hoping improved relations will lead to new economic partnerships, as the two countries come under US pressure on trade.

The visit is the first by a Japanese Premier since 2011 and is part of a years-long process of repairing ties in the wake of a disastrous falling-out in 2012, when Tokyo 'nationalised' disputed islands claimed by Beijing.

The incident prompted anti-Japanese riots in China, and kicked off a frosty spell that has only gradually and recently begun to thaw.

## Issue of married Catholic priests gains traction

AP ■ VATICAN CITY

As the Vatican copes with the growing clergy sex abuse scandal and declining number of priests worldwide, it is laying the groundwork to open formal debate on an issue that has long been taboo: opening up the priesthood to married men in parts of the world where clergy are scarce.

Pope Francis has convened a meeting of South American bishops next year focusing on the plight of the church in the Amazon, a vast territory served by far too few priests. During that synod, the question of ordaining married men of proven virtue — so-called 'viriprobat' — is expected to figure on the agenda. This week, a two-hour documentary on Italian television is likely to contribute to the conversation.

"The Choice: Priests and Love" profiles more than a dozen men in four European countries who are either living clandestinely with women, have created their own unsanctioned church communities where married priests preside at Mass, or left the Catholic priesthood altogether to marry.

### Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 35 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 2 Inch, Complexion : Shallow, Wearing : Pink Colour Shirt and Black Colour Pant, has been found on 09.10.2018 from the area of PS. Subzi Mandi, Delhi, he was admitted in Hindu Rao Hospital and during

treatment Dr. declared him dead. In this regard a DD No. 48-A Dated 09.10.2018 has been lodged at PS. Subzi Mandi, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO DP/9285/N/18. PS. Subzi Mandi, Delhi Ph.: 011-23823161, 8750870126

### Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 35 Years approx, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 1 Inch, Complexion : Shallow, ID Mark : A Mole on Chest, Wearing : Blue-White Colour T-shirt only, has been found dead on 15.10.2018 at Pavilion, Near Main Gate of DTC Depot, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 40-A Dated 15.10.2018 has been lodged at PS. North Rohini, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

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SHO DP/2263/RD/18. PS. North Rohini, Delhi Ph.: 011-27048210, 8750870330

## US announces sanctions against nine Iranians

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin says that the US and six other West Asian countries are taking action to expose and disrupt terrorist activities being conducted by the Taliban and Iran to undermine the government of Afghanistan.

Mnuchin says the seven countries have designated nine individuals associated with the Taliban and their Iranian sponsors for sanctions. The seven nations make up the Terrorist Financing Targeting Center which has an operations center in Saudi Arabia.

Mnuchin met with the crown prince of Saudi Arabia on Monday after announcing last week that he would not attend an investment conference in Saudi Arabia following the death of a journalist in the Saudi consulate in Turkey.

The administration sees Saudi Arabia as a key ally in its sanctions campaign against Iran.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is publically notified that Plot No. BH-41, Sector-70, U.P. has been allotted in the name of Ramesh Chand S/o Sh. Tej Ram Rao Village-Behlorpur, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P. on the basis of Plot Will to the following person: A Will was executed in favour of son Lokpal Yadav S/o Late Sh. Ramesh Chand R/o Village-Behlorpur, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P. dt. 11.05.2011 Sub-Registrar Office, Sector-33, Noida Behl No. 3, Zid No.246, Page No.233 to 242, Serial No.1006, Late Sh. Ramesh Chand expires on 25.12.2017. So with the help of the notice it is being done in the favour of Lokpal Yadav S/o Late Sh. Ramesh Chand R/o Village-Behlorpur, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P. If anyone/above partners has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Plot Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Lokpal Yadav

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, 31st October, 2018, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended on 30th September, 2018.

The information contained in this notice is also available on the Company's website [www.cubicalcreators.com](http://www.cubicalcreators.com) as also on the website of the Stock Exchange viz. BSE Limited- [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)

For Cubical Financial Services Limited Sd/- Ashwani Kumar Gupta Managing Director Place: New Delhi Date: 23-10-2018

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for general information that I, A.K. MUKHERJEE, 64-B, Pocket-1, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091, have lost my DDA Documents i.e. Allotment cum Demand Letter, site Possession Letter, Possession Letter, Water/Electricity Connection Letter of the above flat. Whosoever finds the above documents, kindly contact the below address or telephone number.

A.K. MUKHERJEE, 64-B, Pocket-1, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091 Tel.: 9818726819

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clients (1) S.Gurinder Singh S/o Late Mohinder Singh R/o J/9/14, Rajouri Garden New Delhi 27 and (2) Kamal Singh W/o Late S. Rupinder Singh (Daughter in law of Late Mohinder Singh) R/o 6 Grandview Ter Chester Ny 10918 (3) Jaspreet Singh D/o Late Rupinder Singh (Grand Daughter of Late Mohinder Singh) R/o 5 Surrey Ln, Piscataway, NJ 088545739, Usa and (4) Ranjish Singh D/o Late Rupinder Singh (Grand Daughter of Late Mohinder Singh) R/o 6 Grandview Ter Chester Ny 10918, have represented held out and confirmed themselves as being inherited owners of Free Hold Property bearing no J/9/14 area measuring 320 Sq. Yards situated at Rajouri Garden New Delhi-27 had been purchased by their father/other in law/Grand father S. Mohinder Singh from S. Harcharan Singh on behalf of Sale Deed No 3243, In Add: Book No 1, Vol No 229, on Pages no 23-30, on Dt. 27.09.1982 as S. Mohinder Singh was expired on 03.02.2008 and my said Clients have also lost Original Registry in name of Vidya Wall in respect of the said Property Vide No 4150, In Add: Book No 1, Vol No 69, on Pages no 81 To 84, On 04.08.1958 somewhere and the same is not traceable till now. Any other person (s) having any claim against into or upon the said entire Property Or any part Thereof is hereby required to notify the same in writing along with supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned within (4) Fourteen days from date of publication of this notice and if anybody found the said lost Sale Deed informed client on his above mentioned Delhi address and may contact him at 9810312389 Ravinder Singh (advocate) Enrol no. D/209-A/93 B-91, BGS Block, The Hazari Courts Delhi-54.

**Government of Maharashtra**  
**Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad, Mumbai**  
**Samagra Shiksha**  
**E-Tender Notice No.-16, Year 2018-19**  
**Name of Work:- External Repair and renovation of the office of the State Project Director, Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad, Mumbai at Charni Road, Mumbai.**

State Project Director, Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad, Mumbai is inviting online tender for external Repair and renovation of the Jawhar Bal Bhavan Building at Charni Road, Mumbai.

Tender Publish	24/10/2018 from 10:30 Hrs.
Pre-bid Meeting	02/11/2018 at 11:30 Hrs.
Tender sale & Acceptance	24/10/2018 from 10:30 Hrs. to 17/11/2018 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Submission of Hard Copy of Technical Documents (Offline).	17/11/2018 from 15:05 Hrs. to 20/11/2018 up to 15:00 Hrs.
Tender Opening	20/11/2018 at 15:30 Hrs. (if Possible)
Tender Download	Tender can be download from this website <a href="http://www.mahatenders.gov.in">www.mahatenders.gov.in</a> Corrigendum/explanation/ Extension will be upload at above website and it cannot be displayed on any other media. Tenderer may be alert and visit the website regularly.

**Note:-** If any changes in RFP it will be published on website of [www.mahatenders.gov.in](http://www.mahatenders.gov.in).

Sd/-  
**State Project Director,**  
**M.P.S.P. Mumbai.**

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## TORTURE IN PALESTINIAN JAILS 'SYSTEMATIC': HRW

Ramallah: The Palestinian security forces 'systematically' abuse and torture prisoners in what could amount to crimes against humanity, Human Rights Watch said Tuesday. The rival authorities of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas both used threats, arbitrary arrests and violent abuse against detainees, said the New York-based group. The report is likely to put pressure on governments that fund the PA's forces, including the United States, which has maintained security funding despite cutting aid to the Palestinians. Omar Shakir, HRW's Israel-Palestine director, said the actions by both sides amounted to potential war crimes that could be prosecuted in the International Criminal Court. "Both the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and Hamas authorities in Gaza are systematically, arbitrarily detaining critics and torturing those in custody," he told. "Systematic torture as part of a Government policy is a crime against humanity." He said the allegations undermined Palestinian criticism of Israeli rights abuses. "You have Palestinian leaders going around the world speaking about Palestinian rights at the same time as they are directing a machinery of oppression to crush dissent," he told. AFP

**बिहार सरकार**  
**बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि० पटना**  
**(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)**  
**राष्ट्रीय सड़क ई० पुनर्निर्माण आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-95/2018-19**

- विज्ञापनदाला का पदनाम एवं पता :- मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-800023  
दिनांक: 22.10.2018.
- निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि :- दिनांक: 29.10.2018 से 08.11.2018 के 15:00 बजे तक।
- निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक: 10.11.2018 के 15:00 बजे तक।
- निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक: 02.11.2018 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वान्न मुख्य महाप्रबंधक बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-23  
दिनांक: 12.11.2018 को 15:00 बजे।
- निविदा विकी का स्थान :- दिनांक: 02.11.2018 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वान्न मुख्य महाप्रबंधक बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-23  
दिनांक: 12.11.2018 को 15:00 बजे।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (टेकनीकल बीड) :- तकनीकी बीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड) :- 120 दिन
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Request for Proposal (RFP) Document for Development of Recreational and Entertainment Facility of Waterbody with boating within Sandy's Compound sports complex at Bhagalpur in Area Based Development (ABD) within Integrated Park Management System and Rejuvenation of existing Open Spaces with added activities, on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) Mode contract under Smart Cities Mission.

SL No.	Scope of work	Cost of tender document (In Rupees)	Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00% to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e.NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit card) (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rupees)
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**Tender Schedule/Programme:**

Sl. No.	Activity	Date/Time : Duration
1.	Online Sale / Download date of RFP documents.	From 25 <sup>th</sup> October to 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 (15:00 hrs) ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> )
2.	Last date for Submission of Pre Bid Query through email/ Hard Copy.	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 24:00 hrs. <a href="mailto:bsclbqp@gmail.com">bsclbqp@gmail.com</a> , Nodal Officer Bhagalpur Smart City Limited, Swami Vibekandana Path, Near Ghuran Peer Baba Chowk, Bhagalpur – 812001.
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting date and venue	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 11:30 hrs. <a href="mailto:bsclbqp@gmail.com">bsclbqp@gmail.com</a> , Nodal Officer Bhagalpur Smart City Limited, Swami Vibekandana Path, Near Ghuran Peer Baba Chowk, Bhagalpur – 812001.
4.	Upload of Bid-Queries response.	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 upto 15:00 hrs
5.	Date / Time for submission / uploading of Offer / Bids	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 up to 15:00 Hrs. ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> )
6.	Submission of form fee & EMD in hard copy / original.	27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 17:00 hrs (Bhagalpur Smart City Limited, Swami Vivekanand Path, Near Ghuran Peer Baba Chowk, Bhagalpur – 812001)
7.	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid.	27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 16:00 hrs. ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> )
8.	Contact person for all official correspondences.	Nodal Officer, Bhagalpur Smart City Limited Email: <a href="mailto:bsclbqp@gmail.com">bsclbqp@gmail.com</a> Mobile No.: 9801799200
9.	Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 16:00 Hrs. ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> )

Note: For more information please visit <https://www.smartcitybhagalpur.org/> For further details please visit website [www.prdbihar.gov.in](http://www.prdbihar.gov.in) **C.E.O,**

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Exciting new technologies are touching our lives every day and promise to transform the way patients are treated and new cures developed in the near future. Artificial intelligence, robotics, big data, blockchain and connected devices are continuing to ensure that clinical diagnosis and even surgeries can be performed from remote locations.

Mobile technology and convergence have enabled consumers to track personal health indicators on the go while Big data analytics, cloud technology and proliferating data capture devices have shown the potential to streamline the management of massive patient records and statistics. Cheaper storage, smaller processing chipsets and longer battery lives are behind much of this explosion of disruptive scenarios. Indeed, the IT worker is the person best placed to take advantage and benefit her career.

Given below are some of the commonest roles IT professionals can play in healthcare system operations and delivery.

**HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS**

The role of the clinical informatics specialist is to analyse data and information and gather sense of collective records — trends, outcomes of particular therapies and drugs, financial accounting for managerial inputs and so on. Information must be mined to put it into actionable deliverables for service at the frontline of clinical engagement.

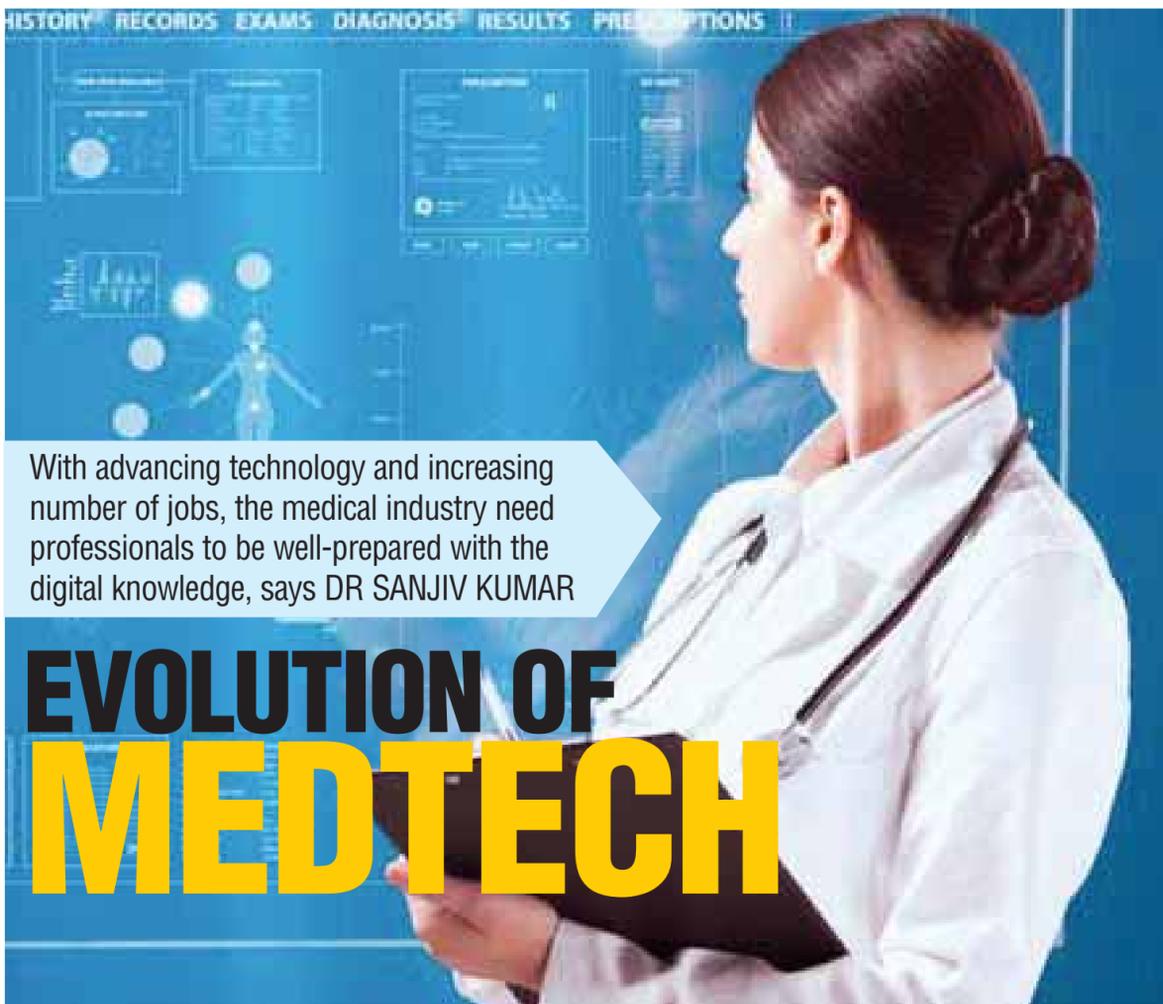
A course in Big Data Analytics and basic statistics is a must for this professional. Although, there are practical obstacles to the implementation and interoperability of Electronic Health Records in India due to deficient internet penetration and availability of 24 x 7 power in semi-urban and rural townships and expenses involved, the Government has been working towards uniform adoption of ICT (Health Informatics using the Aadhaar as the universal identifier) in public hospitals and private hospitals are likely to follow suit, especially when faced with the prospect of increased efficiency and reduced overhead.

**INTERFACE ANALYST / DEVELOPER**

Different healthcare organisations need to be able to interpret each other's health records and for this, interoperable systems need a standard protocol to converse with each other. The Health Level-7 (HL7), Systematised Nomenclature of Medicine — Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) and Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) are the standard used in healthcare. With the rise in digitalisation and e-health records, the role of the analyst will be to troubleshoot, monitor and maintain of all organisation interface, while developers will be required to resolve different data algorithms to interact with each other.

**CLINICAL APPLICATION ANALYST**

This professional oversees all levels of operation and workflow in a



With advancing technology and increasing number of jobs, the medical industry need professionals to be well-prepared with the digital knowledge, says DR SANJIV KUMAR

# EVOLUTION OF MEDTECH

**TO COPE WITH THE CHANGING TRENDS AND FILL THE DEMAND AND SUPPLY GAP, MANY INSTITUTES HAVE BEEN PROVIDING HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION WITH A TOUCH OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE FOR STUDENTS TO EFFICIENTLY MANAGE & SUCCEED**

healthcare organisation — from the patient to doctors, clinicians and supporting specialists such as physiotherapists and outpatient care providers. The analyst will usually oversee the transformation of work processes from one entity to another and form the translation bridge between clinical workflow and application functionality.

**HEALTHCARE APP TRAINERS**

Analysts and developers need to be constantly on their toes to match changes in technology that affect their business. They will typically need to be walked through medical processes and workflows while conducting their daily operations. Hence, application trainers are in great demand to maintain efficient healthcare IT systems.

**HEALTH DATA SCIENTIST**

The role of data scientist is to analyse and interpret the trends or pattern in complex data using statistical, machine learning, deep learning

techniques.

According to a World Bank report, there will be a shortage of 80.2 million workers in healthcare by 2030 and a study by CII and the Boston Consulting Group concludes that 40 million new jobs in this sector, in India, would be up for grabs by 2020. IT systems are indispensable to healthcare even now. Big names such as Oracle Corporation, Allscripts, Cognizant, Dell, GE Healthcare, IBM and Syntel have invested heavily in Enterprise Resource Planning systems customised for healthcare. Randstad Insights reports that the average annual CTC of pharma and healthcare professionals across all levels and functions in India is ₹9.6 lakh a year.

To cope with the changing trends and to bridge the gap between the demand and availability of skilled healthcare professionals in the industry, many institutes have been providing healthcare management education with a touch of information technology and digital knowledge for stu-

dents to efficiently manage and succeed in the changing trends in healthcare.

With the healthcare sector witnessing great growth and expansion at the moment, graduates are open to pursuing a variety of career paths in the segment and management institutes are at the responsibility of offering programmes that address the growing need and demand for well-trained efficient personnel.

Overall, a career in the healthcare sector today looks very promising for students as the modern advancements have increased the employment possibilities to an entirely new level. But what is required is that the healthcare professionals should be well-prepared with the digital knowledge to increase the efficiency of the healthcare solutions, which can be done by means of attaining high-quality health management education with a cutting-edge curriculum that meets the current trends.

The writer is director, International Institute of Health Management Research, New Delhi

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going**

— Jim Ryan

**BED PROGRAMME**

The Indira Gandhi National Open University has announced the BED programme for the January, 2019 session. The applicants can submit the forms through online mode only at <https://onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in/admission/>.

The BED Programme, recognised by the NCTE (National Council for Teacher Education), is essentially a judicious mix of theoretical and practical courses to develop in a practicing teacher appropriate knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes.

**Duration:** Two years  
**Medium of instruction:** English & Hindi

**Selection process:** The admission to this programme is on the basis of an entrance test to be conducted in December, 2018. The date for the same will be announced shortly.

**Eligibility criterion:**

At least 50 per cent marks either in the Bachelor's degree and/or in the Master's degree in Sciences/ Social Sciences/ Commerce/ Humanity. Bachelors in Engineering or Technology with specialisation in Science and Mathematics with 55 per cent marks or any other qualifications equivalent thereto.

The following categories are eligible to be students of BED (ODL):

Trained in-service teachers in elementary education

Candidates who have completed a NCTE recognised teacher education programme through face-to-face mode.

The reservation and relaxation of 5 per cent marks in minimum eligibility will be provided to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/PWD



candidates as per the rules of the Central Government. The reservation to Kashmiri migrants and war window candidates will be provided as per University rules.

**Important dates:** November 15, 2018.

**DIPLOMACY & INTERNATIONAL SECURITY**

A new course in Diplomacy and International Security has been launched at the University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom, for which the admissions are open. It will be led by academics from three schools in Strathclyde's Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences — Humanities, Government & Public Policy and Law.

It will offer valuable grounding for careers in areas including fields including government, non-governmental organisations, international agencies, journalism, think tanks and law. Distinguished diplomatic and foreign policy practitioners will contribute to the programme and students will have the opportunity to visit the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

**Duration:** Full-time over 12 months or part-time over 24 months.

The course begins in September 2019. For further information, email to: [hass-pg-enquiries@strath.ac.uk](mailto:hass-pg-enquiries@strath.ac.uk); <https://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/taught/diplomacyinternationalsecurity/>

## Women in Tech

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Booking.com, one of the world's largest travel e-commerce companies and a digital technology leader, has revealed the first set of findings from its 'Women in Tech' research. The research aims to provide perceptions, experiences and ambitions of women in India with respect to career opportunities in tech.

The research was conducted among women who work in tech and female students interested in pursuing a career in the industry. It revealed that 90 per cent of Indian women believe their gender positively impacts their ability to pursue a career in technology, the highest across all markets surveyed. Around 25 per cent citing that job requirements in tech are a fit for women's natural skillsets.

Another 25 per cent felt that career opportunities in tech are advertised as much to women as to men. The presence of female decision makers in the industry is especially acknowledged by girls in high school, with 29 per cent of those surveyed citing this as a reason they had a positive outlook on careers in the industry. Reasons why women feel their gender would positively impact a career in tech:

**The Tech Appeal:** Women in India are drawn to the tech industry for a myriad of reasons. They consider it to be innovative (45 per cent), creative (45 per cent), exciting (32 per cent) and inspiring (32 per cent). The latter two attributes are the top factors that draw high school girls and undergraduates to build a career in tech.

Early exposure to certain skills and subjects have influenced the career choices of 88 per cent of the women surveyed.

They believe this early exposure plays a significant role in driving their professional choices. The research highlights that Indian women are much more likely to follow in the career footsteps of their parents (64 per cent versus 40 per cent global average).

**Factors defining a dream job:** Around 93 per cent of women in India believe that a role will qualify as their 'dream job' when it offers work that inspires them. This is followed by a job that poses challenges (91 per cent) and a job that provides them with a chance to carve their own path (90 per cent).

Other factors include a high pay scale (90 per cent) and work that aligns with their natural skillset (89 per cent). However, for 95 per cent of high school girls and undergraduates, work that inspires them is the prime motivator & consideration for a role to qualify as their dream job.

Despite the positive outlook, women also have some reservations about the technology industry and at certain-touch points in their pursuit of a career in tech, have seen being female as more detrimental. More than four in five women say they face more challenges to enter (82 per cent), grow and succeed (83 per cent) in certain careers than men.

"To empower women to truly succeed in tech, we, as an industry, have an opportunity to do more. This includes putting forth more female role models, eliminating gender bias that starts right from the recruitment process before a woman is even hired, and investing in initiatives that spotlight the industry as attractive and welcoming at all stages, from new entrants up to the most senior leadership," Gillian Tans, CEO at Booking.com, said.

## Medical entrance exam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Board of Examination (NBE) has announced the date of Foreign Medical Graduate Exam (FMGE) for students. This computer-based exam is scheduled to be held on December 14, 2018 at various test centres across the country.

FMGE exam is conducted twice a year in June and December. Foreign medical graduates, who are unable to clear the exam in the first attempt, in June, can reappear for it in December. However, with the dissolving of Medical Council of India (MCI), uncertainties were looming over the schedule of this exam. But the notification from NBE has cleared the air for many foreign medical graduates wanting to practice as doctors in India.

Each year, more than 10,000 appear for FMGE exam and June 2018 has seen a spike in the percentage of students clearing it. "FMGE exam can be taken any number of times until it is cleared. It is not too difficult to crack but you need a lot of revision and at least three to four months' time of focussed preparation. If these two are combined, it can be cracked in one go. Clinical part is easy to crack as there is a lot of learning during clinical rotations while the other part of FMGE exam is difficult because it required thorough study to score well," Vijay, a student who cleared FMGE exam in June 2018, says.

"Post MCI dissolution, there was a lot of confusion over the scheduling of this exam, and if there's any change in the process. Now the announcement of this exam date means that the status quo remains as far as FMGs like me are concerned, which is good news," Srivatsan, a student of caribbean-based Texila America University who is appearing for this exam in December, tells you.

## NEW COURSES

PNS ■ VELLORE

The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) and Center for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) have signed an MoU recently to offer skill development courses in local Indian languages.

The MoU was signed and exchanged by Dr Sathyanarayanan, registrar, VIT, and Natarajan, authorised regional coordinator, C-DAC GIST PACE, in the presence of Dr Anand A Samuel, VC, VIT; Dr Aswani Kumar Cherukuri, dean, School of Information Technology & Engineering (SITE) and faculty members.

As part of this MoU, C-DAC Pune will provide necessary software and course materials in Indian languages to VIT. These courses include Office Automation, Tally ERP9 with GST, Computer Programming, Computer Applications, Mobile Application Development, Desk Top Publishing, Multi Media and Animation, Hardware & Networking, Digital



Dignitaries from VIT & C-DAC GIST PACE signing MoU at VIT Vellore

Marketing and many others.

Students, who have passed Class X and above, can apply for certificate Programmes and those who have passed Class XII (10+2) and above, can apply for diploma programmes.

The programme is targeted towards skilling the youth in and around Vellore as a livelihood mission who will benefit by undergoing these Courses. "This programme will benefit het-

erogeneous section of society to get hands-on experience in computing for career development or self-employment opportunity. This programme is likely to cover candidates with no academic education and few programmes are open to all. Candidates who know their Mother tongue can confidently learn and earn through the various courses offered by this Undertaking," Natarajan said.

## CULTURAL FEST



To mark Onam festival, Vellore Institute of Technology recently conducted their annual cultural event Thanima 2018 at their campus in Vellore. The festival was inaugurated by Malayalam actor Amit Chakkalakkal and Dr G Viswanathan, founder and chancellor of VIT handed over prizes to those who had extended help in all forms to the Kerala floods. Organised by students and faculty hailing from Kerala,

Thanima express gratitude to the people who had contributed to the flood relief. Students, parents, staff and the management had mobilised ₹1 crore and this relief amount was personally handed over to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan by Dr Viswanathan. In addition, with help from philanthropists in Vellore, students mobilised ₹20 lakh worth of clothes, medicines and stationery and this was sent in a truck to Kerala. Speaking at the

function held at Anna Auditorium, Dr Viswanathan said that VIT students should work towards the development of their home State. Malayalam writer Pushpa Kurup was the guest of honour on the occasion. Director of Students Welfare Amit Mahendrakar and professors Najji, Jagadeesh Kumar were present on the occasion. Students entertained everyone by presenting group dance, drama and other cultural programmes.

## Cambridge English certification

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Cambridge Assessment English has signed a Letter of Intent with Shri Ramasamy Memorial University, (SRM University), Sikkim, to develop the English language skills by offering Business English qualifications (BEC) to the students to enhance their employability.

The LOI was signed by Prof Satish Kumar, registrar, SRM University Sikkim, and Liam Vint, deputy director global network, and TK Arunachalam, regional director, South Asia, Cambridge

Assessment English. Talking about the collaboration, Prof Kumar said: "We are working on the possibility to integrating BEC into our regular curriculum and set up a center of excellence that will benefit the student community in Sikkim."

These exams open doors to higher education, improve employment opportunities, and increase choice of study or work for the students.

With a Cambridge English Certificate, the student will be able to prove his/her English language skills to universities, employers and governments around the world.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) Pen to Publish Contest which celebrates the work of self-published authors, across all genres, will launch its second edition this year. The contest is now open to writers in Hindi and Tamil languages in addition to English.

KDP is a fast, free and easy service for authors to self-publish their books in digital format to a global audience and receive up to 70 per cent royalties on the sale of their eBooks. At present, nearly 20 per cent of the top 100 books on the India Kindle Store are self-published through KDP.

**Winning prize:** Winning

## Pen-to-publish contest

authors in each language for long-form content (more than 10,000 words) will awarded ₹5 lakh and a merchandising deal for the winning work, as well as one-on-one mentoring by popular author.

The contest will also accept entries for short-form content (between 2000 to 10,000 words) in Hindi, Tamil and English languages. Winners in the short-form segment, one for each language, will win ₹50,000 each. All shortlisted finalists across both forms of contents win a Kindle E-reader.

**Selection:** In addition to customer feedback, contest entries will be judged on creativity, originality and quality of writing. Up to five finalists will be short-listed for each language and content form combination, and one winner will be selected from each segment. The judging panel for the contest includes best-selling authors Ashwin Sanghi, Rashmi Bansal, Divya Prakash Dubey, Sundari Venkatraman and Pa Raghavan.

**How to apply:** To participate, authors need to publish their original and new work

through Kindle Direct Publishing on Amazon.in from November 10, 2018 to February 9, 2019.

The contest is open for submissions of original and previously unpublished content across all genres in English, Hindi and Tamil languages. Participants need to visit [kdp.amazon.com](http://kdp.amazon.com) to self-publish their book on amazon.in while enrolling it in KDP Select programme. All eBooks entering the contest will be available on Kindle as well as the free Kindle app for iPhone, iPad, Android phones and tablets, PC and Mac as well as Kindle E-readers. For more information, authors can visit [www.amazon.in/penpublish](http://www.amazon.in/penpublish).

## Workshop on vertex detectors

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, is hosting the 27th International Workshop on Vertex Detectors that will end on October 26. It is an annual series of international workshops for physicists and engineers from the high energy and nuclear physics community. Indian experimental groups are participating in many international experiments such as BELLE-II, Japan, CMS and Alice at CERN, Switzerland. Indian CMS experimental group is proposing to build part of silicon tracker and high-granular calorimeter as part of CMS experiment at CERN for future upgrade. The major outcomes of this workshop and the benefits to Indian Scientific community including getting an update on the forthcoming Silicon Detector Upgrade for Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN and limitation on the technology to be used. The prospects for future experiment will also be reviewed. This will help the Indian scientific community to plan and coordinate with potential industries.

# Take the EB-5 route

Experts share key pointers to keep in mind while applying for a visa programme

## The ideal choice

The US is the first choice for almost every student. There are numerous ways of getting a student visa for the US, yet all are not apt to serve the purpose completely. The EB-5 (Employment Based 5th Preference) Investor Visa introduced by the US Congress in 1990 brings the golden opportunity of higher education and taking up an appropriate job in the US, without many of the typical hassles and complexities. The benefits related to EB5 Visa surpass F-1, H1-B and L-1 Visas. A few points to consider regarding the EB-5 Visa (Green card) —



**Higher college acceptance rates at lower cost:** The competition is growing each day for getting admitted to the college of your choice, especially for the globally recognized institutions. At times, even if the student makes it through the admission procedure, Visa issues can thwart the process abruptly. EB-5 is extremely important for international students who opt for a secure Visa method as you are evaluated on the same basis as a U.S. citizen. Upon making the investment in a USCIS approved project, investors obtain the freedom to apply for higher education for their children anywhere in the US. The colleges also prioritize the students with EB-5 Visa for enrollment. In addition, tuition costs are substantially lower for US applicants than foreigners. Financial aid is far more available as well.

**Freedom from time limits:** The EB-5 Visa investors' children below the age of 21 are eligible to live, work and study anywhere in the country for both graduate and post-graduate studies. In addition, there is no legal status of to maintain. Green card holders are free to move anywhere in the country for work or educational purpose. F-1 Visa only allows three months post-graduation for a student to get

command enough attention, and you'll never be able to make an impact, which all adds up to a lack of success.

The day you start to force yourself to do all the things those were necessary but didn't want to do. This will open up a whole new world of opportunities. Initially you will be constantly in a state of anxiety and fear. Later on you will no longer feel uncomfortable getting outside of the comfort zone.

**Fears are irrational.** This was the toughest life changing lesson for me to learn. All your fears are irrational. They're fake and made up. Your fears are just inside your head. You're missing out on so many

a job in the US. While this period can be extended to several more months if the student's studies are in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) stream. Possession of an EB-5 Visa removes these time constraints.

**Easy Green card status:** The forward thinking EB-5 Visa program doesn't just enhance the opportunity to study and get a job in the US but also makes the further clearances from USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Service) more efficient and timely. EB-5 is the most beneficial option for students who aspire to study and settle down in the US. For the investors and their families, the provision of early green card status gives added benefits to students during their studies and obtaining a job as well.

These are just a few of the many advantages of the EB-5 programme. The visa truly serves as the Midas touch to students' careers paving the way for a bright future. The approval rate is much higher than other visa categories which make it even more favourable. Even during the retrogression, the success rate of EB-5 can increase more with the right support and guidance. The visa is available for applicants who invest \$ 500,000 or more, in a federally approved project. The visa is extended to the investor, spouse and all unmarried children under the age of 21 at the time of application.

The writer is Pankaj Joshi is the Managing Director, Nysa Global

## Prevent fraud

The key to finding those low risk projects and avoiding projects involving fraud or unnecessary risk is hiring experienced professionals and conducting proper due diligence. An experienced EB-5 lawyer representing real estate investors will be able to assist you.

**Do not limit yourself to looking at the projects presented by a commissioned consultant.** Search for options yourself, your lawyer can assist you look at the legal risk to both your investment and your Green Card.

**Make sure the investment structure is sound and secure.** Check the background of the regional centre and any developer in terms of prior similar projects and their ability to complete on-time and on-budget.

**Make sure that the business model makes sense.**

**Be aware that most consultants have no financial analysis training and will do nothing to make sure your investment is safe.** A consultant may receive \$70,000 or more if you invest in their project. Most consultants are neither competent nor independent to provide you with project selection advice.

**The record of a developer to deliver on-time and on-budget is the key.** Your lawyer should advise you as to whether any equity investment from the developer can be withdrawn before your money is returned to you.

**Ask every professional you are working with to disclose the**

total payments made to them by any regional center you are considering. If the answer is not zero, there is a conflict of interest.

**Choosing the professional** Questions to ask a lawyer:

**What legal experience and training do you have do you have in detecting flawed and fraudulent real estate-backed projects?**

**What is your experience in identifying legal risks and anomalies in the structure of real estate projects on behalf of investors?**

**Will you monitor my project for legal defaults by the regional centre or any other party?**

**Will you be examining the capital structure to ensure that EB-5 investors are legally secured and that as an individual investor I can enforce my rights for repayment?**

**What is your experience? Have you filed at least 100 Indian EB-5 petitions?**

**How many EB-5 cases have you handled and how may I526 and I829 approvals has your firm received for Indian investors?**

**Questions for consultants**

**Please disclose the exact fee you will be paid if I invest in any project you have introduced me to.**

**Are you a CFA or an RFA? Please describe the formal real-estate investment analysis training you have received.**

**How many I-829 approvals have your clients received?**

The writer is Mark Davies, global chairman, Davies & Associates, LLC

# How to turn art into business

You don't need a degree to become an artist. What you need is knowledge about what you paint and sell, says ANJALI JAIN

Some people prefer to stay stuck in their cubicles for nine hours staring at a screen and at the end of the month receive a modest paycheck. Then there are those people who prefer paintings patrons and the joy of a career that is more than any paychecks. In India, the culture of art has been going on for centuries with ancient arts carved in the caves and on the walls of the temples. Later, during the Mughal Empire, one observes emperors with a patronage for the fine arts.

Today, people are showing interest in art and have made their hobby a profession and fruitful business. A successful artist does not have a career, they run a business. There are two categories of people involved to run this business. First, the artist who creates an art and second — the promoter, who exhibits and sell the art.

To become an artist, you don't need an art degree. Knowledge comes in varied forms, and even though a classroom is a valid one, a degree is completely unnecessary if you want to start your own venture and sell your art. No one will ever ask you about your degree, but they do care that you have a knowledge and an opinion about what you paint and sell. If you have a burning desire to learn, you will find the insights you need.

One thing that ambitious artists continually destroy their businesses with, is their lack of confidence. It is not important that one has to create the world's greatest masterpieces in order to become a professional artist. There is a market for every type of art and you just have to be the best artist according to your customer's point of view. That means being the best thing available to them in their own domain of influence.

People like pieces of art that looks amazing, but they buy it because it makes them feel good. Today, even the common man started buying an art piece to decorate a corner of his house. Hospitals, an educational institution, organisations and in many other places, people have started putting up art,



Anjali Jain Founder, Kala Drishti

considering it not an expense, but an investment.

To start your business of art, you need to analyse and team up with an existing platform to sell your art. This will help you reach out to an existing audience as well as with the benefit of an existing sales tool. Each platform like an art gallery or an online art commission website is completely unique. If you are concentrating on fine art, maybe selling prints is not a good idea or if you are a pop artist, maybe creating a merchandising line is a good move.

If you decide to be a part on several platforms at the same time, it's important that your pricing is the same on every platform. If someone buys an artwork and then finds out that the same art piece is available at a lower rate at some other gallery or website, then they will feel cheated and are likely to not buy from you again.

The business of art is a wide network, comprising of the artist at the bottom level, followed by art galleries at the medium level and the topmost level is about the big organisation where art auctions take place. In India, the art business is in its elementary stage and it needs to grow further to cope up with the market in the US and other countries.

Being in business can help you achieve things that you never thought possible. The opportunities are endless. I'm going to share my life changing lessons that I learned from being in business. The important thing is I am just a normal guy. I've had points in my life where I had no direction or confidence that I would be able to achieve anything worthwhile.

**For achieving anything come out of the comfort zone.** We can't achieve anything until working in comfort zone. Because when you stay in your little bubble you'll never achieve anything great. You won't stand out, connect with anyone,



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**How to apply:** Application forms and the Graduate Studies Prospectus are available from the Graduate Admissions Office at the website. Further information on the application process is available from Rosie Ward.

**Application deadline:** December 14, 2018

## STUDY CENTRES

People today, are looking for jobs that will give them the freedom to be creative and explore their passion. Photography is one such field — a medium of self-expression; a hobby that can be made into a paying profession — to begin with one can earn ₹25,000 a month. More so today given the boom in the communication network, advertising, media, fashion industry and digital photography. Here are a few more colleges where one can study:

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**National Institute of Photography, Dadar (W), Mumbai.** Course: Certificate Course in Advanced Photography

**Master's Digital Photography School, Mumbai.** Course: Certificate Course in Advanced Photography

**Delhi School of Photography, Kalkaji.** Course: Certificate Course in Advanced Photography

**Maya Academy Of Advanced Cinematics, Kolkata.** Course: Certificate Course in Digital Photography

**National Academy of Phototgraphy, Kolkata.** Course: Certificate Course in Digital Photography



## MINDIT

The best part about your mindset is that you control it. Therefore, you're in control of your success.

In all seriousness, your mindset is the only thing that gives you the power to go all in 100%. If you're only 99% committed to your success you're going to fail. The reason most people fail is because they don't fully commit. It's too easy to quit when you have an escape plan or plan B. Start having a burn the boat mentality or follow these steps to give you the mindset of a champion.

**Your mindset controls everything.** If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it. The mind is so powerful that it can fully dictate whether you achieve success or not.

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## FORTUNER/VINAYAK BHATT

**QUERY: My name is Deepu Mehta. My date of birth is October 11, 1998. My subjects were Public Administration and Sociology in 10+2. Please suggest the best suited career options?**

**BHATT:** You are a Libran and your ruling planet is Venus. You are born in a period that you are destined to get success in life.

You can make a good wealth in a business or a job of service sector.

You have Moon in career house, hence you may excel in the education field.

In the beginning you may have to face some issues on job front. However, you will see a different level of confidence and determination later on. You over think, this is the negative trait of your nature.

Therefore, the best suited career options for you are following:

**Social worker:** Libran have the potential to make people happy and make a living out of it. They thrive in social groups, bringing enemies together to make them friends.

**Human Resources:** You are good at interpersonal relationships. A suitable field for you would be HR. As Libran have all necessary skills required for this profession that include helping others.

**Architect:** You have an excellent analytical as well as aesthetic skills. Your ability to understand the proportion and scale and be able to translate creative ideas into reality makes you an

**You're capable of achieving more.** How much more? That's for you to determine. If you know what you're capable of or worth then you need to stop at nothing till you get that.

You are capable of so much more. All you have to do is believe it and stop at nothing until you achieve it. You'll even be shocked at how attainable certain things are. You may have to leave your dead end job, go to school, work two jobs, stay up all night reading, sacrifice things and others, but success is worth it.

**Positive thinking turns problems into opportunities.** When we start perceiving

problems as windows of learning, our problems turns into future opportunities. Students must train their minds to do this. If they are ready with a solution, the degree of failure reduces drastically. A positive mind helps them overcome fear, dejection, failure, depression, frustration and delinquency in career. It acts like a 'shock absorber' and bounces them back with new energy.

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. Sometimes you just need someone along side you rooting you on. You don't have to do it alone! In fact, you'll get further by utilising teamwork.

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

## IN BRIEF

### MOU FOR E-LEARNING

In an endeavour to empower teachers and enhance learning outcomes of students, Government of Kerala announced its partnership with Khan Academy India (KAI) recently. The highlights of the MoU: 5 year partnership covering 4,775 schools, 1 lakh teachers and 20 lakh students.

In the first year, the State will link the academy's content to Samagra — its education portal, provide training to all teachers in the state, and begin a 20 school personalised learning pilot. Learnings from the first year will be applied to a Statewide rollout over the next 4 years.

The academy's content, via website and apps helps students attain grade level mastery. Teachers can track progress, identify gaps and use data to help students.

Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education to empower teachers and students.

### GUHA AS CHAIR PROF

Renowned historian and biographer, Dr Ramachandra Guha, will join Ahmedabad University as the Shrenik Lalbhai chair Professor of Humanities and Director of the Gandhi Winter School at the University's School of Arts and Sciences. Dr Guha will help design a curriculum that lies at the intersection of history and other streams in the Humanities and explore how history can enrich diverse disciplines.

Dr Guha said, 'I am delighted to join the faculty. Ahmedabad has a great tradition of public-spirited philanthropy in higher education; and the university is a notable renewal and extension of that tradition.'

# Atletico out to stop Dortmund, Barca miss Messi

## Spanish giant travel Dortmund to face Bundesliga table toppers; Camp Nou hosts Inter in absence of injured Leo

AP ■ BERLIN

Although Borussia Dortmund is scoring at a remarkable rate, Atletico Madrid has the defenders to stop that flow of goals.

The teams, one with the best attack in Germany and the other with the tightest defense in Spain, will meet Wednesday in the Champions League with both sides coming off opening wins in Group A.

Dortmund is unbeaten so far this season and is scoring an average of 3.4 goals per game in the Bundesliga - even with sparing use of record-breaking signing Paco Alcacer. The Spain striker has only played one full game for Dortmund since arriving from on loan from Barcelona - scoring one goal in a 3-0 win over Monaco - but he has scored every 18 minutes in the Bundesliga, where he has a record seven goals in four appearances.

"It's not in question that we're satisfied beyond measure with Paco," Dortmund chief executive Hans-Joachim Watzke told the local Ruhr Nachrichten newspaper.

Alcacer also scored in both his recent appearances for Spain, meaning the 25-year-old forward has yet to play a game this season in which he hasn't found the net.

There's little doubt that Dortmund will make use of its option to sign the former Valencia striker to a permanent deal after his one-year loan expires. No other player has made such a good start in the Bundesliga since the league was formed in 1963.

Atletico will provide a stern test, how-



Antoine Griezmann poses after scoring against Monaco



English club Liverpool players train during the practice session in Anfield

Liverpool FC



Luis Suarez in the practice session ahead of UCL clash

in the final.

Club Brugge will host struggling Monaco in the other group game. Monaco is hoping for a resurgence under coach Thierry Henry, who lost at Strasbourg 2-1 on Saturday in his debut.

Monaco finished with 10 men, lost top scorer Radamel Falcao to injury, and slipped to 19th place in the French league.

### GROUP B

After perfect starts, Barcelona hosts Inter Milan without Lionel Messi, who broke his right forearm in Saturday's win over Sevilla.

Brazil midfielder Philippe Coutinho and France forward Ousmane Dembele, the club's most expensive signings, will be asked to make up for the Argentine's absence, teaming up with Luis Suarez in attack.

With Messi absent, another Argentine will be looking to shine for Inter. Mauro Icardi hopes to make it three out of three in the Champions League after scoring in his debut in the competition, a 2-1 win over Tottenham, and netting the winner against PSV Eindhoven.

The 25-year-old Icardi has six goals in his past seven matches, including a stoppage-time winner in Sunday's city derby against AC Milan.

PSV hosts Tottenham in the other group game.

Christian Eriksen could return to Tottenham's starting lineup. The Denmark playmaker was a late substitute over the weekend in the Premier League after being out for a month with an abdominal injury.

### GROUP C

Carlo Ancelotti returns to Paris Saint-Germain, where he will hope for better luck

with Napoli than on his previous visit to the team he coached from 2011-13.

Just over a year ago, Ancelotti was fired as Bayern Munich coach after a 3-0 loss at Parc des Princes.

Among the scorers that night was Edinson Cavani, who was Ancelotti's most expensive signing when he joined PSG from Napoli.

Though Cavani is PSG's all-time leading scorer with 176 goals, he has fallen out of favor since the arrival of coach Thomas Tuchel, who favors Neymar in tandem with Kylian Mbappe.

Tuchel has given Cavani assurances he still counts on him, and he is expected to start on Wednesday. Cavani has a point to prove, which may not be good news for Ancelotti.

PSG, which started with a 3-2 loss at Liverpool, is looking for its second win.

Liverpool hosts Red Star Belgrade in the other group match.

The teams last met 45 years ago when Liverpool lost both legs in the second round of the European Cup. The defeats to a technically gifted Red Star team proved to be a wake-up call for Liverpool, which altered its approach in Europe and went on to become European champions four times in the following decade.

### GROUP D

Porto will visit Lokomotiv Moscow level on points with Schalke and one ahead of Galatasaray, who meet in the other group game in Istanbul.

Lokomotiv lost 1-0 to a late Schalke goal in its previous game, after losing 3-0 at Galatasaray in its first. Another loss for the Russian champions would all but end their hopes of making the knockout stages.

## SINGLES

### INDIA TO HOST MEN'S SERIES FINALS

**LAUSANNE:** India will host one of the men's FIH Hockey Series Finals from June 6 to 16, a tournament from where two teams will make the cut for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics qualifiers. The top two teams from each FIH Series Finals will secure a place in the Tokyo Olympics' qualification events. Besides hosts India, other teams include Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia, South Africa, USA. One more team is yet to be confirmed. The venue for the India-leg of Hockey Series Final is also being finalised later. The Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur and Le Touquet (France) will host the other two legs of the men's competition. The women's competition will be hosted by Ireland (June 8 to 16), Japan (June 15 to 23) and Valencia (June 19 to 27). The Indian women will feature in the Japan leg of the Hockey Series Finals which will also have Chile, Fiji, hosts Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia and Uruguay.

### LAHORI, KAPUR TO LEAD IN PANASONIC OPEN

**NEW DELHI:** Leading Indian golfers Anirban Lahiri, Shiv Kapur and SSP Chavrasia will vie for top honours at the eighth Panasonic Open India, which will tee-off at the Delhi Golf Club here from Thursday. The highly-rated event will also see a strong international field comprising players from 17 other countries. Sanctioned by the Asian Tour and the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the Panasonic Open India will once again offer a prize purse of \$400,000 when it returns to its regular venue. Kapur, who is the defending champion, topped the inaugural Panasonic Swing ranking with total points of 2922.90 last year, thanks largely to his victory at the Panasonic Open India, which was his first Asian Tour victory on home soil and second win in 2017. Kapur will spearhead the elite field alongside compatriots Chiragh Kumar and Viraj Madappa as well as two-time Asian Tour winners Jazz Janewattananond and Panuphol Pittayarat of Thailand.

### SHUBHANKAR EYES WGC-HSBC TITLE

**SHANGHAI:** Shubhankar Sharma is determined to become only the second Asian player ever to claim the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in just his debut appearance as he feels he has got the game to be counted among the best. The \$10 million event starts at the Sheshan International Golf Club on Thursday. "I'm playing this event for the first time...It's obviously going to be a very exciting week as only the best players in the world will be here and I'm part of them," Sharma said. Sharma's best finish at a WGC event was in Mexico early in the year where he led for two rounds before settling for an eventual tied-ninth place. Compatriot Gaganjeet Bhullar, who has also enjoyed a standout season so far, is ready to stamp his mark at the Shanghai showpiece. Bhullar is the only Indian to have won nine times on the Asian Tour.

### ZAHEER, RP SINGH TO PLAY IN T10 LEAGUE

**MUMBAI:** Retired pacers Zaheer Khan and R P Singh are among the Indian cricketers, who have signed up to compete in the second T10 League starting November 21. Joining Zaheer and Singh are Praveen Kumar, S Badrinath, and Reetinder Singh Sodhi, the organisers of the event said in a statement. One of India's most successful fast bowlers, Zaheer spearheaded the country's pace attack for many years including at the 2011 World Cup and has over 600 international wickets across all formats. Singh was a part of the Indian team that won the inaugural Twenty20 World Cup in South Africa where he emerged as second-highest wicket-taker in the competition. Badrinath is regarded as one of the most successful first-class cricketers. Earlier, Virender Sehwag was named the T10 Cricket League icon along with Shahid Afridi.

### YUKI, RAMKUMAR TO MISS BENGALURU OPEN

**BENGALURU:** India's top two singles players, Yuki Bhambhani and Ramkumar Ramanathan, will not be seen in action at the \$150,000 Bengaluru Open - one of the biggest Challenger tournaments in the country due to different reasons. Surprisingly, Yuki has preferred a smaller (\$50,000) Challenger tournament in Kobe, Japan in the same week while Ramkumar has to attend a mandatory ATP educational programme in London, which talks about several issues including anti-doping. With both of them missing, in-form Prajnesh will be India's biggest hope and the only one to make it to the singles main draw of the tournament, scheduled to be held at KSLTA from November 12 to 17.

## Arsenal make it perfect 10

AFP ■ LONDON

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Mesut Ozil stole the show as Arsenal swept to their 10th successive win with a dominant 3-1 victory against Leicester on Monday.

Unai Emery's side trailed to Hector Bellerin's first-half own goal at the Emirates Stadium.

But Ozil, captaining Arsenal on his return to the side after back spasms, produced a majestic display to lead the Gunners' impressive fightback.

Ozil, shrugging off his poor start to the season, equalised just before half-time and played a key role in Aubameyang's second-half double.

Gabon striker Aubameyang scored twice in quick succession after coming off the bench, ensuring Arsenal won 10 consecutive matches in all competitions for the first time since 2007.

They have scored 30 goals in that blistering streak and climb to fourth place in the Premier League, just two points behind leaders Manchester City.

On the 69th birthday of Emery's predecessor Arsene Wenger, this was the kind



Mesut Ozil celebrates after scoring against Leicester

of swashbuckling show that recalled Arsenal's glory days under the Frenchman.

Ozil summed up Arsenal mood, tweeting after the match: "I think we

played some sexy football tonight. Proud captain of this team."

It was the perfect start to a hectic week that sees Arsenal travel to Portugal for a Europa League tie against Sporting Lisbon on Thursday before returning to domestic action at Crystal Palace on Sunday.

"We are happy because we are progressing. We need to play with organisation but also we are beginning to play with heart," Emery said.

"Today the performance of the team, and also of Mesut, was very good."

Emery has made a remarkable impact since replacing Wenger in the close-season.

The Spanish manager's two-game losing streak at the start of his Arsenal reign is now a distant memory as Gunners fans start to dream of a title challenge after their seventh successive league win.

Emery isn't getting carried away just yet, saying: "It's important to keep calm and progress with every player. To continue winning is difficult."

"When you improve your demands are very high. We need to control matches more than we are doing now."

## Sindhu starts with win in French Open

AGENCIES ■ PARIS

India's PV Sindhu dominated her way to a 21-17, 21-8 win against USA's Beiben Zhang at the French Open Super 750 tournament in Paris on Tuesday, to avoid a repeat of the upset defeat in Denmark last week.

The third seed needed just 34 minutes to win the first round encounter.

Sindhu was facing Zhang in the first round for the second straight tournament. The American shuttler had pulled off an upset over the world No 3 in Odense and Sindhu was looking to avoid an encore. That was Zhang's third consecutive win over Sindhu after triumphing in the final of the Indian Open earlier in 2018 and the Indonesia Masters in 2017.

Sindhu started the match well after a few tight early exchanges, pulling ahead 10-6 from 4-4. Zhang then started a fightback to take a 11-10 lead into the mid-game interval. The second half started with both players trading serves but from 16-16, Sindhu won five of the next six points to



draw first blood. The lead changed as many times in the first game before Sindhu stepped up her game at the business end to clinch it 21-17.

The second game was a different story though. From 3-3, Sindhu won eight of the next nine points to take a commanding 11-4 lead into the break. The second half was more of the same as the Indian No 1 put together another run of points, not letting Zhang back into the game. Sindhu had eight match points and converted the first to seal her progress to the second round.

## WOZNIACKI GETS 1ST WIN AT WTA FINALS

AP ■ SINGAPORE

Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki earned her first victory at this year's WTA Finals, beating Petra Kvitova 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 on Tuesday.

Wozniacki, who became the first Danish woman to win a Grand Slam title at this year's Australian Open, is now 1-1 in her group. Kvitova is 0-2.

"I played much better today," Wozniacki said on court after the match. "I returned well. I served well. Against Petra, she's so powerful, you have to stay on your game. I just tried to stay focused and get a lot of balls back."

"I always believe in myself and when I'm out on the court I believe I'm going to win."

Wozniacki lost to Karolina Pliskova in her opening match, while Kvitova lost to Elina Svitolina. Pliskova and



Svitolina will meet later Tuesday.

Kvitova, who won the WTA Finals title in her debut appearance at the year-end tournament in 2011, was the one taking chances on Tuesday. But Wozniacki played steadier defense and

waited for the Czech to make mistakes.

Kvitova finished the match with 40 winners and 40 unforced errors. Wozniacki had 19 winners and 14 unforced errors.

Wozniacki, who broke her opponent in the first and fifth games of the deciding set, took a medical timeout to have her left knee bandaged when Kvitova was leading 3-1 in the second.

Meanwhile, Rising Japanese superstar Naomi Osaka has vowed to push through fatigue and atone for her error-strewn loss to Sloane Stephens in her WTA Finals debut in Singapore on Monday.

An error-prone Osaka struggled with her rhythm and faded badly against Stephens, who won 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 in two hours and 25 minutes.

The 21-year-old came into the season finale as the in-form player, hav-

ing won 14 of her previous 16 matches and capturing the US Open.

It has been a whirlwind for Osaka since her stunning victory over Serena Williams at Flushing Meadows in September.

"I haven't gone home (to Florida) since the US Open. So of course I'd love to go home, but I'm here right now and I want to do well," she told reporters.

"I want to give them (fans) a good match to watch. So for me that's my main priority, and I'm not really tired of that yet. So I just want to keep seeing how far I can go."

Osaka, who had 46 unforced errors in first match, said she hoped to keep her emotions in check moving forward.

"I am a little bit apologetic for doing the stuff that I did," she said. "I feel like for me I play better when no one knows what I'm thinking. I think I learned a lot from today."

## WAWRINKA WITHDRAWS FROM BASEL

AFP ■ BASEL

A back injury suffered during a Sunday practice session with compatriot Roger Federer forced Stan Wawrinka to pull out of the Swiss Indoors tournament on Monday, while Marin Cilic eased into the second round in Basel.

"I turned my back, and retiring was the only decision I could make," said the three-time Grand Slam champion, adding that he will end his season early and not play at the Paris Masters next week.

The withdrawal of Wawrinka, ranked 68th in the world as he continues to fight to fully recover more than a year after two knee surgeries, comes after Federer made an injury confession of his own.

Federer revealed in the run-up to the start at the St Jakobshalle that he had been suffering since the summer with a hand injury, which the 20-time Grand Slam winner insisted was fine now.

Federer, the holder, is seeking a ninth title at the event where he got his



start in the sport as a teenage ballboy.

Wawrinka has been playing in fits and starts this season, losing in the Shanghai first round this month after reaching the semi-finals in September in St Petersburg.

Wawrinka, twice a semi-finalist in Basel, was to have faced Adrian Panatta in the first round on Wednesday.

Later on Monday, 2016 winner Cilic saw off rising Canadian star Denis Shapovalov in straight sets to reach the second round.

Australian Open runner-up Cilic is one of two former champions in the draw alongside Federer, and he brushed aside teenager Shapovalov 6-4, 6-2.

The world number six will next face Romania's Marius Copil, who defeated American Ryan Harrison 6-2, 7-6 (10/8).

Finnish-born home player Henri Laaksonen won his first match in Basel after five previous first-round losses, beating Roland Garros semi-finalist and sixth seed Marco Cecchinato 6-4, 6-2.

### PRANJESH WINS

**NEW DELHI:** Carrying forward his good form, Prajnesh Gunneswaran made a winning start at the Liuzhou Challenger tournament in China but it was curtains for Ramkumar Ramanathan and Sumit Nagal, who yet again fell at the first hurdle.

Prajnesh, who ended runners-up at the Ningbo Challenger last week, downed Frenchman Johan Tatlot 6-4, 7-5 in his opening round of the \$50,000 hard court

event. The seventh seed Indian will now clash with Egypt's Mohammed Safwat for a place in the quarterfinals. Prajnesh has beaten Swafwat thrice this season.

However, bad results continue to chase Ramkumar and Nagal.

Ramkumar, who has been struggling after his breakthrough performance at the Hall of Fame Open, where he reached the final for the first time in an ATP250 event, lost his opening round to Spanish qualifier Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 6-7(3), 3-6. Qualifier Nagal lost his first round 2-6, 3-6 to Japanese eighth seed Tatsuma Ito.

In the doubles, Arjun Karde and Yaraslav Shyla moved to the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Liam Broady and Duckhee Lee.

Meanwhile, at the Basel indoors, India's top doubles player Rohan Bopanna and his partner Parcel Grandollers eased past Spanish duo of Guillermo Garcia-Lopez and David Marrero 6-1, 6-4.

## Indian Eves to face Pakistan in AFC Under-19 Qualifiers

PTI ■ CHONBURI

The Indian under-19 women's football team will be up against Pakistan in its opening match of the AFC Championship Qualifier here on Wednesday.

India coach Alex Ambrose said his team would look to keep emotions at bay in the clash against the arch-rivals.

"It may only make us lose focus on what our real objective is. All we want from our first game is three points. There is no special treatment as such for Pakistan. I want the girls to play to our plan and execute the ideas properly on the pitch, regardless of who we are playing," he said ahead of the match.

Although both the teams played in the SAFF U-18 championships, they did not face each other in Bhutan earlier this month.

While India topped their group and went on to clinch the Bronze medal, Pakistan finished bottom of their pool, losing all their matches.

On the eve of the fixture between the two rivals, Pakistan head coach Mohammed Siddique Sheikh lauded India and said the qualifiers will give his players good exposure.

"These qualifiers are going to give our girls good exposure. I've seen the Indian team, and they play really good football," said Sheikh.

"Thailand and Nepal are also quite good, so we have to bring our best cards to the table. We are playing here for the first time, so things are going to be new for us. Let's hope for the best."

Ambrose also said qualifying for the main event is definitely an aim for his side.

"I am aware that we have a good chance of making it to the next round. But we have to build on all the hard work that we have put in so far to achieve the desired results," he said. "It all depends on how things go on the matchday. Depending on that, we can take things forward," he added.

Group B of the first round of the AFC U-19 Women's Championship qualifiers are set to kick-off with the India-Pakistan clash at 2.30pm IST.

The other match of the day will be Thailand-Nepal in the evening.

# India look to extend winning streak

After tearing apart Windies attack in 1st ODI, Men in Blue aim to continue dominance as visitors eye come back in series

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Equipped with a top-order that is riding an unprecedented run of rich form, India are favoured to extend their dominance while West Indies face insurmountable odds to draw parity, in the second One-day International here on Wednesday.

It has been a mismatch of gigantic proportions so far and it looks highly unlikely that West Indies would have much of a chance against the well-oiled machine that India seem to be at home. If captain Virat Kohli adds another 81 runs to his awe-inspiring tally, he will become the fastest man to 10,000 runs in this format, surpassing the iconic Sachin Tendulkar.

The possibility of this record being broken has added to the excitement of the port city's frenzied fans.

Tendulkar took 259 innings to get there and Kohli has so far batted 204 times.

However, despite the convincing margin of victory in 1st ODI, India will be better off with a bit of frugality from their bowlers at the Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy Stadium.

Besides, India are unlikely to get enough opportunities to test their middle-order against this West Indies attack, what with the home team's top three batsmen in the mood to plunder runs.

But the lack of enough game-time for their middle-order may not hold India in good stead in the run-up to the World Cup.

As far as the upcoming match is concerned, Kohli knows his team is thin in the bowling department, and West Indies made full use of the weakness, though the visiting team's attack too, was taken to the task under lights.

In the absence of 'death overs specialist' Jasprit Bumrah and the reliable Bhuvneshwar Kumar, the Indian seamers were not up to the mark at the Barsapara Stadium.

Also, Ravindra Jadeja did not look threatening in the middle overs and this allowed West Indies batsmen to keep going for their strokes.

Mohammad Shami was wayward and was taken for plenty of runs -- 81 to be precise -- in his quota of 10 overs. Given the lack of options at his disposal at the moment though, Kohli could continue with the seamer.

Fresh from a 10-wicket outing in the second Test, Umesh Yadav could not



Mahendra Singh Dhoni kits up for the practice session ahead of second ODI against West Indies PTI

replicate his red ball form, conceding too many runs.

More than his bowling figures, what was disturbing was the fact that the speedster lacked direction, something that has troubled him in the past as well.

India could still ring in a change or two, though.

Chinaman Kuldeep Yadav, who was not played in the opening game and which had a bearing on the middle overs, is likely to replace Khaleel Ahmed,



West Indies players celebrate after dismissing Shikhar Dhawan in the first ODI of five-match series PTI

## PERFORMANCE IN ODIs at VISAG

Team	P	W	L	Success%
India	7	6	1	85.71
Windies	2	1	1	50.00

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who looked out of sorts against the marauding Shimron Hetmyer, who struck a blazing 78-ball 106.

Hetmyer's knock was one of the few positives for the beleaguered visitors, apart from the brisk start provided by Kieran Powell. While the two showed up, West Indies would hope others too, would make substantial contributions in the remainder of the series.

The seasoned Marlon Samuels is part of the squad but he perished quickly in the first match. He would look to make up for his failure, just like India's Shikhar Dhawan.

Dhawan was in prolific form in India's triumphant Asia Cup campaign and he is expected to fire anytime soon. The last time he batted here, against Sri Lanka in December 2017, Dhawan compiled a match-winning century.

Rishabh Pant, who has already made his presence felt in his brief international career, and Mahendra Singh Dhoni, only add to the West Indians' worry. For West Indies, pace spearhead Kemar Roach is back after missing the

## ISHANT BOWLS AT INDIA NETS, RECOVERY ON TRACK

**VISAKHAPATNAM:** Senior pacer Ishant Sharma bowled at the India nets here Tuesday in an indication that his recovery is on track after an ankle injury forced him out of the fifth and final Test in England last month.

The 30-year-old bowled for about half an hour at the nets organised for the Indian team on the eve of the second One-day International against West Indies.

Before bowling at his India teammates, Ishant warmed up at the stadium. The BCCI also posted a video of Ishant, saying that his recovery is "on track and he is progressing well".

Ishant's return will lend strength to the pace attack as the Indian team braces up to tour Australia for a four-Test series starting later this year.

He has travelled with the Indian team Down Under a few times and is also remembered for the torrid time he gave to Ricky Ponting in Perth.

Ishant was India's standout bowler in the series in England and finished with 18 wickets at an average of 24.27. PTI

Test series due to bereavement in the family, but he could not inspire the team first up.

Roach will get another opportunity on Wednesday, and so will the likes of Devendra Bishoo, and skipper Jason Holder himself.

## Batting in middle-order is not new for me: Rayudu

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Appointed as India's number four in the ODI format with the World Cup in mind, Ambati Rayudu said the responsibility does not "pressurise" him at all, as he preferred to stay in the present.

"Not really," Rayudu said when asked if he is feeling any pressure three days after skipper Virat Kohli backed him for a position for which the team management has tried as many as seven batsmen since the tour of Sri Lanka in 2017.

The 33-year-old began his first-class career way back in 2001-02 but had to wait till 2013 to make his international debut, against Zimbabwe, aged 28.

The Hyderabad batsman added, "To be very honest, I am just focused on this series at the moment and not really thinking too far ahead.

"I don't think it is new for me as I have been batting in the middle order for long. There is nothing new that they have asked me to do."

Rayudu was dropped from the Indian ODI squad headed for England earlier this year for failing the mandatory yo-yo test, but has since made it clear that he has nothing against strict fitness benchmark.

"I have been working on my fitness right from my injury. I don't think yo-yo test had any bearing on how I was preparing or how I was going about my fitness. Even now I am going to the NCA, there is a small pocket of free time for a week and I am happy that I cleared the test.

"I think even before the IPL, it's not that I was not in contention. It's just that I had few injuries. IPL was good platform to come back strong, especially on my fitness."

In the two Tests as well as the only ODI played so far, the West Indies bowling attack was not able to challenge the Indian batting enough, something that has so far deprived the home team of a chance to test its middle-order ahead of the 2019 showpiece event. Asked about it, Rayudu did not read much into it.

"Obviously it's great that top three are doing so well for India. It's a challenge for the middle order to always be ready to get in and bat. I am sure everybody is up for it, everybody knows the situation." "It's just one game (the first ODI in Guwahati), I think they bowled really well. They will pose a good challenge in the coming games."



Ambati Rayudu bats during 1st ODI PTI

## KOHLI DOESN'T SEEM HUMAN SOMETIMES: TAMIM

PTI ■ DUBAI

In awe of Virat Kohli's batting prowess, Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal on Tuesday said the prolific Indian captain does not seem human sometimes.

"I sometimes feel he is not human because of the way he performs, my goodness, the moment he comes out to bat, it looks like he is going to score a hundred every game," Iqbal was quoted as saying by 'Khaleej Times' here.

"The way he looks after himself, the way he works on his game, it's unbelievable. He is probably the number one in all three formats. He is someone to watch and admire and also learn from. I think he has been fantastic," he added.



Virat Kohli celebrates after scoring 100 in 1st ODI

Kohli is the world's No 1 batsman in both the Test and one-day formats and is just 81 runs short of becoming the fastest to reach 10,000 ODI runs.

The record currently stands in the name of the iconic Sachin Tendulkar, who took 259 innings to get there, while Kohli has so far played 204 innings.

"...I have seen all the great players that have played the game in the past 12 years. They have their own strong points. But I haven't seen anyone that has dominated as much as Virat has," Iqbal said.

Iqbal garnered much appreciation during the Asia Cup last month when he came out to bat against Sri Lanka with a fractured wrist. He said it was a matter of pride for him.

"I thought facing one delivery could have helped Bangladesh get 5-10 extra runs in that game. And we ended up getting 32 runs because of Mushfiqur's brilliance," he said.

## Looked up to Lara, says Hetmyer



Shimron Hetmyer bats during nets session AP

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

West Indian swashbuckler Shimron Hetmyer on Tuesday said he looked up to the great Brian Lara and thanked his country's legends for backing youngsters like him to "keep trying" despite the fact that the islands' plummeting graph in cricket has refused to head north.

The 21-year-old Hetmyer bludgeoned his way to a 78-ball 106 in the first ODI against India in Guwahati, redeeming himself after a disastrous Test series, in which he managed just 50 runs across four innings at 12.50.

"I did look up to Brian Lara when I used to watch cricket, but most of

## HOLDER WANTS DISCIPLINE FROM HIS BOWLERS

**VISAKHAPATNAM:** West Indies skipper Jason Holder demanded discipline from his bowlers in the remaining four ODIs of the five-match series against India, saying picking up wickets upfront would be crucial.

"In limited overs cricket, in these conditions you need to utilise the new ball. This is an area every team targets. We want to take few more wickets with the new ball," Holder said at the pre-match press conference.

"We got one wicket in the last game and if we can get two or three wickets upfront, it will help us put pressure on

their (India's) middle order." Holder felt the 320-odd runs his team scored at the Barsapara Stadium was below par, and given the way Kohli and Sharma made mince meat of the bowlers on a featherbed, he is not way off the mark.

"Getting 320 is positive for us and we can build on that. We have all seen how the conditions can be in India. Here the par score can be anything from 320, 340 to 350 and you need to bowl ridiculously well to defend it," he said. "Hopefully, we will be able to repeat it (batting effort)." PTI

it (shots) comes naturally to me. I am a natural stroke-player and try to play each ball on merit," Hetmyer said after a training session.

"I have spoken to a few legends in the past, they are quite fun actually, easy going — Lance Gibbs, Sir Viv Richards and Brian Lara. Some of the other stars, too. Knowing that they are backing you makes me feel good," he said.

"They tell me to be 'just be yourself', they give suggestions like play each ball on merit and all. They try to help in every way possible, make it as easy as possible for us and encouraging us to keep pushing," he added.

At the Barsapara Stadium, the Guyanese looked a far cry from his struggles in the Tests, nonchalantly hitting six sixes and as many fours, his knock also adding a dash of the Caribbean flavour of the good old days.

"I had a bad Test series, it was not one of the best ways to start a series in India but from there on I tried to forget about that as much as possible and the senior guys helped. They said don't worry and look forward to the next game," he said.

"I have quite a few experienced guys to lean on, to know how it was before, even the coach (Stuart Law) who has played for Australia. How

much of the big change has happened from then to now. How they played their game," he added.

India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh is sure he will be a big draw in the next Indian Premier League (IPL) players' auction, thanks to his big-hitting capabilities.

Unlike a few renowned players from the Caribbean islands who have turned to T20 leagues across the world, Hetmyer said his first priority now is to represent the West Indies.

"It's a good feeling to know that one of the great spinners from India has rated me that high. It is a dream of mine but right now I am taking one step at a time, so I would see what awaits. But right now, I am focused on representing West Indies," he said.

"I think everyone aspires to play in the IPL but first you want to represent West Indies. That is possibly the biggest thing you could possibly do as a cricketer and then you would take it from there," he added.

West Indies skipper Jason Holder called Hetmyer a positive.

"He is positive for West Indies cricket. It's good to see a youngster coming and scoring crucial runs and I can only urge him, and hope that he continues to do well and repeat that kind of performance that is best for his team in the coming matches," Holder said.

## India A Eves aim to seal T20 series

PTI ■ MUMBAI

On a roll, the upbeat India A women will look to seal the three-match T20 series when they take on their Australian counterparts in the second game here on Wednesday.

India A began the rubber in style with a four-wicket win against the visitors at the Mumbai Cricket Association's Bandra Kurla Complex facility on Monday.

A victory in the second game would help the home team capture a winning lead ahead of Friday's last match.

The India A team is basically the national team that will represent the country at the World T20 to be hosted by the West Indies next month.

The hosts would thus be keen to win the remaining two games to boost their morale ahead of the World Cup.

All eyes would again be on youngster Smriti Mandhana, whose form will be crucial for the hosts.

She made a match winning 72 in the first game and would surely like to build upon that



Harman Kaur and Smriti in a file photo

going into the all-important ICC event.

Same will be the case with experienced Harmanpreet Kaur, who also chipped in with a useful 45 in the lung-opener.

The game will serve as another opportunity for the likes of young Jemimah Rodrigues, wicket keeper Tania Bhatia, Veda Krishnamurthy and others to prove their mettle.

The bowlers will look for an improvised show and work on their weaknesses.

On the other hand, the visitors, who clinched the preceding 50-over series 3-0, would strive hard to stay alive in the rubber.

A keen contest is thus on the cards.

## SL REGISTER RECORD WIN IN FINAL ODI, LOSE SERIES 1-3

AFP ■ COLOMBO

Niroshan Dickwella top-scored with 95 and spin bowler Akila Dananjaya took four wickets to lead Sri Lanka to a confidence-boosting 219-run win on the Duckworth/Lewis method in the fifth and final one-day international against England on Tuesday.

England won the five-match series 3-1, with the first match ending without a result due to rain.

Sri Lanka captain Dinesh Chandimal won the toss and elected to bat first and his batsmen justified his decision by scoring 366-6 in 50 overs. In reply, England was 132-9 in 26.1 overs when heavy rain interrupted play.

Sri Lanka had kept England well below the Duckworth/Lewis par score at the stoppage.

Earlier, Opener Niroshan Dickwella blasted 95 and skipper Dinesh Chandimal 80 as Sri Lanka posted 366



for six in their fifth one day international against England on Tuesday.

Dickwella put on 137 runs with opening partner Sadeera Samarawickrama, who made 54.

The left-handed Dickwella hit 12 fours during his 97-ball stay before falling to off-spinner Moeen Ali, who took two wickets in the innings.

Chandimal then build partnerships including a 101-run third wicket stand with Kusal Mendis, who smashed 56.

## Vihari, Nadeem fashion India B's win

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hanuma Vihari and left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem produced match-winning efforts to guide India B to a 43-run win in their Deodhar Trophy opener, spoiling a fighting 99 from India A captain Dinesh Karthik here on Tuesday.

Vihari made an unbeaten 87 off 95 balls and shared a 99-run stand for the fourth wicket with Manoj Tiwary (52 off 58) to guide India B to 261 for eight after opting to bat.

Later, Nadeem, who opened the bowling, picked up three crucial wickets including that of Karthik (99 off 114) to tilt the game in his team's favour, following a 123-run sixth wicket stand between the wicketkeeper batsman and R Ashwin (54 off 76) kept India A in the game at least till the 44th over.

Nadeem ended with figures of



Shahbaz Nadeem celebrates after dismissing opposition batsman PTI/File Photo

dealt a double blow with Nadeem trapping Prithvi Shaw and Karun Nair off consecutive balls in the third over.

While Nair's LBW was a straightforward call, Shaw was unfortunate as it appeared that the teenage sensation had edged the ball before it struck his pads.

Aaron, who was occasionally wayward, removed Bawne and Krunal, leaving India A at a precarious 87 for five in the 20th over.

That left a mountain to climb for skipper Karthik, who was running out of partners. But he finally found an able ally in Ashwin and they both used their years of experience to take the team close to the finishing line.

Needing 53 off the last 48 balls and two set batsmen in the middle, India A were favourites. However, Tamil Nadu teammates Karthik and Ashwin fell in the space of 10 balls to turn the match in India B's favour.

Ashwin was stumped off Markande while Karthik, struggling with cramps, was dejected after offering a return catch to Nadeem.

It was a fighting effort from Karthik and he deserved to score a hundred but fell short by just one run.

Earlier, India B's Mayank Agarwal (46 off 47) and captain Shreyas Iyer (41 off 47) played a flurry of delightful strokes before loose shot selection led to their downfall.

After their departure in quick succession and the onus to take the innings forward was on Vihari and Tiwary.

From 95 for three, they batted sensibly to share a 99-run stand which ended after a terrible mix up, leading to Tiwary's run out following a well made half-century. From there on, India B never got a move on and ended up well shot of the 300-run mark.