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Recent SC verdicts negate existence of absolute law

It is difficult to think of another time when the public agenda was set in so sharp a way by judicial pronouncements. The judgments of the higher courts matter in most democracies where there is a separation of powers, but the sheer frequency of socially relevant judgments in today's India is quite staggering.

It is tempting to attribute this onrush of judgments to the fact that Chief Justice Dipak Mishra retires on October 1 and, consequently, there was a need to conclude all cases involving him. Yet, what is significant is not merely the timing but the subject matter of the cases that the Supreme Court has decided. First there was the case of disqualifying potential – as opposed to convicted – criminals from holding public office. Then there was the issue of the legality and scope of Aadhaar, a subject that involves the future of India's elaborate network of welfare payments and tax revenues. That was certainly an issue the Supreme Court needed to settle once and for all, if only to remove the lingering uncertainty. Apart from that, there was the petition seeking a review of an Allahabad High Court judgment over the status of mosques in property disputes – a judgment that has a direct bearing on the never-ending litigation on the mandir-masjid dispute in Ayodhya.

However, apart from these crucial disputes involving public policy and questions of law, the Supreme Court appears to have focused its interest on social policy. Thus, in less than a month, the country has witnessed the decriminalisation of homosexuality and adultery and a sanction to modify a traditional (but discriminatory) practice in the famous Sabarimala temple. These judgments involving personal laws and the conduct of religious practices are highly significant and overturned old laws and customary practices.

An incidental feature of these judgments is that apart from those involving homosexuality between consenting adults and criminal prosecution for adultery, the decisions weren't unanimous. There were dissenting judgments on the Aadhaar case, the status of mosques and the Sabarimala temple entry issue. Some of these dissenting judgments were diametrically opposed to the majority judgment. Justice Chandrachud, for example, argued that Aadhaar was unconstitutional and should not have been passed as a Money Bill. He even questioned the right of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha to determine what should be a Money Bill, without judicial review. Justice Indu Malhotra in the Sabarimala case made out a persuasive argument against judicial interference in matters of faith, even when they failed the test of rationality.

Another curious feature of the minority judgments is that they were held up as the "correct" judgment by those who were unhappy with the majority judgment. In the social media, at least, Justice Chandrachud was painted as a poster boy by those who put privacy over financial integrity. Likewise, many Hindu traditionalists found it significant that the only woman judge hearing the case chose to be on the side of custom.

The cherry picking of judgments is an occupational hazard and the Supreme Court can at best smile indulgently at the attempts to secure consolation prizes. Their celebration or otherwise won't affect the final discourse, even though the terms of public discourse can be affected.

However, that such sharply different opinions can be expressed in judgments that are said to embrace interpretations of the law, raises some troubling questions. These are not original questions but it is noteworthy that they haven't been raised in the context of the public discussions on the judgments.

The most important concern the philosophy behind the judgments. It is strikingly clear that the judgments reflect – in some cases subtly and in other cases explicitly – the orientation of the judges. I hesitate to call these political orientations because there is an inclination in India to equate political with party-political. There is a big difference. However, considering the sensitivities involved, it is more appropriate to describe the differences as differences in legal philosophies. One set of judges viewed the concerns of the state as legitimate but sought openings to accommodate the rights of the individual. The other philosophy considered individual rights as supreme and which had to be protected against encroachment by the state.

Then there were questions regarding the role of the Supreme Court, always the last word on legal issues. The majority saw the court as the upholder of contemporary cosmopolitan values. A minority said that the court should hesitate before jumping in as the big social reformer.

All these raise a big question: where was the law involved? Common sense would argue that there should be a great deal of commonality when issues of law are involved, although there could be scope for variations. But when the differences between the majority and minority judgments are so huge, it is clear that the definition of what is the law is subjective and entirely dependant on the legal philosophies of the judges.

In the United States, there is always a huge tussle between "conservative" appointees and "liberal" appointees during the confirmation hearings. Although some of the controversies involve the moral character of the nominees of the President, the positions are almost entirely based on partisan politics. In India, politics is only discussed in hushed whispers and the discussions in secret conclaves are centred on competence in law and – of late – the "connections" of those to be elevated to the bench.

These recent Supreme Court judgments make it very clear that there is no such thing as the absolute law. The law depends entirely on who is interpreting them. A different bench may well have produced different verdicts.

I guess it had to happen. Sooner rather than later, the philosophies of those being considered for higher judicial appointments will start playing a big role in appointments. Should judges be the vanguard or should they epitomise consensual wisdom of the age?

UP cop shoots Apple staffer

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A trigger-happy constable shot dead an Apple executive for allegedly refusing to stop his car for checking near Gomti Nagar Extension under Gomti Nagar police station area in Lucknow on Saturday around 1.30am. The shooter cop and his colleague were rounded up and taken in police custody. They were later summarily terminated from their services.

The incident kicked off a political controversy with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath telling newsmen, "The guilty will not be spared and, if needed, a CBI inquiry will be held." He added that it was not an encounter and the accused constables had been dismissed from the police service. The incident also evoked protest from family members of the deceased with social media activists pillorying the Lucknow police for its impertinent act and demanded 'exact action' against the errant constable and his colleague.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh asked Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to take 'effective' action based on law in the case.

As per reports, Vivek Tiwari of Ganga Apartments (a residential apartment) in New Hyderabad Colony of Mahanagar, along with his friend Sana Khan, was going in



Kalpana, wife of Vivek Tiwari, who was shot dead by a police constable on patrol duty, mourns his death, in Lucknow on Saturday PTI



Constable Prashant Chaudhary PTI

their Mahendra XUV. Around 1.30 am on Saturday, when they reached near Maqdoompur police outpost, two constables, who were on a patrol duty, intercepted them asking Tiwari to stop the car. Fear gripped Tiwari when he saw the constables and tried to speed away at which constable Prashant Chaudhary, deployed fired a bullet while his colleague Sandeep Kumar allegedly incit-

ed him to open fire. The bullet fired from the service pistol first hit the front windscreen of the XUV and then it hit Vivek in his chin. As he slumped down in the vehicle, its accelerator probably was pressed by his foot and it bolted out at a high speed hitting the bike of the accused constables and later rammed against one of the walls of the underpass. Both the constables

Constable guns down man for jumping check post, flees spot; terminated from job, sent to jail



Vivek Tiwari, who was shot by a police constable on patrol duty, in Lucknow on Saturday PTI



The bullet hole in the windscreen of the car Vivek Tiwari was driving is conspicuous PTI

Rain aplenty but 253 dists face drought

Cities in east, N-E and south face the heat

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Despite heavy rain which caused massive floods in Assam, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and some parts of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat, the possibility of a drought looms over 253 districts across the country, mainly in the east, northeast and south.

The rain deficiency has touched to 9 per cent till September 29 as the country witnessed 800.4 mm rainfall as against the normal of 883.6 mm. Normally, if the cumulative rainfall deficiency crosses 10 per cent and above, then it is declared as a 'drought year' for the entire country.

This even as the withdrawal of monsoon started from some parts of Rajasthan, Kutch and north Arabian Sea from Saturday (September 29), which is almost a month's delay. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), the official date of withdrawal is September 1. The delay in withdrawal of monsoon is good for rabi crops but will impact the winter season.

In nine states and union territories (UTs), including



Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, 50 per cent or more districts experienced deficient to 'large deficient' rainfall. As per the IMD, as many as 239 districts — of the 662 for which rainfall data were available — received deficient rainfall (-20 per cent to -59 per cent) while 14 districts have received 'large deficient' rainfall (-60 to -99 per cent). At least 19 districts have not shared any data with IMD on the current monsoon status.

According to the IMD, most of the districts so affected are in Gujarat (19), Bihar (27), Uttar Pradesh (27), Tamil Nadu (19), Jharkhand (17), Karnataka (15), Maharashtra (13), West Bengal (10) and Assam (10). But some of these states also had seemingly contradictory weather conditions: Turn to Page 4

Valley villagers refuse haven to Shujaat's killer

ISI seeks details of terrorists on its roll in J&K

RAKESH KR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Pakistani terrorist Naveed Jatt — wanted in the Kashmiri journalist Shujaat Bukhari murder case — is on the run in the Valley and is facing hostilities from the locals.

Naveed, a Lashkar-e-Tayyeba terrorist, is moving along with Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Zeenat-ul-Islam and another unidentified foreign terrorist, as per the agencies.

"Naveed is living in fear from villagers of Heff, Shirmal, Shopian owing to his involvement in recent civilian killings," says a report of the Multi-



Shujaat Bukhari

Agency Centre. Intelligence reports suggest his last location was in Heff under Zainapura police station in Shopian.

Amid the killing of civilians and Kashmiri policemen, there is widespread anger amongst the locals, especially against the foreign terrorists and Naveed is finding it difficult to get shelter. Turn to Page 4

Ultras glorified due to lack of UN response, says Sushma

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India on Saturday lambasted the lack of progress at the UN for adopting a global convention on international terrorism, saying it is because of such inactions that terrorists are glorified with postage stamps.

India last week called off a meeting between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Pakistani counterpart Shah Mehmood Qureshi citing the release of postal stamps "glorifying" Kashmiri terrorist Burhan Wani by Pakistan as one of the reasons.

"Each year, for last five years, India has been arguing from this podium that lists are not enough to check terrorists and their protectors. We need to bring them to accountability through international law," Sushma said at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly. Detailed report on P5

Cabinet ratifies decision to make Niwadi new dist

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The State Cabinet has ratified the decision to make Niwadi a new district. It will be the 52th district of the state.

It gave its approval to the proposal for introduction of 'Hub and Spoke' model based bus service in 20 cities of the state with the purpose of strengthening the urban and intercity public transport system. About 1600 buses will be operated under this. Effective and Sustainable City Bus Service Project has been approved to make urban public transport more convenient, modern, environment friendly and safe.

The Cabinet has approved construction of Bhopal, Indore 6-lane Access Control Green Field Expressway and the Bhopal Bypass cum Service Lane under the Bharatmala Project. Its total length will be 146.40 kms. Administrative sanction of

₹529.90 crore was also provided for land acquisition and forest land distribution has also been given. The Cabinet

The Cabinet gave administrative sanction of ₹515.18 crore for total irrigated area of 20 thousand hectare of Kota Bairaj Major Project, ₹414.79 crore for total irrigated area of 11,575 hectare of Munjhri Irrigation Project, ₹162.66 crore for total irrigated area of 4 thousand 830 hectare of Aapchand Irrigation Project, ₹292.38 crore for total irrigated area of 9 thousand 990 hectare of Kopra Irrigation Project, ₹226.62 crore for 6,500 hectare irrigated area of Sarkula Irrigation Project, ₹1392.42 crore for 40,000 hectare irrigated area of Hanouta Irrigation Project, ₹2627.95 crore for 81,600 hectare irrigated area of Tapti Chillur Project and ₹268.71 crore for 5,800 hectare irrigated area of Mendha Irrigation Project.

Kejriwal calls electricity amendment Bill anti-people

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Terming the proposed Amendment to the Electricity Act 2003, anti-people, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said it would only benefit power firms and lead to a sharp hike in electricity bills of the consumers.

Kejriwal said the proposed amendment Bill would put an end to cross-subsidy, injecting a steep two-to-five times hike in the charges, and even the middle class, let alone the farmers and poor, would find it difficult to afford electricity.

Addressing a Press conference at his residence, Kejriwal said, "I will write to all the CM and personally meet those from the non-BJP ruled States against the amendments. This move is aimed at benefiting the big power companies close to the Prime Minister." Turn to Page 4

CAPSULE

15 NAXALS SURRENDER IN CHHATTISGARH
Raipur: As many as 15 Naxals including a couple surrendered on Saturday in Chhattisgarh's insurgency-hit Sukma district.

NEARLY 17K LTR ILLICIT LIQUOR SEIZED, 60 HELD
Noida: Nearly 17,000 litres of illicit liquor was seized and 60 bootleggers held in 48 hours during raids by the Gautam Buddha Nagar Police under a special operation.

SANDALWOOD SMUGGLING: FOUR HELD IN CAPITAL
New Delhi: Four people were arrested for allegedly smuggling red sandalwood from Southern States to other parts of India and abroad, police said on Friday. Police laid a trap near Ashram Chowk on Sept 28 and intercepted a truck carrying huge quantity of red sandalwood at 9 pm, they said.

Youths will get loan up to ₹10L for start-ups

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the youths of the State will be provided loan up to ₹10 lakhs without interest and seed capital for startups. Innovation Council will be formed in the state. Madhya Pradesh will become the Entrepreneur Network.

Changing the policy, arrangements will be made for government purchase through startups up to ₹30 lakh without tender. Startups will be provided better environment and facilities in the State. Madhya Pradesh will be the new destination for startups in the country.

Chouhan was addressing young entrepreneurs at the Startup Conclave here on Saturday. At the outset, the

Chief Minister dedicated Bhopal Metro Project office and laid the foundation for works worth ₹800 crore.

The Chief Minister said that startups will be encouraged to provide opportunities to every youth of Madhya Pradesh to fulfill his ambition and give natural expression to his talents. He said that incubation centres are being made in all seven smart cities of the state. All facilities will be provided to the youth to launch startups.

Incubation centres on PPP model will be started in selected colleges. Venture Capital Fund has been made for innovative ideas in the state. Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyami Yojana will also be linked to this. Successful industrialists will be told to mentor incubation centres. The Chief Minister said that there are



widespread possibilities for startups in fields like agriculture, tourism and transport in the state. Industrial corridor will be built near the three new Express Highways of the state including Indore-Bhopal, Chambal Expressway and Narmada Express Highway.

Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant said that India's gross domestic product rate is 7.5 per cent. In the next 30 years, the target of increasing GDP growth is 9 to 10 per cent. This goal would be possible only by promoting start-up. The Centre had

formed startup policy in January 2016 following which several startups came up in one and a half years. Madhya Pradesh took the initiative by forming its startup policy in the year 2016.

The eco system created in Indore for startups is commendable. A sum of ₹10,000 crore fund has been created in the country for startups. Startups will be charged with zero percent income tax for any three years in the initial 7 years. Production from startups will be purchased for Government of India undertakings. In the last four years, 20,000 startups have begun in the country, out of which 4500 are technology startups. Total 1100 multinational companies in the country have established research and development units in the country.

SHOW TIME

Too good and too sweet. Gives you a sweet tooth



SUI DHAAGA
*ing: Varun Dhawan, Anushka Sharma, Raghubir Yadav
Rated: 6/10

Sab Badiya Hai — both with the film and its tagline. Indeed, everything in the film is good — Anushka is good, sweet and completely wife material; Varun is good, sweeter and perfect husband as well as beta material; their mission of establishing a tailoring label with world class recognition is good too, in fact, too good to be true. But true it is, thanks to films encasing Government initiatives, this one being skill India and Made in India campaigns of the Narendra Modi Government.

So far so good! From a burdened family struggling to make ends meet, it is hard to fathom a way into the dizzying world of fashion designers but the simple couple makes it to the top

despite all odds. Varun as a no-good worker but a fantastic tailor without a sewing machine or any aspirations to rise in life tries hard to fit into the rustic, small town role but the effort keeps showing up.

Anushka, despite the deglamourised look and the sweet face, also shows up the chinks in her pallu-ed sari avatar of a perfect bahu, a silent wife and an anxious woman wanting her husband to do better than he does in life.



Raghubir Yadav is the only actor in this well meaning film on an unlikely start-up success, who merges into his role of an angsty, lower middle class, retired, reconciled father of two sons.

So is there chemistry between Anushka and Varun? Well, enough if you are told that they have not touched each other as husband wife. Also, the film is not about their chemistry. It is more about existentialism and those rabbits under the caps which come into the hands of only a few of the billion aspiring people in India's convulsing middle class. This couple works hard and gets a brand of success that makes the climax exactly as unbelievable as the entire film and the circumstances of its characters are believable, commonplace and routine.

You may or may not like this good, simple film depending on how much of simplicity you can take.

Deliberate & loud

PATAAKHA
*ing: Sanya Malhotra, Radhika Madan, Sunil Grover, Vijay Raaz
Rated: 5/10

Making a film on almost nothing is an art in need of applause. This one, though based on a book on an eternal bond of hatred between two sisters, comes across as one of those in that category. Can't say wholeheartedly that there should be unchecked applause but yes, despite all the screechiness and the catfights between the two women, it does hold you back in the seat.

Vishal Bhardwaj is known to have a yen for hatke films, even if they are adaptations of known plays by Shakespeare. From *Omkaara* to *Pataakha*, he has maintained a distinctness in style and presentation and even the story but that distinctness does not always stand tall.



Pataakha, a tale of two sisters with only hatred in their hearts for each other, is much too screechy and off-putting when the fights are in progress. It is an unexplained hatred often falling flat on a bed on incredulity. Also, too high pitched to be in the realm of sane cinema. Yet, the film kind of holds you back with deft handling of a nutty relationship. Details like stained teeth due to *beedi* smoking, the rustic look, the *mori-mora* language and the ambience of the village where the story pans out are impeccable. As are Sanya and Radhika in their unkempt, almost primitive, roles. Vijay Raaz lends weight to the proceedings but Sunil Grover is beset with a role that is way over the top and largely unexplainable.

Need more laughter, less un-womanly violence and a sequence that did not get disrupted with such volume of insane hatred.



English reborn yet again

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN
*ing: Rowan Atkinson, Ben Miller, Olga Kurylenko, Jake Lacy, Emma Thompson
Rated: 5/10

Rowan Atkinson, aka Mr Bean, is back as this year's bumbling MI7 sleuth who is called out of retirement to save England from a vicious cyber attack.

Atkinson, though aged considerably, and looking tired, tries hard to keep up the antics of an old world spy in a post modern no-gun-for-agents era wherein the mobile phone is exactly that — a phone to make calls and messages. No spooky hidden agenda of gadgets, till Johnny English walks in, picks up a vintage car with embedded tear gas canons, missiles and jelly beans that can explode, give you maniacal energy, put you to sleep and perform all functions — all functions except sweetening your tastebuds!

This is the third edition of this initially hilarious buffoon's take on James Bond. The format is the same, the jobs too, though in a different guise. English has his familiarisms and is thus much too fathomable to excite you on screen, with his comic breakouts as well as his sleuth bozotics.

Maybe, for a lean week at the cinemas he would do but too much of the same things gets to be boring even if it repeats itself after seven years. Good memories fade very slowly and in comparison to his former roles, this one somewhat sucks.

Plan your Week

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When: Every Sunday, 12-4pm
Price: ₹2195 plus taxes

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Japanese Film Festival

Till: October 3, 2018
Where: PVR Cinemas, Select Citywalk, Saket
Time: 2 pm Onwards

Entry: Free entry on a first come first serve basis
This six-day festival will showcase 13 of the best Japanese releases with English subtitles. Some of the films that will be screened today are Lu Over the Wall, Chihayafuru Musubi and Mixed Doubles.

Play: Macbeth

Directed by: K Madavane
Producer: Rajul Khare
When: September 30, 2018
Time: 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Venue: Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Mandi House, New Delhi

William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* — a play narrated, staged and filmed through generations continues to recreate magic and spring surprises through creative interpretations. Tamasha's *Macbeth* promises uniqueness in its representation of this play.



Golgappa Festival

Dates: September 30, 2018
Timings: 4 PM to 10 PM
Venue: Plaza Area, Select Citywalk, Saket, New Delhi

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'BIGG BOSS IS NOT MY THING'

SEHBAN AZIM talks to MUSBA HASHMI about his new show Tujhse Hai Raabta and his acting journey

■What is your role all about?

I play ACP Malhar Rane a reserved person who stands by truth and lets his work do the talking. He tries to bind Kalyani's family. He is the connection between mother and daughter.

■What attracted you to this role?

I relate to my character. This was something I wanted to do. Like Malhar, I am the person in my family who tries to keep everyone connected. I have replied back to my elders. This is what Malhar does in the show.

■How has the journey been?

It has been beautiful. I never thought I would be an actor. I was a computer engineer. I was working with Wipro but realised that 9 am to 7 pm job was not my cup of tea. So, I quit and started modelling — did ads and short films. Eventually I got bored of that. I wanted to experience new things, do something which interested me and learn more. That is how acting happened and I got *Dil Mil Gaye*. Since then you can see the transition in me — from not being able to act to being able to act. It has been a roller coaster ride. Now, there is no stopping. I never set any goals when I came to Mumbai and that is what has worked for me. I did whatever work I got.

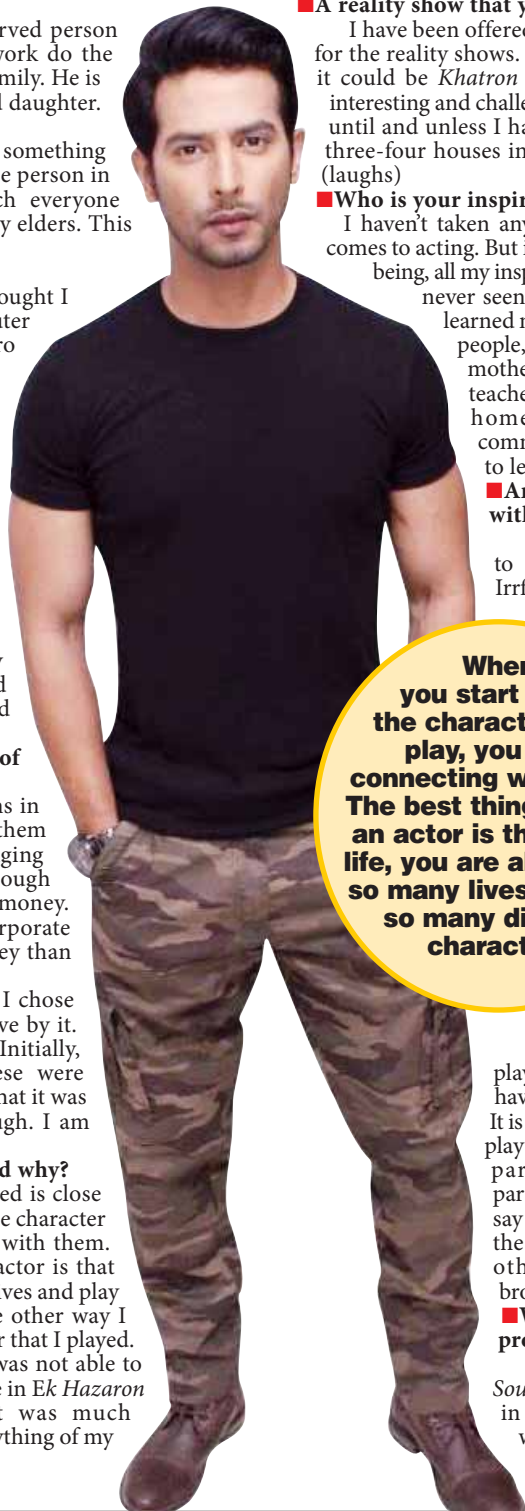
■What was the challenging part of your journey?

There are a lot of ups and downs in life, be it corporate or acting, all of them have challenges. For me, the challenging part is that sometimes I feel even though I work so hard, there is not enough money. If I would have been in the corporate world, I would have had more money than what I am making as an actor.

I would have got married. But I chose acting. The challenge is I have to live by it. It is the only thing I am fighting for. Initially, I felt why I was even here. These were discouraging thoughts, the good is that it was just a phase that I was going through. I am enjoying my journey now.

■Which role came close to you and why?

Each every role that I have played is close to my heart. When you start living the character that you play, you start connecting with them. The best thing I realised being an actor is that in one life I am able to live so many lives and play different characters. In some or the other way I have given my soul to every character that I played. But there was one character that I was not able to connect with, one was a negative role in *Ek Hazaron Me Meri Behna Hai*, though it was much appreciated, I was not able to give anything of my own to the role.



■A reality show that you would like to be a part of?

I have been offered a few, but I don't think I am made for the reality shows. If I would be able to do something it could be *Khatron Ke Khiladi*, because the tasks are interesting and challenging. But *Bigg Boss* is not my thing until and unless I have to earn a lot of money and buy three-four houses in Mumbai, maybe then I can do it. (laughs)

■Who is your inspiration?

I haven't taken any inspiration from anyone when it comes to acting. But if we talk about being a good human being, all my inspiration comes from my father. I have never seen such a humble, nice, simple and a learned man like him. Whenever I meet such people, I connect with them. And then my mother who has raised five kids. She is a teacher and a writer and then comes home and cooks for us. She is a commendable woman. It is hard for me to learn her multitasking skills.

■Any actor you would like to work with?

There are so many actors that I want to work with. Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Irrfan, Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan and Aamir Khan are on my list. Acting is a give and take relationship. A scene will be good when both of the actors — who are sharing the screen space — are good together. But by working with these men, I will get to learn many things.

■Any character from previous shows that you will like to play?

I think all the actors have played their role brilliantly and have done justice to their roles. It is a very weird to say that I can play a character better than a particular actor in a particular film. What I can say is: If I had played any of the characters played by others, I would have brought in my style.

■What are your upcoming projects?

There is one short film — *Soulmate*, Adah Sharma is opposite me in that film. It is a simple love story, we have already shot it and will release shortly.

When you start living the characters you play, you start connecting with them. The best thing of being an actor is that in one life, you are able to live so many lives and play so many different characters

HOUSE TALK

Before entering the House, TV's most popular actors Karanvir Bohra and Dipika Kakar reveal why they entered the Bigg House and how they are going to play it out to be in the game. SANGEETA YADAV reports

'Being in the show is like doing tapasya'

CLAIM TO FAME: Main leads in *Dil Se Di Dua Saubhagyavati Bhava*, *Naagin 2* and *Qubool Hai*

It was a difficult choice for 36-year-old actor Karanvir Bohra to say yes to *Bigg Boss* as that meant staying away for three months from his twin daughters Vienna and Raya Bella and wife Teejay. Hence, his nod came only at the last moment. Initially, Bohra and Teejay were approached to enter the show as a *jodi* but his wife had to take care of the

girls. "Our main concern was who is going to take care of the kids if we enter the House as a *jodi*. I wish the kids were also allowed in the show. Then all four would have come together. Not having my favourite girls around me is a challenge. I am an emotional person and I miss them terribly," Bohra said before entering the House.

For Bohra *Bigg Boss* is more than just a show. "I am not here to show who I am. I am here to be myself. It is not just a show to showcase yourself and get more work and fame. This show is like doing *tapasya*," Bohra shares, adding that one task that he would not like to do in the Bigg House is cooking.

"Whatever limited food that we will get, I don't want to burn that. My other inmates will hate me the most for this," Bohra chuckles.

Talking about the strategy he is going to use to stay in this game, Bohra says: "You can't strategise on a show like *Bigg Boss* because you have to tackle one day at a time. Every week a new villain and a new hero is born. You have to go with the flow with whatever is happening around and take a stand on what is right. If someone is wrong, I will not stand with them even though he is a good friend. There are bound to have fights but we need to understand that somehow everybody is right in their own right. You are right or wrong for others."

If he does go on to win the show, he intends to save the money for his girl's future.

'Want to win this to bring my in-laws closer'



She is TV's favourite *bahu*. Simar of *Sasural Simar Ka*, Dipika Kakar is already stealing the limelight in the Bigg House. Before entering the show, Kakar made it clear that no matter how big the problem, she would do everything in her power to keep her dignity.

"Empty utensils make a sound. *Bigg Boss* is a mental game and you are forced to stay with people who you would not like to even talk to. People will try to manipulate you and pick a fight over small issues. But I will draw a line to keep my dignity. I will not abuse since I don't in personal life either," Kakar says.

Though she has been married for less than a year, her in-laws and husband (TV actor Shoab Ibrahim) were all supportive. "It was offered to me even last year too but I had other commitments. This year, I said yes as a collective decision with my husband. It is going to be a testing time for both of us. I am excited about

being a part of such a big show. At the same time, I am a little emotional because I have never stayed away from the family with no contact. I'm going to miss them a lot and cry," Kakar tells us.

She has come with the mindset to win the show by giving her best and be true to her personality.

"People have seen me as Simar and showered me with their love and support. Now, I'm going to be Dipika who is a simple girl-next-door kind of person. People will be able to connect with me on a more personal level. I want my fans to know the real me. I owe to them is that I don't put on the mask when I am in the House. I will be myself. I do not want to go in the House with a strategy or preparation as it is a very unpredictable show," Kakar says.

If she does manage to win, Kakar tells us that she wants to buy a house for her in-laws so that they can all stay in the same building.

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291 Govt colleges, others get solar energy

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh witnesses a Solar Revolution on Saturday, when 291 Government Colleges, 124 engineering colleges/polytechnics/ITIs and 12 universities got the advantage of solar energy without making any capital investment.

The solar projects on rooftop of these buildings would be set up under Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) mode by private investors, who would supply electricity to these buildings at rates far below the prevailing rates. As many as 427 Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) between various educational institutions and private developers were signed on Saturday

in a glittering ceremony here at the Academy of Administration.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Vijendra Singh Sisodiya, Chairman, MP Urja Vikas Nigam, Manu Srivastava, Principal Secretary, New and Renewable Energy Department, Neeraj Mandloi, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Sanjay Goyal, MD, M.P. Madhya Shetra Vidyut Vitaran Company and Ajit Kumar, Commissioner, Higher Education Department.

The 291 Government colleges in the State would be supplied power at the rate of Rs 2.21 per unit. Besides, 124 government engineering colleges/polytechnics/ITIs would be supplied power at the rate of Rs 2.35 per unit. Twelve universities would get power at Rs 1.91



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per unit. The rates would increase by 3 per cent every year and, thus, double at the end of 25 year project period.

Saving to Government colleges across the State is estimated at almost Rs 4 crore in the first year. Saving during project life of 25 years would be Rs 144 crore with Net Present Value of over Rs 50 crore. Similarly, first year saving to government engineering colleges would be Rs 1 crore with project life saving of Rs 39 crore (Net Present Value of Rs 13.5 crore).

Under the RESCO project, the responsibility of maintenance of the solar systems for the first 25 years would be of the developer. Since the developer would get paid only for electricity supplied, there is a nat-

ural incentive to properly maintain the system.

The RESCO Project of Madhya Pradesh implemented by MP Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd has been appreciated throughout the country as also outside. The project has been executed with technical assistance from the World Bank and International Solar Alliance. Manu Srivastava, Principal Secretary, New and Renewable Energy Department informed that his department has already made presentation before the ambassadors of West Africa on Ghana on September 11, 2018, ambassadors of African countries on September 17, 2018, and ambassadors of Asian countries on September 19, 2018 to acquaint them with the RESCO model of Madhya Pradesh.

INBRIEF

TWO MINOR SISTERS ABDUCTED, RAPED IN INDORE

Indore: Two minor sisters, aged one and four years, respectively, were allegedly abducted and raped in Indore city of Madhya Pradesh, police said Saturday. A suspect has been detained in the case. The two girls were abducted Friday night when they were asleep with their parents inside a make-shift hut at a construction site in M G Road area, police said. The girls' father works as a watchman at the construction site, said Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Harinarayanchari Mishra. The parents realised in the morning that the girls were missing and started a search, he said. Both were found near the hut in a brutalised condition, Mishra said, adding that a police team reached the spot after getting information about the incident and took the girls to a government hospital. "We have detained a suspect who is being questioned. We are also examining CCTV footage in the area," the DIG said. Both the girls have been kept in the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital, a doctor said.

'GANG'S DUTY TO BRING PEOPLE UNDER ONE UMBRELLA'

Shahdol: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav Saturday said that it was the Congress' responsibility to bring people with similar ideologies under one umbrella. He was replying to a query on why the SP did not enter into an alliance with the Congress in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh. Yadav said that the SP would fight the MP polls along with the Gondwana Gantantra Party (GGP) which has a base in the tribal pockets of the state. "It is the responsibility of Congress to see how the people with similar ideology can come together," he told reporters. "SP will contest on those seats where it had secured good votes in previous elections," the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said. Earlier, addressing a gathering at Technical School Ground here, Yadav lashed out at the Centre for demonisation which he claimed had harmed the country's growth and had neither curbed inflation nor terrorism. He alleged that over 50,000 farmers had committed suicide nationwide over the past four years, adding that the government had even stopped putting out data related to this.

AKHILESH DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF UP GOVT

Shahdol: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday demanded the resignation of the BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh over the death of a multi-national company executive in police shooting in Lucknow.

The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also sought a judicial inquiry in the case. "What else can we expect from UP's BJP government? Numerous fake encounters are taking place in the state," Yadav told media persons at Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh.

If the family members demand, a sitting judge should conduct an inquiry into the Lucknow incident, he said. "Uttar Pradesh cannot be saved from fake encounters until inquiry of such incidents is conducted by a sitting judge. The Yogi Adityanath government should resign as it is responsible for this incident," he said.

SACRED GROVES OF INDIA EXHIBITION ORGANISED

Bhopal: Sacred Groves of India exhibition has been organised at Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal by IGRMS, Bhopal. This exhibition has been jointly inaugurated by Pankaj Srivastava, IFS Director, IFM, Bhopal and Subharanjan Sen, IFS, M.D. MPFDC, and Prof Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri, Director, Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal. Sacred Groves are the patches of natural or near-natural vegetation, dedicated by local communities to their ancestral spirits or deities. While introducing the exhibition, Prof Chaudhuri has informed that there are about 23000 types of sacred groves spread all over the country. This exhibition portrays the unique system of management of natural resource by the local people. The exhibition aims to project the different type of sacred groves, their ecological importance and conservation. Also it encourages protecting and further strengthening the local sacred in our area.

Police book two miscreants for looting mobile phone

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Shahjehanabad police have booked two miscreants for looting a mobile phone from a Jabalpur based youth worth Rs 11990 in the month of June near Marghatiya temple by two miscreants; a case was lodged by police on Friday.

Police said that a 28-year-old man was robbed of his mobile phone by two miscreants near Shahjehanabad police station area on June 16, 2018 when he was near Marghatiya temple and talking over mobile phone.

The victim Gopal Parshar approached Shahjehanabad police and lodged complaint and when he was asked regard-

ing the bill of the mobile phone he said that he will bring the bill tomorrow and returned Jabalpur. The victim later lodged complaint over CM helpline and based on the complaint a case was registered on Friday.

The victim came to the city to participate in protest and later he was robbed by two scooter borne miscreants.

The police have registered a case under Section 392 of the IPC and have started further investigation.

Meanwhile, Gandhi Nagar police have nabbed a 29-year-old man involved in transporting country made liquor illegally at New Basti area

under Gandhi Nagar police station area on Friday; police recovered 312 bottles of liquor worth Rs 20000 from his possession.

Police said that acting off a man was nabbed from New Basti area and when he was searched 312 bottles were recovered from his possession.

In the initial investigation when the accused was questioned regarding the country made liquor he was not able to provide license of the country made liquor.

After the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under section 34 (2) Excise Act and started further investigation.



Christian devotees offer prayers inside a special train before they leave for annual weeklong pilgrimage to Velankanni Church, at Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu under Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojna-2018 at Habibganj railway station in Bhopal on Saturday

CM's scheme for pilgrimage to Velankanni in Tamil Nadu begins

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The long awaited Chief Minister's Scheme for Pilgrimage to Velankanni, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, began on Saturday at 11 am from Habibganj Railway Station. Fr Maria Stephen, the PRO of Archdiocese of Bhopal and his team together with Mary PP the official from the Government to accompany the pilgrims and Vishwarkarma, Fr Arul Samy, Fr Shaji, and Coordinator Sudhir Sharma reached Railway Station to see off the pilgrims to Velankanni.

Velankanni is a world recognised pilgrimage centre for the devotees of all religions. The story goes back saying the sailors were saved from the storm and cyclone in sea through the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary. Later the sailors built a small Church at Velankanni village in honour of Mother Mary. So many miracles including healing the sick have been witnessed by a number of people.

Fr Maria Stephen on behalf of entire pilgrims thanked Shivraj Singh Chauhan, the CM of MP and Archbishop Leo Cornelio for their generosity and kindness to arrange this wonderful pilgrimage to quench the thirst for God and said, "The Happiness of human beings from external things remains temporary while the joy comes from inner being, related to God remains permanent." This is the secret of spiritual happiness. He also thanked the entire team of Railways for arranging a com-

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fortable journey to Velankanni. Most Rev. Leo Cornelio, the Archbishop of Bhopal in his message also congratulated the pilgrims and blessed them to have a satisfied pilgrimage.

Total 700 pilgrims from Bhopal, Indore, Sagar, Jabalpur and Betul districts have undertaken pilgrimage to Vellankanni. As per the scheduled the pilgrims will reach Vellankanni on October 1 at 4.30 pm and will start the journey to Bhopal the next day at 8.30 pm.

Third CII State CSR conclave held

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Third CII State CSR conclave was held here on Saturday in partnership with UNICEF and supported by AISSECT and Bharat Oman Refinery Ltd on the theme of transforming social development of India

While giving the keynote address Rajesh Khare, Vice Chairman CII MP State Chapter said that CSR is bridge between corporate and society.

Speaking in the inaugural session Michael Juma, Chief

UNICEF Madhya Pradesh said that he called on corporate organisation for doing more for children, and their active engagement on issues like under nutrition, child marriage and focus on first thousand days in life of the child can help address challenges for children. He said that leveraging CSR is critical for spurring inclusive social development of women and children in the State.

Earlier, while giving the welcome remarks and theme address Manish Rajoria,

Convener of CII MP on CSR and Education spoke on the CSR act, the theme of the meet and why it is important for us to do more on CSR.

UC Upadhyay, Senior Vice President HR, Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd, spoke on the efforts being done as part of CSR in and around Bina area by the company and shared his thoughts and plans for CSR in coming year.

Anant Toppo, AGM Township, Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited shared the

work being done by BHEL on CSR in field of Education, inclusive development and for benefit of society in MP.

Anil Gulati, Communication Specialist, UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh spoke on CSR for children and urged on corporates to put children first and as part of CSR they can contribute by respecting child rights and mobilise support on nutrition, 1000 days in life of child, supporting awareness initiatives on child marriage and sports for development.

SPE caught 2 clerks for taking bribe

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Special Police Establishment (SPE) of the lokayukta caught two clerks posted at State Veterinary Hospital Jehangabad in the state capital accepting Rs 4000 and Rs 1000 cash to make entry of salary according to the new pay scale.

According to the DSP lokayukta Naveen Awasthi the accused clerk Manohar Lal Maithil and Pawan Batham who were caught accepting bribe of Rs 4000 and Rs 1000 respectively from the victim Assistant Veterinary Officer Vinod Singh.

The victim Assistant Veterinary Officer Vinod Singh approached the two accused Manohar Lal Maithil and Pawan Batham enquiring entry of salary according to the revised pay scale during which he was asked to provide money by the two to facilitate the work. The victim decided to lodge a com-

plaint with the Special Police Establishment (SPE) of the lokayukta. The officials told to provide the money on Saturday and laid the trap for the two accused.

On Saturday when the accused Manohar Lal Maithil was accepting bribe of Rs 4000 he was caught by lokayukta officials and within few minutes Pawan Batham was caught accepting bribe of Rs 1000.

DSP Naveen Awasthi said that after Manohar Lal was caught the action against him was done was not informed to others at the room of another accused Pawan is near Manohar Lal's cabin and soon after Manohar Lal was caught Pawan was also caught accepting bribe.

After the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under section 7 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act was registered. Further investigation into the matter has been started.

Police nab 3 persons for killing 38-yr-old

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Khajuri police have nabbed three persons for killing a 38-year-old man at Nayapur forest on September 26; main accused was frustrated after his wife started to live with deceased in live-in for the past three months.

The SHO of Khajuri police, Harishankar Pandey said that the deceased Deepak Ojha was found killed by Santosh Prajapati along with Dharmendra and Chain Singh. On September 26 they had food with Deepak and provided him liquor with pesticides and when he started to lose conscious they strangled him and later dumped him near Barwah River in Ratua.

Santosh and his elder brother Dharmendra were arrested while the third accused was later arrested. Santosh married Preeti around

8 years ago and had two children from the marriage and during the period she was living with the deceased he tried for her return but failed and later asked her to meet at Fanda where Deepak was killed, he added.

Based on the complaint lodged by Preeti a case under section 302 of the IPC was registered against the three accused and were later nabbed.

Meanwhile, a 50-year-old man died after his bike was hit by a speeding truck at Alpna Talkies trisection under Hanumanganj police station area late in the night on Friday.

The deceased identified as Prakash Nateran was a resident of Naya Basera in Kotra. The police registered a case under section 304 A of the IPC and started further investigation. The deceased used to work as lawyer. The errant driver is absconding.

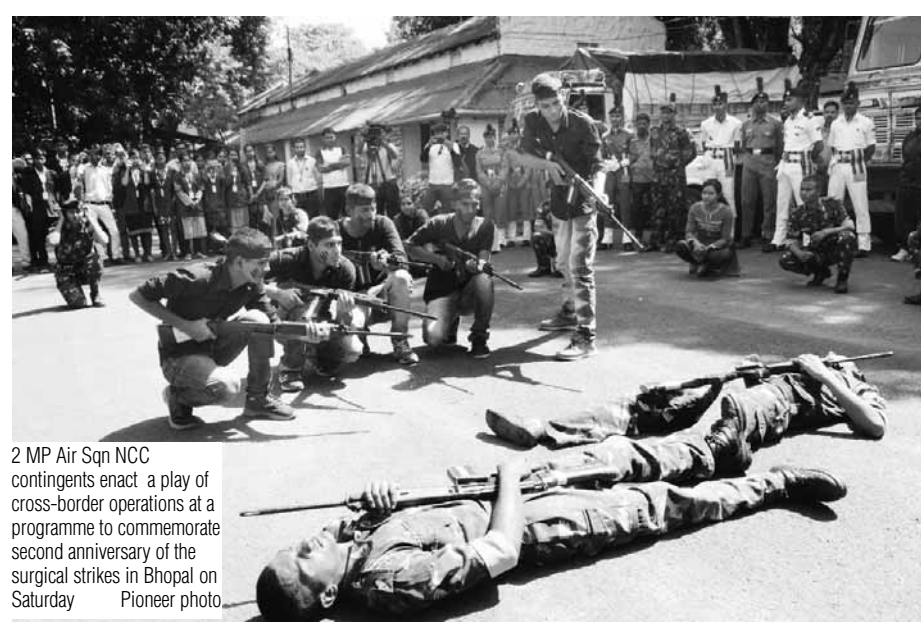
New & Renewable Energy Minister felicitated with Bharat Gaurav Award

Bhopal: New and Renewable Energy Minister Shri Narayan Singh Kushwaha was honoured with Bharat Gaurav Award for his commendable achievements as an administrator and social worker, in New Delhi on September 29 by India International Friendship Society.

Former Madhya Pradesh Governor, Lieutenant General (Retd) Krishna Mohan Seth and former Mizoram Governor, Lieutenant General (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma gave away the award to Kushwaha at a seminar on 'Economic Development and National Unity' at India International

Centre. Chairman, Rashtriya Safai Karamchari Aayog Manhar Baljibhai Jala, Vice Chancellor of Nalanda University Professor Sunayana Singh, Member of All India Congress Committee Major (Retd) Ved Prakash and other elite citizens were present on the occasion.

The award presented to Minister Kushwaha consisted of a trophy and citation. It may be noted that this award is given every year for extraordinary service and excellence in areas including science and technology, education, industry, fine arts, politics and social work.



2 MP Air Sqn NCC contingents enact a play of cross-border operations at a programme to commemorate second anniversary of the surgical strikes in Bhopal on Saturday

WESTERN RAILWAY
LEASING OF SPACE IN PARCEL CARGO EXPRESS TRAIN
Tender Notice No. C128/16/PCET/2018.
The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager office, Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400008 for sealed tenders from registered lease holders, leasing of Parcel Cargo Express Train of 468 tonnes on round trip basis on payment of lump sum rates for the following train for a period of 6 years. However, for initial six months 353 tonnes capacity PCET with composition shall be made available. 1. The tender documents can be downloaded from www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in. 2. Details of the train are as under: Name of Train: KAREMBELI-NEW GUWAHATI-KAREMBELI Parcel Cargo Express (Bi-Weekly). EMD: ₹ 10,00,000/- Further details/information if any, may be obtained from the above office. Bid submission date and time: 31.10.2018 Upto 11.00 hrs. Tender Opening date and time: 31.10.2018 at 11.30 hrs.

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1.NIT No: SECL/SoHagpur/SO(E&M)/E-Tender/ 15 /17-18 /33, Date 20.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_114939_1, Location of work: SoHagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 9,26,370.00/-, Description of Work: Hiring of 01 no. Diesel Jeep/Sumo/Bolero or equivalent vehicle on rental basis. The age of the vehicle shall not be more than one year from the scheduled date of opening of tender with drivers for a period of 03 years (1095 days) for operating with Sub Area pool duty Amlai OCM of SECL, SoHagpur Area as per following Details: Working hours: 24 hours/day basis Fuel Efficiency: 10 km/ltr. Average running: 4050km/month, Date & Time for submission of bid: 25.09.2018 at 10:00 AM to 09.10.2018 at 5:00 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 11.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(E&M)SoHagpur Area
2.NIT No: SECL/SoHagpur/ExcV/E-Tender / 2018-19 / 32, Date 20.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_115081_1, Location of work: SoHagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 5,53,000.00/-, Description of Work: Structural Stability test of 03(Three) Nos EKG-5 Shovels & 03(Three) nos Hydraulic Excavators (L & T300, BE200, T/H EX300LCH) of Amlai OCM, SoHagpur Area. (NDR services under stability test like Dye penetration test, Ultrasonic tests, Magnetic particle test & weld thickness test to be carried out in only one EKG Shovel, which must be carried out by Govt or NABL accredited Agency.) Date & Time for submission of bid: 29.09.2018 at 10:00 AM to 09.10.2018 at 5:00 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 11.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(ExcV)SoHagpur Area
3.NIT No: SECL/GM/Johilla/APC/ENQ/ 2018-19 / 71, Date 23.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_115375_1, Location of work: Johilla Area, Estimated Cost: Rs.16,75,128.00/-, Description of Work: Fire Resistant Hydraulic Fluid (HFDU-68), Date & Time for submission of bid: 24.09.2018 at 05:30 PM to 20.10.2018 at 03:30 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 22.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(MM)Johilla Area
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5.NIT No: SECL/SoHagpur/E&M/E-Tender / 2018-19 / 89, Date 18.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_115256_1, Location of work: SoHagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 20,34,400.00/-, Description of Work: Outsource assistance for pump Operation and transportation of material against shortfall in terms of manpower budget to cater all the three shifts including general shift of EndM Department at Amlai OCM of SoHagpur Area by providing 06 semi-skilled and 02 unskilled manpower per day as per direction of Engineer Incharge. Date & Time for submission of bid: 24.09.2018 at 10:00 AM to 15.10.2018 at 5:00 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 18.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(E&M)SoHagpur Area
6.NIT No: SECL/SoHagpur/SO(E&M)/E-Tender / 15 /17-18 / 26, Date 14.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_110155_1, Location of work: SoHagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 28,26,252.00/-, Description of Work: Hiring of 02 No. 52 Seats Capacity School Buses (Non A/C)01 No. Bus for running 36 km/day and 01 No. Bus for running 32 km/day) The age of the vehicle shall not be more than one year from the scheduled date of opening of tender with drivers, Khalsai etc. for a period of 03 years (33 effective months, 26 days/month/858 days for to & fro movement of school children/ students to cater the school service from Sanjay kanya Naga Colony to different School at Amlai/ Dhanpuri/ Burhar of SECL, SoHagpur Area to various schools(to & fro). (1) Slice-1 01 No. Hired School Bus 36 km/Run/day Working hours:12 hours/day basis, Fuel Efficiency: 05km/ltr, Average running: 936 km/month, (2) Slice-2 01 No. Hired School Bus(32km Run/day) Working hours:12 hours/day basis, Fuel Efficiency: 05 km/litre, Average running: 832 km/month. Date & Time for submission of bid: 19.09.2018 at 10:00 AM to 09.10.2018 at 5:00 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 11.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(E&M)SoHagpur Area
7.NIT No: SECL/SoHagpur/SO(E&M)/E-Tender / 15 /17-18 / 27, Date 14.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_110164_1, Location of work: SoHagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 9,27,216.00/-, Description of Work: Hiring of 01 no. Diesel Jeep/LMV/Bolero or equivalent vehicle on rental basis. The age of the vehicle shall not be more than one year from the scheduled date of opening of tender with drivers for a period of 03 years (1096 days) for operating with EKG Shovels Field activities (to cater day to day activities) of Dhanpuri OCM of SECL, SoHagpur Area as per following Details: Working hours:24 hours/day basis Fuel Efficiency: 10km/ltr. Average running: 5000km/ per month, Date & Time for submission of bid: 19.09.2018 at 10:00 AM to 04.10.2018 at 5:00 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 06.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(E&M)SoHagpur Area
8.NIT No: SECL/SoHagpur/SO(E&M)/E-Tender / 15 /17-18 / 28, Date 14.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_114502_1, Location of work: SoHagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 16,80,822.00/-, Description of Work: Hiring of 01 no. 52 seats capacity school bus (non AC) on rental basis. The age of the vehicle shall not be more than one year from the scheduled date of opening of tender with drivers, Khalsai etc. for a period 03 years(33 effective months, 26 days/ month 858 days for to & movement of school, children/students to cater the school service from Arjula of Rajendra Sub Area SECL, SoHagpur Area to different schools of Amlai, Chachai, Dhanpuri and Burhar(to & fro) As per Following details: Working hours: 12 hours/day basis, Fuel Efficiency: 05 km/litre, Average running : 3328 km/month, Date & Time for submission of bid: 19.09.2018 at 10:00 AM to 04.10.2018 at 5:00 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 06.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(E&M)SoHagpur Area
9.NIT No: SECL/SoHagpur/SO(Civil)/E-Tender / 2018-19 / 38, Date 20.09.2018, Tender ID: 2018_SECL_115214_1, Location of work: SoHagpur Area, Estimated Cost: 11,29,821.00/- (Excluding GST). Description of Work: Changing of water supply pipe line from back side to front side of Qtrs at store colony under IWSS of SoHagpur Area. Date & Time for submission of bid: 22.09.2018 at 10:00 AM to 06.10.2018 at 06:00 PM, Date & Time for opening of bid: 08.10.2018 at 11:00 AM. SO(E&M)SoHagpur Area
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Hackers skim 50m Facebook accounts

AP ■ NEW YORK

Facebook reported a major security breach in which 50 million user accounts were accessed by unknown attackers.

The attackers gained the ability to 'seize control' of those accounts, Facebook said, by stealing digital keys the company uses to keep people logged in. Facebook has logged out owners of the 50 million affected accounts — plus another 40 million who were vulnerable to the attack. Users don't need to change their Facebook passwords, it said.

Facebook said it doesn't know who was behind the attacks or where they're based. In a call with reporters on Friday, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said that attackers would have had the ability to view private messages or post on someone's account, but there's no sign that they did.

"We do not yet know if any of the accounts were actually misused," Zuckerberg said.

Facebook shares fell \$4.38, or 2.6 percent, to close at \$164.46 on Friday.

The hack is the latest setback for Facebook during a tumultuous year of security problems and privacy issues. So far, though, none of that has significantly shaken the confidence of the company's 2 billion global users. The latest attack involved bugs in Facebook's 'View As' feature, which lets people see how their profiles appear to others.



The attackers used that vulnerability to steal the digital keys, known as 'access tokens', from the accounts of people whose profiles were plugged into the 'View As' feature — and then moved along from one user's Facebook friend to another. Possession of those tokens would allow attackers to control those

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accounts.

One of the bugs was more than a year old and affected how the 'View As' feature interacted with Facebook's video uploading feature for posting 'happy birthday' messages, said

Guy Rosen, Facebook's vice president of product management.

But it wasn't until mid-September that Facebook noticed an uptick in unusual activity, and not until this week

that it learned of the attack, Rosen said.

"We haven't yet been able to determine if there was specific targeting of particular accounts, Rosen said in a call with reporters. 'It does seem broad. And we don't yet know who was behind these attacks and where they might be based.'

Neither passwords nor credit card data was stolen, Rosen said. He said the company has alerted the FBI and regulators in the United States and Europe.

Jake Williams, a security expert at Rendition Infosec, said he is concerned that the hack could have affected third party applications.

Williams noted that the company's Facebook Login feature lets users log into other apps and websites with their Facebook credentials. "These access tokens that were stolen show when a user is logged into Facebook and that may be enough to access a user's account on a third party site," he said.

Facebook confirmed late Friday that third party apps, including its own Instagram app, could have been affected.

"The vulnerability was on Facebook, but these access tokens enabled someone to use the account as if they were the account-holder themselves," Rosen said.

Shivraj tempted youths with false hopes: LoP

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Leader of the Opposition in State Assembly Ajay Singh said that once again Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has tempted youths with false hopes through Innovation Council Start Up Conclave in Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier too, in the year 2014 Chouhan had announced to make the state new start up destination of the country and formed Madhya Pradesh Venture Finance Limited which failed to provide assistance to youths in the last five years.

He said that the MD and CEO of Madhya Pradesh Venture Finance Limited resigned citing reason of no cooperation from government led by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. In the past seven years the fund which was supposed to be of Rs 100 is still to be made and not a single young entrepreneur has been benefited.

Several proposals of start ups are pending with Venture Finance Limited for the past five years but none of the proposals from young entrepreneur has been accepted and approved benefitting the young

ON INVESTORS SUBMITS, CHOUHAN SPENT CRORES OF RUPEES ARE ANNOUNCED TO CREATE RS 100 CRORE VENTURE CAPITAL FUND AND GOVERNMENT HAD TO PAY RS 20 CRORE AND AFTER PROVIDING RS 5 CRORE FOR OFFICE SET UP REMAINING FUND WAS NOT RELEASED DUE TO WHICH SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT BANK OF INDIA ALONG WITH FIVE OTHER BANKS REFUSED TO PROVIDED MONEY FOR THE FUND

entrepreneur.

On investors submits, Chouhan spent crores of rupees are announced to create Rs 100 crore Venture Capital Fund and government had to pay Rs 20 crore and after providing Rs 5 crore for office set up remaining fund was not released due to which Small Industries

Development Bank of India along with five other banks refused to provided money for the fund.

The unemployment has increased to 53 per cent in the past two years. From 2015 to 2017, the number of unemployed has increased by 7.40 lakh in the State, he added.

AAP mulls small ticket crowdfunding

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2019 LS ELECTIONS

Gearing up for the Lok Sabha polls next year, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) discussed various models of "small ticket" crowdfunding at a meeting attended by party convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday, party spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said.

"After election, we were dependent on big ticket fundings. Now, we are looking for small ticket crowdfunding by the people," Bhardwaj said.

He said among different funding models discussed at the meeting, one was to collect ₹100 per individual per month, convincing people that the AAP Government was dedicated to work for them.

The AAP has already announced its in-charges in five of the seven Parliamentary constituencies in Delhi. Besides, the party aims to contest elections in other States, totalling around 100 Lok Sabha seats.

It will also fight Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.



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A senior party leader said the party planned to highlight the achievements of the AAP Government in Delhi in the fields of education, health, power and water supply, and disseminate political messages across the country through different media.

The crowdfunding initiative will be launched at a meeting with party volunteers from across the country on October 14, he said.

Govt joins hands with private firms: Tiwari

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At one side when Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has said the proposed amendments in electricity act is "anti-people", the BJP Delhi unit Chief Manoj Tiwari said the AAP Government has joined hand with private companies.

"The Centre is trying to bring an Ordinance with withdrawal of excessive meter load surcharge," he said, adding, "the Union Government provides electricity to all States but often the States like in the present case of Delhi impose excessive surcharges and make power costly for the people."

"In this situation under the constitutional framework the Centre has all the power to bring an Ordinance to



reduce the power tariff. It is a public interest effort and there is no misuse of power in it," he added.

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta also said the Central Government wants to bring reforms in power sectors by making a law after consultation with State Governments.

"If CM Kejriwal was so concerned about the people of Delhi, he should not have raised the electricity bills for the people of Delhi in the name of capacity charge, energy charge, power pur-

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chase adjustment charge, pension trust charge etc," he said, adding, "By leaving these charges, Kejriwal has imposed heavy financial burden on the common man who consumes minimal power."

"Similarly, farmers of Delhi, shopkeepers, factory owners are also very angry over the huge increase made by the Delhi Government in their electricity bills. When he was raising this issue in the last Assembly session, the Government was running away from discussing the same," said the BJP leader.

CM Kejriwal challenges Shah to open debate on Govt's works

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday challenged BJP chief Amit Shah to an open debate on the work done by the AAP Government in three years in Delhi. "I challenge him for an open debate on our three years' work in education, health, power, road and water supply with BJP's 27 years' work in Gujarat and over four years' work at the Centre. We are ready for the debate," he said.

"Amit Shah has said we have done nothing in Delhi. I want to say that we did not help Vijay Malviya, Nirav Modi flee the country, we did not make a Rafale deal," the AAP leader said. He also said there cannot be a better thing than people voting on the basis of the Government's work. Kejriwal had challenged Amit Shah for a public debate at the Ramlila Maidan here on the performance of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Central Government and the Aam Aadmi Party's Delhi Government.

V-P: It is difficult to retain good science, maths teachers in village schools

PNS ■ GWALIOR

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said Saturday it was becoming increasingly difficult to retain good science and mathematics teachers in village schools and these subjects were not being offered in the higher classes in such schools.

He said such imbalance in school education should be corrected in order to develop scientific temper in the society. "It is becoming increasingly difficult to find and retain good mathematics and science teachers in village schools. Science and mathematics are not even offered as subjects for want of teachers in higher classes in these schools," Naidu said.

He was addressing a function here in connection with inauguration of 100 digital classrooms in Madhya Pradesh.

"This imbalance in school education must be corrected to develop scientific temper in our society," Naidu said, adding,

fortunately, digital tools that can improve quality of education in our schools are present. "With digital classrooms equipped with multimedia environment, abstract scientific concepts, like configuration of atoms or biological cells, movement of electromagnetic waves, can be easily understood," he said.

Naidu said three-dimensional multimedia digital projection can make children understand a complex mathematical equation or a scientific concept very easily.

The vice president said technology, more so digital technology, by itself has a great democratising impact on the society. It has delivered the power of knowledge to people on their smart phones, he said.

"I believe you will also be teaching English to the students. It is a welcome step. However, do take care to ensure that the child learns his or her mother tongue first," the vice president said.

Punjab to appoint nodal officers to check stubble burning

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Ahead of the winter season which typically leads to stubble burning and smog in the northern parts of the country, Punjab government on Saturday decided to appoint nodal officers in 8,000 paddy growing villages in a move to check stubble burning.

The villages have been identified by the Agriculture department as those where paddy stubble is traditionally being burnt, according to an official spokesperson.

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had earlier directed the department to actively engage its machinery for on-ground activities at the village-level to

effectively tackle the menace of stubble burning.

Additional Chief Secretary (Development) Viswajeet Khanna said all the deputy commissioners have already been asked to depute the officials for each of the affected villages to spread awareness on the dangers of stubble burning for health and environment.

The nodal officers would also be tasked with keeping a strict vigil over the post-harvesting operations.

Khanna said the staff of cooperation, revenue, rural development and panchayats, agriculture, horticulture and soil conservation departments, the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., besides the guardians of governance, will be actively involved in the



efforts to stamp out the unhealthy practice of stubble burning.

The nodal officers will undertake various activities, ranging from holding meetings with the farmers, arranging crop residue management (CRM) machines, distribu-

tion of pamphlets/leaflets etc in villages, besides making announcements in Gurdwaras or by other modes.

These nodal officers have also been tasked to interact with village schools for organising rallies and awareness lectures to sensitise students so

that they could in turn prevail upon their parents to make them aware about the ill-effects of stubble burning.

All the secretaries of 3,485 cooperative societies across the state would be put on this job. Likewise, the services of the 1,850 panchayat secretaries of rural development and panchayats, 2,000 junior engineers, 6,000 linemen, 200 sub-division officers of PSPCL, 1,500 officers of the departments of agriculture, horticulture and soil conservation, besides 8,000 guardians of governance, would also be engaged for this purpose, the spokesperson said.

State nodal officer for anti-stubble burning campaign K S Pannu stated that apart from these, for every 20 villages, an

officer such as block development and panchayat officer, block agriculture officer, circle revenue officer etc would be appointed as coordinating officer to oversee the activities on ground.

The concerned nodal officers would submit their detailed status reports through the coordinating officers to sub divisional magistrates (SDMs) at the end of the season, so that the entire data is collated and stored in the offices of the concerned Chief Agriculture Officer for record and reference purpose.

Notably, the state government has already embarked upon a massive programme for management of paddy straw, without burning, by the farmers.

PTI ■ KURUKSHETRA

A newly married woman was allegedly gangraped by her husband's relatives and a tantrik in Haryana's Yamunanagar, police said Saturday.

According to a complaint filed by the woman's father in Kurukshetra on Saturday, she was married to a resident of Yamunanagar on September 12 this year. Soon after the marriage, her in-laws called her father and said she was mentally sick.

When the father reached her home, he found her lying in an unconscious condition. After gaining consciousness, she narrated him the whole incident.

"She told us that on the first day of her marriage, the family had called a occultist at

home. After administration of some intoxicating substance, she was made to have sexual intercourse with her husband's elder brother and her sister-in-law's husband," the father alleged in the complaint.

She was made to involve herself in some activities with the occultist for next three days, during which she was gangraped several times, he said.

The father said his daughter's mother-in-law and two sisters-in-laws were also involved in the conspiracy.

The accused would burn her cloths after raping her to destroy any evidence of the crime, the FIR stated.

Station House Officer Satya Devi said a zero FIR was registered and the case was transferred to Yamunanagar Police Station for further investigation.

UP cop shoots...

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In a damage control attempt, the cops propagated conflicting information saying it was unclear that Tiwari died of gunshot or he suffered injuries after the car hit the wall of the underpass.

In his e-byte, SSP Kalanidhi Naithani parroted the narrative saying the man in the car attempted to run over the constables on being asked to stop.

"Vivek drove the vehicle and run it over the bike of the constables and damaged it. The eyewitnesses to the incident said the police man fired at the car which hit the front wind-screen and hit the man," he said. Later, the autopsy report ascertained that the victim suffered gunshot and he died of excessive bleeding.

Additional Director General of Police (law and order) Anand Kumar said the incident was unfortunate. "Prima facie, it's a murder case," he added. "The principle of law is clear that the right of self-defence cannot exceed the perceived threat," the ADG said.

Senior police officials, including IG Sujit Pandey, inspected the scene and talked to pavement dwellers to get the sequence of incident.

The family put the corpse at an open space at Ganga Tower in New Hyderabad locality and refused to perform the last rites demanding the CM to visit their house and announce compensation and action against the errant cops. They demanded Rs 1 crore as compensation, a Government job and a CBI enquiry into the case.

This ratcheted up pressure

on the Government with BJP Minister Ashutosh Tandon reaching the victim's house to express his sympathy. The District Magistrate and the SSP too reached the victim's house. The Minister and the officers struck a dialogue assuring the family of speedy action and compensation. But the two-hour-long talk with the family members failed to end the deadlock and the family members came out of the flat while raising anti-police and anti-Government slogans. They sat around the corpse put in an open space. The deadlock had not ended till the last reports came in.

The Government recommended an SIT probe which would be headed by IG, Lucknow Range, Sujit Pandey. Also the SSP assigned Mahanagar SHO Vikas Tripathi to probe into the case.

Kejriwal calls...

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"The amendments also sought to initiate forward trading in the power sector. It would snatch away the power of the State Governments by bringing all the decision-making rights into the Centre's domain," he said, adding "Forward trading will mean the big people will gamble and the common people will have to bear the entire burden of generation, speculation, supply as well as the corruption of the power companies."

The AAP will launch a movement against the amendment bill so that its passage in the Rajya Sabha could be stopped, he added.

"We will go the people, telling them that (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi is sold to the power companies," Kejriwal said.

Incidentally, the Central Government had sent the proposed amendments to the Electricity Act to the states for their feedback on September 7. "It planned to pass the bill in the coming Winter Session of Parliament, Kejriwal said.

Valley villagers refuse haven to Shujaat's killer

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The report further said there are inputs that Pakistani covert agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has issued written instructions to all Kashmir-centric terrorist outfits in Pak/POK to furnish on priority the complete details of terrorist cadres of Jammu and Kashmir who are on the rolls of ISI and are getting monthly remuneration from the Pakistani agency, for the purpose of a 'ground check'. The agencies are working on the sensational input and seeking to get the ISI payroll for the Valley.

Agencies have also pointed out that terrorist Farooq Ahmed

Bajran, a local terrorist of Hizbul Mujahideen who was undergoing further training in Pakistan, has returned to the Valley.

Naveed had fled from police custody on February 6 while undergoing medical check-up at the SHMS hospital in Srinagar and his cohorts killed two policemen guarding him. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) that probed his escape from police custody had in August filed a charge sheet against him at a designated court in Jammu. Six persons, including Naveed, have been chargesheeted in the case.

The Jammu and Kashmir police has identified three people for the sensational murder of Bukhari.

Bukhari, 50, was Editor-in-Chief of Rising Kashmir and was killed by three gunmen in a daring attack on his car on June 14 this year. Two of his security guards were also killed.

Rain aplenty but 253...

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Tamil Nadu and Karnataka received normal rainfall, as did Andhra Pradesh, where six of 13 districts, about 46 per cent, recorded deficient rainfall. All three states also experienced widespread floods in August 2018—six districts in Tamil Nadu, seven in Karnataka and two in Andhra Pradesh.

IMD officials claimed that East and North eastern State have recorded rain deficiency up to 25 per cent while Central India recorded six percent till date.

North Western India has recorded only two per cent deficiency while South Peninsula only one per cent. Out of total 36 sub-divisions, as many as 25 have witnessed normal rains, while 9 continue to remain rain-deficient and two sub division has recorded excess rains.

Violence reduced by 20% in Naxal-hit areas: Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said violence in Naxal-affected areas has reduced by around 20 per cent in the last four years even as around 3,500 Naxals surrendered between 2014-2017 due to the impact of Government's policies and development.

In an interaction with BJP workers from 5 Lok Sabha seats of Bilaspur, Basti, Dhanbad, Chittorgarh and Mandasaur Lok Sabha seats, Modi also took on Congress for its "disconnect" with the people, alleged falsehood and corruption during its last tenure at the Centre. The Congress has failed as Opposition as it has remained disconnected with the people on the ground, the Prime Minister said while addressing the booth-level BJP workers via NaMoApp.

Responding to a question on Naxalism, the Prime Minister said violence in Naxal-affected areas has reduced by around 20 per cent in the last four years. On February 17, 2017, Modi had said in Rajya Sabha that around 700 Maoists have surrendered post-demonetisation and funds to terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir have been choked. He claimed the note ban has had a direct impact on Naxalism and terrorism.

He alleged that the Congress' sole agenda is to level false charges and spread canards against the Government while the party itself remained neck-deep in the acts of corruption during its tenure at the Centre.



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"In past four years Congress has been disconnected with people and has failed as Opposition. Their sole agenda is to level false allegation on others and to spread fake news to divert people's attention," Modi said.

He urged the party workers to reach out to maximum number of people through various media platforms and counter Congress' "propaganda of false allegations" with facts.

"People with no vision today have become television, which always keeps on playing a comedy," Modi said targeting the Congress leadership.

Replying to questions from workers, the Prime Minister said that after demonetization, black money is no longer there in the property market.

Prices of property have also fallen. Home loan interest rate, which was more

than 10 per cent under the UPA, has now come down, Modi said.

He also underlined that Government has taken various initiatives for middle class as rebate on income tax and returns on savings have increased in last four years.

In the past four years, the Government has focused on development of all classes as part of its 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', Modi said, adding, "you can recall that people were facing price rise and inflation under the previous Government".

Modi expressed happiness over his interaction with the grass-roots workers of the party who know the ground realities the best.

"I think political parties rarely get a chance to interact with booth-level workers, who know the ground reality, with the medium of technology", the Prime Minister said.

GEARING UP FOR 2019 LOK SABHA Stalin eyes clean sweep in TN for national role

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Though Lok Sabha election is seven months away, the Opposition DMK is getting fully geared up for a "great kill" with party president M K Stalin making it clear to the party office bearers to go out and win all the 39 seats in Tamil Nadu.

Stalin wants to play a major role in national politics and for that to happen, he should have at least 30 Lok Sabha members in his kitty. The DMK is certain to go to the hustings with the Congress, the CPI, the CPI(M), Muslim League and some of the Tamil and Dalit chauvinistic outfits.

"There is every possibility of DMKD led by film actor Vijayakanth joining the DMK-led front. There is no other alternative for Vijayakanth than this front," said a Congress bigwig in Tamil Nadu. But what is bothering Stalin is how he would share the 39 seats among these outfits. If Stalin decides to field 30 DMK candidates, the others have to contend with the remaining nine seats.

"The Congress is hopeful of getting at least ten seats," said the Congress leader. But a senior DMK functionary dis-



closed that the Congress many not get more than five or six seats. "There is no possibility of Stalin settling for anything less than 30 seats. He may not hesitate to go it alone also because others have proved themselves in the past elections that they are at the mercy of DMK," said the DMK leader.

EVKS Elangovan, former president of Tamil Nadu Congress Committee said that he preferred a front consisting of the DMK, Congress, the Lefts and Muslim League. "Others are extra luggage because the DMK and the Congress have to underwrite these parties," said Elangovan.

The DMK is particularly enthused with the words of Congress leader Ghulam, Nabi Azad and National Conference leader Farook Abdullah who requested Stalin to lead the Opposition fight back against

the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Stalin declared last Monday that the DMK's war cry for the 2019 election would be "Defeat BJP and destroy Fascism".

The Lefts and Dalit leader Thol Thirumavalavan are likely to settle for one seat each which will help the Congress to get five or six seats to contest. Since the Congress knows that the party would draw a blank if it goes alone, they are likely to be content with whatever they are allocated by the DMK. "Even the ten seats which we are claiming now is a kind of muscle flexing," said the Congress leader who also disclosed that the only objective of the party was to defeat the BJP.

The AIADMK which has been weakened by the demise of Jayalalithaa and is fast disintegrating is yet to announce its future plans. Tampi Durai, the deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha and the party's face in Delhi told reporters on Friday that the AIADMK would go it alone in the Lok Sabha elections. But he said in the same breath that details of alliances would be worked out at the time of election which means that the AIADMK is in a State of confused mind.

CPWD to put blow-ups of Gandhi in Delhi Govt buildings

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) will put blow-ups of Mahatma Gandhi in Government buildings in the national Capital as part of his 150th birth anniversary celebrations. The agency maintains around 80 Central Government buildings in the city. According to CPWD, around 400 blow-ups of Gandhi have so far been provided by the Cultural Ministry.

In June this year, the Government had set up an Executive Committee (EC) under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "spread Mahatma Gandhi's legacy" among the people at the national and international level.

"We will place blow-ups of Gandhi with frame in all Government buildings that are maintained by the CPWD in Delhi. All entry and exit gates of the office complexes as well as on the entry gates of the office buildings will have blow-ups of the nation's father," the official said.

He also said that CPWD Director General Prabhakar Singh has directed chief engineers concerned to fix the blow-ups immediately.

Prez Kovind: Swachhh Bharat represents spirit of Independence movement

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday said the Swachhh Bharat Mission (SBM) is not just about physical cleaning, it is about spiritual, social cleansing and reawakening which represent the spirit of our Independence movement.

Inaugurating a three-day Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention in the national Capital, President Kovind said Swachhh Bharat has become a mass movement and a revolution playing out in real time.

"Swachhh Bharat is a revolution playing out in real time. As an instrument of mass mobilisation, as a people's movement, and as a national goal towards which there is near total commitment, it represents the spirit of our independence movement," he said.

The president quoted the father of the nation in his speech several times and said in the past four years, in keeping with the traditions and teachings of Gandhiji, "I am happy to note that Swachh

Bharat has become a mass movement with domestic and international participation."

Talking about the progress of the mission, Kovind said the relentless and strenuous labours of the past four years have led India to significant milestones. He further said sanitation coverage was at 39 per cent at the start of the mission in 2014, which has touched almost 95 per cent.

"India is striving to eliminate open defecation in its entirety by October 2, 2019. This is the best 150th birthday gift we can give to Gandhiji," he said.

He, however, feels achieving universal access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene by 2030 is a major challenge in many parts of the world. Drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene are central to sustainable development goal, he said.

Emphasising on the importance of the SBM, the president said it sought to create a cleaner India with more efficient waste management, cleaner public and private places, improved sanitation and universal use of toilets.

Give equal emphasis to innovation: PM to varsities

New Delhi: Indian universities and higher educational institutions need to give equal emphasis to innovation as they give to knowledge, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday stressing that life would become a burden without innovations.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of 'Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence' organised by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Prime Minister also emphasised the importance of character building over literacy and called for 'wholesome' education in the country. "Knowledge and education are not restricted to books. The purpose of education is to enable balanced growth of every dimension of a human being which is not possible without innovation," Modi said.

"Innovation is very important because without it, life seems like a burden. In our ancient universities like Takshshila, Nalanda and Vikramashila, innovation was given emphasis along with knowledge. "I insist that students should give knowledge in classrooms of college, university but they also add them to the aspirations of the country," he added.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives books from Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Chairperson Ram Bahadur Rai as Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar looks on, during a conference on 'Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence' at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Saturday

Stressing upon the need for "interlinking" the institutions, Modi said no country or person can live in isolation.

"Our universities and colleges should be leveraged to find solutions to the challenges facing us. We should interlink institutions to innovate and incubate. The students should link their classroom learning to the aspirations of the country," he said. Modi also stressed upon the importance of character-building.

"Ambedkar, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and Ram Manohar Lohiya always emphasised on character-building over litera-

cy. Swami Vivekananda stressed on wholesome education that makes us a human," he said.

The Prime Minister stressed the importance of preparing good teachers for society.

"Scholars and students can take responsibility for spreading digital literacy, and generating greater awareness of government programmes that can improve the ease of living. Youth has given 'Brand India' a global identity," he said.

The conference is being attended by vice chancellors and directors of over 350 higher education institutions. It is being organised joint-

ly by University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University.

The theme of the conference is to deliberate on the challenges facing the Indian education system and to work out a plan for a paradigm shift both in terms of achieving academic outcomes and also in regulation of education. PTI

Weapon loot: NIA, J&K police start probe, announce ₹2L reward

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Jammu & Kashmir Police and NIA on Saturday began in-depth investigation into the case of looting of weapons by Personal Security Officer (PSO) from the guard post at official residence of sitting legislator in Srinagar on Friday. The legislator belongs to PDP representing one of the south Kashmir constituencies in Shopian district.

Police have already announced a cash reward of ₹2 lakh for capturing deserter Special Police Officer (SPO) alongwith weapons.

On Friday, a Special Police Officer (SPO) deployed as Personal Security Officer (PSO) of PDP legislator representing Wachi constituency in south Kashmir's Shopian district, decamped with eight weapons including seven AK 47 rifles alongwith ammunition of police personnel deployed for the security of the State Assembly Member at his official residence at Jawahar Nagar in summer capital Srinagar. PSO also took away one licensed pistol of MLA Advocate Ajaz Mir who was in winter capital Jammu at the time of commission of the act by PSO.

Besides legislator Advocate Ajaz Mir, around a dozen other PSOs deployed at MLAs' Guard Post were also questioned by Police and NIA sleuths at legislator's official residence that has been sealed. Jawahar Nagar area also houses official residences of government officers, legislators, political leaders and mediators.

The PSO's act is being seen as highly motivated unprecedented surprising move in the past nearly three decade history of militancy in Kashmir region. There have been several recent cases wherein SPOs and police personnel deserted Police force and decamped with service rifles and joined militant ranks.

Official statistics revealed that 34 rifles and one pistol have been looted, snatched or taken away by the militants besides SPOs and Policemen who deserted police force, in nine major incidents since

March 29, 2015. This includes yesterday's Jawahar Nagar MLA residence incident.

A senior police official said that 24 year SPO Aadil Bashir Sheikh hailing from Zainpora Shopian area executed his plan in a "meticulous manner". Aadil had joined Police force in March last year.

Security sources said that high alert has already been sounded and massive search operation launched in Srinagar and elsewhere to nab him alongwith looted weapons.

Pertinently, one among two Hizbul Mujahideen militants killed in a protracted gunfight at Panzan Chadoora area of central Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday, was also SPO turned militant who had deserted the police force several months ago.

Pertinently, this week the Ministry of Home Affairs enhanced monthly honorarium for SPOs with different categories of service period starting from one year to 15 years with honorarium ranging from 5000 to maximum 15000 per month depending upon the length of the service of SPO.

Govt doctor's son dies after being stabbed 40 times

PATNA: In a shocking incident, a Government homeopathic doctor's 15-year-old son Satyam Kumar was killed by his friends after stabbing him nearly 40 times in Patna. Satyam's body was recovered by police from an empty ground filled with at least six feet high wild grasses located just behind RPS Engineering College near Gola Road under Rupaspur police station area in the city on Saturday afternoon.

Satyam's father Shashi Bhushan Gupta had lodged a missing person's complaint with Rupaspur police station at around 10pm on Thursday after his son did not return home at Aparna Colony from coaching at Danapur.

Later the family received ransom call of Rs 50 lakh on Friday morning after which a kidnapping case was lodged. The family lives at a flat in Aparna Colony.

Satyam's friend Neeraj Kumar and Pramod Kumar, both aged around 20 years, were arrested from village Kothwa under Khagaul police station in Patna on Friday evening.

It was on duo's confession that Satyam's body was recovered. Neeraj studies at RPS Engineering College while Pramod is a student of another private school.

Another suspect Ajeet Kumar Devraj alias Chakia was evading arrest. They had

made ransom call to Satyam's family using his cellphone to cover his murder.

Police sources said Satyam's body seems to bore around 40 stabbing marks.

"His throat was slit and one of the eyes were gouged. One of the daggers used in killing was left inserted on right side of his waist while another dagger was lying in between his legs," police sources said, adding it was a pre-planned murder. When asked, City SP (West) Ravindra Kumar said that several stabbing marks were present on Satyam's body and one of the daggers used in killing was left inserted in his waist.

He said arrested youths

were constantly changing their statements on reason behind the killing.

"Neeraj had rang Satyam and called him from Gola Road on Thursday. Satyam reached there from his coaching located at Danapur around 4.30 pm after which they took him inside the empty ground and stabbed him to death," the SP said, adding, Neeraj had stabbed Satyam maximum times.

He said Neeraj, Pramod and Ajeet killed Satyam within a few hours of meeting him.

Quoting Neeraj's statement, SP said Satyam used to come to Kothwa for a girl whom he did not like and thus killed him. AGENCY

How can India pursue talks with country that glorifies killers: Swaraj

United Nations: Pakistan's commitment to terrorism as an instrument of State policy has not abated one bit, Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told world leaders at the UN on Saturday and asked them how India can pursue talks with a nation that "glorifies killers" and allows the Mumbai attack mastermind to "roam free" with impunity.

In a hard-hitting retort to Pakistan, Swaraj said India has made many efforts to hold talks with Islamabad and the only reason New Delhi has called off dialogue is because of Pakistan's behaviour. "We are accused of sabotaging the process of talks. This is a complete lie. We believe that talks are the only rational means to resolve the most complex of disputes," she said in her address to the General Debate of the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly here.

"Talks with Pakistan have begun many times. If they stopped, it was only because of Pakistan's behaviour," she said. The minister told the world body that after assuming power, Pakistan's new Prime Minister Imran Khan wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggesting a meeting between the countries' foreign ministers on the margins of the General Assembly. India accepted the

proposal but, within hours of its acceptance, news came that terrorists had killed three Indian jawans, she said.

"Does this indicate a desire for dialogue," Swaraj asked. She noted that various governments in India over the years have tried the peace option with Pakistan.

Prime Minister Modi, by inviting the Heads of the SAARC nations to his swearing in ceremony in 2014, had begun his attempt for dialogue on his very first day in office. Swaraj said she too had in December 2016, personally gone to Islamabad and offered a comprehensive bilateral dialogue.

"But soon after, Pakistan-sponsored terrorists attacked our air force base in Pathankot on January 2. Please explain to me how we could pursue talks in the midst of terrorist bloodshed," she asked.

The demon of terrorism now stalks the world, at a faster pace somewhere, a slower pace elsewhere, but life-threatening everywhere, Swaraj said.

"In our case, terrorism is bred not in some faraway land, but across our border to the west. Our neighbour's expertise is not restricted to spawning grounds for terrorism; it is also an expert in trying to mask malevolence with verbal duplicity," she said. PTI

Over 30 children rescued per day from Rly stations since Jan 2017: RPF data

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Railway Protection Force has rescued more than 30 children per day starting January 2017 till August of this year, compared to less than 20 a day in three immediate years before 2017.

According to official figures, while over 20,000 children have been rescued by the RPF in 20 months beginning January 2017, a similar number of such children were sent home in three years — 2014, 2015 and 2016.

As far as year-wise numbers are concerned, according to the figures, 11,178 children were rescued in 2017 while 8,963

children have been sent home by the force with the help of child welfare committees and NGOs in 2018 (till August) — the combined 20-month number of 20,141 i.e. More than 1,000 children per month which comes out to be over 30 children per day.

In 2014, 5,294 children were rescued, the following year, the RPF rescued 7,044 children while in 2016, it sent home 8,593 children — the combined 36-month number of 20,931 or 581 children per month i.e. Nearly 20 children per day.

A senior RPF official said the increased number of children being rescued does not mean there has been a corresponding

increase in the number of crimes associated with them.

"We are taking a more proactive role in identifying children in need of protection at railway premises and sending them home before they get into crime. Earlier, our role would begin when a crime has been committed," Inspector General, RPF, Jaya Singh Chauhan told PTI.

"That is why we are rescuing more children now than ever before."

Chauhan also said the RPF has started extensive sensitisation programmes for its staffers, especially the female workforce, on how to deal with such vulnerable children "especially if they are minors".

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E-TENDER NOTICE
Digitally signed online bids for Two Part, Open Tender Cum Reverse Auction through Central Public Procurement e-procure Portal are invited on for the following works.

1. Tender No. 6695-CMG-G00-CA-0011
Name of the work: Area Grading and Enabling Works For 5th Stream Alumina Refinery At: Damanjori, Odisha. Bdd: 12.11.2018. For query E-mail at "tki@india.nalcoff@thyssenkrupp.com".

2. RFP No. TNCC-039/2018
Name of the work: Road Transportation of Aluminium Metal Products from Nalco's Stockyard at Kolkata to Stockyard at Baddi.

3. RFP No. TNCC-040/2018
Name of the work: Road Transportation of Aluminium Metal Products from Nalco's Stockyard at Kolkata to Stockyard at Delhi. DGM (Elect.), T&C

For details please visit www.e-procure.gov.in or www.nalcoindia.com. Any Updates/Amendments/Extension will only be hosted in above websites.

DIRECTORATE DAIRY DEVELOPMENT UTTARAKHAND
MANGAL PARAO, HALDWANI (DISTRICT-NAINITAL)-263139

E-Tender Notice no.: 02/Re-tender/DD-UJK/2018-19. Date-29.09.2018

E-tenders are invited by the undersigned in two bid system for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Monochromator based machine, Protein estimation equipment, Raw milk analyzer, Muffle furnace, Moisture analyzer & Ammonia compressor at Central Dairy Lab Dairy Development Uttarakhand, Lalkuan District- Nainital and various milk unions/CFP Rudrapur/ U.S.Nagar milk union from reputed manufactures/authorized dealers up to 5 PM on 15.10.2018 which will be opened on 16.10.2018 at 11 AM. Tender documents may be downloaded/Uploaded from E-tender portal <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Director
DEVELOPMENT UTTARAKHAND
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Letter No. - C 2950/2018-19
Date - 29 September 2018

No clarity on IL&FS rights issue at AGM

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The AGM of IL&FS, which was expected to throw up concrete plans to tide over the liquidity crisis at the Government-backed infra major, on Saturday failed to make any headway with no clear commitment from its large shareholders to take part in the ₹4,500-crore rights issue.

The board of Infrastructure Leasing & Finance Services (IL&FS), headed by ex-LIC chairman SM Mathur, is scheduled to meet here this evening to decide on the rights issue.

The development comes a day after Reserve Bank deputy governors NS Vishwanathan and MK Jain met representatives of LIC, the single largest owner with 25.34 per cent, and

Japan's Orix Corporation, that owns 23.54 per cent, and reportedly asked them to ensure the systematically important NBFC does not go belly up.

The city-headquartered engineering and infra lending conglomerate owes over ₹91,000 crore to lenders, but has been on a defaulting spree since August 27. So far, it has failed to make payments as many as nine times.

"The strategy has three parts: to successfully complete the ongoing rights issue to enable the company to recapitalise itself; to sell assets and repay our creditors; and third is to be able to get liquidity to repay our debtors till our asset sale cycle begins."

The company has already

launched a ₹4,500-crore rights issue, from which HDFC and the Abu Dhabi sovereign fund, which collectively own a little over 21 per cent, are keeping away.

The company is also looking for an immediate liquidity of ₹3,000 crore from lenders.

Some shareholders who attended the AGM, which was not opened to the media, told waiting reporters that Sankaran also told the meeting that they are in discussion with the government and the RBI to put in place a legal framework before it could sell assets.

"Proposed asset sale can happen only with a legal framework as the company is in default. They have kept a timeline of 45 days to get the legal framework in place to commitment to sell assets," a shareholder said.

Another shareholder said the management also hinted at

retrenchments as well as salary and bonus cuts to reduce cost.

The debt-laden company has set a target of selling over two dozen assets to raise around ₹30,000 crore. It is eyeing to raise ₹12,000-16,000 crore by selling its transport business (ITNL), the shareholder added.

As many as 14 out of 19 road projects of ITNL have been completed and are saleable, they said.

"The bulk of rights issue subscribers. They are hoping to raise full ₹4,500 crore," another shareholder said. A majority of people who spoke to the media are preference shareholders and most of them are against distress sale of assets.

"As an investor I am scared. They did not give any concrete answers. My father had done the mistake of investing in it," said a shareholder, adding

IL&FS is an autonomous institution and "we need not trust any entity just because it is a Government-backed institution".

The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, HDFC, Central Bank of India and SBI hold 12.56 per cent, 9.02 per cent, 7.67 per cent and 6.42 per cent, respectively, in the cash-strapped company.

The IL&FS group is facing serious liquidity crisis and has defaulted on interest payment on various debt repayments since August 27. It has over ₹91,000 crore in debt at the consolidated level.

On Thursday, group firm IL&FS Financial Services defaulted on bank loans, including interest of ₹284.5 crore, to five banks. It defaulted on repayments of ₹103.53 crore of term deposit and ₹52.43 crore of short-term deposits earlier.

Centre pressuring LIC, SBI to bail out IL&FS: Nirupam

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Congress in Mumbai has accused the Centre of pressuring Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and State Bank of India (SBI) to bail out debt-ridden Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS).

LIC is the single largest owner in IL&FS with 25.34 per cent stake, while SBI holds 6.42 per cent in the infra major backed by the Government.

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Addressing a Press conference Friday, Mumbai Congress president Sanjay Nirupam



alleged that "bankruptcy" at the infrastructure lending giant is a result of "poor" corporate governance at the company under the BJP-led Government. The Centre has been pressuring the state-owned LIC and SBI to bail out the debt-ridden company with money that belongs to the common people of the country, he said. The former MP demanded a probe into the matter.

"Being a 30-year old infrastructure lending giant, IL&FS has gone completely bankrupt

today. How did the debt of this company jump by 44 per cent and its profitability decline by 900 per cent only in the past three years?" he asked. The entire stock market has been shaken in the past two weeks over this issue, Nirupam said.

LIC has almost 29 crore policyholders and a majority of them are common people. The Government wants LIC, along with the largest public sector bank SBI, to spend their money which belongs to the common people to protect the foreign investors, he said.

The Government is monitoring the situation of IL&FS and would take appropriate action to ensure that there is no undue impact on the financial system, said Economic Affairs Secretary SC Garg Friday in New Delhi.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Q-Division, CPWD, East Block, R.K. Puram, New Delhi on behalf of President of India invites online percentage rate (CPWD-7) tender from the approved and eligible contractors of CPWD for the following work

- NIT No. 45/EE/Q-Divn./2018-19** Name of work:- A/R A M/O to various type Qtrs at I B Colony under 1/Q Sub-Divn, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Internal finishing Work). Estimated Cost:- Rs. 8,44,898/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 16,898/- Period of completion 12 Months, Last date and time of submission of bid 08.10.2018 at 12:00 P.M.
- NIT No. 46/EE/Q-Divn./2018-19** Name of work:- A/R & M/O to non residential building at Babu Dham under 1/Q Sub-Division, New Delhi dg.2018-19 (SH: Finishing work) Estimated Cost:- Rs. 35,63,361/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 71,267/- Period of completion 12 Months, Last date and time of submission of bid 08.10.2018 at 12:00 P.M.
- NIT No. 47/EE/Q-Divn./2018-19** Name of work:- Retrofitting of CGHS Dispensary at Moti Bagh Under 2/Q sub-division New Delhi dg: 2018-19 (SH: Repair to RCC beams, ceiling etc. with Shortcreating and other miscellaneous work). Estimated Cost:- Rs. 14,14,750/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 28,295/- Period of completion:- 04 Months, Last date and time of submission of bid 08.10.2018 at 12:00 P.M.
- NIT No. 49/EE/Q-Divn./2018-19** Name of work:- Estimated Cost:- Retrofitting of RCC T-II, T-III & T-IV Flats at N.W. Moti Bagh Under 2/Q sub-division New Delhi dg: 2018-19. (SH: Repair of RCC Beams Parapet & damaged balconies and Garrages etc.) Estimated Cost:- Rs. 27,17,650/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 54,353/- Period of completion:- 04 Months, Last date and time of submission of bid 08.10.2018 at 12:00 P.M.

The Executive Engineer, Q-Division, CPWD, East Block, R.K. Puram, New Delhi on behalf of President of India invites online composite percentage rate (CPWD-7) tender from the approved and eligible contractors of CPWD for the following work

- NIT No. 48/EE/Q-Divn./2018-19** Name of work:- Comprehensive maintenance of Civil & Electrical works of GPRA i.e. D-I, C-I and C-II flats at Moti Bagh and D-I & Type-V M.S. flats at S.P. Marg Babu Dham, New Delhi during 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 (SH:- (i) Day to Day maintenance works (ii) Special Repairs works and (iii) Sweeping and Mopping of common areas) Estimated Cost:- Rs. 4,98,21,048/- (Civil Rs. 3,04,72,020/- + Elect. 1,93,49,028/-) Earnest Money:- Rs. 9,96,421/- Period of completion 36 Months, Last date and time of submission of bid 15.10.2018 at 12:00 P.M.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWP or www.eprocurement.gov.in

PNB raises benchmark lending rate by up to 0.2%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab National Bank (PNB) Saturday increased its benchmark lending rates or MCLR for the short-term loans by up to 0.2 per cent.

With the revision overnight Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate (MCLR) stands at 8.2 per cent as against 7.9 per cent, PNB said in a filing on stock exchanges.

The MCLR for a one-month tenor increased to 8.10 per cent from 8.05 per cent earlier.



The new rates are effective from October 1.

The rate hike comes ahead of monetary policy review announcement on October 5.

May break even after gas price hike: ONGC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) will barely break even at the new natural gas price that will come into effect from October 1, its Chairman and Managing Director Shashi Shanker has said.

The Government has announced a 10 per cent higher price for natural gas at \$3.36 per million British thermal unit for six month period beginning October 1.

Shanker said the average cost of production of natural gas by ONGC during 2017-18 was \$3.59 per million British



thermal unit.

In the current fiscal, it may be slightly less as cost of service has come down and so "maybe we will just be able to break even after the new gas price", he told reporters here.

ONGC's average cost of production of natural gas during 2016-17 was \$3.10 per mmBtu and at the Government mandated prices it was incurring significant under-recoveries from its gas business, he said.

Loss of revenues on gas business significantly impaired the company's ability to fund its capex plans and hampers most ongoing and future development projects.

ONGC has long complained that gas price is unremunerative and it incurs loss on the business.

As per a new mechanism approved by the government in October 2014, the price of domestically produced natural

gas is to be revised every six months — April 1 and October 1 — using weighted average of rates prevalent in gas surplus markets like Henry Hub (US), National Balancing Point (UK excluding Russia), Alberta (Canada) and Russia.

Using this formula, the price for October 2018 to March 2019 came to \$3.36 per mmBtu as compared to \$3.06 in the previous six months.

ONGC officials said the \$3.59 per mmBtu average cost is without taking into account return on capital and after considering a decent return the price should be not less than \$4.

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Tender Notice.No.14/EE(M)/Klg/2018-19
The Office of Executive Engineer (Maint.), Ramganga Power Station, Kalagarh (Pauri-Garhwal) invites sealed tender from interested & experienced firm/ contractor/authorized dealers. Brief summary of work/supply and details of tender is given below. Name of the work : Annual Maintenance Contract for routine works at R.P.S Kalagarh.

Approx. Value of Tenders : Rs. 6,81,049/-
Earnest money : Rs. 20,500/-
Tender cost : Rs. 590/-
Last date for downloading tender documents : 21-10-2018
Last date for receipt of tender : 22-10-2018 up to 16.00 Hrs.
Date of opening : 25-10-2018 at 15.00 Hrs.
For eligibility criteria and fuller and further details kindly visit our website "www.uttarakhandjvnyud.com." (Bidders are advised to regularly visit our web site for tender notice) Tenders can only be downloaded from our website & their cost has to be paid at the time of submission.
Letter No. 619 Dated 29.09.2018
Executive Engineer (Maint.)
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Rakesh Kumar named as CMD of NLC India Limited

JETENDER RAWAT ■ NEW DELHI

Rakesh Kumar has assumed charge as 36th Chairman-Managing Director of NLC India Limited on Friday. He is a Commerce Graduate with Master Degree in Business Administration in Finance. He joined NLCIL in May 2012 as Director/Finance.

Prior to joining NLCIL, he was Director/Finance of Brahmputra Polymers and Crackers Limited.

He has a vast experience of working with many projects and assignments of national importance and thus got exposure in various functions of Management, Administration and Finance.

He is nominated member of a Energy PSU Task Force



(EPTF) formed by Government of India to control the operational expenses (OPEX) relating to travel, insurance etc. in PSUs under the control of Ministry of Coal. Under his able leadership, NLCIL has set its way forward to achieve new heights.

E-commerce firms will have to register in every State for collecting TCS

New Delhi: E-commerce operators will have to register themselves in every State where their suppliers are located for collection of TCS and foreign companies can appoint an agent on their behalf for securing such registration, the CBIC has said.

E-commerce companies will from October 1 have to deduct 1 per cent tax collected at source (TCS) before making payments to their suppliers.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has come out with a list of 29 FAQs answering industry queries on the modalities to be followed by the e-commerce operators for deducting TCS.

It said that e-commerce operators have to obtain separate registration for TCS irrespective of whether they are already registered under GST as a supplier or otherwise and have GSTIN. The amount collected by the operator is to be paid to the Government within 10 days after the end of the month in which the said amount was collected.

The CBIC said e-commerce companies, whether domestic or foreign, would have to register themselves in each State/UT as the obligation for collecting TCS would be there for every intra-State or inter-State supply.

"In order to facilitate the obtaining of registration in each State / UT, the e-commerce operator may declare the Head Office as its place of business for obtaining registration in that State / UT where it does not have physical presence," the

operator does not have physical presence in a particular State / UT, he may appoint an agent on his behalf," it added. Clarifying on when e-commerce operators will have to collect the tax at source, CBIC said TCS is to be collected once supply has been made through the operator and where the business model is that the consideration is to be collected by the operator irrespective of the actual collection of the consideration.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Sweta Singh, D/o Yaduraj Singh, R/o D-5/121A, Sangam Vihar, Delhi**, has been missing/kidnapped from since 17.07.2018. In this regard DD No. 64B dated 17.07.2018 has been lodged at PS Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, Age: 19 years, Height: 5'3" ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Yellow Colour Shirt and Blue colour Salwar and red colour Chappal in feet.
Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following telephones nos.:-

SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Sangam Vihar, New Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.-011-26042188
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No- 8750870831
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/4969/SD/18

NAME CHANGE
I, Rahul S/o Sh.Kalau R/o C-63, J.V.T.S Garden, Chhattarpur Extn, New Delhi-74. My mother and father name has been wrongly mentioned in my 10th & 12th marksheet alongwith school records, that Saroj and Rani are same person RamSanjeevan and Kalluare same person. This effect my mother's name RANI and my father's name Kalu is mentioned my 10th & 12th class mark-sheet alongwith school records and all relevant documents for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all public that my Client Nirupama Aggarwal W/o Sh. Tara Chand Aggarwal R/o 533, C/8, Sector-8, Rohini, New Delhi has severed all relations with her son Sidharth Aggarwal and disowned his from all her immovable and movable properties due to his disobedient and bad behavior. My client shall not be responsible for his any acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever.
Advocate H.S.GILL

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Shivani Gupta, D/o Sh. Jai Bhagwan Gupta, R/o H.No. 303, Rajpur Khurd, New Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Mehrauli, New Delhi since 10.09.2018. In this regard a case FIR No. 602/18 u/s 363 IPC, dated 12.09.2018, has been registered at P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under:
Name: Shivani Gupta, Gender: Female, Age: 17 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Normal, Wearing: White and Blue colour Suit.



If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped girl, kindly inform SHO/ Mehrauli, New Delhi.
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
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Fax : 011-24368639 SHO
P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-26645050, 26643200
DP/4982/SD/18

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA DAIRY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administrative Building, Abdul Gaffarkan Road, Worli Sea Face, Worli, Mumbai- 400 018.

E-TENDER NOTICE.

Tender Notice No.DDC-21(C)/DCB-Tender/Advertisement/2018-19/T49/4194

Dated: 24 Sep. 2018

e-Tenders are invited during the period from 27/09/2018 to 19/10/2018 for the Sale of Deshi Cooking Butter manufactured at Warana Dairy, Warana Nagar, Dist Kolhapur, stored at P.D.Shah & Sons Wai, Dist Satara / Warana Dairy, Warana Nagar, Rajarambapu patil Co-op sangh Islampur, Govt. Milk Scheme, Miraj and Bhandra Dist. Co-op sangh Bhandra. Online tender notice, tender terms and conditions etc are published on website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

Dairy Development Commissioner, Maharashtra State, Mumbai reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
R.R. Jadhav, (I.A.S.)
Daily Development Commissioner,
Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
For and on behalf of Governor of Manarashtra.
DGIPR 2018/2019/3264

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Pawan Pathak S/o Sh. Ayodhya Prasad Pathak, R/o Khasra No. 46-47, Ambey Enclave, Chauhan Patti, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence FIR No. 436/14 u/s 420/467/468/471/120-B IPC at P.S. Sonia Vihar, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Pawan Pathak cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Pawan Pathak has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 CrPC is hereby made that the said Pawan Pathak accused of FIR No. 436/14 u/s 420/467/468/471/120-B Act is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.10.2018.

By Order
DP/6615/NE-18-
Sh. Anu Aggarwal
(Court Matter) Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 66, 4th Pusta, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

Business Corner

POSOCO HOLDS AGM



NEW DELHI: Power System Operation Corporation Ltd. (POSOCO) successfully concluded its Annual General Meeting on Saturday. This was the Company's first Meeting with the presence of its whole time Directors after becoming an independent Government Company in January, 2017. Representatives from the Ministry and Auditors were also present. A dividend of ₹4.74 crore was approved to be paid to the Ministry of Power.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Home Finance
Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051
Corporate Office: RPG Towers, Andheri Kurla Road, J.B. Nagar, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059.
Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi- 110055

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property / Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Mohammed Sami/ Naghma Bano/Apeksha Build Home Pvt Ltd/ LHNOD00000736487/ LHNOD00000791030	Fat Lno. 710 & 711, 7th Floor Plot No. 4a & B Devika Tower, Chander Nagar Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad-201011/ September 24, 2018	October 31, 2015 / Rs. 33,82,527/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : 29-09-2018
Place : Delhi/Ncr
Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)
ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.

WESTERN RAILWAY VARIOUS WORKS

Tender No.: S&T/CR/MTM/69/2018-19
Name of work: Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Electronic Interlocking (EI) System by OEM conforming to attach tentative Signalling Plan and RDSO specification as per RDSO/SPN/192/2005 with latest amendments and supply of various indoor and outdoor materials, trenching, laying, termination of S&T cables of various cores and System for Indoor and Outdoor work at Chintamani Ganesh and Sipra Bridge of Western Railway Rattam Division (M.P. State) in Fatehabad-Ujjain Section in connection with Fatehabad-Ujjain Gauge Conversion Project of Rattam Division of Western Railway (M.P. State) Estimated Cost of Work : ₹4,93,77,755/- EMD: ₹3,96,890/- Bidding start date : 09.10.2018. Closing date & time : 23.10.2018 at 15.00 hrs. For the above tender notice more details please visit Western railway website www.irreps.gov.in
Like us on: [Facebook.com/WesternRly](https://www.facebook.com/WesternRly)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notice for the general public that a political party is proposed for the registered by the name of Bharatiya Garibmajdoor Party (name of the party). The office of the party is located at Pachlakti Ram, P.O. Pachlakti Yadu, P.S. Baingania, Dist-Sitamardi (Bihar) (Give full address). The Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its Registration as Political Party under Section 29A of The Representation of People Act, 1951 - Names/ Address of the office bearers of the party are as follows :-
President/Chairman
Devdhar Nishad (Chamatkari Baba)
General Secretary/Secretary
Upendra Kumar Nishad
Treasurer - Mina Devi If any of has any objection to the registration Bharatiya Garibmajdoor Party (Name of the proposed party) they may send their objection with reasons, There of to the Secretary (Political Party)
Election Commission of India,
Nirvanchan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi- 110001, with in 30 days of the Publication of this Notice.

ASIA IN BAG, WITH JITTERS

Men in Blue beat Bangladesh by 3 wickets in nail-biting Asia Cup summit clash, lift second consecutive title

AGENCIES ■ DUBAI

In a match going down the wire, Ravindra Jadeja and Bhuvaneshwar Kumar's sensible knock helped India pip Bangladesh by three wickets in a thrilling Asia Cup final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium here on Saturday.

The win also shattered Bangladesh's dream of their maiden Asia Cup title while the Rohit Sharma-led Indian side clinched the prestigious title for a record seven times.

Chasing a modest 223-run target, India lost wickets at regular intervals to make the contest unpredictable, thanks to a disciplined Bangladesh bowling attack.

However, in a match going down the wire, Jadeja (23) and Bhuvaneshwar's (21) rose up to the occasion and their knock came at a time when their team needed the most.

The duo were involved in a 45-run partnership as India reach closer to the target of 223 runs before Jadhav (23) and Kuldeep (5) guided India home in a match which went to the final ball.

For Bangladesh, Mustafizur Rahman and Rubel Hossain picked two wickets each while Nazmul, Mortaza and Mahmudullah bagged one wicket apiece.

Earlier, opener Liton Das' brilliant century had helped Bangladesh post 222.

For India, Kuldeep scalped three wickets while Jadhav took two wickets.



Indian players celebrate with the silverware after defeating Bangladesh by 3 wickets in the Asia Cup final that went to last ball finish in Dubai on Friday

We didn't capitalise our chances: Mortaza

PTI ■ DUBAI

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza rued his team's inability to capitalise on a good start but at the same time was proud of their performance after giving India run for their money in the title clash of the Asia Cup.

Opting to bat, a depleted Bangladesh (without Tamim Iqbal and Shakib Al Hasan) got off to a great start as Liton Das and Mehidy Hasan stitched a 120-run stand for the opening wicket before losing their plot to be restricted to a modest 222.

Bangladesh bowlers, however, made a match of the low total before India sneaked home with a nervy three-wicket win in a last-ball thriller.

"Our boys should feel proud. I think we have to learn so many things. Every time we play a tournament like this, we are struggling somewhere or the other. Today we made a good start but couldn't go through. We had it under control, but we couldn't capitalise," Mortaza said after the game.

"Mortaza praised his bowling department but said the script could have been different had the spinners bowled well in the middle overs.

"In the last few matches, we lost early wickets but managed to score 240-250. I think the bowlers did a good job in the tournament. We are proud but we have to move forward. Not having Shakib (Al Hasan) and Tamim (Iqbal) was a big blow, but I think boys have done a really good job," he said.

"If our off-spinners bowled well, the scenario would have been so different," Mortaza said.

He, however, said he can't blame his bowlers after his batsmen squandered a great opportunity to put up a big score on the board.

"(But) You would always back the spinners when you see the ball turning in the first innings. Mehidy bowled well throughout the tournament. Mahmudullah was good in the last game.

"We needed to get 10 overs from them, but we were struggling to do that."



'ROHIT CALMNESS REFLECTED IN HIS CAPTAINCY'

DUBAI: India coach Ravi Shastri is impressed by skipper Rohit Sharma's "calming influence", which reflected in his leadership during India's triumphant Asia Cup campaign.

Rohit's captaincy is like a breath of fresh air for Team India which now has a second line of leadership in the limited overs format. "Rohit was a calming influence and it showed in his captaincy. To keep his intensity going even after the start they (Bangladesh) had, showed he was really cool in every aspect of captaincy," Shastri said after India retained the Asia Cup title.

"The bowling changes he made were really good, to concede just around 100 runs in

the last 30 overs, I thought it was brilliant," he added.

The coach said India's biggest gain from the Asia Cup was the high standards of fielding the players have displayed all throughout the tournament.

"The biggest plus was the fielding, game after game, we saved around 30-35 runs in these oppressive conditions," Shastri observed.

"We took wickets consistently and during the middle-overs, the bowlers were outstanding, we bowled well with the new ball in tough conditions and then the spinners came to the party," he added.

Rohit.

"I understand the dynamics of this team, how we play our cricket and how we want to go forward as a team. I think in this tournament we have ticked all the boxes," Rohit looked satisfied after accomplishing his task.

Rohit made it clear that his philosophy of leadership is to help players shed insecurities while playing for the country. He in fact assured the likes of Rayudu and Karthik that they will be playing all games.

"When we came here, I wanted to give them the assurance that they will be playing all games. That's how you make players. If you know after two games you are going to get dropped, it's not easy for any player. I wanted to give everybody a fair run and play more games. That's how you understand a player's capabilities. One odd game, you can't judge a player," said Rohit.

He agreed that No's 4 and 6 are still not settled and the picture would be clearer closer to the World Cup.



'READY FOR CAPTAINCY'

His record as stand-in captain has been quite impressive and Rohit Sharma on Saturday made it clear that whenever the opportunity comes along, he would be "ready" for full-time captaincy.

Under Rohit, India have won two close multi-nation tournaments — the T20 tri-nation in Sri Lanka and now the Asia Cup 50-over tournament.

A three-time IPL winning captain of Mumbai Indians, Rohit was asked if he is ready for a long-term leadership role in future.

"Definitely. We have just won so I will surely be ready (for captaincy). Whenever the opportunity comes, I will be ready," a smiling Rohit told reporters after India's Asia Cup triumph.

There are challenges of a stand-in captain, Rohit admitted, adding that the main objective is to allow players to play freely without thinking about their places in the

team. "It's a challenge for any team when few of your senior players are rested. Obviously they will make a comeback and few of the guys have to miss out. Every

team is doing that and also guys understand that.

"It's up to them whenever they get an opportunity they make it big and make it

count but for us, myself as a captain and our coach, we have to make sure that they have the liberty to go out and play their game without feeling any pressure," said

SINGLES

INDIAN MEN FACE RUSSIA IN CHESS OLYMPIAD

BATUMI: A tough test awaits the Indian men as they will take on second seed Russia in the sixth round of the 43rd Chess Olympiad here. With eight points in their kitty, it has been good going for the team barring a lone loss against defending champion and top seeded Americans in the fourth round. Backed by Viswanathan Anand's facile win in the previous round, the Indian men beat Paraguay by a 3.5-0.5 margin. So far, the record sheet reads just one red mark as Anand is the only one to have lost a game among five members. 12 wins, one loss and seven draws has been the story thus far in 20 games and going by the statistics of many other teams this has been a commendable effort. It's currently a four way tie at the top with ten points apiece and sharing the lead are Azerbaijan, Poland, Ukraine and Czech Republic.

SABALENKA WINS WUHAN OPEN TOURNAMENT

WUHAN: A dominant Aryna Sabalenka thrashed Anett Kontaveit 6-3, 6-3 to win the Wuhan Open title in China on Saturday. The Belarusian was in commanding form as she cruised to the second WTA title of her career, facing little trouble from Estonia's Kontaveit who had also turned in impressive performances to reach the final. The Minsk-born Sabalenka, who grabbed her first WTA title earlier this year at the Connecticut Open, is projected to climb to a career-best 16th with her victory at the Wuhan Open, a Premier 5 tournament that awards 900 ranking points.

GASPARYAN WINS IN TASHKENT TITLE

TASHKENT: After years of injury struggles, Margarita Gasparyan won her first WTA title since 2015 at the Tashkent Open on Saturday. Gasparyan swept aside her 17-year-old fellow Russian Anastasia Potapova 6-2, 6-1, breaking Potapova's serve twice at the start of each set. Gasparyan won the now-defunct Baku Cup in 2015 and was ranked a career-high 41st in 2016 but had her career derailed by an injury requiring repeated knee operations. Now ranked 299th in the world, she is 167 places below Potapova. It was Potapova's second career final and second loss after being beaten by Olga Danilovic in Moscow in July.

PATRA BOYCOTTS TRIAL, DIPA SKIPS

NEW DELHI: Frustrated by the "absurdity" in selection criteria, Indian gymnast Rakesh Patra on Saturday boycotted the trial for the 48th Artistic World Championship, while Dipa Karmakar too skipped it due to fitness issues here. The gymnasts appearing for the trial were left stumped when they came to know about SAI's directive that they will have to perform the all-around routine instead of their individual events for selection. Patra claimed that India's long-serving chief coach G S Bawa didn't have any clue about the selection criteria a day before the trial and only announced it after a group of gymnasts had already performed their events at the I G Stadium on Saturday.

ARCHER VERMA WINS WCUP FINAL BRONZE

SAMSUN: India's star compound archer Abhishek Verma put up a dazzling display to down Kim Jongho of Korea and bag a Bronze medal in the season-ending World Cup Final. Verma partnered with Jyothi Surekha Vennam to clinch a Silver in the exhibition compound mixed team event. Drawn against hosts Turkey in the final, the Indian pair of Jyothi Surekha Vennam lost 152-159. The final day of the season-ending meet will see Indian ace recurve archer Deepika Kumari, a four-time World Cup Final Silver medalist making a seventh appearance. The Korean, who is the most consistent compound archer to have qualified with the highest average arrow (9.82), led by a point till the third end against Verma in the bronze playoff. But the Indian archer displayed a super consistent show, shooting 149 out of a possible 150, to edge out the Korean by two points in the fiercely-contested match.

Agencies

Dhawan dropped from Test squad

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Shikhar Dhawan was on Saturday dropped for the two-match Test series against West Indies after his poor run in England while Mayank Agarwal and Mohammed Siraj's achievements in the domestic circuit were rewarded with maiden India call-up.

The selectors decided to rest the pace duo of Bhuvaneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah, taking into account their "recent workload".

The pace bowling department looks a little inexperienced with Mohammad Shami and Umesh Yadav being the two experienced players in the Virat Kohli-led 15-member squad after the omission of Bhui and Bumrah.

Mumbai's Prithvi Shaw has retained his place in the side after failing to make the playing XI in the last two Tests in England. Considering that Dhawan has been shown the door, young Shaw could finally get his chance to open the batting with K L Rahul, who had saved

his place with a fine knock in the final Test against England.

"Taking stock of the recent workload, the selectors have decided to rest Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvaneshwar Kumar. Both Ishant Sharma and Hardik Pandya were not considered for selection, as they are yet to recover from their injuries," BCCI acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary said in a statement.

The first Test will be played at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot from October 4 to 9, followed by the second match at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad from October 12 to 16.

INDIA SQUAD

Virat Kohli (captain), K L Rahul, Prithvi Shaw, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane (vice-captain), Hanuma Vihari, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur.

Mayank, Bawne shine in WI warm-up game

PTI ■ VADODARA

Mayank Agarwal served a timely reminder to the selectors with a brisk 90 while Ankit Bawne hit a patient hundred as Board President's XI scored 360 for six before declaring against the West Indies in the warm-up game here Saturday.

In the national reckoning since last season, opener Agarwal played his natural attacking game, hitting 14 boundaries and two sixes, but his younger Prithvi Shaw (8) was removed quickly after hitting two boundaries in the two-day game.

Karun Nair (29), whose confidence took a beating after being benched during the entire the England Test series, missed a golden opportunity to play a big knock on a flat track where BP XI players maintained a run-rate of four per over.

Shreyas Iyer (61 off 64 balls) was in the T20 mode, hitting five sixes, and he was especially severe on veteran spinner Devendra Bishoo (3/104 in 21 overs), who had the last laugh when a century looked like there for the tak-

ing. During the second part of the innings, Maharashtra batsman Bawne showed why he is such a consistent performer in domestic cricket with an unbeaten 116 off 195 balls with 15 boundaries. Bawne's hundred came off 153 balls.

The match was like a last trial for the Shaw-Agarwal pair, which have been prolific at the domestic and A level matches.

Shaw was quickly snuffed out by opposition pacer Shanon Gabriel, caught by Shimron Hetmyer, but Agarwal didn't let the tempo drop and hit the pacers on the up.

He hit some lovely drives on both sides of the wicket. His half-century came off 73 balls as he added 82 runs for the third wicket with Nair.

Agarwal and Nair were out in quick succession but Iyer and Bawne added 113 runs in 25.2 overs for the fifth wicket.

Brief Scores: BP XI 360/6 decl in 90 overs (Ankit Bawne 116 no, Mayank Agarwal 90, Devendra Bishoo 3/104) vs West Indies.

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I hate committing myself to anything. It's probably the lack of discipline. I'm a spoiled brat worried about getting my way every time
— Cameron Diaz



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Kohli is the top-end product of the modern game. At a time when Yo-Yo Tests have become more important than legacy, we should be willing to embrace the fact that we don't know what is happening. We have not seen anything like this before. We cannot predict what will happen next. So why don't we buckle in and see what Kohli — the batsman and the captain — has to offer, writes AAKASH AGGARWAL

Virat Kohli Captain vs batsman



July 13, 2002 — from my English Literature college classroom, where I first learnt that 'romantic' can mean something else apart from Shah Rukh Khan standing in Switzerland with his hands wide open and a silly smile on his face as the heroine runs excitedly towards him, I first heard about this character called Icarus. Belonging to Greek mythology, his story is one where he puts on wings made of feathers and wax and starts flying. He flies too close to the Sun and as you would expect, his wings melt and he has a great fall from the Sun to Earth and is crushed to death. This story can be seen as a lot of things: A warning against selfish ambition, perils of a foolhardy strategy, a cautionary tale that forbids you from going against conventional wisdom, a symbolic story about science and innovation and how man must not play God. However, surprising as it may sound for people who aren't familiar with the story, Icarus is celebrated by the Romantics. Their focus is on not how his wings melt and how he dies a horrifying death, but on the fact that he over-reached, he tried and he almost succeeded. They celebrate his spirit and strong will to try. As a cricket-crazy nation, as true Romantics, we need to celebrate this phase of Indian cricket and marvel at the genius of Virat Kohli while keeping self-doubt at bay.

I would like to believe that while gully-cricket playing days are long over and I am hardly able to find the time to watch a full day of a Test match like I once used to, my love for consuming cricket-related opinions is still alive and kicking. So, I have read the accounts of English players talking about how Kohli is their primary target, how he is a better batsman than what they saw in the last India tour of England, and how he reminds them of Sachin Tendulkar. I have read expert comments about his form and fitness, his criticality to the Indian team's totals, and his absence from the Asia Cup. I have read news articles about how India needs MS Dhoni's 'guiding' hand in Kohli's absence, how Hanuma Vihari is indebted to Kohli for giving him confidence in his Test debut, and what Kohli needs to learn about leadership. In fact, I have watched and read Kohli's interviews where he stoically defends his choices, where he tries to move the conversation about the team from self-praise and Anushka Sharma, and where he asserts that India has certainly not been outplayed in the England Test series.

The harsh reality is that the 4-1 score line certainly doesn't make you beam with confidence and is probably one of the key things that will haunt Kohli and the team on every overseas tour in the near future. If they lose

again, the England tour will be the benchmark to showcase consistently bad results. If they win, people will say, well it still isn't England. And then, of course, there is the most-loved schizophrenic comparisons that will continue to spring up: Virat Kohli, the batsman vs Virat Kohli, the captain. My humble suggestion would be to try, and for once, not do what we have always done and instead try something new: Soak in what is happening, understand the big transition that is currently under play for Indian cricket, and then take a close, hard look at Kohli again.

Let us first discuss what everyone seems to be discussing. The two statements that he has made in the recent past on which a lot of media ink has been spent. At a press conference after the series, he was asked by a reporter whether he still believes Coach Ravi Shastri's assertion that the current team is the "best in 15 years". Kohli responded, "We have to believe that, why not? What do you think?" To which the reporter replied that he's not sure and with a "that's your opinion", Kohli moved on. He did but the rest of India seems to have not. Remarks that suggest that he was arrogant, rude, angry, desperate and what not have played on TV news channels and splashed across headlines. I only want to brainstorm with you on what else could he have said to make it a reply that was approved by all. Should he have said, "What time did you ask Ravi? Was it in the evening? Never believe what he says in the evening..." or should he have said, "Best in 15 years? Well I thought so before the series. I now think that the 11 chosen team members that represent India on the cricket ground are a bunch of worthless talentless nincompoops"? He simply said that you are the best only if you believe that you are. He meant, as many self-help books tell you, that you must 'fake it till you make it' in the real world. Even when the reporter said that he wasn't sure that the 15-year claim was true, Kohli simply said that the reporter is entitled to his opinion and moved on to the next question.

Let's discuss his second statement, where he said that he will not be participating in the Asia Cup. He said, "The workload has started to disagree with me a little bit." People see this as someone choosing the series he wants to participate in, a self-admission that he is burning out, choosing to make money in cash-rich tournaments such as the IPL rather than representing the nation and what not. I would only want them to look at the numbers: Since the 2011 World Cup, Kohli has played more international matches than any other cricketer in

the world. If we remove the IPL, he has still played a mind-boggling 287 games across the three formats. For a man who will clock his 30th year later this year, this is a lot. For any living person, this is too much. If he has decided to take a break to recharge the batteries, it would not be the craziest think to allow it. Think of Marcus Trescothick, Jonathan Trott, and most recently, AB de Villiers. If we have to choose a series over five years of international cricket, it would be a no-brainer.

Now to address the looming questions: Kohli is a great batsman, but is he a great captain? Is Kohli better than the team? Are we forcing Kohli to burn out before his time? My response to all those asking these questions is to request them to take a deep breath. I think an issue that may have needed attention would be if his performance had been significantly lower as a captain than as before. As we all know, even Sachin 'God' Tendulkar faced that challenge even if he doesn't care to admit it. But that is not the case. In 71 tests, Kohli has amassed 23 tons and 19 half-tons at a rate of 53.92 runs per match. But as captain, he seems to be in a different zone. In the 40 tests that he has played as the captain, he has scored 4,049 runs at an average of 64.26, with 16 100s and nine 50s. In fact, in ODIs, in 211 games where he has scored 9,779 runs peppered with 35 tons at an average of 58.2, as captain in 52 games, he has scored 3,059 runs with 13 tons at a much higher average of 82.67. Whether you say that he was made captain when he was in the best form or argue that this form won't last, one thing is for sure — he has taken on the captaincy challenge with élan and proven his critics wrong.

Doubts about his captaincy fade away when one stops putting him into the same mould of a previous captain. If we look at a previous generation, MAK Pataudi aka Tiger Pataudi first taught the Indian cricket team to roar; he was a leader of men. Sunil Gavaskar, the original master-blaster, laid the founda-

tion of a fast-bowling Indian team probably for the first time. Then came Kapil Dev — the tearaway fast bowler or the swashbuckling batsman — his real identity was as every man's Captain *Paaji*. He taught India how to snatch victory from the jaws of a loss. Mohammad Azharuddin, the stylish batsman, who relied heavily on Tendulkar, the batsman, and Anil Kumble, the bowler. Sourav Ganguly, the Prince of Kolkata, built the nucleus of a team that had the world's strongest batting line-up and the desire to perform at the highest level. With a fair sprinkling of experience and youth, he built the team that ruled the hearts of an entire nation. As an emotional, stubborn, and shrewd captain, his tenure saw the likes of Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, and Yuvraj Singh spread their wings without the fear of being dropped after one bad performance.

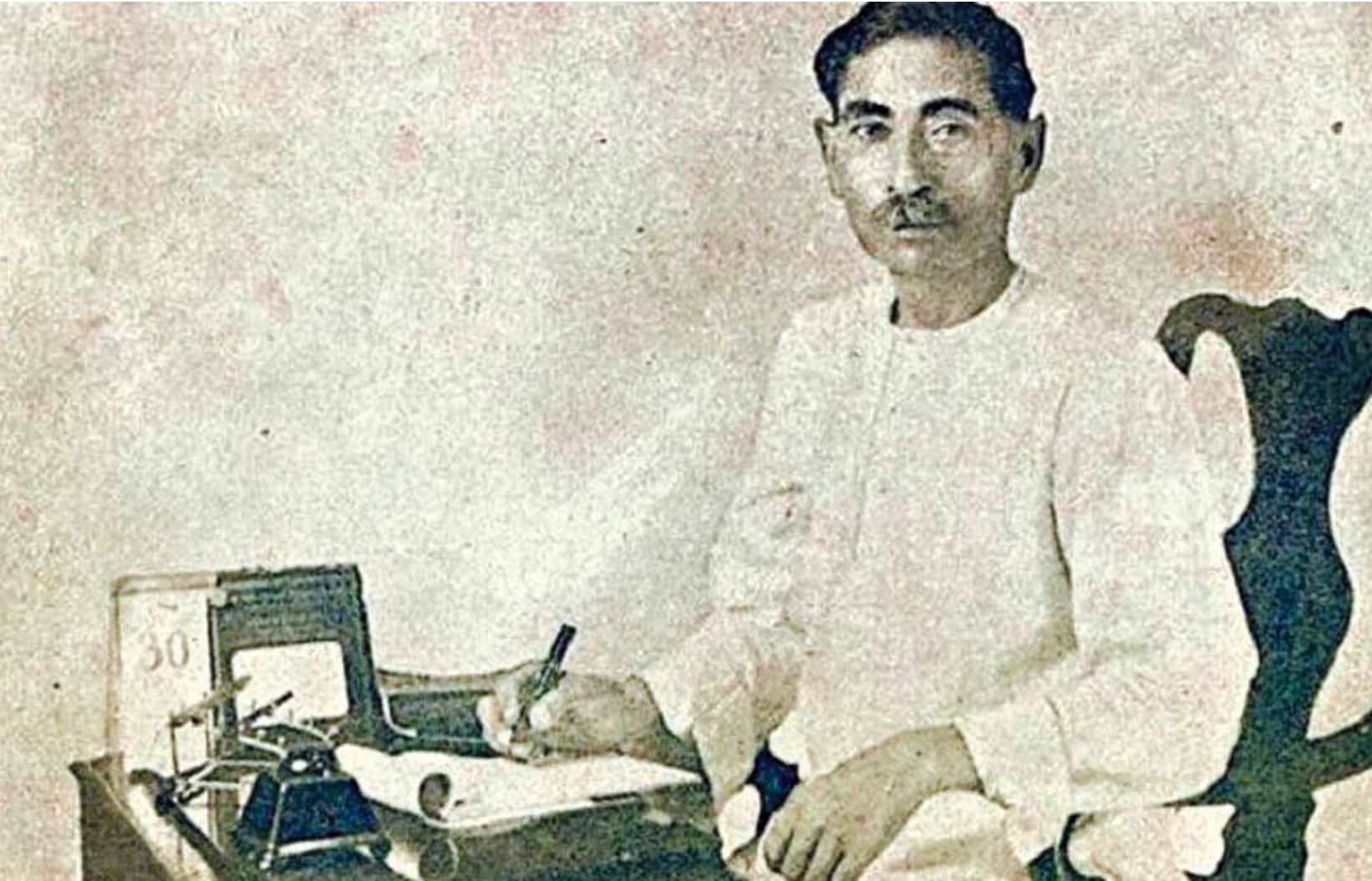
And finally, Dhoni — the captain cool, the helicopter shot, the gambler, the finisher — rebuilt a team from the foundation that Ganguly had laid. Winning looked more possible and as one after another senior hung up their boots, the strength of a team — the sum total of 11 players — mattered for the first time. His game awareness and his ability to calculate the opponent's next move in pressure situations made him stand out and he is still loved more than any other player. All of these great captains came into their own over a period of time. Their trademark styles, their preferred team combinations and personal performances became known over long years.



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THE WORLD OF PREMCHAND

A collaborative enterprise of around 70 translators working on 300 stories, the project boasts of several short stories being presented in English for the first time. Jamia Millia Islamia Professor M Asaduddin shares with KALYANEE RAJAN the journey of the making of these volumes, the unique characteristics, and his future projects



Premchand: *The Complete Short Stories*, published in four volumes by Penguin Random House, has been edited by author, critic, and translator in several languages M Asaduddin. A collaborative enterprise of about 70 translators working on 300 stories, the project boasts of several short stories being presented in English for the first time. Taken together, the volumes constitute 3,264 pages of dense printed material, running into more than 1,500,000 words. The volumes present Premchand's entire short-fiction oeuvre for the delight of the English-speaking world.

Along with a comprehensive foreword by Harish Trivedi and an extensive introduction by the editor, M Asaduddin, this pathbreaking anthology features several stories not hitherto available either in Hindi or Urdu. Also included are comprehensive notes that provide the publication history of each story — highlighting the differences, sometimes significant and radical, between the Hindi and Urdu versions of the same story — as well as a definitive chronology, making this a truly singular collection. Prof M Asaduddin shares the journey of "the making" of these volumes as it were, the unique characteristics, and his future projects.

Premchand: The Complete Short Stories in four volumes is a massive project. Please tell us about its inception and the journey.
 It all started as a part of the UGC-SAP-DRS project awarded to the Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi) in 2004. But as happens with such ventures, it met several roadblocks along the way and at one time it seemed that it would never be completed. It remained in limbo for quite a few years until I managed to revive it in 2016 and gave it a major push. I always felt that it was a work that needed to be done, and failure to complete the project would have meant a major setback to the Premchand Scholarship.

What were the major challenges before you, both as an editor and a translator, as you embarked upon this ambitious project?
 The foremost challenge was to gather a large number of translators with adequate bilingual competence and knowledge of cultural nuances. We organised quite a few workshops to train translators in honing their skills. Translators came to several rounds of three-day workshops with their translations and worked with mentors to polish and finalise them. Special lectures were organised during the workshop to familiarise translators with the cultural world of Premchand and the peculiarities of his style. Premchand was not simply writing in Urdu and Hindi, but fashioning modern prose in these languages. As an editor, my challenge was to see that there is some stylistic uniformity, given such a large number of translators and each translator having his own individual style.

What are some of the unique features of this set of short stories compared to existing translations?

The four volumes, for the first time, endeavour to present the entire corpus of Premchand's short stories in English translation. A proper chronology has been established by painstakingly exploring the publishing history of each story. This has never been done earlier. Before this, there were several anthologies in circulation — good, bad, and indifferent — that showcased a limited number of stories, mostly less than 20. They were awfully inadequate to give the reader an idea of the range and complexity of the writer. The current volumes address this inadequacy.

However, the most unique feature that sets these volumes apart from any other existing volume is the fact that they have combined both the Hindi and Urdu versions wherever such versions exist. Typically, most of the other volumes used only the Hindi original, and in doing so, they presented only a partial version of Premchand's larger vision. It is because of this that the volumes are expected to give a fillip to Premchand studies — by presenting both versions and also by making available materials that were not available earlier.

What kind of archival sources did you need to access and what were some of the challenges you faced while locating and accessing the primary texts?
 The editions of Premchand's work in Hindi and Urdu that claim to be definitive are not definitive at all. There are differences among versions. As far as possible, my effort was to track down sources where the stories were first published. For instance, a large number of his stories in the first phase were published in *Zamana*, an Urdu journal published from Kanpur. Fortunately, I could lay my hands on all the *Zamana* files from the Premchand Archives at Jamia Millia Islamia that contained these stories. Similarly, I tried to access archives in Pakistan and the US for other stories. In the process, some new stories were discovered from these sources that are not available in any of the existing collections of Hindi and Urdu, not to speak of English.

How far do you think Premchand is relevant to the current literary and socio-political scenario?

Premchand is considered the greatest writer in Urdu and Hindi, with respect to both his popularity and the range and depth of his corpus. His enduring appeal cuts across all barriers of class, caste, and social groups. In fact, few, or none of his contemporaries in Urdu-Hindi, have remained as relevant today as him, in the contexts of the women question, Dalit discourse, Gandhian nationalism, Hindu-Muslim relations, and the current debates about the idea of India that is inclusive of all groups and denominations irrespective of caste and creed. Hence this project, which not only places Premchand's short fiction in a reliable chronological order, but also underscores the need to revisit Premchand in the light of the new materials that have been discovered.

Please talk a bit about Premchand, his life and times, and Premchand as a writer.

When Premchand began to write in the opening decade of the 20th Century, novels and short stories, as we understand in the modern senses of the terms, were yet to emerge. The atmosphere of *dastan* or prose romances hung heavy on fiction writing in Hindi and Urdu. It can be seen in Premchand's early stories too. But he soon grew out of it and made his fiction more socially relevant by giving it the hard, gritty texture of realism. In this sense, he can be regarded as the father of modern fiction in both Urdu and Hindi. The Hindi-Urdu controversy was virulent at the time, vitiated as it was with rank communalism and the Hindu-Muslim relations had touched their lowest depth. It goes to the credit of Premchand that he negotiated all this

with courage and conviction, untouched by any kind of sectarianism. It was nothing less than heroic, given the vitiated atmosphere of the time.

Since you have been working on Premchand for quite some time now, could you briefly touch upon what has been the history of translations of Premchand's oeuvre in India and abroad?

A limited number of Premchand's stories have been translated into all Indian languages. Some of his popular stories, like 'Idgah' and 'Boodhi Kaki', have been a part of school syllabi in every part of the country. So most of the educated Indians have encountered Premchand either in their schools or at some stage in their lives. Six out of his 14 novels have been translated into English so far. Quite a few anthologies of his short stories in English have also been published. As far as translation of Premchand's works in foreign languages is concerned, I have dealt with this in a volume, *Premchand in World Languages* (Routledge), edited by me. Preference for Premchand's work picked up for translation was, in most cases, determined by the ideology and the image of India that the translators wanted to project through their translations. Premchand was hugely popular in the Leninist and Stalinist Russia, presumably because of his concern for the underdogs and marginalised sections of society.

Premchand translated quite a few foreign writers during his lifetime. What were his objectives in translating them? What are the kind of concerns you engage with while encountering his own translations or translations in his own lifetime?

Premchand translated Leo Tolstoy, the Russian maestro, Maurice Maeterlinck, the

Belgian-French writer, and Charles Dickens and George Eliot, the English Victorian novelists. He also translated John Galsworthy. In each case, the choice of his texts was driven by ideological impulse. He translated Tolstoy's short stories for their simple morality and folk wisdom that appealed to him. He translated Maeterlinck's play *Les Aveugles* (as *Shabe Tar Yaani Andheri Raat*), as he found the play extremely relevant in post-Jallianwala Bagh India, and he translated Eliot's *Silas Marner* (as *Sukhdas*) because he felt a special affinity with the protagonist's simple view of life. In all these cases, his translations were fairly close to the originals. However, when he rendered his own novels and short stories from Urdu to Hindi or the other way round, he often took recourse to rewriting, changing them significantly in the process. One can mention the novel *Sevasadan* (*Bazar-e Husn* in Urdu) and the short stories, 'Pooos ki Raat' or 'Mritak Bhoj' as illustrations.

Premchand's stories are marked by a stark, ruthless realism mingled with a great deal of idealism. How do you think, as a writer, Premchand viewed the world around him and what kind of solutions did he offer, if any?

The best of Premchand's stories deal with social inequities. It will not be incorrect to say that the readers of Hindi and Urdu fiction encountered such stark realities in literature for the first time. His idealism consists of his belief in the goodness of human heart and the possibility of human beings transforming themselves. Quite a few of his stories attain denouement through the strategy of change of heart of the protagonist. Yet, it will be fair to say that Premchand was aware of the human potentiality for both good and evil in equal measure.

What are some of the recurring themes in Premchand's short stories and do you believe he fleshed them out to a logical culmination? Does he leave some of them unresolved or unsatisfactorily done?

The plight of the common people, exploitation of the marginalised sections of society, agrarian distress and peasants'

struggle, women empowerment, caste injustice, Hindu-Muslim relations, life in the village and the city — these are some of the themes that occur in Premchand's works again and again. He treats these themes from different angles. No aspect of the society of the time has remained untouched in his fiction. It is possible to recreate a comprehensive picture of contemporary Indian society from Premchand's fiction and non-fiction.

Premchand had to face enormous censorship during his time. In these times, we are faced with lingering, uncomfortable questions of freedom of expression with respect to both the citizen and the litterateur. What would be your observations?

Premchand was writing under a repressive colonial regime where there was very limited freedom of speech and expression. His first volume of stories, *Soz-e Watan* (*The Dirge of the Nation*) was banned by the British Government. Later in life, he had to submit a security deposit of ₹1,000 (a substantial sum) several times at the mere whiff of writing political material in his two journals. Premchand was a popular writer, who had extraordinary reach and penetration, and hence, the nervousness of the colonial Government was understandable. Today, we live in an independent country and Premchand would have expected every citizen of India to enjoy freedom of thought and expression in full measure. The recent phenomenon of intolerance of each other's views and faith and ideology would have pained him deeply. Right through his life, he fought all kinds of narrowness and sectarianism, and never made any compromise with the forces of obscurantism.

What are the difficulties faced by translators today? Specifically in terms of their engagement with the language, do translators get the freedom to translate as is, without mediation and are they able to express the topical, historically rooted themes and idioms, however controversial they may sound, in the globalised, modern world of today?

As far as translation is concerned, more specifically translation from Indian languages into English, India is passing through a good phase. The entire nation seems to be engaged in translating India into English. The general axiom that one usually translates into one's own mother tongue has been turned on its head in India. The multi-lingual nature of our society and polity requires that we must translate into English in order to make our own literature accessible to a pan-Indian and foreign readership. For various reasons, Indian literature in English translation is in great demand today. It has grown both in volume and quality over the past couple of years. The art of translation has been the subject of countless seminars in the country. It is now being studied as an academic subject with potential for jobs. All this has contributed to making the art of translation and the discourse around it more nuanced, refined, and complex. The environment in India is now quite conducive for an aspiring translator.

You have been awarded by the Sahitya Akademi for your translation of Ismat Chughtai's *Kaghazi Hai Pairahan*. You have contributed extensively to the Premchand Scholarship. What are your current and upcoming projects?

I have recently completed translating a collection of animal stories by Syed Muhammad Ashraf. This was sponsored by Aleph Books and is being published this summer. Then there is a project by Penguin Random House to translate a comprehensive collection of stories by Intizar Husain, the foremost Pakistani writer. I have also been approached for a re-translation of Premchand's *Godaan*. So much needs to be done, and the time at one's disposal is so limited.

The writer teaches English literature at a DU college

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Kohli is not these men. He is Virat Kohli. He is the player that Gavaskar described as the best under-22 player in the world. He is the batsman that Tendulkar named as the one who he expects will break his record. And he is the same person who was defined by his trademark on-field and off-field outbursts. His uncontrolled aggression, his fights with opposing teams, the abuses that he hurled on-camera seem to have become a thing of the past. His new-found success in Tests indicates that he is more patient. Yes, Kuldeep Yadav and Hardik Pandya flopped. Yes, playing an Ashwin while he was injured was questionable. Yes, saving Ravindra Jadeja for the last Test was probably too late.

Virat Kohli: Captain vs batsman

What if none of this happened — Yadav and Pandya succeeded. Ashwin didn't get injured, and Jadeja played from the first match onwards? Unless Paul the Octopus is reading this, I can surely say that you and I will never know. And isn't that saying something? Not knowing? Getting to know as the match progresses. Biting your nails as a gamble pays off. Sitting on the edge of your seat as someone goes against conventional wisdom? That is what keeps you in the



game. Kohli is the top-end product of the modern game. At a time when bodies are leaner and pay cheques fatter, where probably the maximum amount of cricket is being played, where Yo-Yo Tests have become more important than legacy, we should be willing to embrace failures and be open to wait long enough to see new captains come into their own, it will remain like the punishment meted out to King Sisyphus. Our cricket captain will be the Sisyphus rolling the boulder of our expectations up the hill with all his efforts, only for it to fall back, making him repeat the endless punishment.

Indian cricket team captaincy has always been a thankless job. In my cricket-watching tenure, I have seen Tendulkar giving it up, Ganguly blame his hair loss and greying hair on it, Kumble bowing out of it, and Dhoni being loved and hated with equal measure. It's tough, but unless we learn to embrace failures and are open to wait long enough to see new captains come into their own, it will remain like the punishment meted out to King Sisyphus. Our cricket captain will be the Sisyphus rolling the boulder of our expectations up the hill with all his efforts, only for it to fall back, making him repeat the endless punishment.

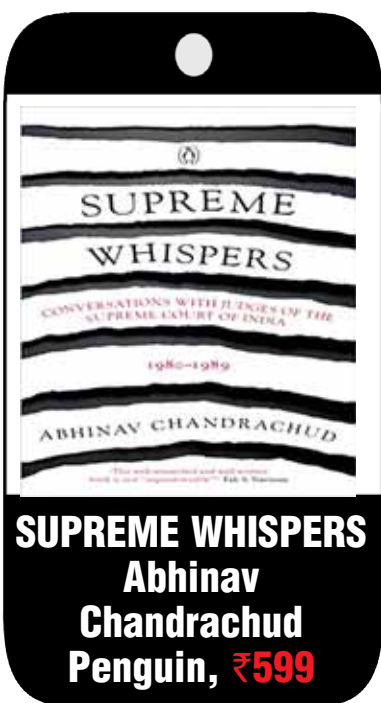
The writer is a communications professional and a cricket lover



HINDUSTAN HAD BECOME FREE. PAKISTAN HAD BECOME INDEPENDENT. BUT MAN WAS A SLAVE IN BOTH COUNTRIES — SAADAT HASAN MANTO

INSIDE THE SUPREME COURT

This book makes the decorated annals of the Supreme Court, to a certain extent, more accessible to a lay reader, says **KALYANEE RAJAN**



Justice is an elusive concept: It is variable, fluid at its best, and its applicability and actuality depends on several minutiae in each instance. In a country fraught with pluralities of all possible kinds, justice inevitably acquires as many hues and filters as there can be. India sat up and took note earlier in January this year when in an unprecedented press conference, four Supreme Court judges led by Justice Jasti Chelameswar laid bare their misgivings about the current state of the judiciary led by the incumbent Chief Justice of India, Dipak Misra. What was reinforced through the entire episode, was that the judiciary was perhaps the most crucial pillar of democracy in these times. Lawyer and writer Abhinav Chandrachud's latest, extremely interesting book *Supreme Whispers* takes note of this moment in its detailed introduction. Just when the nation's interest was piqued by the press conference to know more about the working and the making as it were of the most hallowed court of this country, Chandrachud's *Supreme Whispers* stepped in as a welcome repository of information, which though somewhat dated, is still exceptionally relevant and insightful.

The first chapter titled 'Judicial Rivalries' runs into 44 pages and discusses the "intense professional, ideological and personal rivalries" between the judges of the Supreme Court, especially those between the CJI and the senior most judge or the second in command or the Puisne judge, on issues such as the true role of a judge whether as arbiter of disputes or as an activist, matters relating to succession, post-retirement positions or in general, a day-to-day distribution of work at the court. In Chandrachud's words, "the stories of these rivalries and disagreements are immensely valuable...because they stand in stark contrast to the general lack of dissent in the Supreme Court's decision-making..." The relatively shorter 21 page long second chapter titled 'Disagreement without Dissent', through specific case studies reveals a "puzzling lack of dissent in the day-to-day decision-making of the court" despite the dazzling display of intense rivalries between the judges. A similarly short third chapter titled 'Special Leave, a Special Burden', is very informative as it traces the history and development of the Special Leave Petition or the SLP as it is popularly called, through the colonial times of the Privy Council to the current day Supreme Court and the growing backlog of such SLPs pending before the court. It also sheds light on the growing absence of dissenting judgments being written at the Supreme Court due to a severe shortage of time. The fourth chapter titled 'Decliners' makes a case for those lawyers and judges who have declined "offers of elevation" to the Supreme Court on various counts such as varying pay package and the contrast in prestige as chief justice of a prominent High Court versus that of a Supreme Court Judge. Chandrachud deserves rousing accolades for giving a fresh lease of life to the extensive Gadbois interviews.

acquired during his PhD work at Stanford University Law School with practical knowledge handed over through generations, Chandrachud in this second book (the first was *Republic of Rhetoric: Free Speech and The Constitution of India*, Penguin 2017) strives to analyse and bring to the fore an insider's view of the Supreme Court — a space as dynamic and full of upheavals as its contrasted public image of grave stillness, seclusion and absolute state of orderliness. The six chapters open up the several sites of con-

testations within, the infusion of politics both subtle and above board, the legal culture within the court, the process of appointments and work-distribution, its own thorough procedure of decision-making, and above all, the supremely guarded lives and times of the judges who are at all times expected to preside over fellow humans from the pedestal.

It is evident that even in the best of times, such a book is tremendously difficult to write. There is an enormous potential of such a project firing controversies

and breach of confidentiality, admittedly it is the "supreme" law which binds the nation state and guards its sanctity with respect to its duties towards its subjects as well as the mundane inter-relationships between the subjects themselves, and chinks or crevices if any in the heart of the highest court of law need to be treated with utmost delicacy. Abhinav Chandrachud's narrative and analysis treads this edge of a sword path with enviable precision: While he has classified the contents of the interviews thematically,

NEW ARRIVALS

THE RABBIT AND THE SQUIRREL
Siddharth Dhanvant
Shanghvi
Penguin, ₹399



This compelling book comes at a time when toxic nationalism is causing the violent and systematic exclusion of political, religious, sexual and other minorities. Manash Firaq Bhattacharjee reminds us that the modern nation-state, built on fear and an obsession with territory, is often at odds with democracy, justice and fraternity. Analysing the ideas of thinkers who laid the political and ethical grounds of India's modern identity, he shows how we have strayed from their inclusive, diverse visions.

TIDES DON'T CROSS
Simar Malhotra
Rupa, ₹250

Sparks fly immediately when Rukmani — fierce and assertive in the best and worst possible ways — meets the gentle Ayaan in the magical city Paris. Meanwhile, back in India, her reticent sister, Mrinalini struggles to cope with the void of a loveless marriage and an early pregnancy. *Tides Don't Cross* follows these extremely interesting characters as their lives cross in surprising ways. Mrinalini, Ayaan and Rukmani wade through choppy tides, unaware of their common destiny. This is an unforgettable story of thwarted desires, of love and its loss.

FLIRTING WITH STOCKS
Anil Lamba
Westland, ₹799



This book introduces the uninitiated to the world of share markets. Acclaimed financial expert Dr Anil Lamba begins with the basics of how the investment cycle works, and builds up to the nitty-gritties of bulls and bears, mutual funds, kerb trading, badla finance and share-price fixing. Included also are case studies on asset bubbles and insider trading that are lessons for potential investors on how to make money while minimising risks. Written in Dr Lamba's characteristic lucid style, this book makes stock market investing a non-intimidating, fun activity.

A white knight for elephants

This book shows how author Mark Shand made a case for Asian elephants — the gentle giants who were struggling to survive in India, writes **GAUTAM MUKHERJEE**

Mark Shand, overflowing with an endearing, if aristocratic, noblesse oblige, British upper class, was the late brother of Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, the future queen of England. After an epic journey through rural Odisha, as newly trained White mahout, atop his female Indian elephant, christened Tara, he wrote this wonderful book that captivated the world.

It was published first in 1991, became an iconic bestseller, won Shand the Travel Writer of the Year Award. It became the purpose, via his charity, Elephant Family, which evolved from this journey, of the rest of his relatively short life. It is however a toss-up between being a book about travel, camping, rivers, ponds and architectural monuments on the way, and the relationship between Shand, his educated Marathi companion Aditya, his frequently drunk mahout teacher Bhim, a couple or three other assistants, Gokul, Idrajit, Khusto, and the very expressive thirty odd year old elephant.

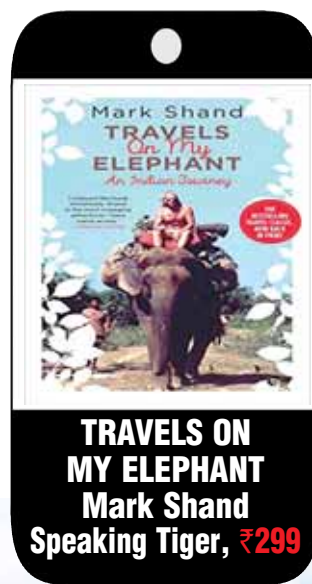
The elephant, in particular, scrawny, under-fed, injured from ill-fitting leg irons, is rescued by Shand when he buys her for ₹1,01,000 when that meant 4,000 pounds sterling. There is also some of an Englishman's musings over the onward progress of a beloved former colony, a patchwork of social and cultural history, and amusing anecdotes and conversations with the people Shand met along the way. Of course, he keeps saying how well everyone, particularly in officialdom, treats him and his entourage. And well they might, given his own eminence, that of his exalted friends, and the officials, including the police, tasked to help him along the way.

Through it all, there is a genuine eagerness to learn, contribute, and share, that sparkles through the narrative. This was one Raja-Sahab, who wasn't afraid of laughing at himself and the sight he presented. There he was, stripped to the waist, bandanna on head, rocking on his cushioned howdah, callused and bleeding bare toes used to steer the elephant from behind its ears. Shouting out bravely, doing the best he could with Hindustani mahout commands.

From a life of begging and party tricks, going

largely hungry for half the year when it wasn't being used at weddings, Tara gradually develops an unmistakable mischievousness, dignity, and grace under the ministrations of Shand.

Time and again Tara escapes, particularly when being given a bath, and has to be coaxed back with the intuitive moves suggested by Bhim the senior mahout, sometimes, even after going AWOL for a night or two. And so, they travel, at a pace of perhaps four miles an hour. Mark Shand, died in 2014, at the age of 63. But before he passed on, he had already raised more than 10 million pounds sterling to help the survival of the Asian elephant, under pressure from growing urbanisation and destruction of its habitat. The money has been used, mostly in India, to relocate and resettle people living in the jungle and to facilitate the creation of elephant corridors so that the pachyderms can move about freely from one protected forest to another.



TRAVELS ON MY ELEPHANT
Mark Shand
Speaking Tiger, ₹299

It all began with the journey described most engagingly in this book. A progress through rural Odisha, from near the Sun Temple at Konark, facilitated by current Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, a personal friend of Shand's, to the elephant fair at Sonpur in Bihar.

At the Sonpur Mela, both master Shand, and Tara the elephant, by now deeply loved by Shand, are terrified at the prospect of selling Tara. Providentially however, Shand is able to

Provisionally however, Shand is able to find Tara a home at the Wrights, old India hands, of Tollygunge Club fame, who were at the fair because they needed an elephant for their resort and reserve, Kipling Camp in Madhya Pradesh.

Shand kept tabs, and went, more than once, to visit Tara, whom he credited with saving his "life", presumably from the pursuit of non-stop hedonism. He is recognised by the elephant and finds her well looked after, content, every bit the pampered princess. "She wakes up, eats, sleeps,

swims, has a massage, eats and

then goes back to bed-day in, day out".

It is not as if Mark Shand did not try his hand at various adventures. He went to Bali to sail a yacht to retrace an old romance starring a WWII pilot called Tyler, who settled with many *apsara*-like local wives on an island called Renill — but unfortunately in the face of a typhoon. And then, there were travels on the moody Brahmputra.

But in retrospect, it is animal conservation — mainly the Asian elephant, that became the nub of Mark Shand's lasting contribution. The relevance of this book, even 23 years after it was first published, was brought home by a recent news report on six elephants rescued by the authorities, two of them quite ill, being used illegally in Delhi by people who rent them out for weddings.

It is, as if, nothing has changed for elephants ever since heavy machinery and tanks put them out of their primary business. Gone are the days when they moved logs, though they still might be doing so in Asia Pacific rain forests. But certainly, the days of Hannibal and Porus and their war elephants is long gone. Now elephants are used in temple processions in South India, weddings all over the country to symbolise the God of new beginnings, and to amuse tourists.

Taking in elephants out of such servitude however, is easier said than done. Each elephant needs at least 1.25 acres of space, and lakhs of rupees to look after. They need specialised feed and care to thrive. To send such urban elephants back to the wild, apart from posing transport problems, needs a period of gradual psychological rehabilitation as well. Still, there is work that must be done urgently.



PERSPECTIVE

Can Solih, Mahathir redeem anti-China poll campaign vows?

Three Muslim-majority Asian countries — Malaysia, Pakistan, and the Maldives — have elected leaders who campaigned on a promise to temper China's growing influence in their respective countries, but analysts say reducing the foothold of the world's second-largest economy won't be easy because of the billions of dollars in development projects that are already underway.

The surprising elections in recent months of nonagenarian Mahathir Mohamad in Malaysia, cricketer Imran Khan in Pakistan and longtime Opposition lawmaker Ibrahim Mohamed Solih in the Maldives buck a regional trend toward authoritarianism, and could present an obstacle for Chinese President Xi Jinping's hallmark "Belt and Road Initiative".

"The projects are not free aid from China, but an economic cooperation, a kind of business deal," said Zhao Gancheng, a Shanghai Institute of Foreign Studies researcher. New governments in Malaysia, Pakistan and the Maldives are free to decide they no longer want Chinese investment in these projects, Zhao said, but they should be prepared to compensate China accordingly. How newly elected Governments could buy their way out of China's grasp remains to be seen.

MALAYSIA

Malaysia's former authoritarian leader Mahathir Mohamad led an Opposition alliance to a stunning victory in May 9 elections, ushering in the country's first change of power since the country's independence from Britain in 1957. It led to a political earthquake for Malaysia, sweeping aside the Government of Prime Minister Najib Razak, whose reputation was tarnished by a monumental scandal and the imposition of an unpopular sales tax that hurt his coalition's poor rural supporters.

Mahathir, 93, was credited with modernising Malaysia during his 22-year rule that ended in 2003 but was also known as a heavy-handed leader who imprisoned opponents and subjugated the courts. Angered by the graft scandal involving the IMDB state investment fund, Mahathir emerged from political retirement and joined the Opposition to oust Najib. Mahathir, the world's oldest elected leader, has reopened investigations into IMDB and banned Najib and his wife from traveling abroad. Najib is facing 32 charges of criminal breach of trust, corruption, abuse of power and money laundering. He has denied any wrongdoing and his trial is to start next year.

Mahathir's Government has also axed China-backed energy pipelines and a rail project along peninsular Malaysia's eastern coast as part of efforts to reduce national debt that it said worsened under Najib's rule. The projects were part of "Belt and Road" but Mahathir said the deals struck by Najib were too costly and unfair to Malaysia.

MALDIVES

In the Maldives, an island nation southwest of India with around 4,00,000 people, Solih declared victory in presidential election, an unexpected result against an incumbent Government accused of suppression and the jailing of political opponents. Outgoing Maldives President Abdulla Yameen travelled to Beijing last year to sign a free-trade deal that eliminates most tariffs on Maldivian exports, primarily fish, and opens the island nation to Chinese goods and services, including in finance, health care and tourism.

China is already the Maldives' primary source of tourists, whose spending largely drives the economy, and Beijing is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in an airport expansion, housing development and other projects. Beijing considers Maldives a key cog in "Belt and Road" projects following along ancient trade routes through the Indian Ocean and Central Asia.

The Center for Global Development, a Washington think tank, estimates China's loans to Maldives total at least \$1.3 billion, a quarter of the island nation's gross domestic product. The country is considered by the World Bank and the IMF to be at high risk of debt distress because of its vulnerability to outside shocks. The kind of debts the Chinese have subjected the Maldivians to, the effects of it will continue to linger on and Maldivians will have to continue to deal with it. It has happened so with Sri Lanka.

Solih's friend and the leader of his party, former Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed, has described China's growing influence as a land grab in the guise of investments in island development even as China congratulated Solih on his victory and said it would like the new Maldivian Government to uphold the previous administration's policies toward China, including the free trade agreement. While campaigning, Solih criticised the agreement, complaining that Parliament was only given five minutes to review a several-hundred-page document. "He has been quite furious about the money that's been said to have been lost to corruption," said Hamid Abdul Gafoor, an Opposition spokesman and former Maldives lawmaker now living in Colombo, adding "Our country's under financial straits because the debt is very high, and so that is a concern."

PAKISTAN

While in Opposition, Pakistan's new Prime Minister, former cricket star Imran Khan, questioned whether a "Belt and Road" partnership with China benefited Pakistan. He promised the contracts would be made public, something the new Government is yet to do.

He also promised greater transparency moving forward on the multi-billion-dollar project known as the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Project (CPEC), which includes an ambitious cross-country road system linking Pakistan's Arabian Sea port of Gwadar to China. The multi-level project was undertaken by Pakistan's previous Government, although little is known about the details of the contracts with China and the debt Pakistan would incur as a result of these deals.

Imran promised to reveal all to Pakistanis, who have watched with a mix of enthusiasm and caution the development that has taken place in recent years as four-lane superhighways open up linking northern areas to other parts of the country. Pakistan's previous Government also negotiated agreements with Chinese power companies to supply much needed electricity to energy-starved Pakistan. However, criticism has been loud about the terms of the agreements and the revolving debt costs to Pakistan.

Imran's earlier stridency has softened since July elections propelled him to power. In one of his first speeches to the nation as Prime Minister, Imran said Pakistan had much to learn from China, praising its economic development and an anti-corruption drive, which was the central plank of his party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's platform.

However the Chinese researcher, was incredulous that Imran would oppose Chinese investment, given the massive amounts of money poured into Pakistan. "No Pakistan leader would risk damaging the country's relations with China," Zhao said.

(Associated Press writers Eileen Ng in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Kathy Gannon in Islamabad, Pakistan; and Gillian Wong in Beijing contributed to this report)



In this September 22 file photo, Maldives' Opposition presidential candidate Ibrahim Mohamed Solih jumps as he walks in a street march with supporters in Male

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Maldives' long road to democracy

The message is loud and clear. The people of Maldives want change, peace and justice

— Ibrahim Mohamed Solih after inflicting heavy defeat on iron-fisted anti-India pro-China President Abdulla Yameen



MAKHAN SAIKIA

The Maldives, the Indian Ocean archipelago, heaved a sigh of relief last Sunday. Much talked about presidential election in the island nation has heralded the new phase of democracy. Opposition candidate Ibrahim Mohamed Solih's triumph over iron-fisted incumbent President Abdulla Yameen has reflected the age-old Latin adage Vox Populi, Vox Dei (Voice of the people is the voice of the God) in the popular mandate.

Truly speaking, the voters have shown indomitable courage and conviction. The majority of them demanded an immediate recall of Yameen as they accused him of extending the shadow regime of Maumoon Abdul Gayoom. But then Yameen was also more paranoid and disturbed by the fast growing Opposition unity in the country.

What has really propelled the victory of a candidate of an Opposition alliance against an all-powerful Yameen? Succinctly, the 2018 presidential election was symbolic for the political community and for the populace of the Maldives. Solih is no political novice anymore. He was elected to Parliament at the age of 30 by defeating a ruling party candidate. He was one of the founding members of the MDP, which came into being in November 2003. And, he served as an MDP MP for three five-year terms. He was made the leader of the MDP in the People's Majlis (Maldivian Parliament) in 2011, a unicameral legislative body, even when Nasheed was President of the country. However, Solih's political clout among the masses grew with the absence of Nasheed from the political firmament — first ouster from power, imprisonment and later exile. But, Solih received a political break-

through when he was named a joint presidential candidate for an Opposition alliance in July 2018 by the MDP, the Jumhooree Party and the Adhaalath Party. This also happened when Nasheed formally relinquished his plan to contest the presidential poll. Besides, what finally shepherded Solih to victory was his clean public persona against the exposed façade of a recalcitrant, corrupt, authoritative and boisterous Yameen. People longed for a change at the establishment in Male. It culminated in the unexpected rise of an unlikely 'hero' Solih, who was able to upstage Yameen.

This is the third multi-party election held in the Maldives since 2008, when the international community recognised the first ever democratically elected head of the Maldives — Mohammed Nasheed, a young progressive leader who took over from seasoned dictator Gayoom and signaled a gradual transition towards a full-fledged democratic Government.

However, the island's history is replete with the history of one-upmanship. Troubles in the Maldives politics started even during the early days of its first president Gayoom's rule since 1978 to 2008. His three decades of reign was reinforced by corrupt autocracy, accompanied by his proverbial iron fist. The first spell of native rule, after its transition from the British colonial yoke, set the tone for future autocrats in the country. Though there was relative calm in the archipelago for 30 long years, Gayoom had to shrug off multiple coup attempts in his long and eventful rule. But being a wily tactician, he managed to survive till the last day of his rule. Despite being a ruthless ruler, he found it difficult to ignore incessant

waves of democracy hovering around Maldives. Precisely, the credit for introducing multi-party democracy goes to Gayoom only. It was he who brought a new Constitution that provided a system of multi-party electoral competition. Eventually, this unique provision in the Constitution gave an opportunity to Nasheed, a former political prisoner, to inflict a historic defeat on the longest serving President of the island. But, it was an uphill task for the newcomer to match the political tactics of Gayoom to survive in power for long. Actually, it happened and he could not complete his five-year term. By 2012, Nasheed had to resign after a police mutiny and weeks of demonstrations against his Government around the country. His supporters and the MDP considered it as a coup against the first democratically elected President of the country. Gradually the political scene of the country changed in Gayoom's favour. He won the run-off election against Nasheed in 2013. Later, Nasheed was arrested on terrorism charges and sentenced to 13 years in prison, and afterwards, he managed to leave the country for London for medical treatment in January 2016. Since then he is in exile.

By March 2017, the Maldives was about to see another role reversal as the Opposition lawmakers tried to wrest the control of the Government from Yameen. But, it failed and since then the President became more sensitive towards the activities of all Opposition groups, including local media, social activists and a section of foreign media outlets. The worst came for the Yameen regime when the country's top court ordered his Government to release all convicted politicians including President Nasheed. He prompt-

ly refused to enforce the court order and declared a 'State of Emergency'. Subsequently, the Armed Forces arrested two judges and the most daring and unbelievable act performed by the Yameen establishment was the jailing of Gayoom, his son Faris Maumoon (a legislator) and son-in-law Mohamed Nadheem. He curtailed Press freedom in entirety. The crackdown exposed his demeanour as to how long he can go to save his regime. All these were viewed as cruel attempts by Yameen to stay in power for longer, and he made it clear that he would not tolerate any challenge or Opposition to his rule. Around the same time, exiled Nasheed called for an intervention by the Indian military to restore normalcy in his country. In fact, some sections in India also advocated for an early intervention in the island neighbour.

During the course of his five-year ignominious rule, Yameen distanced himself from India and inched towards China. Nasheed had developed cordial relations with India and the relationship went to seed when Yameen took up the reins. He even asked India to take back its Army choppers, restricted the number of work permits for Indians and drifted towards the Xi Jinping regime. He went on to ink a free trade agreement with China. The Maldives soon became part of China's "One Belt-One Road" initiative; and Yameen posed himself as big nationalist.

However, Solih declared that his party is interested in rolling back or reconsidering Chinese infrastructure projects signed during Yameen's presidency. In the past, Solih accused Beijing of "busy buying up the Maldives", but how he will turn his presidency towards an India-centric route

will be worth watching. Meanwhile, Beijing has reacted cautiously, saying, "We hope that the Maldives side can preserve continuity and stability of the relevant policies." Many regional experts are of the view that China's massive investments may leave the island nation into a debt trap in the near future.

Whatever it may be, the country lies at the heart of a much bigger strategic power play in the Indian Ocean. Its more than 1,000 islands stretch 800 km into the Indian Ocean. All these islands straddle critical sea routes, prosaically named bottleneck known as "One and a Half Degree Channel". That is why this tiny nation has become a pawn in the regional power game. But, Solih's Government at Male has potential to change the course for the mini-Cold War between Delhi and Beijing in the days to come.

Yameen's admission of defeat in the presidential polls was strange in the background that there was suspicion that Yameen may delay his departure from power on some or the other reasons. Even Nasheed, who had predicted mandate against the incumbent President, doubted Yameen's reactions to the poll result and hence even before the results were declared, he had appealed to the international community to reject the outcome of the rigged polls.

Latest media reports say that Yameen is trying to cling onto power despite conceding defeat in public immediately after the declaration of the poll results. It is disturbing not only for the country, but also for the entire South-Asian region. By now provisional election results have been declared. The formal election results are not yet declared by the Election Commission.

When Yameen completes his five-year term on November 17, he is supposed to hand over power to Solih.

Meanwhile, rumours were rife that Yameen may postpone the declaration of the formal results. And, this he could do by filing an election petition seeking the delay of the announcement. The chief of the Election Commission already said that Yameen's party has brought to notice many instances of voting irregularities in this poll. The speculation was emboldened by no release of high-profile political prisoners such as Gayoom.

However, late on September 29, Election Commission chief Ahmed Shareef declared the final results despite receiving death threats to delay the final announcement of strongman Yameen's decisive loss. "There were accusations... Against all five members of the commission, and we received death threats via phone calls... But we didn't consider the threats at all because the security forces are providing all five members with security," said Shareef.

However, what had reassured the common Maldivians about a possible fair play are the two strong statements released by the chief of the Military and the Election Commission. Major General Ahmed Shiyam aired his view through a private TV channel saying, "I want to assure the Maldivian people that the military will protect the will of the people." And, the chief of the Election Commissioner said there were no grounds for Yameen to delay the announcement of the formal results.

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MELANIA TRUMP IS THE SECOND FIRST LADY IN AMERICAN HISTORY TO BE BORN OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY

Making sense of India's growth

Good land records and security of property rights are fundamental to well-functioning land markets required for sustained, robust economic activity in agriculture, manufacturing or services. India made a much-acclaimed climb up from the 130th place to the 100th place in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index for 2018. Unfortunately, on the sub-index on ease of registering property, India slipped 16 ranks from 138th to 154th, indicating the huge potential for improving India's investment climate by removing distortions in land markets and records.

India is among the world's most land-scarce countries relative to population. By 2050, land per capita in India will have declined fourfold relative to 1960; by 2050, China will have four times more land per capita and Brazil some twenty times more. Land market distortions in India have been estimated to reduce annual GDP growth by some 1.3 per cent a year.

There is clearly much to be done to attain India's stated aspiration of moving to conclusive land titling from its current situation of presumptive titles. Land ownership in India is established largely through a sale deed recording the transfer of property, but there is no Government guaranteed title, and the onus is on the buyer to check past ownership. Land ownership is therefore presumptive, titles. Land ownership in India is established largely through a sale deed recording the transfer of property, but there is no Government guaranteed title, and the onus is on the buyer to check past ownership. Land ownership is therefore presumptive, titles. Land ownership in India is established largely through a sale deed recording the transfer of property, but there is no Government guaranteed title, and the onus is on the buyer to check past ownership. Land ownership is therefore presumptive, titles.

This paper shares the results of recent research on the ground-level performance of the Government of India's flagship program on improving land records. Since 1987, the Government has run a number of centrally sponsored schemes

Amitabh Kant's book gives a sense of the challenges our nation faces, and details how it has been dealing with them and moving towards development. An excerpt:

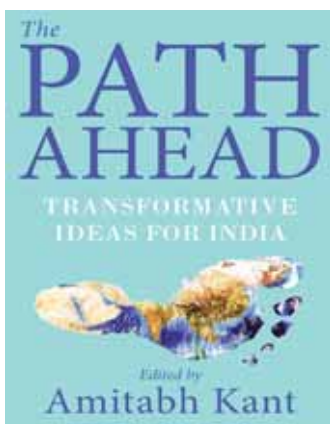


to improve land records. A network of three Indian research institutions came together in 2016 to produce a pilot assessment for three States of the Government's 'Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme' (DILRMP). Their research findings point the way to two things: First, the key considerations that the Government should keep in mind in designing any national assessment of the DILRMP, and second, the core reforms that the Government should consider as it thinks about substantially improving the impact of the DILRMP.

The paper also has a second, process objective, which is to highlight the importance of piloting in public policy and

State action. Too often in India, policymaking, implementation and assessments all go straight from the drawing board to national implementation for the world's soon-to-be largest population. The vital lessons that could be learnt from experimentation and piloting are often lost in the administrative or political hurry to roll out programs, resulting in both ineffective schemes that don't deliver when subjected to the test and, if politically important, schemes that undergo drastic changes in the very first few months of their being rolled out. Neither outcome bodes well for the effectiveness or stability of Government action.

In this instance, the agency that manages the DILRMP, the



Department of Land resources (DoLR) in the Government of India's Ministry of Rural Development, felt the strong need in 2015 for a national

evaluation in order to understand the nature of the DILRMP reforms needed. DoLR, unlike many other sister agencies, decided to do a pilot assessment first before considering national effort. They felt that a pilot would greatly inform any nationwide evaluation and avoid the mistakes of a massive but uninformed national effort and of the policy prescriptions that might ensue from a poor quality evaluation.

Furthermore, DoLR also decided to have three nationally known, credible, independent research organisations working closely with each other to do the pilot assessment rather than do it departmentally with hired consultants. DoLR felt that the internal and external expert

peer review processes among the three research institutions would further enhance the credibility of the findings and, as a side benefit, create new analytical capacity on land records issues in the country. Funding for the pilot was provided by the Omidyar Network. An external Technical Advisory Committee of experts was constituted for the continuous review and guidance of the research and met three times during the course of the impact assessment. Finally, stakeholder focus group discussions were held in each state and the findings discussed with the State authorities. The reports were released and discussed with policymakers and practitioners on 13 November 2017 in New Delhi.

The significance of good, verifiable land records has been self-evident in India for a long time. Under the Constitution, land falls within the jurisdiction of states. The Central Government released a draft 'Land Titling Bill' in 2011 as a model law for the consideration of States, but further action has been scarce. Starting in the late 1980s, the Central Government began incentivising States to modernise and computerise their land records, principally through two centrally sponsored schemes—Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records in 1987–88 and the Computerisation of Land Records in 1988–89. The States unfortunately fared poorly in utilising the funds released by the centre, with little progress towards the ambitious goal of conclusive titling, and little design recognition of how tough a challenge such a goal posed. DoLR then merged the two schemes, resulting in the National Land Records Modernisation Programme (NLRMP, Figure 1) in 2008. NLRMP continued to be a centrally sponsored scheme and was renamed in 2014 after the change of Government as the DILRMP, now under the nominal umbrella of the new 'Digital India' initiative.

The main objective of the DILRMP (and the NLRMP before that) is to develop a modern, comprehensive and transparent land records management system in the country with the aim to implement conclusive land titling with title guarantee, based on four principles, (i) a unique identity for every property that will enable a common base for all land transactions, including the maintenance and updating of textual records, maps, survey and settlement operations and registration of immovable property; (ii) the 'mirror' principle, with cadastral records mirroring ground reality; (iii) the 'curtain' principle which makes the title the final proof of ownership, with mutation automatic following registration, and a curtain brought down on all past ownerships; and (iv) title insurance to guarantee title and indemnify the holder against losses from any title defects.

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Does Melania Trump like to troll her husband?

Melania Trump — who is she and what is her game? To some, she is a fashion icon and a source of inspiration; to others she is secretly working to overthrow her husband through her not-so-subtle digs.

Is she a discreet First Lady with as much political influence as a teapot? Or a crafty, calculated observer, with a knife at her husband's back? Or is The Donald in on it all, with every perceived slight — from her improbable cause de choix, cyberbullying (yes, really) to her jackets — all part of a grand plan to soften his image?

We're unlikely to find out what Melania truly thinks of her husband and his presidency until the couple leave the White House and she writes her tell-all autobiography (pretty please). But for now, the First Lady's extraordinary behaviour increasingly seems to suggest one thing — she is trolling her husband.

If you just can't get enough of the Trumps' marital power play, you're in luck. We've rounded up some of Melania's most eye watering left hooks and will be updating it as every new entry emerges. Brace yourself. It might seem a harmless item, but Melania keeps coming back with seemingly loaded wardrobe choices.

Back in 2016, she wore a blouse with a £585 Gucci pussy-bow neck detail in her first public appearance after the release of damning audio-tape in which her husband made reference to routinely grabbing

Her choice of clothes and words after some of the biggest Trump controversies in the past two years has been too loaded to have been coincidental, says ELEANOR STEAFEL

women by the p----

She wore one again in August 2018 at the Cyberbullying Prevention Summit, while her husband ranted and raged on Twitter, likening Robert Mueller to Joseph McCarthy.

THE PASSION PROJECT

We should have seen it coming, really. When Melania became First Lady, she pledged to focus the efforts of her office on putting an end to cyberbullying. In her first solo speech, she called for an end to online hate, describing it as "absolutely unacceptable".

"Technology has changed our universe," she said. "But like anything that is powerful it can have a bad side," she said, apparently unaware of unfussed by her own husband's Twitter reputation. Ouch.

MAY 2017 — THE TWEET

It's her husband's preferred platform on which to conduct matters of international importance. But Melania appeared to send a message herself in 2017 when she liked a tweet which read: "Seems the only #Wall, @realDonaldTrump's built is the one between him and @FLOTUS".

It was swiftly unliked, of course, but it was enough for the Twittersphere to read between the lines.



For the President's first State of the Union address, Melania wore a white pantsuit. It was in the wake of the Stormy Daniels ruckus, a reference, some speculated, to virginal purity (in stark contrast to Stormy Daniels' adult star credentials).

It also served as a sartorial reminder of Hillary Clinton. Not to mention the ability to hide all manner of emotions

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under that brim.

JUNE 2018 — JACKETGATE

Her husband was fighting off anger on both sides of the aisle for his government's decision to remove children from their parents and keep them in child detention centres at the Mexican border.

What did Melania do? She got on a plane to visit the children at a Texas detention centre

wearing a jacket with the words: "I Really Don't Care, Do U?" emblazoned on the back.

She knew full well the message would be in full view of the media as she boarded the plane. Donald Trump said the message referred to her disdain for the media. It might have been that. Or it could have been another dig at his lack of compassion.

Then there was the floral Valentino midi dress that Melania wore when taking tea with King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain — a frock originally designed as part of a collection which, according to Valentino's creative director Pierpaolo Piccioli, celebrated cultural melting pots and "finding the harmony in difference".

Not necessarily something her husband is known for. Was there a protest message behind the dress, during a visit which was overshadowed by the row over children being separated from their parents in Mexico?

JULY 2018: CHANNEL WARS

The *New York Times* reported that the President had had a fit on Air Force One because the First Lady's television had been tuned to CNN, not his beloved *Fox News*. Accident or provocation? In a public response, Melania's spokeswoman said the First Lady watches: "any

channel she wants".

LE BRON JAMES DEBACLE

After Trump questioned LeBron James's intelligence in a tweet, Melania's spokeswoman released a statement asserting the First Lady's admiration for James's work with at-risk children in his hometown.

Cut to the following afternoon, when a statement emerged from Melania's office proclaiming: "LeBron James is working to do good things on behalf of our next generation and just as she always has, the First Lady encourages everyone to have an open dialogue about issues facing children today," adding that she would be "open to visiting the I Promise School in Akron".

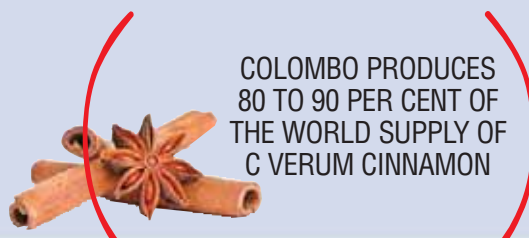
THE 2018 AFRICA TRIP

The announcement was simple: US First Lady Melania Trump will make her first major solo international trip later this year. Where will she be jetting off to? Africa. The continent which her husband once described as "s---hole countries".

Needless to say she'll be going without him.

"I am excited to educate myself on the issues facing children throughout the continent, while also learning about its rich culture and history," she said in a statement. "We are a global society and I believe it is through open dialogue and the exchanging of ideas that we have a real opportunity to learn from one another," she added.

The Daily Telegraph



STILETTOS

Let the scaffolds fall



MINIYA CHATTERJI LILARAMANI

Despite Sri Lanka's slow and clumsy governance, it has performed well in developing its human capital. There is a clear emphasis on education, learning, and nurturing rational citizens, who respect one another. So, if the scaffolds of the nation fall, new young leaders will emerge as social and political reformers



I was in Colombo for the first time last month for the launch of my book in Sri Lanka. The city is beautiful — in an odd, cynical way. The chicest shopping and dining quarters of the city was once a dreary police station, before which it was a hospital built by the Dutch. An elegant recreational area once housed the Sinhalese Government offices, prior to which it was a mental asylum! The hotel where we stayed was built by a gallant British military general for his lover who was a local mestizo dancer, and boasted of a tunnel connecting to the lady's house. So on and so forth.

At first sight, its people, however, seemed very familiar — it felt as if I had never left India. It was only when we spoke about Dutch relics, orphaned elephants, and the island country's chequered modern history strife with civil war and weak governance, I was reminded that I was in Ceylon.

Amidst the conversations, I found two events in Sri Lanka's political history to be especially peculiar. One was that Sri Lanka became a republic more than two decades after gaining political independence in 1948. Even after the British had retreated, the British held economic, ideological, and political influence in Sri Lanka until 1972. This was in stark contrast, to say, India, where we became a Republic only three years after our Independence, and immediately set in place a formidable constitution as well as economic, educational, and political institutions. The second event that surprised me was that Sri Lanka had established universal suffrage a decade before its Independence! Elsewhere it usually would be the other way around in the chronology of events.

SRI LANKA HAS COME A LONG WAY — ITS LITERACY RATE IN 1971 WAS 80 PER CENT, AND NOW IT IS 96 PER CENT. IN THE LATEST HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX REPORT, SRI LANKA RANKED HIGHEST IN SOUTH ASIA FOR NUMBER OF YEARS OF SCHOOLING, LIFE EXPECTANCY, AND RANKED LEAST FOR INEQUALITY

And so, Sri Lanka's civil society has been democratically active and vibrant for far more number of years than the country's political institutions.

A few months ago I had challenged my students at a university in Paris where I teach, to propose solutions to Colombo's desperate urban planning crisis. The students immediately huddled in their study groups to research the situation and were abhorred when they learnt about the gigantic 300 feet dump — as high as a 14-storey building — of Colombo's garbage that had recently exploded, collapsed, and killed 32 people.

Some students pointed out that the exact same scenario had played out in 2009 yet no corrective action had been taken. They suggested that, at the very least, the Sri Lankan Government

should establish a Government policy for waste management. A waste management policy has allegedly been in the hands of the Sri Lankan Government since 1996, but it is still on hold. A few others spoke about leveraging technology for converting the massive amounts of waste to energy — this was a hugely lucrative opportunity, they said enthusiastically. Nonetheless they all emphasised that any solution must be accompanied by a definite change in attitude for residents of Colombo towards waste — the people of Colombo need to be more responsible.

Whilst my students pondered over solutions, Sri Lanka rejected a proposal from the Japanese Government to help with the country's waste disposal. Anguished, I wrote in the newspapers to raise awareness about this appalling state of affairs and approached the Sri Lankan Government with the suggestions made by my students amongst other recommendations. These efforts fell to deaf ears. Local Sri Lankan Government authorities said they had other more important priorities and that they had no time nor money for any action on this agenda. My dear friend and a prominent and young Sri Lankan intellectual Asanga Abeyagoonasekara said it well: "Masons who built the walls of political culture in my country were so horrible, there are cracks everywhere and you see this every day. Usually when you build a good building you let the scaffolds fall, in Sri Lanka since Independence we can't let the scaffolds fall because the masons... probably had no idea what they were doing." Last month while visiting Colombo — a city emerging from the aftermath

of war, struggling with weak governance, ethnic tension, and mountains of its own garbage — I discovered its people. There is an evident thrust on education amongst the Sri Lankans. There is a desire for reform and a cognisance that the country's political establishment is still young and in a flux. I saw both women and men at work outside home, and couples I spoke to seemed to be equally involved parents to their children. Serious crime such as murder or rape, I was told, was unheard of. Health and well-being featured high on people's priority, and the people I met were unmistakably calm and stress-free. The country has come a long way — its literacy rate in 1971 was 80 per cent, and now it is a laudable 96 per cent. In the latest Human Development Index report released last week, Sri Lanka ranked highest in South Asia for number of years of schooling, life expectancy, and it ranked least for inequality.

Despite Sri Lanka's slow and clumsy governance, the country has evidently performed well in developing its human capital. There is a clear emphasis in society, school, and family on education, learning, and nurturing rational, independent-minded, healthy citizens who respect one another. And this is why if the scaffolds of the Nation fall, I am full of hope that new young leaders will emerge as social and political reformers. In the long term, the defining characteristic of a nation is the collection of its people.

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ODDLY ENOUGH

SEX ROBOT BROTHEL PLANS IRK RELIGIOUS GROUPS

A Houston religious group is pushing back against plans to open a realistic sex robot brothel in the city. KinkySdolls, an Ontario-based business where customers can rent realistic sex robots for a half hour or an hour at a time, recently announced plans to expand to cities including Houston, raising the ire of local



religious groups.

Micah Gamboa of Elijah Rising, a religious nonprofit dedicated to fighting sex trafficking, is calling for the city to bar KinkySdolls from opening a sex robot brothel in Houston.

"We were absolutely horrified," Gamboa told KTRK-TV.

"Our biggest concern is that this sex brothel with robots is gonna train men to become rapists," Gamboa said. "What's next? Is it child robots? Where's the line? Where is the boundary?"

"We can't allow these kind of public masturbation businesses to operate in our city," Gamboa said.

Elijah Rising posted a petition on Change.org calling on the city mayor's office to address the issue.

"Robot brothels will ultimately harm men, their understanding of healthy sexuality, and increase the demand for the prostitution and

sexual exploitation of women and children," the petition argues.

Legal experts said the business does not appear to violate any currently enforceable laws in Texas.

COCAINE IN BANANA BOXES DONATED TO TEXAS PRISON

Nearly \$18 million worth of cocaine was found in boxes of bananas that were donated to a prison in Texas recently, law enforcement officials said. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said 45 boxes of bananas from Ports of America in Freeport, Texas were donated to the Wayne Scott Unit, a prison about 32 miles north, due to the fruit being already ripe. But when corrections officers were unloading the boxes, one of the officers "discovered something not quite right." "One of the boxes felt different than the others," TDCJ said in a statement. "They snipped the straps, pulled free the box, and opened it up. Inside, under a bundle of bananas, he

found another bundle! Inside that? What appeared to be a white powdery substance." U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials were called in to test the substance and found it was cocaine.

ANIMAL RESCUER SAYS REPORTED LIZARD WAS A TOY

An animal rescuer called to a London home on a report of a collapsed lizard arrived to find the reptile was actually a chewed-up dog toy. The RSPCA said Animal Collection Officer David Eckworth responded to a home in the Hackney area of London where a resident reported spotting a lizard collapsed in her garden. "The call came in saying the lizard was unresponsive and was curled in a ball," Eckworth said. "But when I attended the address and ventured into the garden to locate the poorly reptile — I found a half-eaten dog's chew toy of an elephant!" he said. "It was quite entertaining but I think the woman was a little embarrassed." The RSPCA said a rescuer was previously called last

CULTURE LANE

'Nightmarish' Trump comedy in London

A "nightmarish comedy" about Donald Trump, with characters including the US president, former FBI director James Comey and George W. Bush, will have its world premiere at the Almeida theatre in London next year. *Shipwreck* is written by the US playwright Anne Washburn, who is best known for *Mr Burns*, a post-apocalyptic epic that revolves around an episode of *The Simpsons*, and for an adaptation of *The Twilight Zone*.

The Almeida's artistic director, Rupert Goold, who will direct *Shipwreck*, says that "Trump, his family and his immediate inner circle [will be] either on stage or talked about almost incessantly" in the play. Alongside them are fictional liberal characters who are "wrestling with what Trump is, both politically and existentially". Washburn, said Goold, also wants to understand people who voted for Trump and to give them a voice.

Washburn was partly inspired to write the play by a 2017 production of *Julius Caesar* at New York's Public Theater that prompted rightwing protests over its Trump-like Caesar. Goold says Washburn became interested



in "the difficulty of pinning down the contemporary political moment" and how playwrights could respond to Trump "when he changes every day in terms of controversy".

The director thinks that while the unsettling, Kubrick-like comedy is steeped in US current affairs, it also chimes with a global political climate and will resonate for British audiences when it opens next February, one month before Britain is due to leave the European Union.

Rihanna, the new Barbados ambassador

Rihanna has been given an ambassadorial role in her native Barbados. The singer and entrepreneur will promote education, tourism and investment in her home country. Rihanna said she was proud to receive the prestigious title and was looking forward to helping "reimagine Barbados". As well as her multi-platinum record sales, the 30-year-old singer was hailed for her "significant creative acumen and shrewdness in business" by the Caribbean island's prime minister, Mia Amor Mottley.

Mottley said: "Rihanna has a deep love for this country and this is reflected in her philanthropy, especially in the areas of health and education. She also shows her patriotism in the way she gives back to this country and continues to treasure the island as her home."

Already a cultural ambassador for Barbados, Rihanna's expanded role reflects her "global influence across a much broader range of areas". Mottley also noted her significant charitable



contributions at home and abroad.

"I couldn't be more proud to take on such a prestigious title in my home country," Rihanna said. "Every Barbadian is going to have to play their role in this current effort, and I'm ready and excited to take on the responsibility. I look forward to working with Prime Minister Mottley and her team to reimagine Barbados."

Historians to remake Henry VIII's tent



Tudor monarchs did not travel light. Vast tents — with great halls and multiple chambers, sumptuous furniture and fabrics of gold and velvet — used to accompany them on their journeys to far-flung areas of the realm, and even to battlefields. But not a single remnant of these extraordinary displays of wealth and power has survived, and little, if any, research has been done on their design. Now Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) has launched an ambitious project to reconstruct a huge section of one of Henry VIII's tents,

an edifice whose spectacular appearance is hinted at by a surviving design in the British Library. Covered in exquisite red cloth, it is decorated with Tudor roses and has tent poles topped by "king's beasts", including heraldic antelopes.

Charles Farris, a research associate on the project, entitled *Portable Palaces: Royal Tents and Timber Lodgings 1509-1603* and supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, said the reconstruction would explore how multi-compartmental tents were put together.

September on a report of a lizard under a Coventry, England, resident's bed, but the officer arrived to discover the reported animal was actually just a dirty sock.

PICKUP TRUCK DRIVES ON ROAD WITH WHEEL MISSING

A shocked traveler on a Texas road captured video of a man driving a severely damaged pickup truck with a missing front wheel. Justin Seidel said he was leaving a cellphone store with a friend and his mother in the Magnolia area when they spotted the truck traveling with its hood open and a front wheel missing.

The trio decided to follow the vehicle and Seidel captured video of the pickup before it was pulled over minutes later by Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies.

"Sparks were just going everywhere under his truck," Seidel told KTRK-TV. The Conroe Police Department, which is handling the investigation,

said the man was not intoxicated when he was pulled over.

Investigators said the vehicle had been damaged when the driver struck a transformer.

Police said the man was not arrested, but the driver could face legal troubles if the owner of the transformer decides to press charges.

WOMAN MAKES OWN BUS HANDLE USING PLUNGER

An ingenious passenger on a bus in China was filmed making her own handle by affixing a toilet plunger to the vehicle's ceiling.

The video shows a woman boarding a bus in Hua'an City, Jiangsu Province, and looking for an available handle to hold as the bus starts to move. The woman discovers all of the handles are in use, so she brandishes a toilet plunger and quickly suction it to the vehicle's ceiling, making her own handle. The scene draws the attention of her fellow passengers, who laugh at the unusual scene.





THINGS HAVE A WAY OF WORKING OUT. IF THEY DON'T WORK OUT, MAYBE IT'S NOT THE RIGHT THING — SIDHARTH MALHOTRA

BRIEFLY speaking



NEVER TOO LATE FOR PARENTING INTERVENTION

Parenting intervention is a common and effective tool for reducing child behaviour problems. According to a recent study, parenting interventions for helping children with behaviour problems are just as effective in older children as it is in younger ones. There is a predominant view amongst scientists and policy-makers that for greatest effect, interventions need to be applied early in life when a child's brain functions and behaviour is thought to be more malleable. However, a new research says that it can be helpful for children of all ages. A team of researchers analysed data from over 15,000 families from all over the world and found that older children benefited just as much as younger ones from parenting interventions for reducing behaviour problems. There was no evidence whatsoever for the common belief that earlier interventions are more powerful. This was based on data from more than 150 rigorous trials. Professor Gardner, Head Researcher of the study, said, "It's never too early, never too late."

WALKING DAILY LESSENS STROKE SEVERITY

People who walk for even just 35 minutes a day or participate in light to moderate physical activity, such as swimming for two to three hours a week, may have less severe strokes than people who are physically inactive. In a new study, participants were asked after the stroke how much they moved or exercised during leisure time before the stroke. Questions about duration and intensity of exercise were used to determine the average amount of physical activity. Relatives were asked to confirm exercise levels when needed. Study author Katharina S Sunnerhagen, said, "Finding ways to prevent stroke or reduce the disability caused by it is important. Physical activity each week may have a big impact later by possibly reducing the severity of a stroke."

USE VERBS WHEN AROUND CHILDREN



A recent study has suggested that using verbs to talk about actions with children, such as encouraging them to help, read, and paint, may make them more resilient. According to the research, encouraging children "to help," rather than asking them to "be helpers," can instil persistence as they work to fulfill daily tasks that are difficult to complete. Marjorie Rhodes, senior author of the study, said, "The new research shows how subtle features of language can shape child behaviour in ways not previously understood. In particular, using verbs to talk to children about behaviour, such as "You can help", can lead to more determination following setbacks than using nouns to talk about identities, for instance, "You can be a helper". In an experiment, children were asked either to "be helpers" or "to help." Results showed that children who had been asked "to help" were more resilient than those asked to "be helpers."

Power of the Vedas

The universe has destructive forces as well as constructive ones. In the microcosm of an individual's life, the forces that his/her actions are dominated by decide whether he/she would rise or fall. An understanding of the Vedas can lead one to choose the right path, writes YOGI ASHWINI

Creation is not linear; it is cyclical in nature. There is childbirth, death, and then rebirth. The Sun rises and sets only to rise again. A seed gives rise to a tree, and then that tree produces more seeds for more trees to grow. The Moon follows a cycle, and so does water. This cyclical pattern is seen in human evolution too. Lighter thoughts, which are aimed at creation and lead to selfless action, make one rise. But heavier thoughts that come with an *asuric* disposition force one onto the descending path.

The extent to which one rises or falls depends on the influence of *asuras* and *devas* in his/her life. While *asuric shaktis* pave the way for the destruction of various aspects of creation, *daivik shaktis* aid growth and development. Ravan, for example, ascended to become one of the greatest pandits of all times who extemporaneously created the Shiva Tandava Stotra. It requires *sadhana* of several years. Ravan could do it owing to the strong influence of *daivik shaktis* on him. But as *asuric shaktis* took over, his descent began.

In economics, it is said that a company whose graph is horizontal, that is, where there is no upturn or downturn, would shutdown in a short while. Even a downturn is considered a growth factor. This law is constant in all aspects of creation. It is applicable even to *yogis* and to huge empires. Upturn and downturn cycles are very important for growth. With every downturn, one must use its momentum to reach a new high.

Saffron clothes have always been worn by *rishis* and *munis*. And the *asuras* have always tried to attack them. We all know of Lord Ram who went to defend the *yagya* of Rishi Vishvamitra against the attack of *asurs*. *Yagyas* create positivity and *asurs* thrive on negativity.

In today's world, there is an increasing influence of *asuric* forces. It can be traced back to the beginning of invasions by the Nomadic Tribes of the Arabian Peninsula and tribes from Europe. For example: The Portuguese invasion of the West coast of India in the 16th century that brought in its wake large-scale destruction of the temples, burning of ancient scriptures as well as disbanding of *yagyas* and other spiritual practices in the region or the invasions by Ghori and Ghazni. Mahmud of Ghazni destroyed thousands of temples during his raids, including the Somnath Temple in 1025AD which killed over 50,000 people who tried to defend it. In the early years of British penetration in India, there was an uprising of the saints termed as the Sanyasi Revolt. British fearing the power of these men in saffron and knowing that they would not be able to establish their rule in India till these people are suppressed, killed 150 saints.

In present times, the term 'saffronisation' has been coined by negative, *asuric* forces to uproot the vedic culture and undermine the saints. Corrupt, so-called saints are highlighted in the media repeatedly to pull down the image of saffron,



KNOWLEDGE OF THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CREATION THAT WAS POSSESSED BY THE VEDIC SEERS IS UNMATCHED. AT LEAST 1,100 YEARS BEFORE GALILEO AND NEWTON, ARYABHATA WROTE, 'JUST AS A PERSON TRAVELLING IN A BOAT FEELS THAT THE TREES ON THE BANKS ARE MOVING, PEOPLE ON EARTH FEEL THAT THE SUN IS MOVING'

while hardly ever is a saint working for animals or people or environment brought to the fore. Our country is known to have produced saints like Ramakrishna Paramhans, Ramana Maharishi and their modern counterparts, but no one talks about them. No one even talks about so-called saints from any other community, when many are known to have committed crimes against

humanity. I wonder why the media handpicks only specific few.

In such times it becomes our prime duty to uphold saffron, by understanding what it is all about, by understanding the *The Vedas* and what they talk about and not a myopic opinion based on a minority highlighted in the media.

Did you know Rishi Agastya made the first electric cell? Did you know Rishi Kanad described the atoms before Mendeleev and Bohr? Did you know plastic surgery was practiced in India at the time of Rishi Shushruta? Nasa-sandhana of Sushruta became the precursor of Rhinoplasty and till date all operations which involve replacement of skin from immediate vicinity of loss are known as 'Indian Plastic Surgery'.

Vedic civilisation is perhaps one of the most advanced civilisations. The kind of knowledge and understanding of various aspects of creation that was possessed by the Vedic seers and is documented at length in ancient texts is unmatched till date. While the rest of the world was inhabited by barbarians as per modern historians, Vedic masters were dispelling the *gyaan* of *shanti* (peace), preservation and protection of nature and its resources, compassion to animals and envisioning universes and galaxies far and beyond. To quote from *The Rigveda*, "The Sun moves in its orbit which itself is moving. Earth and other bod-

ies move around the Sun due to force of attraction because sun is heavier than them." (RV 1.164.13) "The moving Moon always receives a ray of light from the Sun" (RV 1.84.15). In the 5th century itself, Aryabhata knew that Earth revolves around the Sun, is spherical in shape, rotates on its axis, and is suspended in space. He understood the laws of gravity, the circumference of the Earth, the distance between the planets and the Sun, the revolutionary movement of the earth around the Sun, and so on. At least 1100 years before Galileo and Newton, Aryabhata wrote in *Aryabhatiyam*, "Just as a person traveling in a boat feels that the trees on the banks are moving, people on Earth feel that the Sun is moving."

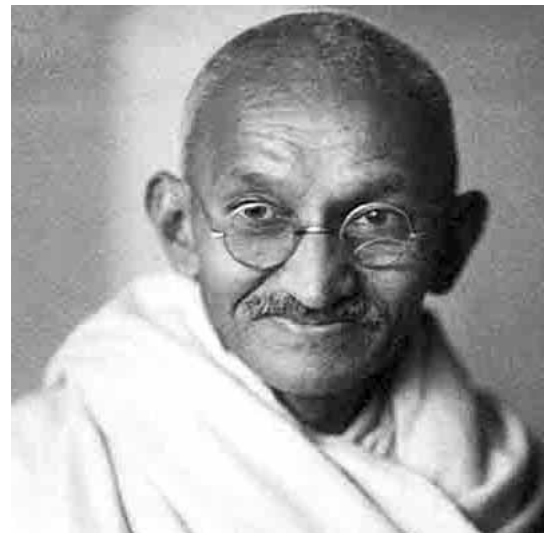
Slowly and gradually, modern science is progressing, only to appreciate and validate the Vedic concepts and the ways of life they propound. This is to say that every Vedic practice and concept is rooted in science and reason, some modern science agrees with in present times, for some others it needs to further develop to understand. This is the heritage of Bharatvarsha, the phenomenal power of saffron and *The Vedas*. Let us not encourage *asuric shaktis* in bringing down this glorious culture. Let us delve deeper into our ancient sciences and revive them for the benefit of mankind.

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HIDDEN SOULS PRAMOD PATHAK

FOR GANDHI'S INDIA



The nation will be celebrating the 150th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2 this year. It is needless to say that given his stature and the contribution he has made to this country, his birthday calls for a grand tribute. Gandhi is a leader who is paid rich tributes not just in India, but across the world. But is showering his bust with marigold garlands and bouquets of fresh flowers year after year enough to celebrate Gandhi? Is it really a fitting tribute to the man he was? We need to revisit his ideas, his ideals and of course his very own model of India. Just like he taught people to, there is a need for the men and women of his nation to look around and analyse the situation for themselves. Screaming headlines and scary news stories portraying the goings on of the present times in our seven-decade old democracy suggest that such diabolic things are happening on the ground which, if not contained, will have very serious consequences. These are the signs of a society that has become lopsided. Sometime back, three little girls died of hunger in the nation's capital. And that too when there is so much of clamour over right to food security. Families are committing mass suicide as the burden of poverty becomes unbearable for them. Farmers resort to death as the final alternative. These are just a few recent pointers to the already grim scenario that is heart-rending. The fact, though, is that we are gradually drifting towards utter chaos as mobs lynch people on the flimsiest of the pretext in broad daylight. And worse still is the fact that those perpetrating the crime are glorified by the people who matter. Shelter homes are turning out to be nightmares for those who were seeking succour in those four walls. But we are more concerned with signing deals with the likes of Walmart for glitzy malls where vulgar consumerism is at display. As we boast of GDP numbers and economy's growing size we turn a blind eye to what Gandhi had tried to convey through his talisman — "Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test. Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man [woman] whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him [her]". The question is that after whatever we are witnessing, is there any room for doubt? Financial jugglery notwithstanding, the fact is that statistics hardly reassure one when the state of the teeming millions is a saga of duress and tragedy. The rise in number of millionaires may be phenomenal and the fast growth in billionaire count may appear glamorous. But the question is: How is that going to help the majority who are still struggling to make both ends meet? The increasing gap between the haves and the have nots continues to mount. And logic may not provide the answer. What matters is the life of a large section of the people. People who are weak, people who are vulnerable, people who are slogging without as much as a little hope that their struggle will end. How long will it take for us as individuals to change the situation? Economic theories of growth and distribution may fetch Nobel Prizes but they are hardly of any use to the suffering masses. It's time to revisit Gandhian logic and Gandhian economics in which the poor and the destitute are at the centre of gravity.

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What keeps old folks going?

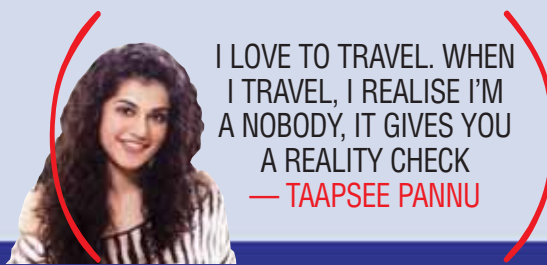
Faith in God and genuine attempts at following His teachings ensure that an individual has sound health and leads him/her to a blissful old age, says AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

another big challenge. There must be a deep desire to do so for some reason. Inadequacy of a suitable support system is another huge drawback. This has links with monetary resources, family, friends, etc. These challenges appear very daunting but people generally manage and some manage quite well. Let us examine how the successful ones do so. Some have unfinished duties like family responsibilities which keep them going; they are focused on them. Some have highly valued goals like good writers have, especially spiritual ones. It is very hard to develop unflinching faith in God, who indeed is a reality. Spiritual writing helps to convince oneself. Eminent doctors, lawyers, etc. remain gainfully



engaged almost to the end of their lives. They feel satisfied both by what they earn and the attention they get. Love of family is another strong factor to want to live. Family bonds are great clues to give meaning to life. Attachments also do the same but they have negativity linked to them, especially if one is attached to material objects. Fame/attention is really craved and one who gets it in plenty wishes to go on living. One has lots of ways to be able to enjoy like a rich person is able to. Then, one does not need other reasons to go on living. Good physical health in old age makes it very pleasant when one has plenty of time to enjoy. If the mental health is sound,

then everything appears positive and one sees everything as zero plus. Good companionship of say a loving spouse is a real boon. Both want to give love to one another. Spiritually inclined persons live in their own world having the best company, ie of God. Financial security is highly satisfying as it is helpful in old age with almost inevitable health issues. Sound support system makes one feel secure. As mentioned earlier, a soul is quite helpless by himself or herself. I have detailed many ways as to how people can make a blessing out of the difficult periods of one's life in terms of health, finances, etc. The very first requirement for happy old age is a good connection with God, who is the repository of peace, which is essential for happiness. Simple living will go a long way towards financial security in old age. Why get used to unnecessary expenses in order to show off. Mental health is guarantee if one is a devotee of God. Good physical health remains the backbone for satisfactory old age. Bishnoi is a spiritual writer and can be reached at spiritual@ajitbishnoi.com



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

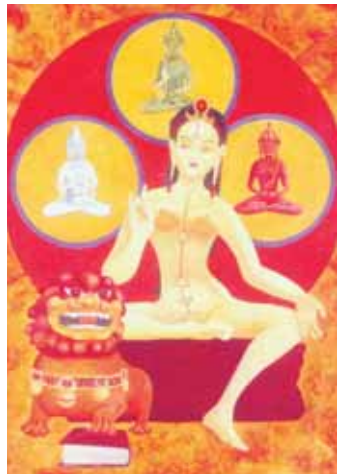
MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

Health remains good this week. You will remain poised despite loads of work that will make you exhausted and strained. You will experience unbounded energy and stamina. You need to use your energy in creative direction. It is advisable that you follow a disciplined life; it will give you good physical and mental strength and pave the way for success. Career-wise, your willpower and determination will help to achieve your target. In the moment of crisis, your tough decisions will give you strength to strategise plans. Chances to choose from job options are indicated. Therefore, follow the advice of some senior person who is close to you. Conflict in the family is likely. This is because you are not able to give time and attention to your loved ones or you try to dictate your terms.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week, you will enjoy good health. But be careful while exercising as you might be prone to some sprain or injuries. If you are in the process of healing from an injury, then take care and do not stress yourself. Try to have a focused mind and follow your health regime religiously. On the career front, you will be feeling content and will cultivate smooth interpersonal dynamics and harmonious communication patterns. Your words will carry more weight with others now; use that wisely to further your prospects. Those looking for a job are likely to get one. On the relationship front, this is not a good week. You will find yourself unmotivated and disengaged with your partner. You need to re-evaluate the situation and seek your inner voice for peace and tranquillity. If you are single, have patience.

Lucky number 15
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Finally, you will find the determination within yourself to get rid of your bad habits. This week, you will indulge in some new activities that are good for you. Be ready for some distressed nerves during this transition. Your physical fitness is of utmost importance and joining a fitness regime class will help you a lot. Take good care of yourself in order to look after others. This week, you can expect some good news related to your career. If you are awaiting the results of a competitive exam, they will be positive. People seeking jobs may receive a call letter for a job with better perks and facilities. Those waiting for a posting will get the desired destination. For a business person, this week monetary gains are indicated.

Lucky number 21
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week, you are likely to feel depressed and gloomy as things are not going your way. You will be stressed due to some or the other health issue. Keep a regular check on your BP, sugar and blood — you need regular medical attention. Stay calm because this is a temporary phase. The situation will change, but you need to follow a strict health regime. You need to relax and have a positive approach. You are going to progress in your professional life. There will be money, prestige and honour and you enjoy the parties and good times at work. Those in business are going to earn good money and are likely to invest in a property. This is fairly a good week on the emotional front, too. Romance is on the cards. Married couples need to understand each other's feelings.

Lucky number 22
Lucky colour Blue
Lucky day Sunday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

It is very important that you maintain a positive attitude to stay healthy. If you worry about your health issues, things will become worse. A positive outlook will work wonders. In case you are not sure about your physical well-being, take medical support. Trust your instincts. By facing your fears and turning them to your advantage, you will grow even stronger. This week, your career looks good. You will enjoy the outcome of your hard work. If you are in the line for promotion, then celebration is on the cards. All your efforts will be valued and appreciated. It is indicated that you might take up the position of a leader or the head in some adventurous venture. You will face agony and pain in your relationship. In order to survive this relation, both you and your partner need to sit and talk.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Saturday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Health-wise, this week will be tough for you. You may face some illness, but stressing over this will make things worse. Don't let your health problems lead to a decline in your spiritual growth. Stay positive because after every crisis there is the promise of a good time. If required, reach out to others for help. It can be a friend or a medical practitioner. At this point in your career, things are not that great. You may face a challenge that will leave your project incomplete. Keep telling yourself that you have the inner strength to overcome all difficulties. You need to be resilient and not to be intimidated by others who are pulling you down. Don't worry; you will sail through. It will be a magical time for love. Females should trust their intuition as you are in a phase where men will be throwing themselves at you.

Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Sky blue
Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Till now, you did not give attention to your health. Since you have realised that health is very important, you are conscious and aware of the needs of your body and mind. Now you are following the proverb: Prevention is better than cure. You should attend classes and seminars on healing therapies and apply them in your life to find inner strength. On the career front, you need to come out of the self-made limitations which are hampering your progress. In some matters you are required to be fluent and quick-witted but you are confused. You have to be very careful while spending money; there might be financial crunch. Be quick to grab the opportunities that come your way. In love life, avoid false commitments else you might have to pay for it.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Tuesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Health-wise, this week is full of energy and vitality. This will make you optimistic about the future. Those who are waiting on test results need to relax as the result will likely be in your favour. Think about your usual mode of thought and remember that your mindset affects your health. You will be in a position to mentor and share the spiritual insights that you have gained. On the career front, you will be at a stage where you will get work success and recognition. Give your best to be organised and productive — it will pay off. This week you should have a conservative approach in terms of financial dealing and decisions. Those who are planning to invest, put your money in conservative stocks/ bonds with really good track records. This is not the time to take risk. Good luck will follow you in matters of the heart.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Your health is likely to be good this week. You will experience high-level energy and enthusiasm. Be a little careful when exercising as minor sprain or injury is indicated. You need to start following a health regime to attain a healthy lifestyle. It is important to channelise the new found energy in the right manner. At your workplace, you may encounter a person who would like to mentor you. This person has the leadership skills to guide you; you can trust him/her. Those who have been facing challenges, this is the right time to take control and find solutions to them. This is beneficial for you and others as well. You will be goal-oriented. It will help you to get that leadership position you have been eyeing for a long time. Relationship-wise, you will find yourself in conflict with your partner.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Pastel colours
Lucky day Wednesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, you need to listen to your inner voice when it comes to health issues. If you are not sure about a diagnosis or not comfortable with your medical attendee, get a second opinion. Stay away from alcohol or drugs. On the career front, you need to be a generous person. Your friend or a colleague might ask for financial help. Your act of generosity and kindness will earn you a good name. This is an apt time to invest in property and long-term projects. Relationship-wise, this week is good. Your relationship will move into a lighter, easier and a more balanced phase. Those who are single and are looking for love, there is a need to consider your emotional side and see if there is any issue to be dealt with at the first place. Seek happiness within you and you will be able to get into a relationship you always wanted.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Your health will remain good if you pay proper attention to your health regime. The week will start with an upswing in your creative energy; you will be active and enthusiastic. Be careful because as the week progresses, you may face some health issues which will need immediate attention. You should consult a doctor. Be positive — there is a cure for everything. In your professional life, if you are not dedicated to your work, you might have to pay for it. You are under scrutiny and every act of yours is being reported to the higher authorities. This is a highly emotional time in relationships as situations can quickly become heated and uncomfortable. Pick your battles and be sure to treat your lover like a friend.

Lucky number 14
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

In terms of health, you are restricted. Your fear, anxiety and negative thoughts are not allowing you to lead a normal life. It is crucial to bring balance in body, mind and spirit. Negative thinking or anxiety always has a bad impact on health. Find ways to bury these negative thoughts. Meditate and listen to your inner voice — half of your problems will be solved. You will face some injustice at the work place. The position you have been aspiring for may be given to another candidate equal to your caliber. Those looking for a better job option may get one, but with that comes another consideration which will cause tension. You might find it difficult to take a decision about whether you should remain in the existing one or join the new one.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday

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Be true to yourself in your actions

Someone came asking: "How fast can I have a male child?" "How can you ensure conception of a male child and that too in a time bound manner?" I countered. "IVF technology has grown to a level that it can ensure male conception." He answered. Assuming that it is possible, it is also important that your wife should be healthy enough to sustain the pregnancy. And going by astrological reading, her health status doesn't seem worth it as of now. Have patience for another three years, and let her work upon her health. Even otherwise, she has already birthed two children. In between she had few miscarriages. Also, had to contend with two failed IVF attempts for her account. Your wife's body is not a machine. She needs to be allowed enough time to gather strength. And, you are not without children; how does their gender matter. In today's world, don't you think that insistence for a male child reflects a regressive attitude? Isn't your egotistical desire which is driving you crazy? Also, remember, life doesn't necessarily move to your asking. Meanwhile I realised that my advisory was not getting into his head. I then had to tell him that he

was not being true to himself. Pat came his reply. "I am sorry, Sir, but I beg to differ. It is because I am true to myself that I am passionately pursuing this desire." Well, you have not understood what I meant. Bear in mind; you don't exist in your own right. Truth of the matter is that the world is actually a well-knit unified organism where no existence has a reality independent of the entirety. In this scheme of things, we are all necessarily bound to an interdependent framework. Even in immediate terms, you are a part of your family, all having a shared destiny. God forbid, if something untoward happens to your wife, you and your family can't go unaffected, and especially your young kids, who will be hit hard. 'Being true to the self' actually means making such reasoned choices as would at the least not prove detrimental to the family. All the advisory fell flat on his head. His wife had to bear with another two failed IVF attempts. Meanwhile, she naturally conceived. And now in her advanced stage of pregnancy, it has been found that she is not carrying a healthy baby. The question now is: How is it that an educated person could be



so blindly stuck to his delusory perceptions, to willfully ignore what was inevitable? The man's astrological pointers offer the answer. Born when fiery and active sign Aries owned by Mars was rising, he was headstrong, impulsive, aggressive, impatient, and intolerant. He had a tendency to jump to action without applying proper forethought, and would not budge till pushed to the wall. He may not like to play second fiddle to any, nor would be open to listening or counselling. But then, when faced with a difficult situation, there can be no better a crisis manager than him either. What further compounds his problem is that mind-signifying Moon occupies Mercury-owned sign. That brings in the wish to live on his own exclusive terms. He may remain stuck to his self-perceptions and beliefs. Such characters like only 'yes persons'. They can't digest any contrarian view. So long as you offer such advice as would be in line with his perception, you remain the best sought after friend. The moment you speak something that would be at variance with his perceptions, he may go wild, and you may turn out to be the worst enemy. Moon conjunct erratic Rahu

makes him a restless character. Moon is also placed adverse to the Sun, Venus, and Mercury. This combination in the first place implies that he is emotionally unstable and oversensitive. He may take even trivial issues to heart, and keep unnecessarily mulling over them beyond due. Second, he would be high strung. The Sun is placed adverse to Uranus, which makes him unconventional, self-willed, tactless, and at times even erratic. He won't mind going against socially accepted norms, and would rather prefer charting out his own path. Mercury ill-disposed off to mischievous Neptune accounts for his insensible reasoning and judgment. Jupiter placed adverse to Neptune makes him stuck to peculiar beliefs, which he may blindly pursue. The result is there to see. I wish, he looks within to figure out his own innate fault lines for necessary correction, and proves true to himself. The writer is an astrologer, vastu consultant and spiritual counsellor. Write to him at G-102, Bharat Nagar, New Friends Colony, New Delhi - 110 025 Tel: 91-11-49848475/9818037273 Email: pioneerqueries@bharatastro.com Website: www.bharatastro.com