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# Bhagwat deplores cow vigilantism

## RSS chief demands Ram Temple at the earliest, hails inter-caste marriage

DIPAK UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday called for building a grand Ram Temple at Ayodhya at the earliest and disapproved of lynching in the name of cow vigilantism. He also called for maintaining demographic balance and supported growing acceptance of inter-caste marriage in society.

Speaking at the third and final day of the RSS mega conclave, 'Bhavishya Ka Bharat — An RSS Perspective', Bhagwat made a strong pitch for the construction of the Ram Temple, which has remained the Sangh's most favored agenda for years. "It should have happened by now (the construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya). If this happens it would resolve many issues, including differences between Hindus and Muslims. It is the question of faith of crores of Hindus," he said.

"As a Sangh worker, head of the sangh and as a part of Ram Janambhoomi *andolan*, I want that a grand Ram temple should be constructed at the earliest at the birthplace of Lord Ram," he said.

Bhagwat did not approve of those involved in lynching in the name of protecting cows saying Muslims are also among those who run gaushalas.

"Gaushala acchi chalanale wale Musalman bhi hain", Bhagwat said.

Stating that cow could be the mainstay of the economy of

small farmers, the RSS head said anyone believing that existence of cow is for the benefit of society would not indulge in the act of lynching.

At the same time, he asserted that cow smugglers should also be condemned and talked about. "The double-faced dialogue cannot be allowed," he affirmed.

The RSS chief said service to cow leads to a definite dilution in criminal instincts.

Touching on variety of topics during the question-answer session, he called for continuing with reservations for the SC/ST as provided in the Constitution and sought a population control policy which should be applicable for all the communities.

Supporting inter-caste marriages, Bhagwat claimed that maximum examples of such marriages could be found in the Nagpur organisation.

He did not approve of religious conversions by allurements but had no objection to the conversion on one's own will. In this regard, he gave an example of a Chitpawan Brahmin in Maharashtra who turned a devotee of Jesus.

On the SC/ST atrocities (Prevention) Act as passed by Parliament, he said it should not be misused against any one and none should be subjected to injustice.

Bhagwat said the RSS was ready to offer its "swayamsevak" to any other political party other than the BJP if so



RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat speaks on the last day at the event titled 'Future of Bharat: An RSS perspective' in New Delhi on Wednesday

asked for.

Replying to the written questions, he said the BJP was given general secretary (organised) since it approached the RSS and identified with "our ideology".

"Jo mangata hai to dete hain, *mange ge to denge*", he said adding BJP supported Ram Mandir and so in return received the RSS backing.

The RSS leader said during Emergency, dissident Congress leader Jagjivan Ram and even Marxists got support from the Sangh.

On another question as

why second RSS chief Guru Golwarkar's "Bunch of Thoughts" sees Muslims as an enemy, Bhagwat said certain things are time and context specific and hasten to add that his other works should be read. He said Muslims are as much part of the country as anybody else and maintained that his organisation didn't consider any community as minority.

Asked why in politics terms like "Shamshan and Kabristan" are thrown around in poll campaigns, the Sangh head said this happens when politics becomes an instru-

ment to grab power and not public service. The questionnaire was apparently referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech during Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls in 2016.

The RSS chief sought a population control policy that also takes care of the demographic balance. The RSS leader said it should be applicable to all communities.

Bhagwat did not favour use of NOTA by voters that, he said, only helps in the selection of the most unsuitable candidate.

## Quotes

As a Sangh worker, head of the sangh and as a part of Ram Janambhoomi *andolan*, I want that a grand Ram temple should be constructed at the earliest at the birthplace of Lord Ram

The construction of a grand Ram temple will help in ending a major reason for tension between Hindus and Muslims, and if the temple is built in a harmonious way, then there will be no more pointing of fingers at Muslims

Where there are more babies but means to bring them up are limited... If their upbringing is not good, then they will not become good citizens. Keeping this in mind, a policy on population should be prepared

We have to reject the double-speak as there is no talk of violence by cow smugglers

RSS completely supports the reservation given by the Constitution to remove social stigmas. The decision regarding reservation continuity has to be taken by those to whom reservation has been granted. Whenever they feel it is not necessary, they will decide

## No info from UAE on extradition of Michel, says CBI

### Agusta middleman goes into hiding, says his lawyer

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Wednesday said it has not received any information from the UAE authorities on the extradition of Christian Michel, the alleged middleman in the AgustaWestland helicopter scam, even as the controversial British national has reportedly gone into "hiding".

CBI sources said the agency was awaiting confirmation from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on reports about the extradition of the middleman following an order from a Dubai court on September 2.

The CBI was in touch with the MEA but the latter is yet to receive an official communi-

cation from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Michel's lawyer Amal Alsubei told an Indian television news channel that he could not be found.

"He will be arrested if found. He is likely to appeal to the Supreme Court," Alsubei told NDTV channel, adding Michel can file his appeal till October 2.

Sources said the UAE authorities on August 26 asked a Dubai court on the possibility of extraditing a British national to a third country. On September 2, the court gave its opinion stating that extradition is possible depending upon the severity of crime. The court is said to have decreed that Michel can be extradited to India. It remains unclear if the Dubai court issued an extradition order against the European middleman in the absence of confirmation from the CBI.



## CAPSULE

₹ BEST GAIN IN 18 MONTHS BUT MARKET LOSES LAKHS

**Mumbai:** The ₹ on Wednesday rebounded by 61 paise, notching up its best single-day gain since March 2017 to close at 72.37 against the US dollar. However, the market rout continued for the third straight session and investor wealth was eroded by ₹3.62 lakh crore in three trading days.

**ATS ARRESTS BSF JAWAN 'HONEY-TRAPPED' BY ISI**  
**Lucknow:** The UP Anti-Terrorist Squad has arrested a BSF jawan from Noida on the charge of sharing vital information with Pakistan ISI agents, UP DGP OP Singh said on Wednesday.

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SENSEX	37,121.22 (+169.45)
NIFTY	11,234.35 (+44.55)
GOLD	30,756.00 (-37.00)
SILVER	37,378.00 (-60.00)
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MAX	33.0°C
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## Ordinance makes triple talaq crime

### Took this route as Opp refused to support Bill in RS: Minister

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday came out with an Ordinance to ban instant triple talaq, the related legislation of which was blocked by the Opposition parties in its present form in the Rajya Sabha.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Ordinance, which is in tune with the pending Bill banning triple talaq and carries provisions like for providing bail during the trial, three years punishment, withdrawal of the case and compromise creating mechanism in front of a magistrate.

Briefing the media, Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said this Ordinance was "compelling necessity" to protect the rights of Muslim women. Under the proposed Ordinance, giving instant triple talaq will be illegal and void



Muslim men shout slogans against Ordinance in Mumbai on Wednesday

and will attract a jail term of three years for the husband. Seeking to allay fears that the proposed law could be misused, the Government has included certain safeguards in it such as adding a provision of bail for the accused before trial.

"There was an overpowering urgency and a compelling necessity to bring the Ordinance as the practice continued unabated despite the SC order last year," Prasad told a Press conference.

The Law Minister came

down heavily on Congress, saying it is not supporting the Bill pending in the Rajya Sabha under "vote bank pressures".

"It is my serious charge that Sonia Gandhi ji has maintained silence on the issue. She is silent... It has nothing to do with politics but gender justice and dignity," he said.

Prasad urged UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi, BSP supremo Mayawati and TMC chief Mayawati to support the Bill in the next session of Parliament for the sake of "gender justice, gender equality and gender

dignity". While the proposed law makes it a "non-bailable" offence, an accused can approach a magistrate even before trial to seek bail. In a non-bailable offence, bail cannot be granted by police at the police station itself. Prasad said a provision has been added to allow the magistrate to grant bail "after hearing the wife".

Officials later said the magistrate would ensure that bail is granted only after the husband agrees to grant compensation to the wife as provided in the Bill. The quantum of compensation will be decided by the magistrate, as per the Bill. The police would lodge an FIR only if approached by the victim (wife), her blood relations or people who become her relatives by virtue of her marriage. Neighbours and others cannot lodge a complaint under the proposed law.

The offence of instant triple talaq will be "compoundable". Now, a magistrate can use his powers to settle the dispute between a husband and his wife. This will happen only when the wife approaches the court.

## Border tense day after BSF jawan mutilated by Pak

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The brutal killing of a BSF jawan and mutilation of his body by the Pakistan Rangers has sparked off fresh tensions along the International Border ahead of the second anniversary of "surgical" strikes.

BSF jawans recovered the badly mutilated body of the missing jawan along the fencing in Ramgarh sector of Samba on Tuesday evening. According to official sources, the eyes of BSF head constable, identified as Narendra Kumar, were gouged out, neck was partially slit and the whole body had marks of burn injuries, including on chest and arms. Three bullet injury marks were found on the body of the martyred jawan.

It is for the first time the Border Action Team (BAT) of the Pakistan Rangers targeted BSF jawans along the International Border in the recent years.

Vulnerable patches along the International Border have been spruced up to prevent fresh attacks by the BAT.

According to BSF statement, "An area domination patrol of the BSF was targeted by the Pakistan Rangers in Ramgarh sector around 10.40 am on Tuesday morning. The BSF jawans were engaged in the task of clearing wild grass to ensure clear vision. It is suspected the BAT team of the Pakistan Rangers ambushed the BSF patrolling party after which one of the jawans went missing. The body of the BSF jawan, injured in the unprovoked firing, was found after massive search operations in the forward area late on Tuesday evening".

The search operation was delayed due to tough posturing by the Pakistan Rangers after they refused to participate in the joint patrol to locate the missing BSF jawan.

## Sharifs' jail sentences suspended

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Ousted Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, his daughter and son-in-law were released from prison on Wednesday, hours after a top court suspended their sentences in a major corruption case that jeopardised their political career.

In a relief to the still-grieving Sharif family, a two-judge Bench of the Islamabad High Court suspended the jail sentences of the embattled former Prime Minister Sharif, his daughter Maryam and son-in-law Muhammad Safdar in the Avenfield corruption case and ordered their release.

Sharif's younger brother and president of his Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Shehbaz Sharif and other party leaders meet the former premier at the high-security Adiala Prison before he was released, *Geo News* reported.

Shehbaz, along with party leaders, met Nawaz in the office of the jail superintendent.

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## J'khand carrot & stick policy weans villagers from Maoism

SAPNA SINGH ■ RANCHI

At a time when Naxals' influence has been confined to a few pockets in the bordering areas of Jharkhand, police officers deployed in these areas are still finding it difficult to wean villagers from Naxal ideologies, but Government's developmental policies have instilled hopes into villagers.

The case in point is Sarju, a village situated 130.5 km from Ranchi, which houses hundreds of villagers who were once victims of Naxal attacks.

As Naxalism continues to haunt these villagers, they are struggling to come out of trauma of extortion and torture, meted out to them by the rampaging Maoists.

However, development in



these villages, like connecting roads to cities are encouraging villagers to apply for jobs. But there are still fear among some villagers about the influence of Naxalism on their children and youths. "We want employment opportunities in our village. If Government creates such options here, our youth will not get influence with Naxalism," said a young jobless but educated villager.

Sarju village panchayat

head Taramani Devi said with the fulfillment of basic needs — cooking gas, education to their wards, electricity connections — are some of the reasons for locals lending support to the State Government, however, still lots need to be done for the development.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar said the Government has worked on broad contours of strategy for tackling naxalism. "We have set up new police stations to coordinate with Central forces. We have made the surrender policy attractive; we are not just securing future of surrender people, but, we also provide reward amount to them so that they can invest money. Besides, we have integrated security and development plans," he said.

## Monsoon stays put in mixed blessing

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted that the southwest monsoon will remain till September end. There is no chance of start of withdrawal of monsoon till October 1 due to the passage of Western Disturbance and formation of a potential depression and low pressure area in Bay of Bengal which caused by the erstwhile Pacific super typhoon Mangkhut.

The official date for the commencement of withdrawal of Southwest Monsoon is September 1. Both the systems are likely to infuse a fresh surge of monsoon.

However, prolonged stay of monsoon season might sound as good news, but it comes with some repercussions also. "The delay of withdrawal of monsoon would further delay the onset of the next season. The

delay would also push forward the onset of winters over the region. And with El Nino all set to make appearance by the end of the year, may impact on the upcoming season, which turn mild due to all these factors," IMD officials said.

In other words, the late withdrawal of monsoon is likely to impact the onset of next season. A private weather forecaster Skymet also predicted that monsoon will remain till September end.

Due to this, to low pressure and depression over the Bay of Bengal, from east to Northwest India, are likely to record moderate to heavy showers. A few areas might see some very heavy showers as well. Besides this, monsoon would also revive along the West Coast and Mumbai which has been dry for last many days, would once again witness some spells.

Officials said monsoon is primarily governed by mon-



soon trough and monsoon system like low pressure area and depression.

The IMD said a preparatory cyclonic circulation sent in from the West Pacific lies over the Central Bay and

neighbourhood in anticipation. As a result, rain would start lashing coastal parts of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and adjoining Andhra Pradesh by September 20 and 21; Chhattisgarh & Telangana on

20 and 21; over Madhya Pradesh on 21 and 22 and over parts of northwest India on 22 and 23 and East Rajasthan and North India will receive rain-fall on 23 and 24 September.



# Demolition drive continues in Haridwar

**Some remove encroachments themselves**

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Despite some resistance from the traders, the team of the Municipal Corporation and the district administration continued with its anti-encroachment drive in the city area on Wednesday. However, at many places, the locals removed encroachments before the demolition squad arrived. On Tuesday, the PWD officials had earmarked the encroachments in red circles following which some traders started to remove the illegal structures on their own.

The team started its drive along the stretch from Chandracharya Chowk to the Arya Nagar area in Jwalapur. Shops found standing on encroached land were razed down with JCB machines. The squad was led by the municipal commissioner Lalit Narayan Mishra and SDM Manish Kumar.

Temper frayed as the demolition drive continued to pull down squatters as those being affected by the drive alleged that the team members paid no heed to their objections.



However, acting wisely, the inmates of the Cabinet Minister Satpal Maharaj's Prem Nagar Ashram started to demolish the identified structures themselves well before the squad arrived. The ashram gate was dismantled and the rubble was removed by the ashram office bearers themselves.

Speaking to *The Pioneer* on Wednesday, SDM Manish Kumar said, "The High Court-ordered anti-encroachment drive on both sides of Jwalapur Road was carried out today. The people were asked to free about three feet space from the main road. Some people removed the encroachments on their own."

Interestingly, while the district Congress president Sanjay Agarwal blamed the

PWD officials for making wrong measurements, he removed the encroachments of his own establishment at Arya Nagar Chowk.

However, the office bearers of Vyapar Mandal, the traders' body, have demanded compensation to the tune of ₹20 lakh to the traders whose shops were pulled down from the district administration.

The demolition squad faced resistance from the residents of Indira Nagar Basti near Arya Nagar Chowk.

The members of Sanyukt Jan Morcha have decided to serve a memorandum to the District Magistrate, demanding regularisation of the slum colonies to keep the demolition squad away from the area.

# Pauri girl allegedly sold, raped by her husband's relatives

**Case registered, probe on**

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

A case has been registered about a girl, hailing from Pauri Garhwal, being allegedly sold off and married to a person from Haryana. As per the allegation, the girl was sexually exploited by some persons known to her husband. She somehow escaped from their clutches and registered a complaint against six persons, including two women, at SIID-CUL police station on Wednesday.

According to the SIID-CUL police, the 20-year-old girl was sold for ₹1.50 lakh and later married off to a person in Haryana over a month ago. Police sources said that as she had been staying with her elder sister who is working in a factory in the SIIDCUL industrial area, her sister had come into contact with one Sudha and her husband Sunil who had suggested a suitable match for the girl. Later, she had got married to a person from Karnal in Haryana Tejveer Singh. The mediator Sudha had allegedly taken the amount.

Speaking to *The Pioneer*, SP

city Mamta Vohra said, "Not just the girl's husband but his relatives tortured the girl. The brother-in-law of the girl also allegedly raped her.

When the girl resisted, she was told about her being sold off for ₹1.50 lakh. The girl was allegedly thrashed. They even threatened to kill her. A case

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has been registered. Interrogation is on."

Police, further, said that the girl had managed to escape from her in-laws with the assistance of her relatives and come to Haridwar where she had narrated her ordeal to her sister.

Following the complaint being lodged, a case has been registered under different sections of 373 and 376 of Indian Penal Code, police added.

# BHEL's PBT zooms 152%, Quantum Jump of 74% in Order Booking

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Amidst the continued challenging business environment, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has registered quantum growth in its profitability and order booking in fiscal 2017-18, ending the year with significant traction in growth drivers. This was announced by Atul Sobti, chairman and Managing Director, BHEL at the 54th Annual General Meeting of the company on Wednesday.

Addressing the shareholders, Sobti said that during the year, the company achieved a profit before tax (PBT) of ₹1,585 crore, compared to ₹628 crore in the year before, registering a surge of 152%. Net profit (PAT) for the year jumped 63% at ₹807 crore, against ₹496 crore in the previous fiscal.

Maintaining the trend of topline growth for the second consecutive year, BHEL has recorded a turnover of ₹27,850 crore, as against ₹7,740 crore in the previous year.

Consequently, a total dividend of 91% has been declared on the enhanced equity share capital post bonus for the year 2017-18, maintaining the track record of paying dividends uninterrupted since 1976-77. Notably, this is the highest dividend paid by the company in the last four years, he added.

CMD said that to move towards the vision of becoming



a global engineering enterprise, BHEL will continue to focus on Globalisation, and Diversification to increase business from non-coal areas, and

**BHEL has been actively involved in the skill development initiatives of the Government of India**

further strengthen its Innovation capabilities.

Several corporate social responsibility initiatives in the form of socio-economic and community development programmes undertaken by the company are aligned with national priorities.

BHEL continues to serve society through its contribution in education, health, skill development, and improvement in the living conditions and

hygiene in villages and communities spread across the country, Sobti said.

BHEL has been actively involved in the skill development initiatives of the Government of India. During 2017-18, the company provided skill development opportunities to more than 24,000 individuals under various schemes like Graduate apprenticeship, Diploma apprenticeship, Trade apprenticeship, etc. BHEL was recognised as Champion of Change under the category of 'Best Central Public Sector Enterprises' by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for engaging maximum number of apprentices under the Apprentices Act, 1961, said Sobti.

The CMD said that BHEL's immense contribution in nation-building endeavours makes it the finest example of successful 'Make in India' and the company is committed and ready to take this mission forward in building a 'New India'.

# First twin sisters to scale Mt Everest to hold Basecamp Fest India in Doon



Nungshi and Tashi Malik address the media in Dehradun on Wednesday

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PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Basecamp Festival India, 2018 is a project of the Nungshi Tashi Foundation (NTF). It will include various events including outdoor activities, adventure films, guest speakers, guided walks, park runs, photography exhibits, children's activities and camping. It shall introduce all attendees to various

aspects of outdoors and underline the objectives of the Outdoor Leadership School. The first twin sisters in the world to scale mount Everest, Tashi and Nungshi Malik said this while addressing the media at the Press Club here on Wednesday.

The Malik sisters informed that Basecamp Festival India will also mark the launch of the Outdoor Leadership School (OLS). It is an experiential

learning school located in the foothills of Mussoorie, the brainchild of the twins and their father colonel (ret'd) VS Malik. Existing Government mountaineering and adventure institutes only impart technical training. OLS is about using outdoors as means to much wider and holistic learning and development, they said.

The NTF has already adopted three villages-Bhitarli,

**Women empowerment closest to our hearts: Twins**

Kandriyana and Taliyani Gad and formed Mountain-Women Self Help Groups. Through these groups, they want to promote mountaineering and adventure sports among girls and women, preserve and protect local ecology.

The twins stressed that women empowerment is one issue that is closest to their hearts. Through the OLS and NTF's combined forces the twins will work with the native women of the State and empower them to take care of their communities and households with confidence.

It should be mentioned here that among others, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijiju recently tweeted, "When two of our modern day heroes start a path breaking initiative to make India 'outdoor nation' let's say, well done & good luck@NungshiTashi their annual adventure event 'basecamp festival India' will inspire fellow citizens to adopt healthy and holistic lifestyles." Participation in the festival is by free online registration available at the basecamp festival website.

# Heavy to very heavy rain likely in coming days in U'khand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Though most of the State has been experiencing sunny conditions for some days now, the rains have not yet ended completely. There is a possibility of heavy to very heavy rainfall in isolated places in Uttarakhand during the coming days.

According to information provided by the State Meteorological Centre, current meteorological analysis and model predictions suggest that the south-west monsoon is likely to become active from September 22 onward for the next three to four days in Uttarakhand. Under the influence of this condition light to moderate rain/thunderstorm is very likely to occur at many places on September 22, 23, 24 and 25 in the State. Further, heavy rainfall is also likely to occur at isolated places in



Uttarakhand on September 22 and 25.

According to the Meteorological Centre, heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to occur at isolated places in Uttarakhand on September 23 and 24. In view of the heavy to very heavy rainfall activities, the general public and commuters especially pilgrims venturing in to the mountainous regions of Uttarakhand on September 23-24 must be vigilant and take necessary precautionary measures and cooperate closely with the State Government authorities, the Meteorological Centre has advised.

# MCI team inspects GDMC



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A team of Medical Council of India (MCI) visited the Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) Hospital on Wednesday and inspected the available facilities. The MCI team comprising Dr Mital Patel from Jamnagar, Dr G V Thakur from Latour and chief coordinator of MCI Dr S K Garg arrived in the medical college for the inspection.

The team appeared unhappy at high percentage (32%) of shortage of faculty members and observed an overload of 12 percent in the Gynaecological department of the hospital. The team also found glaring

faults in the construction of OPD and Operation Theatre (OT).

In the college, the MCI team pointed out that the space of the library was too small.

The principal GDMC, Dr Pradip Bharati Gupta, said that the issues pointed out by the MCI team would be resolved as per the norms by January next. The college would be granted permission to give admission to fourth batch of the MBBS course on the basis of report submitted by the team.

Dr RS Raina, Dr K C Pant, medical superintendent (MS) Dr K K Tamta and Dr Sushil Ojha accompanied the team during the inspection.

# A Tribute to Miss H S Oliphant, a prominent Pioneer of School Education in Doon Valley

JASKIRAN CHOPRA ■ DEHRADUN

It was a series of fortunate episodes that brought together academic visionaries in the sylvan town of Dehra Dun in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Each of these

pioneers set out on a challenging new path which culminated in the establishment of institutions which stand as epitomes of good education.

Whether it is the public schools like Doon and Welham, an international school like Woodstock, Christian schools

like St.George's College and Sherwood College or a "school on public school lines" like the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), all these residential schools have contributed equally in making these hills and dales of Uttarakhand into "school country". With rich tra-



ditions and hallowed pasts, all of these schools have produced alumni who have done them proud.

It was at the Welham Boys' Preparatory School in the Doon valley that Rajiv Gandhi spent his early school years. From Welham, he went to The Doon School in 1955. Amitabh Bachchan, the star of the millennium, grew up at Sherwood College, Nainital. Sam Manekshaw was a Sherwoodian too.

Prominent among the academic visionaries who lived and worked in the Doon valley was Miss Hersilia Susie Oliphant, an English lady whose death anniversary falls on September 20. The school which she founded was Welham Boys' School. Welham was founded in

1937 as a preparatory school for boarding schools in England and India with a capital of £1000.

The story of Miss H S Oliphant is an extremely inspiring saga of a dedicated lady who worked tirelessly for the cause of education in India for several decades. Born on August 17, 1883, she spent her childhood at Playworth Hall, Retford, Nottinghamshire. There is no record to establish that she ever went to school or college. In 1920, Miss Oliphant arrived in India to work as a companion to the Maharani of Cooch Behar. Soon, she left Cooch Behar and went to work in Kanpur and then Delhi. From Delhi, she came to Dehra Dun and worked at The Doon School and Colonel Brown School.

She was resolved to set up a Preparatory School in the Doon valley. In 1936, the owner of 5, Circular Road, Hukum Chand informed her that the house could be made available for the school. The place was done up and the first boy to join the Welham Boys Prep School in January 1937 was Maqbool Hussain Khan. Miss Oliphant's dream of a residential kindergarten and prep school for Indian children was finally realised. She was then 54 years

old. There were only six boys to begin with.

Named by Miss H S Oliphant after her girlhood home, the Welham village in Nottinghamshire, this boys' school has indeed come a very long way from its sheltered existence as a little prep school in the quiet Dalanwala area of the Doon valley. It has gone from "Strength to Strength", as says its motto. Founded in January 1937, it kept sending its boys to other schools like The Doon School and Mayo College after Class 5, for many years-till 1980. The first Class Ten batch appeared for boards in 1985.

The school is spread over 30 acres and has a spectacular view of the Himalayan hills. There are around 500 students. The School Magazine titled "The Oliphant" is brought out by the student-editors. India's first Chief Information Commissioner Wajahat Habibullah, who studied at the Welham Boys' School and The Doon School in the 1950s, said at one of founder's day celebrations at the Welham Boys School, where he was the chief guest, that after leaving the "familiar" atmosphere of the Welham Boys' School, when he went onto The Doon School, he "felt lonely and unhappy" for the


first few weeks. "I stayed at Welham for two years and it was like home to me. It was a small school then.

When I went to The Doon School I was quite unhappy as it was a very big school with lots of students. The atmosphere of fellow feeling I was used to at Welham was missing in the Doon School. My most enjoyable time was spent at Welham. The founder, Miss Oliphant, was a motherly figure, though stern at times."

In 1956, Ms Oliphant

donated all her assets to the Welham Boys School which presently is administered by a distinguished Board of Trustees. Miss Oliphant fell ill in 1962 and went back to England where she died on September 20, 1962.

The academic world of the Doon valley will always remain obliged to this lady's strong will and dedication. Her contribution to the sphere of school education in the Doon valley is indeed valuable and will always be cherished by the people of the valley.



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
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**EXAMINATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ENROLLMENT OF GST PRACTITIONERS**

The National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) has been authorized to conduct an examination for confirmation of enrollment of Goods and Services Tax Practitioners (GSTPs) in terms of the sub-rule (3) of rule 83 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, vide Notification No. 24/2018-Central Tax dated 28.5.2018.

2. The GSTPs enrolled on the GST Network under sub-rule (2) of Rule 83 and covered by clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 83, i.e. those meeting the eligibility criteria of having enrolled as Sales Tax Practitioners or Tax Return Preparers under the existing law for a period not less than five years, are required to pass the said examination before 31.12.2018 in terms of second proviso to rule 83(3). The examination for such GSTPs shall be conducted on 31.10.2018 from 1100 hrs to 1330 hrs at designated examination centres across India.

3. It will be a Computer - based examination. The registration for this examination can be done by the eligible GSTPs on a registration portal, link of which will also be provided on NACIN and CBIC websites. The registration portal will be activated on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 and will remain open upto 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. For convenience of candidates, a helpdesk will also be set up, details of which will be made available on the registration portal. The applicants are required to make online payment of examination fee of Rs. 500/- at the time of registration for this examination.

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# Harak left red-faced on wrong information issue

## Peeved Chair pulls Govt up

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Government and its Ministers faced some embarrassing moments on the second day of the Monsoon Session of the State Assembly on Wednesday when the Chair pulled up the Government for providing wrong information in the House.

The Chair directed the State Government to ensure that the Government officers furnish correct information meant to be provided to the members of the Assembly. The Speaker Prem Chand Agarwal passed the order when BJP legislator, Surendra Singh Jeena claimed that the answer provided by the Forest Minister Harak Singh Rawat that 'Pine Resin' is not kept in the open in the forest inspection bungalows across the State is wrong.

Flashing a photograph in the Assembly showing the highly inflammable Pine Resin kept in the open at Manila inspection bungalow, Jeena claimed that it has been lying in the open for the past three years, leaving the people living round vulnerable to fire.

A red-faced Forest Minister assured the member that he would look into the matter and take appropriate action if it is found that the department officers have provided wrong information.

Finding the State Government grappling with the aftermath of the humiliation in the hands of a ruling party lawmaker, the Opposition Congress members latched on to it with alacrity and tore into the Government for misinforming the Assembly.

They also cited previous cases of wrong information provided by the officials. The leader of the Opposition, Indira Hridayesh said that the Chair should intervene on the very serious matter and

## BJP lawmakers play opposition

### Cong MLAs enjoy Govt's discomfiture

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In a role reversal, members of the Treasury benches put the Ministers on the hot seat by darting pointed and well-thought-out questions while the Opposition lawmakers chose to amuse themselves by the visible discomfiture of the Government.

The ruling party lawmakers made the Ministers baffled as they flung questions on a wide range of issues from seat reservation for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Castes (OBC) in the urban local bodies (UPB) to sound pollution, pending cases of

compensation in the human-wild life conflict and felling of Pine trees. Compounding the woes of the nonplussed Ministers, the ruling party members refrained from rushing to the rescue of the troubled Government when the Opposition members cornered the Government on the emotive and electorally important issue of demolition drive.

BJP member Deshraj Karanwal asked the Government to clarify on the matter of the reservation status to SC, ST and OBC in the urban local bodies. The Urban Development Minister Madan Kaushik said that the reservation is provided according to the relevant act and things are decided by taking into account the criteria of population of these sections. The member, how-

ever, looked far from satisfied by the 'evasive' reply. With two other BJP lawmakers Chandan Ram Das and Suresh Rathore supporting him, he demanded the Government to increase the quantum of reservations to the SC, ST and OBC in ULBs. Chandan Ram Das looked agitated on the matter at some point of time, prompting the Opposition members to ask him to stand up and march to the well of the House by way of registering his protest.

The Congress members rushed to the well of the House to make the agitated BJP MLA to follow suit. However, Chandan Ram Das stood his ground and refused to toe the Congress line. But what happened was enough to leave the ministers on

edge.

Similar embarrassing situation for the Government came up when BJP legislator from Salt, Surendra Singh Jeena triggered sensation by claiming that officers are providing wrong information to the Ministers, something which left the Forest Minister Harak Singh Rawat puzzled.

Senior BJP member Munna Singh Chauhan tore into the Forest Minister Harak Singh Rawat on the report of Forest Research Institute (FRI) on Pine forests.

Inspired by the treasury bench throwing a dare to its own Government to rise up to the occasion, a BJP MLA was heard saying to the Congress legislators jestingly that they are acting as the real Opposition, a role which the Congress lawmakers are incapable of.

# Demolition drive rocks House

### Cong MLAs dub Govt dictatorial

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The issue of Uttarakhand High Court-ordered demolition drive rocked the State Assembly on Wednesday with the Opposition Congress members attacking the State Government for razing down houses of thousands of people.

As soon as the House assembled on the day, senior Congress leader Pritam Singh demanded discussion under section 310 on the very important issue. He said that thousands of people have become

homeless thanks to the demolition drive. Angry Congress MLAs stormed into the well of the House and protested vociferously against the Urban Development Minister Madan Kaushik's statement that the demolition being conducted on the order of the court should not be a matter of discussion in the House. The Speaker Prem Chand Agarwal later ruled that the discussion under section 58 would be held on the issue.

In the post-lunch session, the Leader of Opposition Indira Hridayesh launched a scathing attack on the Government and held it responsible for a situation where homes of people in Dehradun, Haridwar and

Rudrapur are being demolished ruthlessly. She said that the Government should have found a way to save these people on the same line it stepped in to save the slum dwellers.

Participating in the discussion, Congress MLA Pritam Singh said that in Dehradun and other areas, the officers are using old maps of 1904 and 1938 to demolish houses in which people have been dwelling for many years.

He said that such demolition drive is unparalleled and demanded the Government to bring in an ordinance to prevent houses of a large number of people

from being razed down in the name of the drive. Congress MLA Govind Singh Kunjwal echoed the same sentiment and said that the State Government is acting in a dictatorial manner on the sensitive matter.

In his reply, the Urban Development Minister Madan Kaushik said that the State Government had moved Supreme Court against the order of the Uttarakhand High Court. But the apex court had refused to intervene on the order, he added. He, however, assured in the same breath that the demolition drive would remain confined to the major roads only.

Government to respect the order of Uttarakhand High Court and at the same time see to it that the people affected by the drive are not left with much hardships.

# Noise pollution high, says Minister

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The noise pollution has assumed dangerous proportions in Dehradun, disclosed the State Forest and Environment Minister Harak Singh Rawat in response to a question in the State Assembly on Wednesday.

He said that the level of noise in Clock Tower and CMI Chowk area of Dehradun has crossed 70 decibel limit which is dangerously high. Rawat added that the sound level is

around 58 decibels in Haldwani city.

He, further, said that the sound levels are within permissible limits in Pauri, Almora and Chakrata.

The Minister said that the acceptable limit of noise pollution in the residential areas is 55 decibel while in the industrial areas the limit is 65 decibel. Rawat said that the department has slapped penalties on 2420 people for using sirens, multi-toned horns and pressure horns in the year 2017-18.

In a lighter vein, the Minister, who himself is known for his high-pitched volubility in the Assembly, requested the members to tone down to ensure that the decibel level is tolerable.

Putting in a supplementary question, Vikasnagar MLA Munna Singh Chauhan asked the Minister to clarify whether there is any regulation to control noise pollution emanating from the religious ceremonies and festivals to which the Minister replied in the negative.

# ‘Rashtra Mata’ status for Cow

### Assembly passes unanimous resolution

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Uttarakhand Assembly passed a unanimous resolution for granting status of 'Rashtra Mata' to Cow. The Minister of State for Animal Husbandry Rekha Arya placed the resolution in the Assembly in the post-lunch session on the day.

By adopting the resolution, the Uttarakhand Assembly requested the Union Government to declare Cow as Rashtra Mata.

Participating in the debate on the issue, the

Leader of the Opposition Indira Hridayesh said that on one hand, the Government is demanding Cow to be elevated as the mother of nation and on the other hand, the Cows are being found roaming on the streets, uncared for.

The Congress MLA Pritam Singh said that the Government should also ensure protection of Cows.

The House later unanimously adopted the resolution.

Besides, the House passed the Uttarakhand Molasses Control Bill and Uttarakhand Court Fees Amendment Act on the day.

# Govt mulling to raise compensation

### Wild animal attack on human and cattle

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Government is planning to increase the compensation amount in the cases of human-wild life conflict where animals attack humans and cattle. This assurance was given by the Forest Minister Harak Singh Rawat in the State Assembly on Wednesday. He said that the Government is contemplating to raise the compensation amount for death caused by wild animal attacks from the present ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh.

Similarly, a loss of 11794 domestic animals has occurred in the corresponding period, he informed. The Minister also informed the House that a budget of Rs 6 crore has been set aside for grant of compensation from wild animal attacks.

to humans caused by animal attacks and compensation in loss to the livestock would be done, the minister assured the House.

In response to a question by Independent MLA Pritam Singh Panwar, Rawat said that a total of 79 persons have lost their lives while 442 have been left injured by the attacks of wild animals in the state from January 1, 2017 till date. Similarly, a loss of 11794 domestic animals has occurred in the corresponding period, he informed. The Minister also informed the House that a budget of Rs 6 crore has been set aside for grant of compensation from wild animal attacks.

## 8 children rescued

### SCPCR MEMBER, NGO DEMAND CASE BE LODGED UNDER BONDED LABOUR ACT

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Eight children being made to serve liquor and food in roadside vends in Selaqui area were rescued in a raid conducted by departmental officials along with State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) member and members of a voluntary organisation. However, after their rescue SCPCR member Seema Dora and Bachpan Bachao Andolan member Sandeep Pant said that the authorities have booked a case under child labour act but not under the bonded labour Act. Dora stressed that the authorities should register a case under the bonded labour act in order to ensure justice and rehabilitation of the rescued children.

Talking to *The Pioneer*, Pant said that while booking a case under the child labour act is valid, it is also important to register a case under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act. Pant said, "The eight children rescued were all aged under 14 years and were being paid ₹100 a day which amounts to ₹3,000 per month whereas the minimum wage for unskilled labour is ₹6,500 per month.

There are four Supreme Court judgments and the Act which states that those not being paid the minimum wages are bonded labourers. The children rescued were being made to work from 9 to 11 and also being abused. Registering a case under the bonded labour act will help facilitate their rehabilitation in addition to making them eligible for minimum ₹20,000 to maximum ₹3 lakh compensation."

# ‘BJP has abandoned Ram Mandir issue’



PNS ■ HALDWANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has failed to meet the expectations which made many vote him to office, said Pravin Togadia, the international head of the Antarrashtriya Hindu Parishad. He was addressing a gathering as part of the October 21 Ayodhya Kooch programme here on Wednesday.

Criticising Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party, he said that those who had been elected with the hope that the Ram temple would be constructed at

the lord's birthplace in Ayodhya had abandoned the issue.

They had been voted to address issues including cow protection but had turned out to be detrimental to the cows. The BJP has forgotten the sacrifice of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. "When it comes to the SC-ST Act, Modi says that the parliament and not the court will take the decision but when it comes to the Ram Mandir, he says that the court, not the parliament will take a decision. The BJP led Government has completed four years at the Centre but no

provision or plan has been made for construction of the Ram temple.

It appears as if the temple is not part of the BJP's agenda any more. The BJP worked for 'Congress-Mukt' Bharat but ended up creating 'Congress-Yukt' BJP which is why its ideology too appears to be like that of the Congress," he said.

While also criticising the government for rising inflation, he, further, alleged that like the Ram temple, the removal of section 370 and 35 A too had been excluded from the BJP's agenda.

# Nanda Devi Mahotsav concludes with immersion of idols



PNS ■ NAINITAL

The ceremonial idols of goddesses Nanda and Sunanda were immersed in the Naini lake after a colourful procession in Nainital on Wednesday. This marked the conclusion of the 115th Nanda Devi Mahotsav. Devotees participated with enthusiasm in the procession

taken out on the occasion. Various cultural aspects including folk dances, people dressed up in costumes as deities and other beings, displays by members of Akhadas and tableaux were part of the procession.

Earlier, with the help of Sri Ram Sevak Sabha, a special worship of goddess Bhagwati was held at the Naina Devi

temple during the morning. After Devi Bhog at 12 PM, a colourful procession of goddesses Nanda and Sunanda started from the shrine.

After passing through the market area, the procession reached the Pashan Devi temple near where the devotees emotionally bid farewell to the ceremonial idols of the goddesses by immersing them in the Naini lake.

Adequate number of police personnel had also been deployed in order to ensure security on the occasion. Troupes of folk dancers from various parts of Kumaon region and local musical bands also performed during the procession.

# Pithoragarh airport being readied for regular flights

PNS ■ PITHORAGARH

Pithoragarh's Naini Saini Airport is being readied to receive the first flight as part of the regular air service slated to start early next month. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is slated to inaugurate the Dehradun-Pithoragarh air service as part of Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme on October 7.

The work is being done under the supervision of the Airports Authority of India

(AAI) which has deputed 12 expert engineers in the presence of Pantnagar airport director SK Singh.

He informed that the necessary arrangements at the airport are complete. Flight information system and an X-ray machine costing ₹1.5 crore have been installed. Lighting system on the runway is also being given the final touches. Singh, further, said that the works are expected to be completed by September 30.

It will be recalled that with forest and environmental clearance being granted to operations from Pithoragarh airport, all arrangements were made for provision of equipment and human resource. The State chief secretary Upal Kumar Singh recently held a meeting with officials of AAI



and Directorate General of Civil Aviation to review all arrangements.

# Cleanliness campaign to be held at all railway stations

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Under the Swachhhta hi Sewa campaign from September 15 to October 2, on September 22, a cleanliness campaign will be held at all railway stations in Uttarakhand as part of the Railway Swachhhta Diwas. On September 25, under the Swachh Bharat Mission, under "Swachhagrahi Se Swachhagrahi-Ek Se Anek", the Swachhgrahis (volunteers) will make the people aware about cleanliness in the village panchayats and will

also participate in cleanliness work.

For the purpose of public awareness under the "International Mahatma Gandhi Sammelan" day on September 29, seminars related to cleanliness will be organised in the districts.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, the "Swachh Bharat Diwas" will be organised at the district and state level. In the district, solid and liquid waste management works will be started at any selected village panchayat at the Gram Panchayat level.

On the same day, work of plantation, water resource conservation and cleanliness of water sources, stream and nullahs will also be done in the village panchayats.

# GOVT TEACHERS TO BE ENGAGED IN TEACHING ONLY

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The teachers of the Government schools now cannot be engaged by the administration in duties other than teaching. Teachers, however, can be engaged in census-related work and disaster relief operations.

In an order issued, the secretary education Bhipinder Kaur Aulakh has directed all the District Magistrates that the teachers should not be engaged in activities other than teaching.

She has cited the provisions of Right to Education (RTE) in this matter.



# Discoms owe ₹2,909 cr to orissa Government

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government incurred a total of loan of 1,350.48 crore and distributed it among the four power distribution companies (discoms), Nesco, Southco, Wesco and Cesu. While the total loan outstanding with interest on these companies is now ₹2,908.55 crore, they have repaid ₹78.77 crore only.

Energy Minister Sushant Singh informed this in the State Assembly in response to a question of MLA Dilip Ray on Wednesday.

According to information, the Nesco owed ₹393.78 crore and Wesco ₹407.93 crore to the State Government by March 31, 2018 while Cesu had to repay ₹1797.29 crore and Southco ₹309.55 crore by March 31, 2017.

In a related question of



MLA Ranendra Pratap Swain, the Minister informed that the licences of Southco, Nesco and Wesco, which were run by the Reliance Infra, have been cancelled by the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) and the

Appellate Tribunal and Supreme Court have upheld the OERC decision.

While the Southco owes power dues of ₹43.52 crore, Nesco ₹18.70 crore and Wesco ₹103.94 crore to Gridco, the Minister informed.

# Tirkey, Sudarshan Das join Congress

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Biramitrapur Independent MLA George Tirkey and Mahanadi Bachao Andolan convenor Sudarshan Das on Wednesday joined the Congress at New Delhi in the presence of All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Rahul Gandhi.

Welcoming Tirkey and Das to the party, Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Niranjana Patnaik said this would strengthen the party further.

"Tirkey is a senior tribal leader with thousands of supporters. Similarly, Das along with four other members of the organisation joined Congress today. We heartily welcome them to the party," said Patnaik.

He further said the Congress is ready to wel-

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come to the party all like-minded people who want to work for the interest of Odisha.

On being asked if Tirkey would contest as Congress candidate from the Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat in 2019, Patnaik said the party would take a decision in this regard at appropriate time.

# Ex-staff alleges rape by Air Odisha chief

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A former woman employee of the Air Odisha on Wednesday alleged that she was raped by the airline's CEO Santosh Pani.

She lodged a complaint against him with the Khandagiri police seeking justice. As per the complaint, Pani raped her twice two months after her joining the Air Odisha as a security supervisor in July 2018. The complainant, who currently works with the Air Deccan, is a resident of Kolkata.

"On August 10, Pani offered me a lift to drop me home and forcefully entered my house and raped me. He again raped me on August 12. On August 13, I resigned from the company and went back to Kolkata," she said.

However, Pani refuted the allegation, saying the woman was sacked for having rifts with

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other staffs of the company frequently. "Many staffs of the company had even filed complaints against her at the Khandagiri police station. She even approached me to sack other staffs. As I did not accept her request, she has brought such allegation against me to take revenge." Notably, Pani was earlier arrested in April 2017 on the basis of a non-bailable warrant (NBW) issued against him by a local court.

Earlier in June 2016, he had been arrested for allegedly duping Sandeep Ray, son of BJP MLA Dilip Ray, of ₹40 lakh.

# Inter-State idol lifters' racket busted; 7 held

PNS ■ BALESWAR

The Nilgiri police on Wednesday busted an inter-State idol and antique lifters' racket and arrested seven persons, including three of New Delhi and one of Haryana.

The arrestees were identified as Kuanarjit Singh (52), Naresh Kumar (29), Raj Kumar (39) of

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New Delhi, Raj Kumar (37) of Haryana, Dipak Behera (40) of Dhenkanal district, Manmath Malik (55) of Baleswar district and Omkarnath Bramhachari alias Hanuman Baba of Kendrapara district.

Sources said that they were caught by the villagers in the foothill of the Devanagiri hill of Nilgiri on Sunday night and were thrashed by the locals assuming them as child lifters while they were moving suspiciously in the area at around 11 pm.

# State to be leprosy-free by 2020

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A leprosy identification and eradication programme would be intensified in the high and less prone and far flung inaccessible areas in the State. About 36,162 ASHAs, 6,240 health workers, 1,090 health supervisors, 1,381 medical officers and 291 officers would be engaged in the drive.

In a State level workshop here, Health and Family Welfare Secretary PK Meherda has asked the CDMOs and DPMs to work for successful implementation of the programme.

# Identification, awareness drive soon

The Government has set a target to make Odisha leprosy-free by 2020 and before that to reduce the leprosy affected persons to less than one in every 10 lakh population by October 2, 2019.

According to sources, a leprosy eradication programme has been launched in the State since 1983 and all districts have been covered under it in phases. However, still, the numbers of leprosy-hit in the State in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 are 8,004, 10,175, 10,045, and 9,576 respectively.

# Parents hold rally against fleeing by pvt schools

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Parent Associations' Forum held a rally and demonstration in the Lower PMG here on Wednesday demanding the State Government's control over the private English medium schools that are fleeing the students in the name of quality education.

The forum alleged that while the standards of State Government and Government aided schools have fallen, conscious parents are admitting their students in private English medium schools with the hope of quality education. But their



Maharashtra, Punjab, Tripura, Karnataka and Kerala etc have implemented laws to regulate these schools, but so far, in Odisha these schools are going rudderless. They

hopes are belied as the English medium schools are imposing hefty fees by way of hiking them arbitrarily without concentrating on quality education. The agitators said that other States like Gujarat,

demand immediate intervention of the Government and steps to regulate these schools.

While Dr Gagan Bihari Rout presided, among others, Sanjukta Panigrahi spoke.

# DM assures city buses to A'garh

PNS ■ ATHAGARH

Cuttack District Magistrate Arvind Agarwal on Wednesday assured Athagarh Press Club (APC) members to run city buses between Cuttack and Athagarh soon. APC members had been staging a dharna demanding City Bus service since September 7.

An APC team including club president Dinesh Das and members Sailendra Pattnaik, Shankarsan Mohanty, Jagadananda Tripathy, Bijaya Kumar Nayak and others met the DM at his office and put forth their demand. The DM assured private buses to Athagarh within a week and

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new City Buses within a month or two.

The team also met STA Commissioner Sanjeeb Panda and ADM Harish Chandra Nayak and got positive response from them for bus services.

# Two women electrocuted in city

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In a freak accident, two women were electrocuted after they came in contact with a live electric wire in their house at Unit-IX under the Saheed Nagar police station in the city on Wednesday.

The deceased women were identified as sister-in-laws. The duo was rushed to the Capital Hospital, where the doctors declared them brought dead.

Sources said they were busy in their household chores when they accidentally came in touch with the live electric wire.

Police sent the bodies for postmortem and launched a probe into the incident.

# 29 cases of sexual harassment in hostels in 3 years

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A total of 29 incidents of misbehaviour and sexual harassment with girls in hostels and residential schools, run by private organisations and the SC and ST Development Department, have been reported in the State during the last three years since 2015.

SC and ST Development, Minority Communities and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Ramesh Chandra Majhi informed this in the State Assembly in response to a question of Congress MLA Bhujabal Majhi on Wednesday.

**1 ended life, 1 delivered baby; 26 accused held**

The Minister further informed that schoolteachers and other staffs committed the alleged offences. Out of 29 incidents, a girl committed suicide and died. As many as 26 accused have been arrested, and disciplinary action has been taken against them, the Minister said.

While the highest number of 12 girls in Mayurbhanj district were subjected to misbehaviour/sexual harassment, eight girls in Rayagada, three in Koraput, two each in Jajpur and Malkangiri and one each in Keonjhar and Gajapati district faced such plights. While a girl in Malkangiri district committed suicide a girl in Koraput district delivered a baby, according to information.

# Sudarsan appointed Lalit Kala Akademi chief

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik on Wednesday appointed internationally-acclaimed sand artist Padma Sri Sudarsan Pattnaik as the new president of the Odisha Lalit Kala Akademi.

A notification in this regard was issued from the Chief Minister's Office.

The post was lying vacant after noted sculptor Padma



Vibhushan Raghu Nath Mohapatra resigned from it fol-

lowing his nomination to Rajya Sabha in July this year.

Sand sculptor Pattnaik will start a campaign on the Puri sea beach to attract tourists ahead of the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup to be held here in

Bhubaneswar from November 28 to December 16.

# Dental checkup camp held in city



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

All over India, the week of Karyanjali is celebrated from September 17 to 25 to provide free service to people in need throughout the week mainly by raising awareness and treating patients for free.

A free dental checkup and oral cancer screening and awareness camp was organised by the SOA University, Dental wing at Salia Sahi's Birs

Munda Club of Bhubaneswar North on September 19. More than 150 people were screened for cancer and other debilitating oral diseases.

The programme was coordinated by Dr Aiswarya Biswal, vice-president of State BJP Mahila Morcha. BJP spokesperson Dilip Mohanty and BJP Bhubaneswar district president Hari Khuntia were also present along with Ananga Bikram Biswal, Susant Sabat and Binay Rout.

# Mahima surrenders in Kujang court

JAGATSINGHPUR: Business tycoon Mahimananda Mishra on Wednesday surrendered before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court at Kujang in connection with the Mahendra Swain murder case. He was then sent to jail.

Mishra surrendered after the Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected the bail granted to him by the Orissa High Court. The apex court had also ordered to take him into custody.

Mishra, who is managing director of Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL), had been arrested from Thailand for allegedly masterminding the murder of Swain, a top executive of Hyderabad-based stevedoring company Seaways Shipping and Logistics Limited (SSLL), on October 26, 2016 in Paradip.

Earlier on July 16, 2018 the High Court had granted conditional bail to Mishra in the Press Chowk bomb hurling and Paradip Taringadga firing cases. PNS

## PURI TEMPLE REFORMS

# Amicus Curiae expected to ditto Dist Judge's suggestions



BISWARAJ PATNAIK

An amicus curiae is a friend of the court: someone who is not a party to a case and may or may not have been solicited by a party and who assists a court by offering information, expertise or insight that has a bearing on the issues in a particular case. He is typically presented in the

form of a brief.

Eminent lawyer of India Gopal Subramaniam has been appointed the amicus curiae by the Supreme Court after a PIL was filed by social worker of Odisha Mrinalini Padhi seeking relief from the torture inflicted by a sizeable number of unruly Jagannath Temple servants and their business associates who have lately turned intolerably ill-behaved and vulgar with the sole motive of extracting money from devotees by intimidation and guile. The Supreme Court took strong note of the grave situation and ordered the Puri District Judge to make a thorough inquiry into the matter and put up discreet as well as judicious recommendations to the apex court within a fortnight. The Puri judge did a splendid job within the short-

est time and placed his recommendations based on twelve critical findings, one of which was to have the hereditary rights of servitors abolished, which incidentally is a most popular demand for decades. The Supreme Court found the recommendations perfectly logical and passed an interim order to have them implemented instantly, which sent a chill up the spines of the rogue servitors who do not have any knowledge of right and wrong or even the ABCs of age-old rituals or even the basics kites required, yet pose as the ones at the service of the deities. Rattled badly by the court's directions, a section of servitors, close to some local politicians and with some money in pocket, has mindlessly alleged that the move is part of a larger con-

spiracy hatched by powerful non-Odia officers in the State Government.

The District Judge Shri Ambuja Mohan Das has suggested, among the twelve strong points, introduction of a queue system for hassle-free darshan, a complete ban on acceptance of Dakshina (offertory) by servitors and identity cards and a strict dress code for servitors and all other functionaries. Hygiene and sanitation issues too were to be resolved by the temple administration. The suggestions also included an absolute control of

the shrine kitchen by the temple administration for fair pricing of Mahaprasad, registration of guides with temple office and a complete ban on the use of Thalies and pitchers by servitors to receive offerings with the sole view to leaving the devotees safe and immune to invasive approach by rogue servitors to make money illegally or by intimidation. A high-definition CCTV system too has to be in place to keep watch over the behaviour of rogues in the temple premises. The Supreme Court had asked the temple administration to take action without delay.

Significantly, the Justice BK Patra Commission of 1977 had also recommended abolition of hereditary priesthood and the offertory system. But

the recommendations could not be implemented due to a casual attitude of the Government then mainly because the servitors were not so vile or virulent.

The temple administration has been asked to upload a copy of the District Judge's report on the website of the temple administration so as to make the recommendations popularly known. The copy was also hosted on the websites of the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Culture for two weeks.

Unfortunately, the Gajapati

## HITTING THE BULL'S EYE

king and he Shankaracharya of Puri have not agreed to the proposal of allowing devotees from all religions as the divine name of the Lord suggests. Lord of the Universe encompassing every living creature as dear and fit to enter the temple.

The top court had specifically directed the Odisha Government to study the management schemes of other important shrines such as Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Kashmir, Somnath Temple in Gujarat, Golden Temple in Punjab, Tirupati Temple in Andhra Pradesh and Dharamsthal Temple in Karnataka.

Quite in the past between 1859 and 1897, the Puri temple management had turned shoddy for several unavoidable cir-

cumstances. The British Government had to step in to intervene. But unlike today, the general public and Hindu religious leaders did not keep quiet about the difficult situation then. People across Odisha agitated for immediate restoration of peace and order in the temple management. The regional Press was then led by 'Utkal Dipika' to exert pressure on the Government to rush in and make the temple premises a divinely serene and devotee-friendly environment. The occasional discord or confusion among insiders was forgotten by the Odia society, which came together to ensure the temple was considered the best shrine in the world. Legendary lawyer and maker of Odisha, Madhusudan Das fought tooth and nail against the British administration when it overstepped its jurisdiction in the temple affairs. Around that time, the Gajapati king was no more and the brave queen Suryamani Patadei, with an adopted minor son, had handled all problems with help from Madhusudan Das. Today, with a much bigger number of people and incredible information technology in hand, most people, particularly youths, have no sensitivity to rise to the occasion and raise a voice against rogue servitors who are a thousand times better off financially and status wise than they were only thirty years ago due to want of so many

facilities and in the absence of equity in getting wages for services offered to the deities.

The Puri District Judge has created history by solving a most contentious problem ailing the temple for over thirty-odd years ever since the servitors attained visibility due to television broadcast and countless other publicity initiatives by the temple earning substantial amounts of money and goods through the Hundi system and more.

Gopal Subramaniam was chosen by the Supreme Court to be the amicus curiae for a very valid reason. The friend of the court is fantastically versed with the fundamental tenets of Hindu religion and all its nuances. He has read and digested most of the popular and esoteric scriptures available in the society. His primary job is to make sure the District Judge has truly done a magnificent job. It is learnt from reliable sources that he will meet the Shankaracharya and the Gajapati king for ideas and responses. But as everyone knows, the Shankaracharya is kind of a Hindu fundamentalist who does not believe unorthodox Hindus are true to the religion. Hence, his aggressive opposition to the ISKCON devotees who are practically more Hindu than most of the crowd. Besides, it is literally impossible to describe an orthodox Hindu as there is no known set of parameters or

symptoms to identify one. The Gajapati king of today is a noble soul without guts or grit. He does not want to raise any controversies by spelling out some hardcore truths about the universal faith called the 'Sanatana Dharma'.

So, he might play safe by keeping quiet; and the Shankaracharya may in all probability confuse the 'Friend of the Court' with archaic and obsolete examples of practices which are grossly non-secular in spirit.

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# Cong submits memo to CAG over Rafale

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing with its attack on the Modi Government, the Congress on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) over alleged irregularities in the Rafale fighter jet deal and maintained that the auditor watchdog committed to take a look into the matter.

The Congress has stepped up the attack on the Government over the Rafale deal and is seeking to make it a major poll issue ahead of Assembly elections in some key states later this year and the parliamentary election in 2019.

A delegation of party leaders led by senior party member Ghulam Nabi Azad called on CAG chief Rajiv Mehrishi and handed over a memorandum, accusing the Government of causing loss to the public exchequer and endangering national security by bypassing state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in favour of some businessman "friends" for offset contract.

The delegation also included Ahmed Patel, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Jai Ram Ramesh, Randeep Surjewala and Mukul Wasnik.

Sharma said the party has given a detailed memoran-



Congress senior leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Randeep Surjewala, Ahmed Patel and others leave after a meeting with Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in New Delhi on Wednesday

dum, along with enclosures on "irregularities" and "acts of omission and commission" by the Government in the fighter jet deal. "We expect the CAG will prepare a report soon and present it before Parliament," he said.

Congress alleged that the fresh deal for Rafale fighter jets was inked by the Narendra Modi dispensation at a cost much higher than what was negotiated by the previous Government led by it.

"The CAG pointed out that it is his constitutional and fundamental duty to audit all such purchases, procedures, award of contract and the CAG said that they are already examining the entire Rafale deal. They are

examining the papers, they are examining the payments made, and they are examining the procedure and its violation. They assured that they will look at all the documents that we have brought in public domain and that they will very soon be submitting a report to Parliament after examining all the contentions raised by the Congress party," Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala told reporters.

"The Government is bound to disclose the price of 36 aircraft to scrutiny by the CAG, in accordance with law and there has to be a similar disclosure to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Chief Vigilance Commission

(CVC), and Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence," he said.

In its memorandum, the Congress alleged violation of the mandatory provisions of the Defence Procurement Procedure in the "unilateral" purchase of 36 Rafale jets from Dassault Aviation and that public exchequer lost ₹41,000 crore due to the purchase. The party said while the previous UPA Government was buying Rafale jets for ₹526 crore a piece, the rate fixed by the Modi dispensation was ₹1,670 crore.

"We request the CAG to undertake its constitutional duty by conducting a time bound special and forensic audit by examining the record threadbare, so that the truth is told to the people of India in a comprehensive and transparent manner affixing the responsibility of the Modi Government," the Congress memorandum said.

The party earlier demanded a probe by a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) into the alleged irregularities in the deal. The Government has rejected any kind of JPC or CAG probe into the deal, saying an inquiry cannot be set up only to satisfy the ego of an "ill-informed" leader of the Opposition party who "repeats lies".

## Govt: Probe can't be set up to satisfy ego of ill-informed Opposition leader

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Wednesday not only rejected the Congress' demand for a probe into the Rafale fighter jet deal, saying an enquiry cannot be set up only to satisfy the ego of an "ill-informed" leader of the Opposition party who "repeats lies", but also targeted former Defence Minister AK Antony.

"I don't think JPC or CAG enquiry is set up to satisfy the ego of an ill-informed leader who repeats lies with alarming regularity," Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told reporters, in an apparent attack on Congress president Rahul Gandhi.

Prasad said that Antony has a lot to answer for keeping the public-sector Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), which was to be offset partner of the French maker of Rafale jets, in the lurch despite being in office for eight years.

His response came after Congress leaders met the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) seeking a probe into alleged irregularities in the



Prasad said Antony was the Defence Minister when the offset rule was framed, as incumbent Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has already articulated.

Under India's offset policy, foreign defence entities are mandated to spend at least 30 per cent of the total contract value in India through procurement of components or setting up of research and development facil-

ities. "He was the Minister who left HAL in lurch, as far as the joint operations is concerned, Mr Antony has a lot to answer," he said.

"What has struck me more is that Mr Antony, who was Defence Minister for eight years during which nothing could be done for modernisation and empowerment of Indian forces, (making statement on the issue)," he said.

Prasad also said that Indian Air Force badly needs planes as the old planes are causing repeated accidents. "Should the Congress at least rise to the occasion for the sake of country's safety and security," he said.

## INSHORT

### SC EXTENDS HOUSE ARREST OF ACTIVISTS FOR A DAY

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it would look into the Koregaon-Bhima case involving the arrest of five activists with a "hawk's eye" as liberty cannot be sacrificed at the altar of conjectures, even as it extended their house arrest for a day. The top court told the Maharashtra Government that there should be a clear-cut distinction between Opposition and dissent on one hand and the attempts to create disturbance, law and order problems and overthrow the government on the other.

### KHARGE REFUSES TO ATTEND LOKPAL MEET

**New Delhi:** Congress leader in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge again boycotted the Lokpal Selection Committee meeting on Wednesday, the sixth time he has done so this year on the pretext that he is not made a full-fledged member in the panel. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he conveyed his decision of boycotting the panel meeting held this evening.

### SC SEES REPORT FILED BY SOLID WASTE BODY

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday observed that an expert committee, set up to deal with issues relating to solid waste management in Delhi, should have "specific time target" on how the works would be carried out. The apex court, which perused the status report filed by the committee, asked whether the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) was being briefed about the meetings of the panel.

### 30 BRU REFUGEE FAMILIES RETURN TO MIZORAM

**New Delhi:** At least, 30 Bru refugee families, who have been living in camps in Tripura for over two decades, returned to Mizoram on Wednesday as part of a Home Ministry-monitored rehabilitation package, an official said. The Bru families would be given a one-time financial assistance of ₹4 lakh, a house, a monthly assistance of ₹5,000 and free ration for two years as per the agreement signed by the representatives of the Bru refugees, the Governments of Mizoram and Tripura and the Centre.

### ₹37 CR ASSETS ATTACHED IN HOSHARPUR SCAM

**New Delhi:** The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday said it has attached assets worth ₹37 crore in connection with its money laundering probe into the Hoshiarpur land acquisition scam in Punjab. It said a provisional order for attachment of 54 vacant lands and three business and residential premises each was issued by its Jalandhar office under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

### 3-DAY MEDICAL EXPO AT PRAGATI MAIDAN



**New Delhi:** Over 300 medical firms including global companies from countries like Germany, China, South Africa will be showcasing around 3,000 medical equipments at the three-day Medical Expo, here at Pragati Maidan from September 21. The focus is on 'Make in India' and wide range of innovative medical gadgets like mercury-free digital BP monitor and specially designed stethoscope for cardiologists, said Dr Manivannan S, CEO of Medical.

## Will do everything to free 7 Indians kidnapped by Taliban: Afghan Prez

**New Delhi:** Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday assured Prime Minister Narendra Modi that his Government would do everything possible to secure the release of seven engineers abducted by Taliban in the restive northern Baghlan province in May, official sources said.

During extensive talks with Modi, Ghani also conveyed to him that the Afghan Government is enhancing security for Sikhs in Afghanistan in the wake of killing of 13 people of the community in a suicide bombing in July, the sources said.

They said Ghani's response on both the issues came after Modi raised them.

Seven Indian engineers were kidnapped in Baghlan province on May 6, and Modi, in the talks, conveyed his concerns over them to Ghani.

In the talks, the decision by



India and China to initiate joint projects in Afghanistan was also deliberated upon.

The sources said a Sino-India integrated training programme for Afghan diplomats will kickstart next month in Delhi. The diplomats will first train in Delhi and then will leave for Beijing.

Ghani was here on a day-long working visit.

Giving an overview of the security scenario in Afghanistan, Ghani also apprised Modi about Taliban attack on southeastern city of

Ghazni and increasing presence of ISIS in the country. On the Ghazni attack, he said involvement of Pakistani national has emerged, the sources said.

## Afghan envoy to India resigns

**New Delhi:** Afghanistan Ambassador to India Shaista Abdali stepped down from his post on Wednesday. Calling his decision a "tough and appealing" one, Abdali, in a series of tweets, announced his resignation saying, "Stepping Down — A tough but an appealing decision: On a high note ending a successful visit of the Afghan President in India, I resigned today as the Afghan Ambassador to India. Serving in India for more than six years was indeed a great honour and privilege."

## TRIPLE TALAQ PUNISHABLE OFFENCE

# Cong, BJP engage in war of words

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP and Congress engaged in a political spat soon after the Centre cleared an Ordinance making the practice of triple talaq a punishable offence. While BJP president Amit Shah termed it a historic moment and said it is also a matter of introspection and guilt for political parties which forced Muslim women to suffer due to vote bank politics, the Congress accused the Modi Government of treating the issue of instant triple talaq "more as a political football than a matter of justice to Muslim women".

Hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Cabinet's nod to the ordinance, Shah said in tweets that the decision will allow Muslim women to live with dignity in society. Targeting opposition parties such as the Congress, he said, "This ordinance is also a matter of guilt



and introspection for them as they forced Muslims women to suffer from this bad practice for decades due to their vote bank politics."

Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the Government has not acceded to the Congress request for making a provision for attaching the property of those not providing compensation to the affected women and children after giving them divorce.

Surjewala said instant triple talaq was "an illegal, unconsti-

tutional and inhuman practice" that was quashed by the Supreme Court. After the Supreme Court quashed the practice, it has become a law.

"For us, triple talaq has always been a human issue related to women rights and extending justice to them," he said, adding that this is the reason why Congress leaders and lawyers such as Salman Khurshid and Manish Tiwari represented the affected women before the Supreme Court in the case. However, the

Modi Government is treating the issue more as a political football than a matter of justice to Muslim women," he alleged.

"When triple talaq has been quashed, the next issue now is of providing justice to Muslim women. They should have the right to allowance from the property of their husband to look after themselves and their children. The property of those men who are unable to provide this compensation, should be attached. But the Modi government is avoiding this.

"They do not want justice be given to Muslim women, Modiji does not want that Muslim women get allowance and our amendment that property should be attached was not accepted by the government," Surjewala said at AICC briefing. Surjewala said the Congress had objected that if a man is jailed, how will women get allowance and how can care be ensured to their children.

## Central team to visit Kerala today to assess flood damage

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

An inter-Ministerial team, headed by a special secretary of the Home Ministry, will visit Kerala for five days beginning Thursday to assess the damage caused by the recent devastating floods.

The move comes after the Kerala Government sent a detailed memorandum seeking ₹4,700-crore as compensation for the damage occurred due to rains and floods, considered to be worst in a century.

The inter-ministerial team, headed by Special Secretary B R Sharma, will visit Kerala from September 20 to 24, a

Home Ministry official said.

At least 488 people have died in Kerala due to the rains and floods this monsoon, which hit 14 districts of the State. The Kerala Government memorandum comprises details about the loss of human life, properties, infrastructure and crops.

In case of any natural calamity beyond the coping capacity of a state, the state Government submits a detailed memorandum indicating sector-wise details of damage and requirement of funds for relief operations of immediate nature. Accordingly, the Kerala Government sent the

memorandum, the official said.

According to the existing guidelines, the Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) will visit the state for on-the-spot assessment of damage and additional requirement of funds.

The IMCT report will be considered by the sub-committee of national executive committee (SC-NEC) headed by the Union home secretary in conformity with the norms and then by a high-level committee, chaired by the Home Minister for approving the quantum of additional assistance from the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF),

another official said.

The financial mechanism to meet the rescue and relief expenditure during any notified disaster event is governed by guidelines on the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) and the NDRF, the official said.

On August 21, the Central Government had released ₹600 crore to flood-hit Kerala as promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi (₹500 crore) and Home Minister Rajnath Singh (₹100 crore) during their visits to the State. This was in addition to ₹562.45 crore already made available in the State Disaster Relief Fund of Kerala.

## 205 km Budni-Indore Rly line in MP OK'd

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Keeping an eye on the forthcoming Assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday approved a 205.5-km new line connecting Budni to Indore (Mangaliyagaon) in the State. The total estimated cost of the project is ₹3,261 crore which will provide connectivity to various towns and villages like Nasrullganj, Khatogaon and Kannod where there is no rail connectivity at present.

"The main purpose of this project is development of backward area and reduction in travel time from Indore to Jabalpur as well as from Indore to Mumbai and towards southern side also, as this will reduce distance by 68 km compared to the present available route

via Bhopal," railway ministry said in a statement.

"It will provide better transport facilities for public and industries in this area. It will also help to provide/generate employment opportunities in the project area. The project will generate direct employment during construction for about 49.32 lakh man-days," the statement said.

The proposed line will take off from the existing yard of Budni and will connect at Mangaliyagaon, the existing station of Western Railway near Indore. Ten new crossing stations and seven new halt stations are proposed to be constructed en route.

The new line will serve Sehore, Dewas and Indore districts and will provide direct link from Budni to Indore bypassing the congested route of Bhopal-Itarsi including

Ghat section from Budni to Berkheda. It will also be beneficial for the defence forces which has three premier institutes in Indore.

## Cabinet approves revised cost estimate for dam safety project

**New Delhi:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday approved the revised cost estimate of a project to improve the safety of 198 dams across the country. The revised cost has now been pegged at ₹3,466 crore. Originally, the total cost of the project was ₹2,100 crore with State component of ₹1,968 crore and central component of ₹132 crore.

## India accounts 27% of world TB cases in 2017: WHO

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India accounted for 27 per cent of the 10 million people who developed tuberculosis in 2017, the highest among the top 30 high TB burden countries in the world, according to the latest report by the World Health Organisation. Globally, the report said, the best estimate is that 10 million people developed TB disease in 2017. Of these, 5.8 million are men, 3.2 million women and one million children.

What's worst for India was that it was home to almost half of the world's cases which were resistant to TB drugs at 24 percent followed by China (13 percent), and Russia (10 percent), as per the 2018 edition of the Global Tuberculosis Report, released here recently.

The report, which provides a comprehensive and up-to-date

assessment of the TB epidemic and progress in the response at global, regional and country levels, however, noted that estimates of TB incidence and mortality for India are interim, pending results from the national TB prevalence survey planned for 2019/2020.

The Worldwide contracted TB that was resistant to rifampicin, "the most effective first-line drug." Of this number, 82 percent had multidrug-resistant TB. And of the MDR-TB cases, 8.5 percent were extensively drug resistant, or unresponsive to four anti-TB drugs namely Rifampicin, isoniazid, any of the fluoroquinolone antibiotics, and at least one of the three injectable second-line drugs.

There were cases in all countries and age groups, but overall 90 per cent were adults, and nine per cent were people living with HIV.

Of the global total, two-thirds

were in eight countries alone — India 27 per cent; China nine per cent; Indonesia eight per cent; Philippines six per cent; Pakistan five per cent; Nigeria four per cent; Bangladesh four per cent and South Africa three per cent.

The TB number has been increasing since 2013, mainly due to increased reporting of detected cases by the private sector in India, following the introduction of a national policy of mandatory notification in 2012 and the rollout of a nationwide web-based and case-based reporting system (called 'Nikshay') that facilitates reporting of detected cases by care providers in the public and private sectors.

India accounted for 32 per cent of global TB deaths among HIV-negative people, and for 27 per cent of the combined total TB deaths in HIV-negative and HIV-positive people.

## PM to lay foundation stone of IICC in Capital

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Eight years after it was first conceived, the work on the mega exhibition and convention centre — India International Convention & Expo Centre (IICC) — will finally commence from Thursday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the state-of-the-art convention centre in Dwarka on the lines of the ones in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore for hosting exhibitions, trade fairs and summits of international standards.

The project is planned over an area of 221.37 acres (over 90 hectares or 10.7 lakh square km) in Sector 25, Dwarka, at an estimated cost of Rs.25,703 crores. It is connected through Dwarka Expressway and Urban



Extension Road II and is about 11 kms from the Delhi International Airport. The project was first mooted in 2010 but was stuck due to delay in transfer of land from DDA.

IICC at Dwarka will be an integrated complex with facilities like exhibition halls, convention centre, open exhibition spaces, mixed use commercial spaces like star hotels (5, 4 and 3 star),

retail services and high-end offices. The convention centre can accommodate 11,000 persons, 5 exhibition halls, 1-kilometre long foyer, multi-purpose arena with retractable roof.

It will be developed in two phases. Phase-I and II will be completed by December 2019 and December 2024, respectively. Officials associated with the project said the first phase, comprising convention centre with a seating capacity of 10,000 guests, two exhibition halls spread over 80,000 square metre area and a foyer, would be ready by October 2019 and will be constructed as non-public-private partnership (PPP) component. The second phase, comprising the remaining exhibition area will be ready by 2025 and facilities such as hotels, retail

space and offices will be completed on a public-private partnership (PPP) mode, it said.

The driving factor behind the project is also to promote schemes like Make in India, tourism, trade and commerce, exports, business tourism etc. According to estimations, the government expects IICC Dwarka will generate an annual demand for at least 100 large international and domestic events. It expects to receive around 10 million annual visitors by 2019-20 and 23 million after the second phase in 2025.

According to officials, the country boasts of a few big convention centres such as the one in Pragati Maidan and the Bombay Convention and Exhibition Centre, but a world-class centre is lacking. The IICC Dwarka will

be looking to fill in this space.

The construction will be in line with green building principles and Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Platinum rating standards.

IICC complex will have a dedicated underground Metro station which will be an extension of the airport high speed metro corridor and is being constructed by Delhi Metro.

The Airport Express line of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation is being considered for extension from Dwarka Sector 21 to the ECC complex. It is proposed that the complex will have a dedicated station along with three entry/exit points within the complex and the line's construction could be completed by as soon as December 2019.



# Shah plans 42 poll war rooms in Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Expecting reverses in the Hindi belt which accounted for about 160 out of 190 seats in 2014 the BJP is taking Bengal “very seriously” in terms of 2019 general elections. Consequently party president Amit Shah has decided to personally navigate the poll vessel in the run up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, insiders say.

Accordingly Shah has planned 42 “war rooms” for all the 42 parliamentary constituencies led by seasoned “trans-Bengal” party organisers. The “war room” is also likely to be enriched by some management experts who would in tandem with the seasoned ‘imported’ organisers train the general workers to go about election campaigning, sources said.

Says BN Chakrabarty a sephologist: “The waning Left Front which got 15 percent votes in the Panchayat polls is not likely to improve its tally beyond 18 percent in the general elections. Add to it Congress’ committed 8-10 percent vote.

“The Trinamool Congress on the other hand is likely to get solid 28-30 percent Muslim votes. Besides it has its own 15 percent general votes including the standard 5-7 percent vote gained through rigging. Taking into account 2 percent vote for the Independents and smaller groups the BJP is unlikely to poll more than 30-32 percent votes which will not win them the elections.”

Suman Mukherjee a political analyst backs this view saying “even in its worst day the Left will poll 17 percent vote. If the BJP cannot pull it down to 7-8 percent it has no chance of winning Bengal.”

Though Shah has fixed a target of 22 seats for the Bengal BJP, Mukherjee is unwilling to bet even on its two sitting MPs Babul Supriyo and SS Ahluwalia. “The situation is such that they also might lose their seats,” he says adding, the BJP has to do something extraordinary to win this elections.

“In any case till Amit Shah is there you do not know what is going to happen because he does something more than politics to win votes. This time

round Bengal will have to remain on high alert about some extra-political things like riots etc that can polarize votes in one go,” said another expert.

According to sources the war room strategists will report directly to Shah in Delhi and not the State leaders to ensure that there is no sabotage. “Plainly speaking the State BJP leaders will have no say in the electoral strategy. They will only give their advice to the party top brass.”

The war-room strategists: making a lethal blend of some expert RSS veterans and management experts will send their reports to Shah and Arvind Menon who would after monitoring and scrutinizing reports will make out the final strategy.

Apart from a dedicated “war-room” tactic the BJP is also planning to host a meeting of the minority leaders “in order to alleviate the false fear in their mind.” Such meetings is planned not to garner Muslim votes to BJP side but to drive a wedge in that so that some of them are retained by the Left and the Congress, insiders said.

# PIL on EVM: Bombay HC issues notices to M-SEC, Centre

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday issued notices to the Election Commission of India (EC), Maharashtra State Election Commission (M-SEC) and two public sector Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) manufacturing companies and others in a public interest litigation seeking investigations into the supply and use of EVMs manufactured by the two State-run companies and a stay on the use of the machines pending the probe.

A HC bench of Justice S.S. Kemkar and Justice S.V. Kotwal ordered issuance of notices to the EC, M-SEC, Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL) and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) and others to file their say, while hearing a public interest litigation filed RTI activist by Manoranjan S Roy.

The others who were served notices are the Union Home Ministry, IT Department and Maharashtra Government.

The HC bench directed the Additional Solicitor-General of India and state Advocate-General to appear at the next hearing to be held after two weeks.

In a petition filed on behalf of Roy in March this year, counsels S P Chaudhari P



Pawar and Santosh Saroj has urged the high court for setting up of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) into the supply of EVMs by the two companies. He has also rooted for a stay on the use of EVMs pending the completion of the investigations.

Among other things, the petitioners urged the high court to order seizure of all the EVMs in circulation across the country and take them into its possession, pending the investigations.

In his petition, Roy brought to the attention of the court about the manner in which a large number of EVMs and Voter Verified Paper Audit

Trail (VVPATs) were being ordered by the EC and various SECs and that there were huge contradictions in the figures of orders and supplies made by the two manufacturers.

Roy has based his petition based on the information he received from the parties concerned under the RTI Act.

Roy told the court that according to information received by him under RTI Act, the Bengaluru-based BEL had despatched large quantities of electronic voting machines by ‘hand-delivery’ and ‘by post’ to various unidentified recipients.

Quoting the RTI replies, Roy stated that BEL had informed him that it had

despatched 820 balloting units (BUs) of the machines in bulk packaging, and on two occasions in April (2017) it sent 245 (VVPAT) machines ‘By Hand,’ to certain recipients and destinations.

Roy said that on both the occasions, BEL did not state to whom the consignments of BUs were ‘posted’ or from where the entire lot of the ‘hand-delivered’ VVPATs originated and whether they were received safely by the intended recipients.

Roy said that for the entire lot of 820 BUs sent through India Posts, there were only nine Docket Nos. assigned for the total consignment, which comprises two boxes with 50 BUs each and one box each with 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110 and 210 BUs.

“This is misleading as each box has a specific size depending on the dimensions of the BUs. The BEL’s reply shows the entire consignment was posted in only nine boxes, though the Indian Posts does not accept — nor is equipped to handle — such huge parcels,” the petitioner said.

Roy said that BEL had told him that on April 6 and April 10, 2017, that it delivered VVPATs in three parcels -- 65, 70 and 110, respectively -- ‘By Hand’ and ‘urgent delivery’ to

avoid the regular logistics route.

Alluding to several discrepancies that he had noticed in the “indiscriminate” orders and deliveries of EVMs made by the two state-run companies, Roy said that between 1989-1990 to 2015-2016, BEL had supplied 125,149 EVMs to Karnataka, 169,975 to Bihar, 159,900 to Uttar Pradesh, 140,500 to Tamil Nadu, 87,325 to Andhra Pradesh, 50,850 to Gujarat, 50,050 to Rajasthan, 23,000 to Jharkhand, 10,000 to Delhi, 3,000 to Manipur and 2,000 to Sikkim.

Surprisingly, BEL also supplied 500 EVMs to Chandigarh, which is the only city to get its own machines. Normally, the EVMs go to the respective states from where they are distributed.

In his petition, Roy demanded that as to why the BEL and the Election Commission of India had used different yardstick in the supply of EVMs to Chandigarh.

Alluding to the supply of VVPATs to various states, the petitioner said that he had received information stating that BEL had during 2013-14 supplied the highest number of VVPATs -- 2,455 -- to Karnataka, followed by 2,275 to Bihar, 2,140 to Gujarat, 1,500 to Mizoram, 1,475 to Tamil Nadu, 130 to Delhi and 25 to EC.

## Sania Mirza signs out of social media to keep trolls away

**INDIA-PAK CLASH IN DUBAI**

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

Ace Hyderabad Tennis star Sania Mirza, who is often targeted by the right wing trolls online for her marriage to Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik has signed out of social media for a few days in view of the much awaited and high tension India-Pakistan clash in Asia Cup being played in Dubai.

In a clear indication that she wanted to avoid getting sucked into any fresh online controversy or become a target of trolling Sania Mirza tweeted that she was signing out for a few days. Sania is an advance stage of pregnancy.

She wrote on her twitter handle @MirzaSania, ‘soo less than 24 hrs to go for this match, safe to sign out of social media for a few days since the amount of nonsense ths gonna b said here can make a ‘regular’ person sick, let alone a pregnant one Later guys! Knock yourselves out! But remember - ITS ONLY A CRICKET MATCH! Toddlers!’

Many times in the past the right wing trolls including the leaders of the ruling BJP had questioned her patriotism and loyalty to India citing her marriage to Shoaib Malik.

## Factionalism, outbursts, arrogance to cost BJP dear in Tamil Nadu

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Controversies created by its Crown leaders have marred the prospects of the BJP making any impact in Tamil Nadu politics, which has been left rudderless by the demises of AIADMK supremo Jayalalithaa and chief of the DMK, M Karunanidhi.

H Raja, the national secretary of the BJP, faces series of litigations in the Madras High Court for his reported outbursts against the police and the judiciary, made during last week’s Vinayaka Chathurthi festival.

Tamil Nadu advocate general Vijay Narayan on Tuesday issued a show cause notice to Raja asking why statutory consent should not be granted to a lawyer to initiate criminal contempt of court proceedings for his recent “scandalous” comments against judiciary.

Raja has been a keenly monitored “object” in the radar of the non-BJP parties in Tamil Nadu. The BJP leader kept them in good humour with his “foot in the mouth” statements. There was a furor among the Dravidians in the State last year when Raja exhorted the BJP cadre to pull down all statues of E V Ramasamy Naicker, founder of the Dravida Kazhakam. The

DMK chief Stalin had demanded Raja’s arrest under the National Security Act for this statement.

This time Raja has company in the form of Tamilisai Sounderarajan, the president of the Tamil Nadu BJP. Political commentators as well as her colleagues in the party are unanimous in their view that the lady has become a liability for the party having failed to make any inroads in Tamil Nadu despite a number of favourable factors. “She is a total failure,” said a senior leader in Tamil Nadu BJP.

On Monday, Sounderarajan and a tiff with an auto rickshaw driver when the latter challenged her over the ever increasing fuel prices. Taken aback by media reports about the spar, she called on the auto driver Kathir and made it a media event. Kathir who spoke to media on Wednesday said that his opinion about the BJP remained unchanged. “Her visit caused a dent on my pocket as I could not go to work,” Kathir told reporters.

“Though there is enough space in Tamil Nadu’s political landscape for another party and leader, the BJP is not going to make an impact because of poor leadership,” said a national level activist of the party. “Show me one person from the State leadership who is capable

of inspiring the cadre,” said this leader who did not want his name to be quoted. He also pointed out that party cadre were disappointed over intense factionalism in the State unit.

“The BJP in Tamil Nadu is in Intensive Care Unit and survives on the life support system provided by the Centre. There is no possibility of the party winning a single seat in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections,” said Govindarajan Satyamurthy, veteran scribe apolitical commentator.

There are reports on vernacular media that the national leadership of the BJP is pinning their hopes on Rajnikanth, the superstar of Tamil films to turn around the fortunes of the party. Rajnikanth (68) had declared on the new year eve that he would launch a political outfit and fight the elections. But even after nine months, there is no sign of the superstar’s political party coming alive.

The question being asked is whether it is possible for Rajnikanth to launch a party, appoint grass root level leaders and cadre to monitor all polling booths in the State and find out 39 candidates to be fielded from the State. The election is just seven months away and there has been no word from Rajnikanth during the last three months.

## UP CM asks officials to strengthen citizen’s charter

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

With the aim to timely redress people’s grievances, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has asked officials to strengthen the Janhit Guarantee Adhiniyam (citizen’s charter) so that the complaints are resolved within the prescribed time frame.

In a communication to additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries and secretaries, the CM said on Wednesday that a time-bound dashboard be created in each department to monitor the redressal of complaints.

“These dashboards should have details about total complaints received, how many of them have been resolved, and in what time.

They should also mark defaulters after the lapse of stipulated time. These departmental dashboards should be integrated with the dashboard at the Chief Minister’s secretariat so that the progress can be monitored at the CM’s office too,” Yogi said in his order.

He also asked the officers to give publicity to the Jan Sewa Kendras, e-district, Nivesh portals so that people may lodge their complaints and inquire about them online.

## Decks cleared for Jewar airport, farmers authorise UP Govt to acquire land

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Clearing the decks for the construction of the international greenfield airport at Jewar, farmers of the Greater Noida and adjoining areas met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and handed him agreement letters, allowing the Government to acquire the land for the airport.

A delegation of the farmers from Greater Noida met the CM at his official residence on Wednesday and said that majority of them were ready to allow the Government to acquire land after paying the required compensation.

The CM told the delegation that the farmers had always played a key role in the development of the state and their contribution in the construction of the international greenfield airport at Jewar would be written in golden letters.

“On the part of the government, we will ensure that the farmers get the compensation as agreed and in case there is rehabilitation, the farmers will also get the rehabilitation package,” Yogi said.

The farmers’ delegation was led by ruling party lawmaker from Jewar, Dhirendra Singh Rohi. This meeting will

be a shot in the arm of the government as a section of farmers had staged protests, saying they would not give their land to the Government for construction of Jewar airport because they were not getting compensation.

The Opposition parties had tried to make it a big issue, saying the Government was not serious in the construction of airport at Jewar.

The protests had started after the detailed project report (DPR) and techno-economics feasibility report (TEFR) of this project was prepared. The said report was prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

As per this report, 1,441 hectare land spread over eight villages will be acquired. The proposed airport will be built on PPP (public-private partnership) model at a cost of ₹15,754 crore. The Government has already earmarked ₹130 crore for land acquisition.

The proposed airport will have two runways and will have a capacity to handle 70 million passengers annually. Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority Chairman Prabhat Kumar and SP Goyal, the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, were present on this occasion.

## UP Govt to make all roads pothole-free

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Government has again announced to launch a drive for making the roads pothole-free.

By October 15 next, all the potholes will be repaired, by November 30 all roads damaged during the monsoon season will be repaired and restored and all pending road projects will be completed by December 31.

The Yogi Adityanath Government had launched a similar drive in March 2017 soon after the

Bharatiya Janata Party came to power, under which all roads, including national highway, were targeted to be made pothole-free by the end of June 15. The deadline was extended several times but the drive met with limited success due to resource constraints.

The total length of roads constructed and maintained by different agencies of the state government is 71,454 km. The agencies are Public Works Department, National Highway Division of PWD, UP Rajya Krishi Utpadan Mandi Parishad, Rural Development Department, Cane Department and Irrigation Department.

# Yogi Govt rolls out austerity measures

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Rolling out strict austerity measures, the Uttar Pradesh Government has asked its officers to curtail expenses on foreign visits, fly in economy class and avoid holding lunch or dinner meetings in five-star hotels.

An 18-point order to this effect was issued by Chief Secretary Anup Chandra Pandey. The order directs officials to slash expenses on office stationery, furniture and upholstery.

It says that just because an official concerned has been replaced, it does not mean there should be new furniture or upholstery for the

new officer.

The order specifically mentions that official visits should be kept to a minimum unless these are important and essential.

Besides, the order says, babus should travel in economy class if they have to take flights for official visits.

Official lunch and dinner should not be held in five-star hotels. In exceptional cases, permission of the Chief Secretary should be obtained.

The five-page order says it is important to cut down administrative expenses to make optimum use of Government funds and resources for development work.

It may be noted that during the last decade, the work culture has changed considerably in view of computerisation and even workload has come down in certain sectors. Many posts have become redundant and employees on those posts are being utilised in other areas in the best possible manner, the order points out.

The order clearly mentions that no new posts should be sanctioned except in medical and police departments. In cases of emergency, the tasks may be outsourced and done on contract basis, it added. The order also says that in case of vacancies in class four and similar posts of drivers, gardeners,

plumbers, electricians and lift-men, there should be no regular appointment. These tasks should be outsourced with the approval of the Finance department.

The order states that no posts should be created to assist those holding temporary posts of advisor or chairman of any department. These posts may be outsourced.

Various schemes run by the government should be reviewed at regular intervals and those found no longer useful, should be scrapped. Besides, travelling allowance, dearness allowance, house rent allowance, city compensatory allowance, leave travel

allowance and medical reimbursement should be paid to the staff of Central or state government funded projects at sanctioned rates only.

The order says no new office building or residential complex should be constructed

except in newly-created divisions or districts. It adds that barring security-related requirements, no new vehicle should be purchased and in case the existing vehicles are unfit for use, taxis should be hired for administrative work with the permission of the Finance department alone and only registered taxis be hired and not private vehicles.

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**CORRIGENDUM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tender Extension Notice for (NIT) NO.- 70/PR/BSP TCL/2018, PR No-6421**

Due date for Submission/Opening of Online tenders for NIT No.70/PR/BSP TCL/2018 for Construction of 220 KV D/C by making LLO arrangement of both circuits of 220 KV D/C Purnea(PG)-Begusarai Transmission line to 220/132/33 KV Korha GSS under State Plan is extended as follows:-

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The tender documents are available at website www. eproc.bihar.gov.in Tender fee (Cost of BOQ) to be paid through e-payment mode only. Tender documents must be accompanied with EMD in form Bank Guarantee/ DD in favour of “Accounts Officer, BSP TCL” failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected.

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# Cong to go for J&K muncipal, panchayat polls

**KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR**

The controversial decision of the Jammu & Kashmir Government to hold municipal and panchayat polls took an interesting twist on Tuesday with the Congress party's reluctant decision to plunge into the fray. While the two regional mainstream parties — the National Conference (NC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP) — have decided to stay away from the polls, the Congress decision to participate has changed the ground situation though the security concerns remain a major issue for the smooth conduct of the elections.

The Congress was delaying to reveal its cards and a section of its leadership was convinced that the polls would not be held due to security situation in Kashmir Valley, especially in the southern decisions. However, after the State Election Commission (SEC) decided to hold the polls, the

Congress said that it would contest to keep the "communal forces" away.

Addressing a Press Conference here, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress chief Gulam Ahmad Mir said the party will not stay away from the elections to "keep the ground open for the communal forces but we will fight with full might."

Mir urged Governor Administration to provide security to contesting candidates and peaceful atmosphere needed to be created for the smooth conduct of polls.

The NC and PDP have decided to boycott the elections as they have asked the Central Government to clear its stand on the issue of Article 35-A and take steps for its protection.

Mir said that Congress being a responsible secular force will not give safe passage to BJP. "In case we do not counter BJP-RSS, we would also be perceived as dual and opportunistic," Mir said adding



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the Congress wants the elections to be free and fair. "If at some point of time, the party feels that elections are not being conducted in a fair manner, then the party after assessing the situation will have no hesitation to take a call."

The mainstream regional parties who announced to boycott the upcoming Municipal and Panchayat polls in the state, Wednesday said that the participation of Congress in the elections won't harm their party at the gross root level.

On Monday, the

Communist Party of India (CPI) also decided against participating in view the prevailing situation in the valley. State Secretary CPI(M) Ghulam Nabi Malik said that despite the majority of mainstream political parties in Jammu and Kashmir deciding not to participate in these polls, the announcement of the election schedule shows the "arrogance of the BJP-led Central Government".

The PDP and NC have described the Congress decision as the party's own that

would have no bearing on their decision to stay away.

The PDP chief spokesperson Rafi Ahmad Mir said their party has thoughtfully decided to stay away from the polls.

"The decision to stay away from the polls was aimed at respecting the sentiments of people, therefore the participation of Congress and BJP in the polls won't harm PDP at the gross root level," Ahmad said.

The NC General Secretary and legislator Ali Muhammad Sagar said that his party has nothing to do with other parties but the party is staying away from the polls to secure the rights and special status of people living in the state.

Meanwhile, the security agencies are chalking out a proper roadmap for security in the upcoming Municipal and Panchayat polls in Kashmir.

A day after Panchayat polls were announced several attempts were made to set ablaze Panchayat Ghars at five different places in south

Kashmir's Pulwama and Shopian district since Monday.

The Joint Resistance Leadership (JRL) of separatist Syed Ali Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Yasin Malik while rejecting any electoral process "as a substitute to right to self-determination" reiterated its appeal to the people of Kashmir to observe a complete election boycott to the upcoming municipal and local bodies' elections in the Jammu and Kashmir. A prominent militant organization Hizbul Mujahideen has already issued a threat warning to use sulphuric and hydrochloric acid against all contestants and the voters.

State Election Commission on Sunday announced nine phase Panchayat elections in over 35 thousand Panchayat constituencies beginning November 17 in the State. Similarly, the four phase Municipal polls have been scheduled next month beginning October 8.

# Triple talaq Ordinance gets mixed response from Muslims bodies

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

The triple talaq Ordinance approved by the Union Cabinet on Wednesday evoked mixed response from the Muslim organisations, with the Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan (BMMA) welcoming the legislation as a "much-awaited" decision and two other Muslim organisations — All India Sunni Jamiatul Ulema and Raza Academy — terming it as against "all constitutional norms and the orders of the Supreme Court".

Describing the triple talaq ordinance making the practice of instant divorce a punishable offence as "a much-awaited and a much-wanted legislation", the BMMA said: "We are thankful to the central government for heeding to the voice of Muslim women who demanded the above amendments."

"We urge all political parties to recognise, acknowledge and extend their support to the demands of Muslim women. For too long they have been discriminated against and faced insecurity and fear in their life, fear of instant divorce, polygamy, underage marriage and deprivation of inheritance rights," the BMMA said, in a statement issued here.

Maintaining that it was pertinent now for all political parties to realise that Muslim women had the knowledge of

their constitutional rights as well as of their rights in the Quran, the BMMA stated: "This ordinance is the first important legislation and BMMA is going to continue to push for a comprehensive codification of Muslim family law where gender-just provisions pertaining to age of marriage, mehr, consent, polygamy, halala, muta, maintenance and inheritance are also legislated upon."

"The Hindu Code Bill came in 1955 and as the largest minority we are lagging behind a good 60 years. It is time that a Muslim Code Bill or a Muslim Family Law is passed so that all other issues come within the ambit of law," the BMMA added.

However, in a joint statement issued here, All India Sunni Jamiatul Ulema (AISJU) and Raza Academy described the triple talaq ban ordinance as "illegal". "The BJP Government's ordinance to ban triple talaq is against all constitutional norms and against the orders of the Supreme Court. The triple talaq ordinance amounts to Contempt of Court," the two organisations said.

"This bill was passed in Lok Sabha since the NDA had a majority and then was placed before Rajya Sabha. But the Government couldn't get the bill passed here and it was twice rejected in Rajya Sabha," the two Muslim organisations said.

# Gujarat lawmakers pass Bill proposing 65% hike in pay

**NAYAN DAVE ■ GANDHINAGAR**

Irrespective of partyline, Gujarat lawmakers on Wednesday unanimously passed a Bill proposing hike of almost 65 per cent in their own salaries.

The 182 legislators including that of Ministers, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the State Assembly would get at

least ₹45,000 hike per month with effect from December 22, 2017.

With approval to The Gujarat Salaries and Allowances of Members, Speaker and Dy Speaker of Gujarat Assembly, Ministers and Leader of Opposition Laws (amendment) Bill, 2018, the monthly salary of MLAs will go up from ₹70727 to ₹1.16 Lakh.

In the case of Ministers, Speaker, My Speaker and Leader of Opposition, salary will increase from ₹86000 to ₹1.32 Lakh.

The Bill was introduced in the House by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Pradipsinh Jadeja on the second and last day of monsoon session. Instantly without any opposition it was passed by all the MLAs present in the House.

With this ₹six crore areas will be given to MLAs with retrospective effect.

Moreover, the new salary structure will put an extra burden of ₹10 crore annually on the state exchequer.

"Since 2005 salaries of Gujarat MLAs were not revised. In most of the other States salaries of lawmakers revised time to time," said jadeja's adding that even after this hike salaries of Gujarat MLAs would remain much lower than states like Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Maharashtra where lawmakers are getting monthly remuneration of ₹2.50 Lakh, 2.13 Lakh and ₹2.25 Lakh respectively.

Accordingly to him MLAs of West Bengal, Odisha and Tamilnadu are taking lesser salaries compared to revised salaries of Gujarat lawmakers.

In the 182-members Gujarat Assembly there are 99 members of ruling BJP, 77 of main Opposition Congress party, one NCP MLA and three independent MLAs.

# 2 teachers held for seeking sexual favours for good marks

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

The Nashik police on Wednesday arrested two teachers from a leading local college for allegedly demanding sexual favours to give good marks to a girl student. Acting on a complaint lodged by a female HSC student from LV Hiray College at Nashik, the police arrested two teachers Pravin D Suryawanshi and Sachin N Sonawane, who had been working at the college for several years.

In her complaint, the victim stated that two teachers had demanded sex from her for giving her marks enough to pass the 12th standard examination in which she had failed. She also alleged that two teachers, apart from molesting her, had been harassing for more than three years from January 1 2015 to September 18, 2018.

# Ordinance unconstitutional and anti-Muslim women, says Asaduddin Owaisi

**OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD**

A prominent Muslim leader in India has termed the fresh Ordinance criminalising triple or instant talaq a "violation of the right to equality enshrined in the Constitution" and an attempt by the Narendra Modi Government to torture the Muslims in India.

Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen president and MP Asaduddin Owaisi reacting to the Ordinance issued on Wednesday told a media conference in Hyderabad that the Ordinance will not do justice to Muslim women but further aggravate their condition.

"In Islam marriage is a civil contract. It is wrong to apply penal provisions on it. This is bad in law and bad in Constitution," he said.

He appealed to the Muslim Personal Law Board to challenge it in the Supreme Court. "I am sure that it will be challenged as there are strong legal grounds to do so", he said.

Pointing out the glaring discrepancy and discrimination in the ordinance he said that if a Muslim man give instant divorce to his wife the ordinance provides for three years imprisonment but in case of a man from any other community for the same act he will be punished with only one year imprisonment under another law. "This is against the right to equality under the fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution", he said.

Moreover if rash driving



results in death the punishment was only for two years and here the imprisonment was three years, he said.

Owaisi contended that the Supreme Court had never asked the Government to bring a penal provision against the instant Talaq but had declared it invalid saying that even any body pronounces the triple talaq the marriage will remain un-dissolved.

Pointing out that under the ordinance a man who pronounces instant Talaq will have to undergo imprisonment as well as pay the maintenance to the woman. "Why I am saying is that this is even bigger injustice to woman is that while he remains in jail for three years the woman will remain stuck in the marriage. Do you think even after the man comes out of prison they can live together peacefully", Owaisi asked.

The MP from Hyderabad expressed apprehensions that the Ordinance will be misused to arrest Muslim men and imprisonment.

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Kashmiris clash with policemen during a Muharram procession in Srinagar on Wednesday

# Hired killer arrested in honor killing case

**OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD**

Even as Nalgonda district Police have cracked the so called "honor killing" case and arrested seven people including a hired killer from Bihar Subhash Kumar alias Sharma, father of the victim has said that he and other family members were facing threat to their lives from the powerful people behind the killing of his son.

Nalgonda district superintendent of police AV Ranganath told a Press conference that the police have arrested Subhash Sharma from Jagatsinghpur in Bihar where he was hiding after committing the day light murder of Pranay Kumar.

It may be recalled that 24 year old Pranay, a Dalit youth, who had married an upper caste girl Amruthavarshini was hacked to death in Miryalaguda town on Friday last.

Others who were arrested include Amrutha's father T Maruti Rao, his brother Sravan Kumar, his driver Samudrala

Siva, friend Abdul Kareem and two other notorious criminals Asghar Ali and Abdul Bari.

Ranganath said that the father had given a contract to Asghar Ali and Abdul Bari to kill Pranay to avenge "humiliation" caused by him marrying his daughter.

Both Asghar Ali and Abdul Bari were accused in the murder of former Gujarat Home Minister Haren Pandya but were later acquitted. They also had record of many other criminal cases and served terms in prison. During one such imprisonment Abdul Bari had met Santosh Sharma of Bihar who was serving jail term in a case of dacoity and the two struck friendship.

Maruti Rao, a rich businessman who was also in land grabbing and settlement of disputes, had also come in touch with Abdul Bari when the latter had kidnapped him in a land dispute case. The two had later turned friends.

According to the police investigation when Maruti Rao

offered them a huge contract in June last to kill Pranay Bari and Asghar Ali tried to get it done through a Hyderabad based gang. However the attempt was aborted when the gang members turned up in a drunk condition. Later Bari thought of Santosh and hired his services.

The SP said that after taking up the assignment Santosh made many trips to Hyderabad and Miryalaguda and it was in fifth attempt that he managed to kill Pranay.

Police said that when Maruti Rao came to know from his wife that Pranay and his pregnant wife will be visiting a private hospital in Miryalaguda on September 14 for checkup he alerted the gang. While Santosh waited outside the hospital, Bari kept an eye from a distance. When Pranay came out at 130 pm with his wife and mother, Bari pointed towards him and Santosh attacked him from behind with a matchet killing him on the spot.

**EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
ASSESSMENT & COLLECTION DEPARTMENT (HQ)  
419, FIE, GROUND FLOOR, UDYOG SADAN, PATPARGANJ IND. AREA, DELHI-110092  
NIT No. Tax/EDMC (HQ)/2018/D-1819 Dated : 19.09.2018  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
EDMC invites the sealed bids from reputed firm/firms for "Social Media development, public interface & communication management of property tax in EDCMC". The last date of submission of filled/completed tender document is 11.10.2018 upto 14.00 Hrs,  
For further details, kindly log on to : [www.mcdonline.gov.in](http://www.mcdonline.gov.in)  
Ro No. 88/DPI/East/2018-19 Dy. Assessor & Collector (HQ)  
EDMC's Citizens Helpline No. 155303

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, CHANDIGARH**  
SCO No. 33-34-35, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh

State Bank of India RC No. 2391/2017 .....Certificate Holder  
Versus  
M/s Master Pack Industries .....Certificate Debtor

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
(Notice under Rule 2 of the Second Schedule of Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Section 25 to 28 of the RDBB & FI Act, 1993)

To  
1. M/s Master Pack Industries through its partner Sh. Vikram Singh, C-3, Phase I, SAS Nagar, Industrial Area, Mohali.  
2. Sh. Vikram Singh S/o Sh. Mandir Singh partner of M/s Master Pack Industries, resident of House No. 151, Sector 17, Noida.  
3. Smt. Ravi Mohinder Singh W/o Late Shri Mohinder Singh, resident of House No. 1503/2, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.  
4. Shri Charanjit Singh Son of Late Shri Mohinder Singh, resident of House No. 1503/2, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.  
5. Shri Arvinder Singh son of Late Shri Mohinder Singh, resident of House No. 1503/2, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.  
6. Col. Randhir Singh Son of Sh. Santokh Singh, 327, EME, Officers Colony, Behrargah (Bhopal)  
7. Dr. Man Singh Nirankari Son of Baba Hari Singh Nirankari Eye Surgeon, 14 Doctors Avenue, Amritsar.  
In terms of the Recovery Certificate in O.A. No. 17 of 2006 issued by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, a sum of **Rs. 25,61,623.66p** has become due from you.

Whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore this notice is given by this publication directing you to put in appearance before this Tribunal on **27.10.2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time the case shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on **26th Day of July, 2018** at Chandigarh.

Recovery Officer-II  
DRT-III, Chandigarh

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BM-III), CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
**NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
PALIKA PARKING, NEW DELHI-110001  
**e-Procurement Tender Notice**  
**Tender ID No. 2018\_NDMC\_158770\_1**  
**Name of Work:** Repair & Maintenance of building (Special Repair).  
**Sub Head:** Providing water proofing treatment on the terrace of type-V officers flats at Palika Sadan Housing Complex Harish Chandra Mathur Lane.  
**Estimated cost (In Rupees):** ₹6,43,967/-  
**Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution :** 18.09.2018  
**Last date/time for receipt of tender through e-procurement solution :** 28.09.2018 at 4:00 PM  
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>  
**Note:** To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. **Executive Engineer (BM-III)**

**UJVN LIMITED** (An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)  
H.O. "Ujjawal" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006  
Ph: 0135-2763508 & Fax: 0135-2763507, CIN No. U45101UP2007150C205866  
Website: [www.uttarakhandajalvidyut.com](http://www.uttarakhandajalvidyut.com)  
**"e" Procurement Notice**  
**NIT No. 06/EE(M&G)/MPH/2018-19**  
**Name of the Work :** Annual Maintenance of Machine no. 1, 2 & 3 of Mohammadpur Power House  
**1. Estimated Cost :** Rs 80,82,000.00 (tax extra)  
**2. Tender Fee :** Rs. 2360.00  
**3. EMD :** Rs. 1,65,000.00  
**4. Period of Completion :** 24 Days  
**5. Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal :** 19-09-2018 from 11:00 Hrs.  
**6. Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in the portal :** 10-10-2018 up to 15:00 Hrs.  
**7. Date of opening of bid on the website :** 11-10-2018 from 11:00 Hrs.  
**8- Name & Address of the officer inviting the bid :** EE(M&G), Mohammadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan, Haridwar.  
Further details, subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be seen at e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>.  
पत्र सं. 572/दिनांक: 18.09.2018 **Executive Engineer**  
**"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"**

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)**  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Sunil Puniya, S/o Sh. Dil Bagh Singh, R/o H.No. B-67, Yadav Park, Rohtak Road, Nangloi, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No. 499/18, Dated 28.07.2018 punishable u/s 302/34 IPC and 25/27 Arms Act, P.S. Ranholi, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sunil Puniya** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sunil Puniya** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Sunil Puniya** of F.I.R. No. 499/18, Dated 28.07.2018 punishable u/s 302/34 IPC and 25/27 Arms Act, P.S. Ranholi, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **13.11.2018**.  
By Order,  
**Sh. Vishal Pahuja**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (West-04)  
**DP/1388/OD/18** Room No. 271, 2nd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
  
**SUMAN @ TANNU**  
General Public is hereby informed that a girl **Namely: Suman @ Tannu, D/o Prem Singh, R/o: RZ H-55/56, Gali No. 2, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Printed Suit-Badami Colour Paint and Blue & Pink colour sandal in feet**, has been missing/kidnapped, on **29.08.2018** from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar. In this regard **FIR No. 551/18 u/s 363 IPC**, dated **29.08.2018**, has been lodged at **PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform undersigned.  
**E-Mail ID: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO**  
**Fax: 011-24368639 PS, Nihal Vihar, Delhi**  
**DP/1344/OD/18 Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710**









Unfortunately, the Nagaland Pulp and Paper Company Ltd Tuli, has been non-operational since 1992. However, after various efforts, a revival package was approved in 2003 amounting to ₹489 crore. This package could not, however, materialise till date despite constant pressure from the Nagaland Government. The mill will be closed down. We hope a good voluntary retirement package is offered to the employees

**Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister, Nagaland**

## BUZZ FROM GOVT/CORP

Construction sector is the second largest industry in terms of manpower employment and the workforce requirement is around 4 million people per year to sustain the current growth rate. There is a requirement for continuous skill upgradation and certification

**Anoop Kumar Mittal, CMD, NBCC**



## Mkt rout erodes ₹3.62L cr from investor wealth

MARKET ANALYSTS SAY TRADE WAR CONCERNS, INCREASING CRUDE OIL PRICES AND DEPRECIATING RUPEE HAVE DAMPENED SENTIMENTS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

As the market rout continued for the third straight session on Wednesday, investor wealth eroded by ₹3.62 lakh crore in three trading days.

Market benchmark BSE Sensex fell further by 169.45 points to end at a near two-month low of 37,121.22, extending losses for the third straight session Wednesday. The index tanked 970 points or more than 2.5 per cent since Monday, largely hit by rupee woes and escalating trade tensions between the US and China.



Led by losses in stocks, the market capitalisation of BSE listed companies eroded by ₹3,62,357.15 crore to ₹1,52,73,265 crore since Friday. Market analysts said that trade war escalation issues between US and China, increasing crude oil prices and depreciating rupee against the dollar have dampened sentiments. "Despite favourable global cues and recovery in rupee, the

domestic market continued to witness selling pressure due to higher oil price and yield," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services Ltd. From the 30-share basket, 16 stocks fell, while 14 ended with gains. Indusind Bank, Maruti Suzuki India, HDFC Bank, YES Bank and HDFC were the worst performers. Coal India Ltd, ONGC, Tata Steel and Hero MotoCorp led the gainers pack.

At the BSE, 1,704 stocks declined, while 968 advanced and 173 remained unchanged. As many as 180 stocks hit their 52-week low levels on BSE on Wednesday.

## ₹ rebounds 61 paise, best gain in 18 mths

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Wednesday rebounded by 61 paise, notching up its best single-day gain since March 2017 to close at 72.37 against the US currency supported by heavy dollar selling by banks and weakness in the greenback in global markets.

Snapping its two-day decline, the rupee opened higher at 72.71 against its record closing low of 72.98 on Tuesday and touched a session high of 72.34 in day trade as crude oil prices eased globally.

The rupee closed at 72.37, up by 61 paise or 0.84 per cent — its best single-day gain since March 14, 2017.

Heavy dollar selling by exporters along with state-run banks likely on the behalf of the RBI, too boosted the rupee sentiment, restricting the local unit from breaching the 73 level.

The intra-day trading low of 72.99 on Tuesday before closing at a lifetime low of 72.98.

Forex market witnessed a sudden revival in sentiment towards the mid-session aided by soft global crude prices. Global markets were also upbeat after lighter than feared

retaliatory tariffs by China on the US goods, raising hopes that the two major economies are likely to avoid a trade war. China announced a lighter 5-10 per cent tariffs on \$60 billion of US products which analysts termed as not as painful as they feared.

The US dollar slipped to near seven-week low against a basket of currencies. The dollar index declined to a low of 94.31, just above the two-month low level of 94.30.

International oil prices steadied as the OPEC and other producers including Russia meet in Algeria this weekend to discuss how to allocate supply increases within their quota framework to offset the loss of Iranian supply. Benchmark Brent crude futures were at \$78.93 a barrel in early Asian trading.

Most emerging-market currencies also got some sentimental relief after China said it would not retaliate with competitive currency devaluations.

The forex and money market are closed tomorrow on account of 'Muharram'. The Financial Benchmarks India private limited (FBIL) fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 72.6781 and for the euro at 84.9050.

## Shriram Life Insurance bags brands & leaders awards

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Shriram Life Insurance Company has bagged the 3rd Edition of India's greatest brands and Leaders for the year 2017-18 in recognition of the contribution of distribution of life insurance in non-urban markets in India. On behalf of Shriram Life, the awards were received by Manoj Jain, Managing Director and Arvind Shivhare Executive Director-Direct Channel & R Radhakrishnan, Chief Marketing Officer, Shriram Life Insurance in an awards ceremony held recently at Mumbai in the Pride of the Nation Series Awards organised by URS-Asia One magazine and URS Media Consulting — process reviewers Pricewaterhouse Coopers PL.

Shriram Life Insurance focuses on the common customer segment with over 50% of its policies sourced from the rural area and a significant chunk from the tier II and III towns. The company has been engaged spreading the protection net to the masses, with special focus on financial inclusion for the segment that is generally ignored by the mainstream players.

## BSE, NSE get Sebi approval to launch commodity derivatives segment

AT PRESENT, THE EXCHANGES OFFER TRADING IN EQUITIES, EQUITY DERIVATIVES, AND CURRENCY DERIVATIVES

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Leading stock exchanges BSE and NSE have received markets regulator Sebi's approval to launch commodity derivatives segment from October 1. BSE will enter the segment with non-agriculture commodities like metals initially followed by agri commodities subsequently.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) last December, announced that from October 2018, the country would have a unified exchange regime wherein stock exchanges would be allowed to offer trading in commodities derivatives.

In a statement, BSE said it has received "another feather in its hat by getting Sebi's approval to launch commodity deriva-

tives segment from October 1, 2018". "BSE will begin trading in commodity derivatives with non-agriculture commodities like metals initially, followed by agri commodities subsequently," it added.

According to the exchange, its commodity derivatives platform will help in efficient price discovery, reduction in timelines, cost effective, user-friendly, robust risk management system and wider market penetration. In a separate circular, NSE too informed that it has got Sebi's clearance for introducing the commodity derivatives segment from October 1.

Further, NSCCL has also received clearance from the regulator for carrying out clearing and settlement of trades executed in the commodity derivatives segment on NSE.

At present, the exchanges offer trading in equities, equity derivatives as well as currency derivatives.

Besides, BSE will conduct mock trading in live environment for the segment on Saturday. Larger rival NSE had conducted a similar session on September 1.

**कार्यालय नगर पालिका बेरी**

निविदा सूचना

नगर पालिका, बेरी द्वारा कार्य की निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है। योग्य फर्म / ठेकेदार निम्न 24.09.2018 को राय 5.00 बजे तक अपनी निविदाएं/ टेडर ऑनलाइन भर सकते हैं। उचित निविदाएं दिनांक 25.09.2018 को दोपहर 2.30 बजे खोली जावेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी हरियाणा सरकार की वेबसाइट <https://etender.hry.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। इसके अतिरिक्त टेडर विवरण किसी भी कार्यालय में पालिका अभियंता के कार्यालय में देखी जा सकती है।

पालिका अभियंता	सचिव	प्रधान
नगर पालिका, बेरी	नगर पालिका, बेरी	नगर पालिका, बेरी

RO No. 71831 Dt. 19-09-2018

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Simran Kaur W/o Bobby R/o C-183, J.J. Colony, Raghunagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 67/15, u/s 341/323/34 IPC, P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Simran Kaur** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Simran Kaur** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Simran Kaur of FIR No. 67/15, u/s 341/323/34 IPC, P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.11.2018**.

By Order,  
**Sh. Manoj Kumar**  
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 268, 2nd floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi  
DP/1374/OD/18-(Court Matter)

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Rashid S/o Raheesh R/o P-2/419, Sultan Puri, Delhi** also at P-2/324, Sultan Puri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 604/99 U/s 354/452/506 IPC, PS Paschim Vihar, Delhi**, and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Rashid**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rashid**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rashid**, Under the **FIR No. 604/99 U/s 354/452/506 IPC, PS Paschim Vihar, Delhi**, is required to appear before the court on or before **30.10.2018**.

By Order,  
**Ms. Sonam Gupta,**  
MM, Mahila Court-02, (West District)  
Room No. 158, 1st floor  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi  
DP/1378/OD/18

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Deepmala W/o Vinod, R/o H. No. B-191, Gali No. 5, Commander Chowk, Vikas Nagar, Delhi** Age: 35 years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round has been missing/kidnapped since **20.05.2018** from the area of P.S. Ranholah, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 23-A dated 25.05.2018** has been registered at P.S. Ranholah, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the lady but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this lady please inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail Id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
DP/1350/OD/18

SHO  
P.S. Ranholah, Delhi  
Tel. No. 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003

## Max Life achieves 98.26% death claims paid ratio in FY 17-18

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd, announced that the company has paid 10,152 individual death claims amounting to ₹353 crores, thus achieving claims paid ratio of 98.26% in FY 17-18. This is a further increase over FY 16-17, when the company paid 97.81% of the total individual death claims received. In FY 17-18, only 178 death claims were rejected and at the end of the financial year only 2 cases were pending for closure.

As per IRDAI annual report for FY 2016-17 released in Jan'18, Max Life Insurance has superior individual death claims paid ratio during the said fiscal year

## NBCC, Construction Skill Development Council to train 20k youth in 6 months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned NBCC (India) Ltd has signed an agreement with Construction Skill Development Council to train 20,000 youth in the next six months to promote skill development.

"Construction sector is the second largest industry in terms of manpower employment and the workforce requirement is around 4 million people per year to sustain the current growth rate. There is a requirement for continuous skill up gradation and certification," NBCC CMD Anoop Kumar Mittal said in a state-



ment.

Through the association, NBCC and Construction Skill Development Council of India will work towards empowering the youth with relevant skills in various construction trades to make them employable as part of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme.

The Recognition of Prior Learning will benefit workers like masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc.

## Bajaj Finserv ties up with Wochit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bajaj Finserv, through with Blending arm Bajaj Finance Ltd., has announced collaboration with Wochit - a US-Israel based video automation company — to meet its ambitious goal of making video as the primary format of stimulation across its stakeholder sets. With Wochit's predictive video creation platform and distribution channels, Bajaj Finserv will bring stories to life, at scale and speed, cutting down video turn-around time to less than 30 minutes and at 1/10th the cost.

Video consumption in India has increased 5X between 2016 and 2017, with smaller cities registering up to 22X growth. In the first-of-its-kind initiative, Bajaj Finserv will take its first step towards leveraging the remarkable growth in online video consumption.



Minister of Railway and Coal Piyush Goyal on Wednesday visited Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi as part of 'Swachchhata Hi Sewa' programme on Sewa Divas. During his visit, he inspected the quality of healthcare that is being extended to the railway staff

## JIVI MOBILES LAUNCHES XTREME SERIES PRICED AT ₹5K-7K

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Jivi Mobiles on Wednesday entered into Smartphone segment by launching full view smartphone series. Jivi Mobiles has launched XTREME Series which will have a full view (18:9) display, Fingerprint sensor and Dual rear camera among the special features. Xtreme series comes with the tagline 'Get more than you Xpect' which Jivi mobiles has judiciously justified and have loaded all those features such as Dual Camera, Face unlock and Fingerprint sensor etc. into their phones that are not available at this range.

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that that accused person **Nagina, W/o: Vinod Kumar Sharma, R/o: H.No. C-124, C-3, Gali No.7, Harphool Vihar, Nangli Dairy, Near Shiv Public School, Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.129/18, dated 15.02.18 u/s 304-B/498-A/34 IPC** has been registered at **PS Ranholah, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Nagina** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Nagina** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Nagina** accused of **FIR No.129/18, dated 15.02.18 u/s 304-B/498-A/34 IPC** has been registered at **PS Ranholah, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court or to me to answer the said complaint on or before **02.11.2018**.

By Order  
**Sh. Vishal Pahuja**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (West-04)  
Room No.271, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi  
DP/1373/OD/18

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Navendu Babbar S/o Kashmiri Lal Babbar R/o H. No. 9554, Gali No. 13, Multani Dhandha, Pharganj, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **FIR No. 405/15 u/s 420/468/471/120B IPC** has been registered at **PS Vivek Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Navendu Babbar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Navendu Babbar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Navendu Babbar** accused of **FIR No. 405/15 u/s 420/468/471/120B IPC** is required to appear before this Court answer said complaint on or before **26.11.2018**.

By Order  
**Sh Ajay Garg, Chief MM,**  
Court No. 59, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-32  
DP/700/SHD/18

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that that accused person **Gaurav Mittu S/o Subash Mittu R/o Flat No. 248, Pocket C-8, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence of **FIR No. 377/17 u/s 420 IPC** has been registered at **PS Kanjhawala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Gaurav Mittu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Gaurav Mittu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Gaurav Mittu** accused of **FIR No. 377/17 u/s 420 IPC** has been registered at **PS Kanjhawala, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court answer said complaint on or before **02.11.2018**.

By Order  
**Sh. Anurag Thakur, MM**  
(North-West)-02,  
Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi  
DP/1386/OD/18

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Where as complaint has been made before me that **Rakesh Gupta S/O Laxman Singh, R/o B-308/A, Jain Colony, Bhagya Vihar, Madan Pur Dabas, Kirari, Delhi** is involved in case **FIR NO. 320/18 u/s 376/506 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi** has committed or is suspected to have committed and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Rakesh Gupta**, cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rakesh Gupta**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **FIR NO. 320/18 u/s 376/506 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 01.11.2018.

By Order  
**Mr. Anurag Thakur**  
Metropolitan Magistrate, (North-West)-02,  
Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi  
DP/1383/OD/18

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE**

General Public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo) namely **Kamini W/o Sh. Sunil R/o F-103, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, Delhi** Aged - 22 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 28.05.2018 vide **DD No. 48-A dated 31.05.2018** registered at Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-  
**Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** White coloured kurta, blue coloured salwar and jutti in feet.  
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped lady, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Sd/-  
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641  
FAX No. : 011-27892886  
DP/1356/OD/18

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Vijay S/o Gulab Singh R/o Village Sikna, Distt. Sonapat (Haryana)** has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in cases **FIR No. 852/14 u/s 38 Delhi Excise Act P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Vijay** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Vijay** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vijay** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on **21.12.2018**.

By Order  
**Sh. Anurag Thakur**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)-02,  
Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi  
DP/1380/OD/18  
(Court Notice)



# Cabinet defers sugar package

## Proposal may come up next week

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet did not consider on Wednesday the ₹4,500 crore plan to more than double the production assistance paid to sugarcane farmers and transport subsidy to sugar exporting mills, sources said.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) may take up the Food Ministry's proposal next week, they added.

The ministry has proposed sharp increase in production assistance to farmers to ₹13.88 per quintal for 2018-19 marketing year (October-September) from ₹5.5 at present.

The proposal to raise production assistance and transport subsidy of up to ₹3,000 per tonne to mills for exports of five million tonnes of surplus sugar is part of the government plan to clear more than ₹13,500 crore dues sugar mills have towards farmers.

On Tuesday, sources had said the government would have to bear about ₹4,500 crore on account of these measures to help sugar mills and cane farmers.

These steps will enable mills to boost sugar export and clear cane arrears, which currently stand at ₹13,567 crore. Mills in Uttar Pradesh owe the maximum at ₹9,817 crore to

cane farmers.

India's sugar output is set to increase further to 35 million tonnes in the next marketing year from 32 million tonnes in this year. The annual domestic demand stand at 26 million tonnes. The opening stock of sugar is estimated at 10 million tonnes on October 1.

The government has taken a slew of measures to bail out cash-starved sugar mills as well as cane farmers in the last one year.

First, it doubled the import duty on sugar to 100 per cent and then scrapped the export duty on it. It also made it compulsory for millers to export two million tonnes of sugar even as the global prices were low.

In June, the government had announced ₹8,500 crore package for the cash-starved industry, which is facing a glut-like situation because of record 32 million tonnes of sugar production in the current 2017-18 marketing year ending this month. The package includes soft loans of ₹4,440 crore to mills for creating ethanol capacity. It will bear an interest subvention of ₹1,332 crore for this.

The Centre had also announced an assistance of ₹5.50 per quintal of cane crushed, amounting to ₹1,540 crore, to mills. Around ₹1,200 crore was allocated for the creation of 3 million tonnes buffer

stock of sugar. The minimum selling price of the sweetener has been fixed at ₹29 per kg.

Last week, the government approved an over 25 per cent hike in the price of ethanol produced directly from sugarcane juice for blending in petrol in a bid to cut surplus sugar production and reduce oil imports.

The CCEA raised the procurement price of ethanol derived from 100 per cent sugarcane juice to ₹59.13 per litre from the current rate of ₹47.13.

The price for ethanol produced from B-heavy molasses (also called as intermediary molasses) was hiked to ₹52.43 a litre from the current ₹47.13 but that for ethanol produced from C-heavy molasses was reduced marginally to ₹43.46 from ₹43.70.

**EQUITY INFUSION BY RCF IN TALCHER FERTILISER PLANT OKAYED**

Meanwhile, the government on Wednesday approved an equity infusion of ₹1,033.54 crore by state-owned RCF in a fertiliser project at Talcher, Odisha.

This plant is being revived at a project cost of over ₹11,500 crore by Talcher Fertiliser Ltd, a joint venture firm of GAIL, CIL, RCF and Fertiliser Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL). The move will boost domestic production of urea

and cut import dependence.

"The CCEA, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilisers for equity investment of ₹1033.54 crore (+) @ 29.67 per cent of the total project cost for setting up a coal gasification based fertiliser project in Talcher Fertiliser Ltd (TFL) by Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF)," an official statement said.

The revival of the Talcher project will ensure huge investment in the fertiliser sector from the government through PSUs. This will create job opportunities and also boost the economy of the state and the eastern region. The TFL was incorporated in November, 2015 with shareholding of 29.67 per cent of GAIL, RCF and CIL each and 10.99 per cent of FCIL to revive the Talcher fertiliser plant.

The JV was formed to set up a coal gasification based fertiliser project at Talcher, District Angul, Odisha.

The share of GAIL, CIL and RCF in the equity of TFL will be ₹1033.54 crore (+ 15 per cent) based on the capex of ₹11,611.48 crore (+ 15 per cent) for the coal gasification based fertiliser plant. GAIL and CIL are both Maharatna public sector enterprises and their Board is competent to approve their equity investment in the joint venture company TFL, a miniratna company.

# Maruti dominated PV sales in Aug with 6 models

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) continued its hold on the Indian passenger vehicles market with its models occupying the first six positions in the top ten best selling list in August.

According to data from Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, the company's entry level car Alto topped the list, selling 22,237 units in August. In the same month last year, the model was at second position selling 21,521 units.

MSI's compact sedan DZIRE sold 21,990 units last month moving down to the second spot. It had occupied the first position in the year ago month with 30,934 units.

At the third position, premium hatchback Swift from the MSI stable sold 19,115 units last month. It was at sixth position in August 2017 selling 12,631 units. Coming at fourth position in August this year was Baleno with 17,713 units, moving down a slot from last year when it sold 17,190 units.

Another hatchback from MSI, Wagon R retained its fifth position with 13,658 units in August. It had sold 13,907 units in the same month last year. The company's compact SUV Vitara Brezza stood at sixth position with 13,271 units down from fourth position last year.

Rival Hyundai's compact hatchback Grand i10 occupied the seventh position with sale of 11,489 units. The company's premium hatchback Elite i20 stood at eighth position with 11,475 units.

Another model from Hyundai stable, Creta occupied the ninth position with sale of 10,394 units. Honda's compact sedan Amaze stood at tenth position with sales of 9,644 units.

# Garg: Import curbs on several non-essential items soon

New Delhi (PTI): The government will soon announce import curbs on several non-essential items, a top Finance Ministry official said Wednesday while terming "the 10 per cent depreciation" in the rupee in the last few weeks as a "temporary phenomenon".

"There are always implications of the dollar and rupee exchange rates ... this 10 per cent depreciation in last few weeks that is a temporary phenomenon," he said at an event organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce here.

To a question about when the government intends to impose import curb on non-essential goods, he replied, "very soon." He, however, did not give any timeframe. Last week, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had announced the government's decision to relax norms for raising overseas borrowing and impose restrictions on the non-essential imports as part of efforts to check rising current account deficit (CAD) and a falling rupee.

India's current account deficit deteriorated to 1.9 per cent of GDP in 2017-18 from 0.6 per cent in the previous year and is forecast to rise to around 2.8 per cent in the current year. The trade deficit expanded to USD 80.4 billion in the first five months of the current fiscal year from USD 67.3 billion in the year-earlier period. The rupee has logged year-to-date losses of

more than 13 per cent against the strengthening US dollar after trade concerns and firming up crude oil prices. It has dropped close to 6 per cent since August.

Garg exuded confidence that the fiscal deficit would be maintained as per the Budget announcement despite pressures. "Come what may, oil situation, rupee or whatever the fiscal deficit will not be allowed to slip from 3.3 per cent, or better as we go along. I think all the pain points, all the issues which were earlier thought of as something unknown, whether it's the MSP (minimum support price), all these have now been factored into," he said.

On the price rise, Garg said, 4 per cent inflation for a developing economy was healthy, it was not something unhealthy or detrimental for the economy.

The Economic Affairs Secretary also explained that since the dependence of 50 per cent of India's populace is on agriculture, it needs a transition and therefore, required policy steps.

The government had announced various schemes including Ujjwala Yojana, health protection and rural electrification with the intention to bring change in rural India, he said, adding that the government had drawn up a programme for increasing the export of agri products from USD 30 billion to USD 100 billion.

ket beyond Asia, OYO said in a statement. The company plans to invest GBP 40 million into the UK market and looks to launch in 10 cities in UK including Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow and Edinburgh by 2020, it added.

# OYO strengthens int'l presence with UK foray

New Delhi (PTI): Hospitality firm OYO on Wednesday said it had forayed into the United Kingdom and intended to invest GBP 40 million (approximately ₹382.93 crore) for its expansion in the country. This is the company's first mar-

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
COALINDIA	275	281.95	275	281.5	8.5
ONGC	173.25	178.7	173.25	177.4	4.8
GAIL	376.25	385.9	373.7	385	10.2
BPCL	357.5	366.6	353.65	364.5	9.4
TECHM	757	772	751.2	769.95	15.25
INFRAEL	268	272.85	264	271	4.3
TATASTEEL	618	630.8	617.4	621.8	9.05
DRREDDY	2,803.40	2,836.00	2,571.00	2,820.80	36.85
KOTAKBANK	1,217.00	1,234.00	1,217.00	1,226.15	10.85
HEROMOTOCO	3,130.00	3,180.00	3,102.00	3,138.00	26.55
SUNPHARMA	651.95	657.25	641.6	647.9	5.4
HINDPETRO	250.2	255.5	247.55	251.05	16.5
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,778.00	2,829.95	2,775.00	2,791.00	17.82
HINDALCO	236.7	240.45	233.55	235.4	1.25
ICICIBANK	320	324.7	317	320.45	1.6
TATAMOTORS	253.55	255	251	252.75	1.25
IOC	152.6	155.3	151.55	153.35	0.75
LT	1,332.95	1,343.00	1,326.00	1,333.10	5.2
TITAN	812.5	829.9	786.1	827.95	3.05
HCLTECH	1,083.00	1,098.45	1,081.10	1,087.15	3.25
MM	947	965.65	938.2	949.25	2.7
AXISBANK	611.6	622.5	601.3	610.35	1.75
TCS	2,071.90	2,089.00	2,066.85	2,076.00	5.25
ASIANPAINT	1,304.20	1,319.20	1,287.00	1,294.00	19.9
GRASIM	1,061.60	1,077.00	1,052.00	1,068.25	1.4
INFY	727	727	713.2	719.6	0.5
NTPC	171	171.95	168	169.8	0.1
VEDL	230.75	232.35	227	230	-0.15
IBULHSGFIN	1,167.00	1,177.25	1,148.50	1,156.35	-1.95
POWERGRID	199	200	196.2	198.55	-0.35
CPIA	668	678.45	645.75	662.45	-1.65
ULTRACEMCO	4,088.00	4,088.00	4,045.75	4,049.40	-10.55
RELANCE	1,224.00	1,224.00	1,201.00	1,212.95	-4.85
WIPRO	333.4	333.55	327.05	331.2	-1.35
SBIN	275.4	282.85	270.5	271.15	-2.65
ITC	304.5	305.65	298	300	-3.25
HINDUNILVR	1,671.00	1,678.50	1,637.15	1,646.20	-18.75
HDFC	1,880.40	1,884.00	1,824.15	1,833.20	-22.5
EICHERMOT	29,097.95	29,370.55	28,280.10	28,530.00	-370.35
HDFCBANK	1,994.85	1,998.00	1,966.50	1,962.15	-27.05
YESBANK	326	328.75	318.05	318.6	-4.95
ADANIPOORTS	382	382.1	371	373.05	-0.5
LUPIN	937.95	939.6	901.6	911.55	-16.8
UPL	714	715.75	688	692.5	-16.55
MARUTI	8,425.50	8,448.40	8,191.05	8,202.00	-197.15
INDUSINDBK	1,866.60	1,875.40	1,799.25	1,812.50	-49.65
BAJFINANCE	2,585.00	2,597.70	2,486.50	2,499.00	-71.8
ZEEL	486	487.05	449.4	450.1	-14.45
BHARTIARTL	374.5	380.4	360.3	361.85	-11.85
BAJAJFINSV	6,555.00	6,580.00	6,281.05	6,310.00	-217.6

SCRIP	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
BANKBARODA	112	119	110.15	116.35	3.25
JSWSTEEL	410.1	423.75	410.1	417.6	10.45
RECLTD	112.3	114.8	111.35	113.75	2.2
CONCOR	616	629.8	614	625.5	11.85
MOTHERSUMI	287.45	293	287.2	291.3	4.85
SAIL	76.6	79.4	76.2	77.2	1.2
BHEL	75	75.4	73.85	75	1.15
SHREECEM	16,900.50	17,214.65	16,726.50	17,166.00	254.3
PPC	82.85	83.9	82	83.35	1.2
PETRONET	230.4	236.95	229.8	233.55	2.45
INDIGO	862	873.45	846.1	867	5.5
OIL	205.6	209.3	205.5	208.25	0.82
CUMMINSIND	723	730.15	719.1	732.25	2.7
SRTRANSFIN	1,205.10	1,214.95	1,168.30	1,192.05	3.35
AMBUJACEM	225	226.4	222	224.95	0.55
AUROPHARMA	785	790	766.1	777.5	1.35
CADILAC	411.5	414	403	409.1	0.65
PIDILITIND	1,127.90	1,129.50	1,106.35	1,116.05	1.5
PNB	1,443.35	1,468.80	1,367.20	1,444.05	-0.7
ABB	79.5	80.75	78.7	79.25	-0.05
MARICO	347.15	353.6	342.2	344	-0.6
SIEMENS	971.3	980.45	960	962.85	-2.4
ASHOKLEY	127.3	127.95	125	126.05	-0.35
HAVELLS	650.25	653.25	640.85	644.3	-2.35
HINDZINC	301	303.7	294.8	297.5	-1.2
NHPC	24.3	24.4	23.9	24.2	-0.1
ACC	1,565.55	1,583.95	1,555.20	1,561.40	-8.85
BOCHSOLDT	20,799.00	20,890.00	20,382.95	20,600.10	-126.7
COLPAL	1,129.50	1,129.50	1,103.20	1,115.20	-7.1
PEL	2,930.00	2,963.50	2,876.00	2,904.85	-20
DLF	201.7	205.8	198.55	201	-1.8
NMDC	119.45	120.8	117.1	117.9	-1.15
MCDOWELL-N	570	573	553.45	562	-5.55
PGHH	9,855.05	9,995.00	9,700.00	9,738.40	-98.65
DABUR	470.7	474	462.5	465	-5.4
LICHSGFIN	466.6	469.9	460.1	460.8	-5.8
MR	69,095.05	69,249.95	67,390.00	67,860.00	-971.35
DMAT	1,540.00	1,544.45	1,502.00	1,515.00	-19.7
BRITANNIA	6,128.00	6,128.00	5,930.00	5,970.40	-9.6
BEL	84.75	84.9	82.3	82.6	-1.4
IDEA	46.5	47.05	45.05	45.4	-0.85
SBI	623.35	635	610	611	-12
ABCAPITAL	129.3	129.55	126.2	127.35	-2.55
SUNTV	683.7	683.7	649.1	656.3	-16.2
EMAMILTD	348.9	353.95	322.2	332.45	-13.15
ICICIPRULI	355.5	357	346.5	348.3	-10.15
LAFFH	152	152.5	144.65	146.25	-4.45
OFSS	4,280.00	4,385.00	4,075.85	4,125.00	-135.15
GICRE	354.5	356.7	341	342.4	-12.2
GODREJCP	860.3	862.95	812.2	822	-36.8

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Script	Last	Abs	Change	%
Traded	Price	Change		
3MININDIA	24412.15	-1004.3	-3.95	
8KMILES	261.25	12.4	4.98	
AARTIND	1310.05	-1.7	-0.13	
ABB	1436.5	-4.8	-0.33	
ABBOTINDIA	8420.65	-5.35	-0.06	
ABFRL	188.35	0.3	0.16	
ACC	1562.35	-7.45	-0.47	
ADANIPOORTS	372.95	-4.6	-1.22	
ADANIPOWER	29.25	-0.3	-1.02	
ADANITRANS	177.8	-5.25	-2.87	
ADVENZYMES	203.9	-3.85	-1.85	
AEGISLOG	216.15	-0.65	-0.3	
AIAENG	1813.3	68	3.9	
AJANTPHARM	1178.25	-9.35	-0.79	
AKZINDIA	1637.35	-72.35	-4.23	
ALBK	39.85	-0.2	-0.5	
ALKEM	2063.5	28.2	1.39	
ALLCARGO	111.9	-0.3	-0.27	
AMARAJABAT	790.1	1.4	0.18	
AMUJACEM	225.05	1.7	0.76	
ANDHRAABANK	30.85	0	0	
APARINDS	615.9	-14.1	-2.24	
APOLLO	1558.25	24.8	1.62	
APLTD	638.65	6.6	1.04	
APOLLOHOSP	1072.7	-47.3	-4.22	
APOLLOTYRE	239.9	1.2	0.5	
ARVIND	378.6	-4.7	-1.23	
ASAHINDIA	332.3	0.75	0.23	
ASHOKA	117.5	1.5	1.29	
ASHOKLEY	125.8	-0.6	-0.47	
ASIANPAINT	1289.35	-1.8	-0.14	
ASTRAL	1072.05	-17.55	-1.61	
ATUL	3205.1	-0.45	-0.01	
AUBANK	673.45	-0.5	-0.07	
AUROPHARMA	775.7	-0.9	-0.12	
AVANTI	447.6	-7.1	-1.56	
AXISBANK	609.2	0.75	0.12	
BAJAJ-AUTO	2795.3	19.4	0.7	
BAJAJCORP	452	-4.65	-1.02	
BAJAJELECC	527.05	-3.7	-0.7	

CHENNPETRO	290.9	3	1.04
CHOLAFIN	1316.95	-1.25	-0.09
CPIA	659.45	-2.8	-0.42
COALINDIA	280.55	7.1	2.6
COCHINSHIP	407.1	-5.45	-1.32
COFFEEDAY	316.15	6	1.93
COLPAL	1117.15	-0.5	-0.04
CONCOR	622.55	8.05	1.31
COROMANDEL	396	-7.7	-1.91
CORPBANK	27.5	-0.8	-2.83
COX&KINGS	208.35	-6.95	-3.23
CRISIL	1763.85	23.75	1.36
CROMPTON	226.05	-1.25	-0.55
CUB	178.8	-0.55	-0.31
CUMMINSIND	724.05	5.55	0.77
CYIENT	703.45	-1.55	-0.22
DABUR	465.75	-3.75	-0.8
DALMIAHBA	2538.05	-41.1	-1.59
DBDCORP	2122.5	-3.8	-1.76
DBL	735.5	-12.45	-1.66
DCGBANK	163.35	-1.95	-1.16
DCSHRRAM*	472.35	49.7	11.7
DEEPAKFERT	237.65	-8.05	-3.23
DEEPAKN	289.3	20.8	7.75
DELTAFCORP	243.25	1	0.41
DENABANK	18.25	-0.85	-4.45
DHANUKA	531.25	-6.45	-1.2
DHFL	610.6	-0.45	-0.07
DISHTV	63.35	-2.5	-3.8
DIVISLAB	1389.2	7.95	0.58
DLF	201.3	-1.55	-0.76
DMART	1513.35	-22.25	-1.45
DREDDY	2603.65	16.7	0.65
ECLERX	1088.75	-29.25	-2.62
EDELWEISS	244.35	-14.7	-5.67
EICHERMOT	2844.6	-468	-1.62
EDIPARRY	250.2	-4.2	-1.79
EIHOTEL	137.7	-3.65	-2.76
ELGIEQUIP	280.2	-2.7	-0.95
EMAMILTD	530.5	-13.55	-2.49
ENDURANCE	1371.85	-13	-0.94
ENGINERSIN	125.35	-3.25	-2.53



**GLOBE TROTTER**

**27 DROWN AS RIVER BOAT CAPSIZES IN DR CONGO**  
**Mbandaka:** At least 27 people drowned after a river boat capsized on a tributary of the Congo River in northern DR Congo, a local official said on Wednesday.

**CAR CRASHES INTO CROWD NEAR UK MOSQUE**  
**London:** A car crashed into a crowd near a mosque in the UK in a suspected hate crime incident which left three persons injured, prompting Scotland Yard to launch a probe.

**HAFIZ TO ROUTE COURT TO RETRIEVE FROZEN ASSETS**  
**Lahore:** Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed plans to launch next phase of legal battle to retrieve the assets of Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and its subsidiary Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF) after Pakistan's SC allowed the two outfits to continue their activities in the country, the JuD's spokesman said on Wednesday.

**THOUSANDS PROTEST UN JOB CUTS IN GAZA**  
**Gaza City:** Thousands of employees of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees protested in Gaza on Wednesday against forced redundancies as a result of US funding cuts, announcing a one-day strike next week. Over 5,000 people attended the march that began at the Gaza headquarters of UNRWA, including leaders from the enclave's Islamist rulers Hamas.

# **CORRUPTION CASE** **Sharifs' jail sentences suspended, to be freed**

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

In a relief to the still-grieving Sharif family, a top Pakistani court suspended on Wednesday the jail sentences of the embattled former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, his daughter and son-in-law in a corruption case and ordered their release.

A large number of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leaders, including Sharif's brother, Shehbaz Sharif, were present in the courtroom and cheered as the judgment was announced.

A two-judge bench of the Islamabad High Court heard the petitions filed by Sharif, 68, his daughter Maryam and son-in-law Capt (ret'd) Muhammad Safdar challenging their conviction related to the purchase of four luxury flats in London through corrupt practices.

"The instant writ petition is allowed and sentence awarded to the petitioners by the accountability court shall remain suspended till the final adjudication of the appeal filed by the petitioner," reads the judgment.

The accountability court judge Mohammad Bashir had



sentenced the trio on July 6.

Sharif, 68, Maryam, 44, and Safdar, 54, were sentenced to 10 years, seven years and one year, respectively, in prison and fined in the Avenfield properties case.

The accused were also disqualified to contest elections or to hold public office for a period of 10 years after release.

The ruling comes just a week after Sharif's wife, Kulsoom Nawaz, died from cancer in London.

The trio were briefly allowed out of the high-security Adiala Jail on parole to attend her funeral. They returned to jail on Monday.

The two-judge bench also ordered the release of the former premier, his daughter and son-in-law from the Adiala jail in Rawalpindi.

Sharif, Maryam and Safdar were also directed to submit bail bonds worth Rs 5,00,000.

Pakistani media reported that the verdict would remain a temporary relief for the former prime minister and his family members until the court gives the final decision on their application seeking suspension of their conviction in the Avenfield case.

The Sharif family is now facing two more corruption cases in the accountability court — Al-Azizia Steel Mills and Flagship Investments — in which they are accused of money laundering, tax evasion and hiding offshore assets.

The cases against the family stemmed from Panama Papers case in April 2016.

In a blow to Pakistan's anti-corruption watchdog, the Islamabad High Court also dismissed the National Accountability Bureau's request to first announce a judgment on the maintainability of the pleas. The bench also imposed a fine on the NAB lawyers earlier for using delaying tactics.

The NAB was also pulled up by the Supreme Court on Monday when it rejected its petition challenging the IHC's decision to hear Sharif's petitions against the Avenfield verdict.

# **Trump: Declassified Russia probe papers expose 'bad things'**

**Washington:** President Donald Trump is flexing his executive power to declassify secret documents in the Russia investigation, an extraordinary move he says will ensure that "really bad things" at the FBI are exposed.

But the decision, made against the backdrop of Trump's spiraling outrage at the special counsel's Russia investigation, may expose sensitive sources and methods and brush up against privacy law protections, experts say.

The order is likely to further divide the president from the intelligence agencies he oversees and raises new concerns that Trump is disclosing government secrets for his own political gain. Critics of the move say the president has a clear conflict by trying to discredit an investigation in which he himself is a subject.

"This radical policy choice is not being made on traditional policy grounds. It's being made on conflicted grounds," said David Kris, a former Justice Department national security division head. "That's problematic."

The Justice Department says it's begun complying with the order, though it's not clear when the documents might be



released. It's also unclear if the multi-agency review now underway might find ways to try to withhold certain information or limit whatever damage, such as outing sources or scaring off would-be ones, that may arise from the release.

Trump and Republican supporters want the records out in hopes they'll reveal law enforcement bias in the early stage of the Russia investigation and prove the probe was opened without good reason. Democrats say the material is too secret for disclosure and object to any meddling in an ongoing investigation.

In a letter Tuesday to Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray, four top Democrats called Trump's action "a brazen abuse of power."

# **Malaysia ex-PM held over \$628 m linked to 1MDB, to be charged**

AFP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia's toppled leader Najib Razak was arrested Wednesday and will be charged over allegations that \$628 million linked to state investment fund 1MDB ended up in his personal bank accounts, officials said.

Allegations that Najib and his cronies looted huge sums from the investment vehicle were a major factor in the shock defeat of his long-ruling coalition in elections in May, at

the hands of a reformist alliance headed by Mahathir Mohamad.

Mahathir, 93, in his second stint as premier after coming out of retirement to take on his ex-protégé Najib, has reopened probes into 1MDB that were shut down by the former government, and vowed to bring Najib to justice.

Since losing power, Najib has already been arrested and hit with seven charges related to claims he pocketed some \$10 million from a former unit of 1MDB.

# **Ex-columnist jailed for 'abusive' posts on Aung San Suu Kyi**

AFP ■ YANGON

A former columnist for state Amedia has been jailed for seven years for "abusive" Facebook posts about Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi, a court official said on Wednesday, the latest case threatening free expression in the country.

Ngar Min Swe was sentenced for sedition on Tuesday, Yangon's Western District Court spokesman Htay Aung told AFP.

"He was convicted... For writing abusive posts on Facebook against State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, making people get the wrong impression of her," Htay Aung said.

# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Notice Inviting e-Tender**

The Executive Engineer, Building Division South-East (M-421), PWD (GNCTD), Police Colony, Hauz Khas, New Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India percentage/ item rate tender in two bid condition for following work(s):-

**1. NIT No. 52/South-East(BJ)/M/ New Delhi/2018-19, (Recall), Name of Work:** A/R & M/O Non Residential Building under service centre G.B. Pant & Nehru Place, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH: Providing labour for day to day maintenance works), **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 11,10,000/-, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 22,200/- drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD, New Delhi, time of completion of work 12 Months, The Last date & time for receipt of Tenders through e-procurement is 27.09.2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No **2018\_PWD\_158537\_1.**

**2. NIT No. 64/South-East(BJ)/M/ New Delhi/2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R & M/O Non Residential Building at Meera Bai Institute of Technology, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH: Misc. repairing and renovation work in MBIT, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi), **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 14,85,866/-, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 29,717/- drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD, New Delhi, time of completion of work 06 Months, The Last date & time for receipt of Tenders through e-procurement is 27.09.2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No **2018\_PWD\_158538\_1.**

Further details of the tender can be had from: <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgeapp>  
**DIP/Shabdarth/1747/18-19**

# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**

The Executive Engineer, East Road (M-212), PWD, Ramesh Park, Delhi-92 invites on behalf of President of India percentage rate tenders through e-tendering from (i) approved & eligible contractors of appropriate civil/composite category of CPWD (ii) Non CPWD contractors such as MES, BSNL and other State Govt, department dealing with buildings and road and other experienced contractors for the following works through E-procurement solution:-

**1. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 32/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212) /2018-19 (Recall), Name of Work:** A/R 8s M/O Various Roads Sub-Division East Road-I under PWD Division East Roads (M-212), Delhi during 2018-19. SH: Providing & Laying RCC pipe for drainage, making and connecting bell mouth to man hole on Patparganj Road. Estimated Cost: ₹ 18,84,564/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 37,691/-, Period of Completion: 30 Days, Tender ID: **2018\_PWD\_158461\_1**

**2. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 45/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212) /2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R and M/O to various roads Sub. Division East Road-III under PWD Division East Road (M-212) during 2018-19. SH: Repair of Footpath, Protection wall and drains. Estimated Cost: ₹ 27,33,570/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 54,671/-, Period of Completion: 45 Days, Tender ID: **2018\_PWD\_158462\_1**

**3. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 47/EE/PWD/East Road (M-212) /2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R and M/O to various roads Sub. Division East Road-IU under PWD Division East Road (M-212) during 2018-19. SH: Removal of Floating Material. Estimated Cost: ₹ 25,72,074/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 51,441/-, Period of Completion: 180 Days, Tender ID: **2018\_PWD\_158465\_1**

**4. (Tender Reference No) NIT No. 49 /EE/PWD/East Road (M-212) /2018-19, Name of Work:** A/R and M/O to various roads Sub. Division East Road-II under PWD Division East Road (M-212) during 2018-19. SH: Providing Maintenance Van with required labour and T 85 P under Section-I 8s II. Estimated Cost: ₹ 27,24,318/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 54,486/-, Period of Completion: 365 Days, Tender ID: **2018\_PWD\_158471\_1**

Last Date and Time of submission of tender is: 24.09.2018 (Upto 3.00 PM)

Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

**DIP/Shabdarth/1742/18-19**

# **N Korea's Kim to visit Seoul, shut missile site**

AFP ■ SEOUL

North Korea's Kim Jong Un agreed to make a historic visit to Seoul soon and close a missile testing site in front of international inspectors at a summit with the South's President Moon Jae-in in Pyongyang on Wednesday.

Progress on the key issue of the North's nuclear arsenal was limited, but the two signed a document to strengthen ties between the two halves of the divided peninsula.

Building on a growing rapprochement, they agreed to

create a facility to hold family reunions at any time, work towards joining up road and rail links, and mount a combined bid for the 2032 Olympics.

The agreement "carries the people's fresh hope and the people's strong, flaming desire for reunification", Kim said.

His trip to Seoul would be the first by a Northern leader since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, when hostilities ceased with an armistice rather than a peace treaty, leaving them technically in a state of war.

# **Woman who accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault calls for FBI probe**

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Christine Blasey Ford, the California professor claiming that US President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her nearly 36 years ago, on Wednesday demanded a "full investigation" by the FBI before she attends any Congressional hearing or "interrogation" into her accusations.

Kavanaugh's nomination plunged into chaos after Ford, 51, told 'The Washington Post' that she was subjected to a sexual assault by Kavanaugh, 53,

in high school in the early 1980s.

The Supreme Court nominee has rejected as "completely false" the sexual assault allegation, saying he was ready to testify before a Senate committee to "defend my integrity".

The new development appeared to have put in jeopardy the September 24 Congressional hearing when both Ford, clinical psychology professor at Palo Alto University, and Judge Kavanaugh are scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

# **Iraq court condemns to death 'deputy of IS leader'**

**Baghdad:** An Iraqi court on Wednesday sentenced a prominent jihadist described as a deputy of Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi to death on terrorism charges.

"The Karkh criminal court in Baghdad sentenced to death by hanging one of the most prominent leaders of IS, who served as a deputy of Baghdadi," judicial spokesman Abdel Sattar Bayraqdar said. **AFP**

# **US surgeon, girlfriend charged with rape, 'hundreds' of victims possible**

**Los Angeles:** An orthopedic surgeon in California who once appeared on a dating reality show and his girlfriend have been charged with drugging and sexually assaulting two women, in a case prosecutors suspect might involve hundreds of other victims.

Authorities told AFP on Tuesday they had received dozens of leads in the probe, just hours after a press conference held to try to encourage other women to come forward.

"I am being told by investigators that their phones have been very active this afternoon," said Michelle Van Der Linden, a spokeswoman for Orange County prosecutors. "People are calling with

additional information and we will be busy tracking down all the additional leads." The surgeon, Grant William Robicheaux, and his girlfriend, Cerissa Laura Riley, were charged on Sept 11 with rape as well as drug and weapons-related offenses in connection with two alleged assaults.

Robicheaux — who once appeared on the Bravo television show "Online Dating Rituals of the American Male" — and Riley are due to be arraigned on October 25.

Investigators found hundreds of videos on Robicheaux's phone after he was arrested, "in various states of undress, consciousness and being assaulted," Van Der Linden said. **AFP**

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NIT No. 221/P&D/Zone-I/2018-19 / Bid No. B-565 for System strengthening of 11 KV lines with bifurcation / trifurcation of overloaded feeders, Augmentation of conductor of HT line and New DT, under Operation Circle UHBVN, Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kathal, Karnal & Yamunanagar (i.e. Zone-I) on turnkey basis. The cost of the NIT be read as Rs. 241482550.00 instead of Rs. 33.89 Crore. Distribution transformer will be provided by the Nigam. The percentage quoted in the price bid by the firm will be considered on the estimated cost of NIT i.e. Rs. 241482550.00. Detailed terms & conditions are available on the website i.e. <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in>

**Superintending Engineer/ PD&C, UHBVN, Panchkula**

RO No. 71854 Dt. 19-09-2018

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Manish Kumar Singh, S/o Gurman Singh R/o Gali No. 1, Shri Ram Colony, Rishal Garden, Chanden Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in a **E-FIR No. 2/17 u/s 380/411 IPC, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Manish Kumar Singh** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Manish Kumar Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Manish Kumar Singh of E-FIR No. 2/17 u/s 380/411 IPC, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on 20.11.2018.**

By order  
**Sh. Manoj Kumar**  
 Metropolitan Magistrate  
 Room No. 268, 2nd Floor  
 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1395/OD/18

**TENDER NOTICE HARYANA SHAHARI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN**  
 (www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

Sr. No.	Name of Work & Approximate Cost	Earnest Money	Time Period	Date of opening of tender	Price of tender forms
1.	Job No. 113/2018 Construction of Double Story Building of Community Centre in Sector-64, Faridabad and all other works contingent thereto. (Maintenance and defect liability period three year free of cost). A/cost Rs. 204.90 Lacs	Rs. 409800/-	12 Months	08-10-2018 at 3.00 PM	Rs. 3000/-

**Ajit Singh**  
 EE-1, HSPV, Fbd.  
 Email: [xenhuda.fbd@gmail.com](mailto:xenhuda.fbd@gmail.com)  
 Tel. No. 0129-4018911

RO No. 71809 Dt. 19-09-2018

**PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE**

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**ICICI Bank Limited**

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007.  
 Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051  
 Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext., New Delhi- 110055

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Siddharth Chaudhary/ Radikal Overseas Pvt Ltd/ Anju Chaudhary/ Shreedhar Estate Pvt LTD / LBDEL00001891742	Third Floor with Terrace Rights Along with Lift Entire Building Bearing No. 28, Commercial Complex, Saket, Malviya Nagar Extension, New Delhi / 14-Sep-2018	August 24, 2016 Rs. 7,44,30,575.65/-	Delhi
2.	Siddharth Chaudhary/ Radikal Overseas Pvt Ltd/ Anju Chaudhary/ Shreedhar Estate Pvt Ltd / LBDEL00001900624	Third Floor With Terrace Rights Along With Lift Entire Building Bearing No. 28, Commercial Complex, Saket, Malviya Nagar Extension, New Delhi / 14-Sep-2018	August 24, 2016 Rs. 9,33,264/-	Delhi
3.	Siddharth Chaudhary/ Radikal Overseas Pvt Ltd/ Anju Chaudhary/ Shreedhar Estate Pvt Ltd/ Savitri Devi/ Mohit Chaudhary/ Krati Chaudhary/ Prateek Chaudhary/ Sndhar Chaudhary / LBDEL00001891742 & LBDEL00001900624	Ground & First Floor Along With Lift Entire Building Bearing No. 28, Commercial Complex, Saket, Malviya Nagar Extension, New Delhi / 14-Sep-2018	August 18, 2018 Rs. 9,56,62,350/-	Delhi
4.	Bishambar Lal Lamba/ Rupali Lamba / LBCBT00001490991	Flat No.A-2 306, Third Floor Of Silver State, Plot No F-29, Sector 50, Noida / 14-Sep-2018	March 20, 2015 Rs. 24,51,215/-	Noida

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

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

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (Only through e-procurement)**

**NOTICE INVITED TENDER No. 226/UH/MM/XEN/P-II/UM/QST-II/1989 DATED: 14-09-2018**

Offers are invited for procurement of following material on FIRM Price & 'FOR' destination basis anywhere in Haryana, by fixing the annual rate contract as per details given below:-

T.E. No.	Description of item	Qty. (in kms.)				Estimated Cost of NIT for min. qty. (Rs. in Cr.)
		UHBVN		DHBVN		
		Min	Max	Min	Max	
QST-II/ 1989	Twin Core LT PVC 10 sq. mm Armoured Cable as per Nigam Technical Specification No. CSC-XIII/II/CH/ UHP&D/2015-16, relevant ISS with latest amendment.	1117	1675	300	450	141 2125 7 6.39
	Date of Start	Last date of submission				Opening date of Part -I
	14-09-2018 at 15:00 Hours	25-09-2018 upto 13:00 Hours				25-09-2018 at 15:00 Hours

Tender documents having detailed terms and conditions can be seen / downloaded from the portal <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in> and [www.uhbvn.org.in](http://www.uhbvn.org.in)

**CE/MM, UHBVN, Panchkula**

RO No. 71799 Dt. 19-09-2018

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 Ocean Seven Buildtech (OSB) Pvt. Ltd.  
 Corporate Office : 505-506, 5th Floor, Tower B-4, Space Tech Park, Sohna Road, Gurgaon-122018

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 LICENCE NUMBER: 06  
 DATED :- 14 JUNE 2016  
**"EXPRESSWAY TOWERS"**  
 SECTOR-100  
 GURUGRAM HARYANA  
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

**DATE OF REDRAW : 24 SEPTEMBER 2018**

This is to inform that RedDraw of 1 BHK & 2 BHK + SR Flats in residential Affordable Group Housing Colony (Expressway Towers) in Sector-109, Gurugram, Haryana to be developed by M/s Ocean Seven Buildtech (OSB) Pvt Ltd. will be held on 24.09.2018 at 12:00 PM (Noon) at Omaze Celebration Mall, Sector -48, Sohna Road Gurugram - 122001 in the presence of Government officials. All the applicants are cordially invited to attend the draw of flats.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
 1) No entry shall be allowed without original Acknowledgement receipt along with original ID Proof  
 2) Only 01 person shall be allowed against one Acknowledgement receipt of the submitted application.

**कार्यालय नगर पालिका बेरी**

**निविदा सूचना**

नगर पालिका, बेरी द्वारा कार्य की निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। बोय फर्म / ड्रेडर दिनांक 20.09.2018 को सांय 3.00 बजे तक अपनी निविदाएं/ टेंडर ऑफ़लाइन भर सकते हैं। निविद निविदाएं दिनांक 21.09.2018 को हप्पेर 2.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी हरियाणा सरकार की वेबसाइट <https://etender.hry.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। इसके अतिरिक्त टेंडर विवरण किसी भी कार्यवेधर में पालिका अधिकाता के कार्यालय में देखी जा सकती है।

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नगर पालिका, बेरी	नगर पालिका, बेरी	नगर पालिका, बेरी

RO No. 71824 Dt. 19-09-2018



## Trend Blazer

### Badshah dropped ONE for Arjun

Rapper **BADSHAH**, who was busy with his album *ONE* (Original Never Ends), says that he dropped everything to do a song for **ARJUN KAPOOR'S** film.

"Arjun wanted a song with me and I dropped everything to make it happen," Badshah said. The song *Bhare bazaar* from Arjun's forthcoming film *Namaste England* released on Tuesday and has already received 6,675,386 views on YouTube. "I was deep into making my album when I began working on *Bhare bazaar* with Rishi Rich. We had a blast on the set," Badshah added. His album, consisting of 17 tracks has also been received well.



**Women should speak for themselves. They should say whatever they feel and do whatever they want to. Every girl should pursue their passion and follow their dreams. And these small choices will strengthen our women and will make them more confident.**  
—Sunny Leone



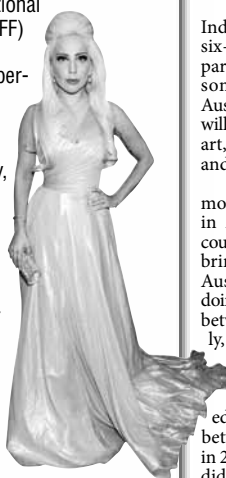
Film producer **SIDDHARTH ROY KAPUR** thinks the 2014 Malayalam film *Bangalore Days* deserves a Hindi remake.



"The depth of their storytelling, quality of their acting and quality of their filmmaking is really superb, so whenever there is a Malayalam film which becomes a point of discussion among people, I try to make it a point by watching it because I learn a lot by watching what they are doing in Malayalam cinema," said Kapur.

### Gaga overcome by emotion

Singer-actress **LADY GAGA** was moved to tears at the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) after she was praised for her performance in *A Star Is Born*. In the film, the singer plays Ally, a struggling artist who has given up on her dream of becoming a singer until seasoned musician Jackson Maine (Cooper) convinces her to try again. "I watched (Cooper) work tirelessly on this film, giving it everything, and you never stopped. Nobody here did," she said. She has received critical acclaim for her performance in the film with critics calling her dynamite.



# 'ARTISTES AND ART HAVE NO BOUNDARIES'

Actor **NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI** believes that India and Pakistan have a lot in common and need to reach out to each other

Speaking at a promotional event in Delhi, Nawazuddin says, "My character is of a personality who has been daring and courageous to bring the reality to the fore. While shooting and playing the character, I felt that even though there are certain methods and craft to portray and bring alive a character, playing a character like Manto is very difficult. I have tried really hard and you can see through the film that how honestly his character has been showcased."

Nawazuddin believes that the story of *Manto* is very much relevant today. "The stories he wrote in 1940, and the way he looked at the world... Nothing much has changed since then as far as society is concerned. His stories are very much relevant today. In fact, we were shocked to see that we haven't changed much, and to see that there hasn't been much growth as an individual and a society."

*Manto*, co-produced by HP Studios, Filmstoc and Viacom18 Motion Pictures, which gives a glimpse into the writer's life during the tumultuous Partition of the sub continent.

Talking about Partition Nawaz said, "We can't imagine the agony that millions of people endured during partition. Imagine a person having to leave behind



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his home of the past 40-50 years and settling down in a new country. We can't even think the magnitude of the tragedy."

Since the two countries have so much in common, Nawazuddin doesn't agree putting even a temporary ban on

Pakistani talent working in the Hindi film industry. "Artistes and art has no boundaries," he asserted.

Manto, who died in 1955 at the age of 43 in Pakistan, the country to which he decided to migrate from his beloved Mumbai, penned an impressive body of work which touched on genres like women, Partition. He churned out about 22 collections of stories comprising a novel, essays, personal sketches and movie scripts. His work also gained attention for weaving stories around the ordeal of Partition, freedom of expression as well as sexuality. His straightforward writing got him in trouble as he was charged with obscenity six times for his short stories, thrice before 1947 and thrice after.

"The film is very personal. It will haunt people. You will feel a connect with the story. And the reason behind that is that every one wants to tell the truth, but there are many factors and pressures of the society stopping them from saying the truth."

The actor is "proud of this project". However, in the troubled times that we live in, he is a little unsure of the audience reaction to it.

Since Manto's writings frequently talked about women, the author discussed the issues of pay parity, women empowerment and #MeToo movement, Nawazuddin hopes for a similar effect in India.

The actor says it is time to give women the respect they deserve. "We need to introspect about the way we have treated women for centuries. It is time to change. It is time to look at them from a different perspective. We need to understand their thoughts, desires and feelings, and respect them," said the actor.

The actor, who has made his mark in films like *Gangs of Wasseypur*, *The Lunchbox*, *Liar's Dice*, *Badlapur* and *Manjhi: The Mountain Man*, will soon be seen bringing the life of writer Saadat Hasan Manto alive on the big screen with *Manto*, directed by Nandita Das.

The film releases on Friday.

## FROM THE KANGAROO LAND



Borders, oceans or mountains might separate different nations. But cultures and traditions can be a unifying force. The Australia Fest 2018 aims to do just that as it travels across India for six months, says Team Viva

The Bangarra dance troupe, Australia's most prominent orchestra band will be there and so will the Melbourne International Comedy Roadshow with many more internationally-acclaimed performers, artists, comedy lovers, dancers, musicians and all kinds of troupes. The Australia Fest 2018 will give a glimpse of the country's culture and arts as it pans out across 20 Indian cities for 203 days with 75 events and 26 projects, from September 2018 to March 2019.

The Australian High Commissioner to India, Harinder Sidhu, while unveiling the six-month long festival said, "Children to parents, families and friends — there's something for everyone in this fest. Australia's culture, creativity and dynamism will be on display and will feature food, film, art, dance, music, literature, theatre, sports and much more."

Sidhu added, "Even though there are more than 60,000 Indian students studying in Australia, we still can't showcase the country's culture to all of them. So if we can't bring India to Australia, why not bring Australia to India? And this is what we are doing—merging nations and developing ties between both the countries, if not politically, but culturally."

Sidhu disclosed that the plan to have such a large-scale festival "was to be executed in 2017," as they had decided that there should be a span of five years between the festivals and the first was held in 2012. And there were reasons. While they did manage to get many of the prominent artists on board, getting them to perform was a long process. As Sidhu revealed, "Bookings for certain performers couldn't be made in time. Even for their show this year, we had already made the bookings three years ago, especially with the Bangarra dancers, who follow really strict schedules." The dancers will be the centrepiece of the fest who will be performing in Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai.

MasterChef Australia Gary Mehigan, who will be travelling to the country to create a fusion of food from the two countries. "Across the world, only Indians are so passionate about food and flavours," said Mehigan who is also the Ambassador of Australia Fest.

He explained how he has explored Indian flavours and married them with Australian food to give it a *desi* as well as a slightly spicy touch. He said, "When it comes to cooking and playing with flavours, it is not just north Indian or Punjabi flavours but all kinds of Indian spices and innumerable textures that I like to use. Whether it is vegetables or the breads, the Indian meals have a lot of variety and tastes. Blending such multiple ingredients could be crazy, but it's just so delicious and comes together beautifully."

The launch session was also attended by renowned Australian author, John Zubrzycki, whose latest book *Jadoowallahs, Jugglers and Jims: A Magical History of India* is a cultural, social and political history of the streets and stage magic in the country. He said, "I'm particularly excited in being involved in this year's event with my book that examines the influence of India's vibrant magical traditions on popular culture globally."

Among other great attractions are the food talks and sessions with MasterChef Australia judge Gary Mehigan, fusion of modern Australian jazz with West Bengali folk music by The Three Seas, a showcase of collections by Australian fashion designers using Indian handloom textiles at Amazon India Fashion Week, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow featuring some of Australia's wittiest comedians, the best of Australian cinema at various film festivals across India, the launch of the Australian Open International BallKids programme in India, and much more.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

## A MATTER OF RIGHT CHOICE

Actor and fitness enthusiast **SHILPA SHETTY KUNDRA** tells **AYUSHI SHARMA** that whether it is love or professional life, the correct option makes all the difference

Love at first sight? How many times has one heard the phrase in popular culture as well as in real life? While the concept dates back to time immemorial, today, when technology plays such a big role in every part of our lives, has this idea evolved over time? One has seen the trope play out so many times in films where two people walking down the street bump into each other, their eyes meet, sparks fly, and Cupid strikes. Cut to the present, when image after image, glance after glance and pout after pout flood your choices. And display pictures rob the magic of a chance encounter.

So to turn the idea on its head, is falling in love possible when you haven't even seen the other person? And it is here that a virtual blind dating series *Hear Me, Love Me* hosted by actor Shilpa Shetty Kundra reflects exactly what's on every young Indian mind: Relationships.

A keen fitness enthusiast and now a love guru-cum-life coach of sorts, Shilpa says, "The show really gives women an upper hand because they are given the choice of three boys, the twist being that they get to see their world, hear and know them via this show in just 12 hours. Then the girl has to pick one boy without seeing him to go on a date with. It's more insightful than sightful. I think as a show it works because who doesn't love reality-oriented shows today?"

Love grows over time, believes Shilpa. "People have evolved, mindsets have changed and so have films and content. The only thing that is constant is change which is a welcome development. Love is not quite an emotion that can be felt automatically."

While Shilpa is ready to be a part of films again after almost a decade now, television remains her preference. She would only take on a film if it is very different from mainstream scripts. "If I have to play a character it would have to be age-appropriate. I don't want a female-oriented script, I'm very clear about that. I'm not somebody who wants to play a college-going character and as everyone knows films are changing now, content is evolving and I want to do something that would cater to today's palate. I'm an avid film watcher and I want to sign up for something that I would enjoy reacting to. To choose a script now would be a tough nut because I have already played various characters and the only prerequisite is that it would have to be different from what I have done before."

She added, "I have always steered towards doing things that were trend setting. Till I don't get to chew on something that has a different taste, I don't enjoy it. It gets very mundane for me. I think I lasted in the industry because of this and the fact that I dabbled in different platforms. As for now, my preference is television as the onus of giving a superhit film is not on my shoulders."

She says that there are many choices but one has to choose the path you want to tread on wisely. She says, "If a film doesn't work where does that leave me? I don't want people to judge me on the basis of my last film, I want people to judge me on the choices that I have made. There's no excuse for mediocrity for me. If I'm doing something in the health and wellness sector, I will do it to the best of my ability and it comes out of passion not out of money. I want to be a front runner there and I'm willing to be judged on whatever I'm doing today so the challenge is to make right choices."

*Hear Me, Love Me* is slated to stream on Amazon Prime Video from September 28.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar



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# 'EDUCATION IS PHILANTHROPY'

**LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI** is fondly remembered for his integrity, simplicity and grit. His son **ANIL SHASTRI** has fond memories of his father and explains the relevance of Shastriji's vision of education in modern times to **ANKITA SAXENA**



Photo: Pankaj Kumar

**THE LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, IN A VILLAGE IN ALLAHABAD, IS UNIQUE AS IT OFFERS HIGHER EDUCATION PROSPECTS TO THE STUDENTS OF REMOTE AREAS**

Despite his short tenure of 19 months as India's second prime minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri's towering personality is firmly etched in the memory of the nation even after half a decade of his untimely demise. He earned the nation's respect with his tough decisions taken during the Indo-Pak war in 1965. His teachings and ideas about higher education are being carried forward by his son and the former Union Minister Anil Shastri, who is the Chairman of Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, Delhi. Excerpts:

**■ Please share some of your memories about your father. How was he like?**

Shastriji was affectionately called 'nanhe' when he was young. I remember a story about him when he was once canned by his teacher for not bringing an english reader to class. Sharp in studies, he had copied the textbook after borrowing it from a friend since he could not afford it. Shastriji's education was financially supported by one of his mentors, Nishkameshwar Prasad Mishra. A man of principles, Shastriji did not accept this help for free and as compensation, tutored Mishraji's children. He enrolled in Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi and graduated with a degree in philosophy and ethics. He was an eminent scholar and could speak, read and write in Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Persian and Urdu. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, he joined the freedom struggle movement. Though he went through a lot of difficulties and was jailed on several occasions, he never spoke to us about his hardships and never complained. He believed that the past has already taught its lessons and there is no point brooding over it.

He taught us to be honest and morally responsible for our actions. Lala Lajpat Rai, a prominent leader of the Congress party had formed the Servants of the People Society, which provided financial aid to the poor freedom fighters. Shastriji used to get ₹50 as a monthly allowance. Once he asked my mother if she was receiving the money on time, to which my mother responded in the affirmative and added that she was able to manage the household expenses within ₹40. Shastriji wrote to the society asking them to reduce his allowance to ₹40 and give the balance to some other needy person. This allowance was a charity and not earned by him and thus he never kept the money with him. These incidences have defined his character and many have learnt from him over the years.

**■ What aspects of your father inspire you the most?**

Of the many things about Shastriji, there are three prominent characteristics that have

inspired me and I believe that the youth today can learn from him. His simplicity was an important part of his personality. He was never attracted to the worldly items and materialistic things and remained a common man, rooted to the ground. When he became the Prime Minister, he continued to wear his simple clothes and would walk to his office rather than use cars. After he joined the office as the PM, he got a good house to live in and I asked him to get the bedroom carpeted. He refused to the request and retorted, saying, "I am a Prime Minister of a country where many don't even have a roof over their heads."

His integrity and honesty is remembered by many. He bought a car for the family by taking a loan of ₹5000 from the Punjab National Bank, which was later repaid by my mother from her pension after his demise. Despite his

short stature, Shastriji was a man of determination and grit. He felt no inferiority and dealt with complex issues with a firm hand. It is important for a good leader to have a high-risk taking ability and Shastriji took tough decisions during his role in the Indo-Pak war which has earned him respect over the years.

**■ What were Shastriji's ideas on education and how has the spectrum changed today?**

Shastriji's concept of education was very clear. He felt that every student must have the basic knowledge of science and laid emphasis on the importance of higher education. This can be related to today's need of modern technology. He also felt that parents should only guide their children towards possible professional pursuits and not force their line of thought on them. He also advocated that since jobs were limited in proportion to the population of the country, it is important that students are trained in accordance with employability. Shastriji also emphasised that the government should not be the only responsible party to impart education. He encouraged the private players in education to reach a larger number of young people and reduce the burden on the government education institutes. He gave the example of the Harvard University which though was a private player, but ranked the best in the world. It is unfortunate that today education has become a commercial arm. My appeal to all such institutes is that education is a philanthropic work and institutions should restrict themselves to promoting higher education. A suggestion to the government is to make a percent of the income of the institute taxable and allow the stakeholders to share the dividend.

**■ How is the Lal bahadur Shastri Institute of Management in Delhi different from the rest?**

We have not deviated from the practices of Shastriji. We are grounded in ethics and do not compromise on the teaching or the quality of courses. We have surrendered management quota since we do not believe in making money from education. Today, many institutes are siphoning off money from government grants, earning money through admissions which I believe is against the philanthropic nature of educational institutes. I feel that the money received by the institute should be ploughed back into the betterment of its facilities. In terms of quality, every faculty needs to be a Ph.D to teach at the Delhi institute. We are always updated with the latest trends in the corporate world and revise the syllabus every year to accommodate new learning modules in accordance with the needs of the industry. We also introduce new courses as per the requirement of the market. The institute emphasises on imparting entrepreneurial skills. Students who do not want to relocate to cities according to jobs or have family business are trained to set up their own ventures. Apart from the management education, we run the Lal Bahadur Shastri Polytechnic institute in Manda, a small village in Allahabad. This is a very different concept and not a 'me too' product as it aims to offer higher education in the remotest area. We have made sure that the students are provided with state-of-the-art infrastructure and modern facilities.

**■ There is an increasing sense of cynicism in the country and instances of intolerance have lately turned violent. How do you respond to that?**

Violent activities are on the rise all across the world and it is important to understand that regional aspirations are increasing globally. Our history is testimony to the fact that despite many invasions, India has retained its identity. This is because we have been a civilised society for centuries. We had structured living, governance, currency, defense protocols in various forms and thus have retained our essence. However, the governing bodies over the years have not been sensitive or have failed to comprehend the regional aspirations of the people. The cynicism is a knee-jerk reaction now. Political parties unfortunately tried to understand the people of this country while sitting in AC rooms through feedback from specialists and data collected from remote assets. This had led to a disconnect between the government and the people whereas earlier times the leaders were born from the grassroots and they understood the pulse of the nation. The leaders have to empathise with the difficulties of the people to gauge the gravity of the situation

**■ What is your idea of nationalism? How do you think it can be promoted?**

It is important to note that the increasing regional aspirations are not clashing with the integrity of India as a nation. Different regions may demand separate states, but they are proud to be Indian. Nationalism has to be understood in the right perspective. It is a concept where one is dedicated and devoted to the cause of the nation. Small, day-to-day activities like dirtying the roads or surroundings are against the well-being of the country. I believe that someone who is singing the national anthem and unfurling the national flag, but is also siphoning off money, is not a nationalist. I feel nationalism is practiced everyday.



## Cleanliness and connectivity key to growth: Goyal

The Union Minister for Railways and Coal Piyush Goyal, believes that unless the infrastructure and fundamentals are set up, India cannot come up as a sought-after tourist destination. "The present government has been developing facilities like ensuring 24 hour power supply, promoting renewable energy forms and improving connectivity by effectively connecting the remotest destinations. The most important element that will help promote tourism in a complete way is the government's cleanliness drive—Swachhta Abhiyan, which will ensure that India becomes a preferred destination for all international tourists." He was speaking at the inauguration of the maiden edition of the India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018) organised between September 16 and 18 in Delhi.

Goyal elaborated that no country can attract international tourists until the visitors feel the country is safe and clean. "The efforts we have undertaken in the last four years to bring about cleanliness is certainly going to be one of the defining features to promote tourism in the nation in a big way," he said.

He further informed that the government has fast-tracked the country's connectivity mission and the effort to connect the remotest parts of India with efficient modes of transport is ongoing.



Sharing details about initiatives taken by the Indian railways towards facilitating tourism, Goyal said, "Very recently, we have significantly reduced the pricing of the luxury trains to encourage more and more tourists to travel in these trains to see and explore the beauty of our nation. I would like to urge all to crowd-source ideas and help us with newer initiatives to help us to meet the ambitious targets we have set for the tourism industry."

The Railway Minister also acknowledged the income multiplier effect in the tourism sector and pointed out that this sector generates a number of employment opportunities in the formal and informal sectors and can change the destiny of the country. He commented that the youth of the country can be entrepreneurs, service providers, interpreters and so on in the tourism sector and ascertained that India with its varied features has tremendous potential and India just needs to leverage from it.

## CORPORATE BRIEFS

### INDIANOIL CELEBRATES HINDI LANGUAGE

Hindi Fortnight was observed with great enthusiasm at IndianOil's Refineries Headquarters from September 1 to 14. A gamut of activities were organised for IOCIans which saw enthusiastic participation, underlining a deep bond and affinity for the language. The celebrations culminated with V K Shukla, Executive Director (HR), Refineries HQ, presenting awards to the winners of various competitions organised during the Hindi fortnight, in the presence of senior IndianOil functionaries.



### TRIBES INDIA'S 43RD OUTLET OPENS IN ORISSA

The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram, inaugurated the TRIFED's 43rd 'Tribes India' outlet at Satyanagar, Orissa. The TRIFED is presently operating through a retail chain network of 42 own outlets, 33 consignment outlets and 14 franchise outlets located across the country through which it promotes and markets a wide range of ethnic and traditional tribal handicraft and handloom products.

### AAI WINS INDIA GREEN ENERGY AWARD 2018

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) won the India Green Energy Award for the year 2018 in the category—"Innovative initiative of outstanding Green Energy in transport sector-For infrastructure" during the panel discussion on "National Biofuel Policy 2018 and its impact on Energy Security" at New Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi. The award was presented by Suresh Prabhu, the Minister for Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation and was received by Anil Kumar Sharma, ED (PMQA & EMC) and Rakesh Kalra, ED (Engg-NR) along with N B Goel, Jt GM (Engg-NR) on behalf of AAI.



### PDIL CELEBRATES HINDI PAKHWARA

Hindi Pakhwara was launched at Projects and Development India Limited (PDIL) corporate office in Noida on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. The CMD of PDIL distributed prizes to the students of the Rajkiya Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, New Ashok Nagar in Delhi for essay and drawing competitions organised by PDIL in the school under the Swachhta Pakhwara.



### TATA POWER-DDL IS AN OUTSTANDING GREEN CAMPAIGNER

The Tata Power Delhi Distribution (Tata Power-DDL) has been conferred with the 'Outstanding Green Campaigner' award for active promotion of rooftop solar and innovative energy efficient projects at India Green Energy Awards 2018 organised by the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE) in association with Care Ratings. The award was received by Sugata Mukherjee, DGM, Tata Power-DDL.



## Statue of Unity to be a tourist attraction

**■ How has tourism fared in the state so far?**

We have recorded a year-on-year growth of 17 per cent in tourist arrivals to Gujarat. Last year, we recorded a total of 5.2 crore tourists out of which 10 lakh were international. Though this amounts to two per cent of the total tourist numbers and the figures are growing every year, we are not happy with the numbers and are working hard to tap into the potential of unexplored destinations in the state.

**■ Which tourism circuits is the state promoting? Are there any upcoming projects?**

The Statue of Unity, the iconic 182 meter landmark dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, is our key concentration area. The Prime Minister and the Chief Minister have taken keen interest to develop the entire area around the statue into an attraction for tourists. In line with the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi, we are popularising the Gandhi circuit and the Dandi March circuit. For the inbound tourism segment we are focusing on showcasing our world heritage cities like Ahmedabad. The city is very well-connected from major airports and can be added as an extension to the Golden Triangle circuit. Depending on the interests of the tourists, Gujarat offers nature, culture, heritage, pilgrimage, wildlife, festivals and niche tourism products among others. Experiential tours are in demand and we are creating new itineraries to cater to this segment. The Rann of Kutch, the white sand desert, is a unique experience for tourists and many activities are offered here. There are many Buddhist sites in Gujarat which are being developed for tourists from East Asia.

Gujarat, a vibrant state of culture and heritage, is positioning itself as a foremost tourist destination. The Commissioner of Tourism and Managing Director of Tourism Corporation of Gujarat JENU DEVAN, talks to ANKITA SAXENA about new attractions and experientials



Photo: Pankaj Kumar

**■ What is the state doing to improve tourist infrastructure?**

Under several schemes of the Centre and the state government, we are focusing on enhancing the way-side amenities, creating facilitation centers and making sites of tourist interest into smart destinations. We

have also undertaken a cleanliness drive across 54 destinations in 33 districts of the state.

We have a good budget for tourism, almost ₹450 crore which is being judiciously used. Under the State Tourism Policy 2015-20, we have received applications from

nearly 300 units out of which 120 have already been commissioned. Over the last few years, tourism and hospitality sector has attracted investments worth ₹11,000 crore. We plan to develop basic tourist infrastructure at some unexplored destinations in the state to increase its attractiveness.

**■ What is the state's marketing strategy for tourism?**

The demands of the domestic and international tourists are quite different and we are trying to understand them. We will focus on market-specific promotions. Keeping in mind the duration of stay of tourists and their spending capacity, we will offer specific products at international tourism marts and other fairs. For the domestic market the Tier-II and Tier-III cities are our major focus areas.

**■ Are there any niche tourism products of offer in the state?**

We are promoting Gujarat through its cuisine, handicrafts and festivals. We have created videos to acquaint the tourists with the state's vibrant culture. We are also offering golf tourism. There are eight golf courses near Ahmedabad and Baroda. Those who host conferences and meetings in the state, can spend their leisure time at these golf courses which also have good accommodation facilities.

**■ How fruitful was your participation at IMT 2018?**

Our participation at the India Travel Mart gave us an opportunity to interact with the foreign tour operators directly to understand their demands and requirements. We have a lot to offer to the inbound tourists. Many countries have shown interest including the US, UK, Israel, Lithuania and Ukraine among others.



# REDS MAINTAIN UNBEATEN RUN

Klopp's men beat PSG 3-2 at Anfield, Atletico and Dortmund win as Napoli play draw

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool left it late but showed Paris Saint-Germain have plenty of work to do if they are to challenge for a first-ever Champions League title as Roberto Firmino struck a stoppage time winner in a 3-2 victory at Anfield on Tuesday.

Despite the late drama, victory was well deserved for last season's finalists who dominated throughout and bounced back from blowing a 2-0 first-half lead to take the early advantage in Group C.

Daniel Sturridge and a James Milner penalty put the hosts in command before Thomas Meunier reduced PSG's arrears.

Having kept Kylian Mbappe and the world's most expensive player Neymar quiet for almost the entire match, Liverpool seemed set to pay a heavy price for one poor pass by Mohamed Salah as Mbappe swept home seven minutes from time in front of a stunned Klopp.

But Firmino, who started on the bench due to an eye injury suffered against Tottenham on Saturday, had the final say as he twisted and turned before firing into the far corner to stretch Liverpool's perfect start to the season to six games.

"You can bring Bobby Firmino on and that helps a lot," said Klopp after the Brazilian celebrated by covering his injured left eye. "I loved his goal celebration."

PSG crumbled on their Champions League travels to Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Real Madrid in the past two seasons and their ability to challenge for the competition under new boss Thomas Tuchel was again questioned as they struggled to contain Liverpool's greater speed and power in midfield. "Never at any point did we lose our confidence. We played with bravery and strength," insisted Tuchel.

"But this is Anfield. This is what Liverpool do and when they press you it is difficult."

## STURRIDGE SHINES

Up front, Firmino's absence opened the door for Sturridge to make his first Champions League start for the club.

"It is great to contribute to the team today," said Sturridge. "It is a team here and everybody is going to add to the wealth of the club."

The Englishman has been dogged by injury and lack of form during Klopp's nearly three years in charge, but took his chance on the big stage by powering home a pinpoint curling cross from Andy Robertson to open the scoring on the half-hour mark.

"I told him this is the best shape



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp hugs Roberto Firmino after game against PSG

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(you are in) since I know you physically, and you have to use that," said Klopp. "He played a super game, (scored a) super goal."

Six minutes later, PSG's deficit was doubled when Juan Bernat tripped Georginio Wijnaldum inside the area and Milner slammed the resulting penalty into the bottom corner.

However, the visitors were handed a lifeline through right-back Meunier, rather than one of their famed front three, as the Belgian skillfully readjusted to volley home Robertson's miscued clearance.

And then Seven minutes from time, Salah's slack pass was intercepted and quickly fed into Neymar,

with Van Dijk's tackle on the Brazilian only rebounding into the path of Mbappe to fire home.

Klopp responded by replacing Salah with Xherdan Shaqiri as Liverpool instantly went in search of a winner.

Trent Alexander-Arnold's deflected free-kick came back off the woodwork before they finally got their reward when Firmino powered home.

## RED STAR FRUSTRATE NAPOLI

**BELGRADE:** Former European Cup winners Red Star Belgrade held Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli to a creditable 0-0 draw Tuesday as the Serbian club made their debut in the Champions League group stage.



Brugge goalkeeper Karlo Leticia, right, makes a save during the game against Dortmund

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Lorenzo Insigne rattled the crossbar in the first half for Napoli, while Red Star defender Milan Rodic made a vital goal-line clearance to deny Jose Callejon in the Group C encounter.

Home goalkeeper Milan Borjan also produced a sharp stop to keep out an effort from Poland international Arkadiusz Milik, as Red Star were restricted to a late attempt from Richmond Boakye.

"We didn't do much wrong, we controlled the game but the finishing was lacking," said Ancelotti, who took over at Napoli in the summer.

"It's difficult to play against a defence like that of Red Star. Our forwards were alone in front of the goalkeeper several times but we didn't have that bit of luck. I think we could have won."

## ATLETICO UNDO MONACO

**MONACO:** Atletico Madrid came from behind to beat Monaco 2-1 in their Champions League Group A opener on Tuesday with star strikers Diego Costa and Antoine Griezmann detonating the fightback.

The visitors had fallen behind against the run of play in the 18th minute when winger Samuel Grandis forced the ball home in a goalmouth scramble after good work from Radamel Falcao.

But Costa then ran onto a wonderful flick-on from Griezmann to fire a snap-shot low and hard past Monaco's onrushing Swiss stopper Diego Benaglio to level the scores on the half-hour.

Jose Maria Gimenez — remembered for crying on the pitch when France beat Uruguay 2-0 in the World Cup quarter-finals in Russia — then headed home a corner in first-half stoppage-time to take the wind out of Monaco's sails at a key moment.

"It's always difficult to win the first match of the Champions League away from home," said Atletico coach Diego Simeone.

"Griezmann is growing every game. He's a decisive player. He did well in the right moments and his link-up with Costa was good."

## PULISIC SEALS WIN AT BRUGGE

**BRUGGE:** Christian Pulisic celebrated his 20th birthday in style on Tuesday with a lucky late goal as Borussia Dortmund won 1-0 at Club Brugge in the Champions League.

The US international claimed the winner in fortuitous fashion by charging down a clearance from Brugge defender Matej Mitrovic which looped over the goalkeeper on 85 minutes.

It was a huge slice of good fortune but one that ended Dortmund's 10-match winless streak in the Champions League.

"In the end we won, but there is definitely room for improvement," admitted Dortmund captain Marco Reus. We have to keep working hard to play better."

"Currently, we are not playing the kind of football we want to, but we are winning and we'll take that."

While Pulisic spared Dortmund's blushes in Belgium on his 100th appearance for the club, it was a bad night for Mario Goetze.



Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring against PSV in Champions League

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# Messi nets three, Inter shock Spurs

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi pictures the Champions League ending with him hoisting the trophy and it began with him scoring a hat-trick on Tuesday as Barcelona put four goals past PSV Eindhoven.

An early kick-off at Camp Nou meant that before most of the tournament's teams had even named their line-ups, Messi was up and running, his sumptuous free-kick from the edge of the area nestling in the top corner, exactly where it was intended.

Messi would have his second and third before the end, and a record eighth Champions League treble, but the game was up by then thanks to a superb strike from the excellent Ousmane Dembele.

Only when Barca were three ahead was Samuel Umtiti sent off for a second yellow card, meaning he will miss the trip to Wembley to face Tottenham next month. Even with 10 men, Messi completed his set for a 4-0 win.

Dembele's goal was worthy of deciding any match but this was Messi's night. After a miserable World Cup trying to retrieve the irretrievable Argentina, Barcelona's now-captain proved his quality again to any doubters that are left.

Four goals already in La Liga, seven overall, neither age nor Cristiano Ronaldo's exit from Spain appear to have taken the edge off.

"Normally if you score a hat-trick you frame it," said Barca coach Ernesto Valverde. "But he makes the extraordinary routine."

Even if Messi remains as good as ever, his team will need others to step up. Philippe Coutinho was impressive here and, after a difficult debut campaign, Dembele is finding his rhythm, and his place.

"Just as there is room for players that pass, there must be others that can make things happen," Valverde said.



## ICARDI SPARKS INTER'S COMEBACK

**MILAN:** A stunning Mauro Icardi volley sparked a thrilling late Inter Milan comeback as the Italian side beat Tottenham 2-1 on their return to the Champions League after a seven-year absence on Tuesday.

Christian Eriksen's deflected strike gave Spurs a 53rd-minute lead at the San Siro, and the visitors looked comfortable for much of the second half.

But Argentinian striker Icardi hammered home a magnificent volley in the 86th minute to draw Inter level, and Matias Vecino took advantage of some slack Tottenham defending at a corner to nod in a dramatic injury-time winner.

"It was a spectacular evening, we did what we needed to do," said Icardi after his first goal of the season on his CL debut.

"This is exactly what the fans want to see," said Inter coach Luciano Spalletti. Icardi scored a magnificent goal. The team had a great game and really went for it in the end."



Indian women players celebrates after win

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# Indian Eves beat Pak 4-0

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian football team produced an impressive performance to beat Pakistan 4-0 in an AFC U-16 Women's Championship Qualifier match in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, on Wednesday.

Avika Singh (22nd minute) opened the scoring for India before the Pakistani goalie Aysha (43rd) conceded an own goal just before half time.

Sunita Munda (82nd) added one while skipper Shilky Devi (88th) also entered her named in the score sheet.

Following the win, the Indian team is firmly seated at the top of the Group B with six points from two matches.

Sunita, Shilky and Avika combined well to wreak havoc in the opposition defence but the Pakistani defenders soaked the pressure until the 22nd minute when Avika notched up the opening goal for India.

Sunita breezed past the left-back to deliver a low cross for Avika whose well-timed tap-in earned India the lead.

Pakistan were happy to sit back in their own half and defend. Goalkeeper Aysha made some fine saves but she ended up conceding a goal in the 43rd minute to hand India a 2-0 lead.

The third goal came in the 82nd minute when Sunita, the architect of Avika's goal, got her name on the score sheet. Six minutes later, skipper Shilky latched on another attack from the middle and kept her calm to score the fourth goal of the game.

India next play hosts Mongolia on September 21.

# NKFI launches Indo Int'l Premier League

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The New Kabaddi Federation of India (NKFI) on Wednesday launched the Indo International Premier Kabaddi League beginning on January 26.

With a winner's cheque of 1.25 crore, the league will see over 1000 players, both domestic and International players, competing as part of eight franchises.

There is a pool of 823 Indian players, that includes 271 state level players, 137 national and International level, 84 International registered players with NKF. The player draft will take place on January 5.

The league will feature eight teams in the inaugural edition with each franchise allowed to have 2 to 3 Int'l players. The format is one of double round robin, the league stage will consist of 62 matches over a period of one and a half months, the top 4 teams will qualify for the playoffs.

Interestingly, the federation also decided to distribute 20 per cent of the annual profits from the league to the participating players.

"We are overwhelmed to launch the Indo International Premier Kabaddi League in India. This will be the first league featuring the best of Indian and International players from across the world," General Secretary, NKF, MV Prasad Babu said.

"The purpose of the league is to give a fair chance to all players, to encourage competition which will benefit federations and players. We are providing 20 per cent of the profit to players and 50 per cent to the state federation for the development of the game."

The selection trial will start from October 6 across the country for two months.

The league is a big step for The New Kabaddi Federation (NKFI), which was formed in May last year. The body is yet to be recognised by the International Kabaddi Federation, which is under the aegis of Olympic Council of Asia.

At loggers head with Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI), NKFI had alleged rampant malpractices in the selection process of the Indian teams for Asian Games.

set with a pair of thundering aces.

A dazed Cibulkova had no answer to Osaka's firepower as the world number seven wrapped up a comfortable victory with a ferocious cross-court backhand after just 59 minutes.

"I didn't really feel any pressure. It was really difficult because she's such a great player but I just thought it was more fun," she said.

"My serve was really good," added Japan's latest sporting celebrity. I'm just grateful to be able to play here again.

Earlier, sixth seed Garbine Muguruza was upset by American qualifier Alison Riske 6-1, 6-2 in an

# Srikanth, Ashwini-Satwik start with win

PTI ■ CHANGZHOU

Indian mixed doubles pairing of ISatwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa on Wednesday shocked Commonwealth Games Silver medallists England's Marcus Ellis and Lauren Smith to enter the pre-quarterfinals of the \$ 1 million China Open here.

World No 25 Satwiksairaj and Ashwini, who had lost twice to the English combination in the past, executed their plan well to notch up a 21-13, 20-22, 21-17 win in a match that lasted an hour and three minutes.

"It was a good match. We were pretty confident today at crucial moments. We stuck to our plans so it became a little easy in the end," Satwik said.

Seventh seed K Srikanth, who had reached the quarterfinals last week at Japan Open, too was through to the pre-quarterfinals after beating Denmark's Rasmus Gemke 21-9, 21-19 to set up a meeting with Thailand's Suppanyu Avihingsanon. However, H S Prannoy lost his first round match against eighth seed Ng Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong 16-21, 12-21 to make an early exit from the tournament.

The men's doubles pair of Satwik



Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth plays a shot during World Championship

PTI/File Picture

## BAI DISTRIBUTES 1.6 CRORE TO STATE ASSOCIATION

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has distributed cash incentive of ₹ 1.6 crores to the member state associations for development of the sport across the country. The decision was taken on Monday during the Executive Council (EC) meeting, presided over by BAI President Himanta Biswa Sarma.

The cash incentives will be

distributed among the 32 state associations with each receiving a sum of ₹ 5 lakh for the development and promotion of the sport in the grassroots level.

"This financial assistance to state associations is the beginning of our vision of making all states self-sustaining in the longer run. It will help them promote and develop badminton in their region more assiduously," Sarma said.

and Chirag Shetty, who had won a Silver at the Commonwealth Games, also lost 19-21, 20-22 to Goh V Shem and Tan Wee Kiong of Malaysia.

CWG Bronze medallists Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy also went down 10-21, 18-21 to Korean combination of Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong in women's doubles.

The mixed doubles match turned out to be a hard-fought battle right from the start as the Indian and English pair moved together till 4-4. Satwik and Ashwini then reeled off four points to open up a 8-4 lead. From there on, the duo kept its distance to grab the opening game without much ado.

In the second game, Marcus and Lauren jumped to a 6-1 lead before grabbing a 6 advantage at the break. The Indian pair however slowly fought its way to level at 20-20 but the English combination produced the required two points to stay in the contest.

In the decider, Satwik and Ashwin stepped up and surged to a 7-1 advantage. The duo led 11-5 at the breather. After the break, Marcus and Lauren managed to narrow the gap to 13-15 but the Indian duo marched ahead to 18-13 and eventually sealed the match.

"The first set was in my hands but I made some stupid mistakes," said Pliskova, who ended Gavrilova's resistance with a clever drop volley after two hours and 21 minutes.

"I tried to stay positive and even though I broke my racquet I tried to keep fighting because you always have a chance."

Second seed Caroline Garcia flirted with an early exit as the Frenchwoman overcame Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 to reach the last eight of the prestigious Tokyo event, whose list of former champions includes Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf, Kimiko Date and Martina Hingis.

bject performance from the Spanish former world number one, who looked a shadow of the player who captured the 2016 French Open and 2017 Wimbledon titles.

Riske advances to face fourth seed Karolina Pliskova, another player to have previously held the women's top ranking.

The Czech recovered from a set down to beat Australia's Daria Gavrilova 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 and avenge her opponent's defeat of twin sister Kristyna earlier this week.

But she made hard work of it, trashing a racquet in frustration as she slipped behind 4-1 in the deciding set before clawing her way back.



Naomi Osaka plays against Dominika Cibulkova during the second round match

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# BHUVI, JADHAV SKITTLE PAK

Kumar, Kedar pick three wickets each to restrict Pakistan to 162 runs in Asia Cup clash

PTI ■ DUBAI

Bhuvneshwar Kumar's tidy seam bowling was complemented by Kedar Jadhav's unconventional off-breaks as India skittled out Pakistan for a modest 162 in 43.1 overs in an Asia Cup group league encounter Wednesday.

While chasing the target of 163 runs to win, India was batting at 92 for 1 in 14.1 overs.

Skipper Rohit Sharma smashed 52 runs of 39 balls before getting dismissed by Shadab Khan.

Earlier, Bhuvneshwar (3/15 in 7 overs) provided initial breakthroughs, Jadhav, making a comeback to the national team, bowled with control to return with exceptional figures of 3 for 23 in 9 overs to break the backbone of the Pakistani lower middle-order.

Jasprit Bumrah (2/23 in 7.1 overs) and chinaman Kuldeep Yadav (1/37 in 8 overs) also accomplished their task to perfection.

Jadhav's performance is even more laudable as he did the job of a frontline spinner after Hardik Pandya (0/24 in 4.5 overs) was stretched off the field due to an acute lower back injury.

This was after young Babar Azam (47) and veteran Shoaib Malik (43) added 82 runs for the third wicket and looked like taking control of the proceedings.

However, Pakistan suffered a batting collapse losing five wickets for 36 runs before Faheem Ashraf (21) and Mohammed Aamir (16) added an invaluable 37 runs for the eighth wicket to take the total past 150-run mark.

Put into bat, Pakistan were in trouble straight away as Bhuvneshwar dealt a twin blow removing the in-form duo of Imam-ul-Haq (2) and Fakhar Zaman (0) to reduce them to 2 for 3.

Imam charged to a short of length delivery that climbed on him and the thickish outside edge was taken by Dhoni. Zaman, India's tormentor in the Champions Trophy, mistimed a pull-shot and Yuzvendra



Bhuvneshwar Kumar, left, celebrates after dismissing Imam-ul-Haq during the Asia Cup match between India and Pakistan; Kedar Jadhav celebrates after Shoaib Malik's runout

Chahal took a well-judged catch.

Babar and Malik then resurrected the innings with a fine partnership. The half-volleys on both sides of the wicket were driven with ferocity.

Malik, who is a good player of spin bowling, gave Kuldeep Yadav the charge to hit him for a six and rotated the strike well.

In fact, Malik was dropped off Pandya's bowling, whose agonies increased when he had to leave the field.

Babar failed to read Kuldeep's googly as it clipped his off-bail. From 85 for 2, it soon became 100 for five as Pakistan lost wickets in

## HARDIK SUSTAINS BACK INJURY



DUBAI: India all-rounder Hardik Pandya was Wednesday stretchered off the field during the Asia Cup group league encounter against Pakistan after sustaining an "acute lower back injury". The incident took place in the 18th over of the Pakistan innings when the all-rounder was bowling his fifth over. It was the fifth delivery and Pandya, after completing the follow through, immediately felt his lower back and lay on the ground in considerable pain. He was unable to get up and was stretchered off and was taken for medical examination.

"Hardik Pandya has an acute lower back injury. He is able to stand at the moment and the medical team is assessing him now. Manish Pandey is on the field as his substitute," BCCI's media team updated. Pandya's figures were 4.5-0-24-0 after Babar Azam's catch was dropped by Mahendra Singh Dhoni when the batsman was on 32.

Azam however was later dismissed by Kuldeep Yadav. PTI

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a heap. Sarfraz Ahmed (6) was dismissed by Jadhav as substitute fielder Manish Pandey took a blinder at long-on.

The Pakistani batsmen found it extremely difficult to read Jadhav's round arm action as he bowled straight and wide. Asif Ali was caught behind and then Malik was run-out by a direct throw from Ambati Rayudu.

Shadab Khan (8) was stumped by Dhoni as he became Yadav's third victim of the match.

Faheem and Aamir did try their bit as Pakistan crossed the 150-run mark before Bhuvneshwar and Bumrah wrapped up the tail in the 44th over.



Hardik Pandya celebrates after taking wicket during fourth Test against England

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## Klusener backs Hardik to match Stokes status

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A game-changer in his hey-days, South African all-rounder Lance Klusener foresees India's Hardik Pandya closing in on someone like Ben Stokes if the team management can be "patient" with him for the next two years at least.

"Among current all-rounders in world cricket, Ben Stokes is right up there. There are a few who have come and gone in recent times as well but certainly, a guy like Pandya, give him a year or two at this level, there is no reason why he can't be one of the best all-rounders out there," Klusener said.

Klusener, who is in the city as senior Delhi team's consultant coach for the Vijay Hazare Trophy, spoke about Pandya's all-round abilities which have come under the scanner after his largely disappointing show in England.

"I think we must be careful while making comparisons. Everybody wants to compare Hardik to the great Kapil Dev. Hardik is his own cricketer. Of course, he has got some learning to do. I guess Hardik's success will be based on how much he is able to learn," Klusener said.

The 1999 World Cup player of the tournament said Pandya has a fine support system to hone him.

"I think he is in great hands in that Indian set-up. I think people just need to be a bit patient more patient with him. I hope he is allowed to grow and develop," said Klusener.

For someone, who boasts of a highest score of 174 and bowling figures of 8/64 in Test cricket, Klusener feels that it's a seam bowling all-rounder, who makes the difference in

a good team.

"For me, the glue for any team is the seam bowling all-rounder because it gives you a lot more options. I think India have got the right man. It's just that how he grows and develops himself. It's easy to criticise but international cricket is tough out there.

"I think Hardik should be given space and allowed to grow. He is going to be that glue for India for a long time," the 47-year-old said.

Klusener is confident that in another two years, Pandya will be ready in the next two years if he can work on his weaknesses.

Pandya scored 164 runs in eight innings in England and critics felt that at times he trusted his defensive technique too much.

Klusener thinks that someone with natural ability to hit the ball should always try and play his natural game unless he batting with someone of Virat Kohli's calibre at the other end.

"His defensive technique needs a little bit of work but he is a natural striker of the ball. That needs to be encouraged. We have seen faster scoring by Stokes at the bottom of the line-up. That makes a big difference.

"Maybe Hardik needs to have the technique to defend when someone like Virat Kohli is batting at the other end. I am sure the Indian support staff have identified that weakness. The longer he plays, the longer he will be in that set-up and realise what a great talent he is," Klusener said.

"And you can only take advantage of that great talent, if you give yourself opportunity to get in (get set). That's one area he needs to play a little bit of attention."

## SINGLES

### NADAL TO MISS ASIAN TOURNEYS

BARCELONA: World number one Rafael Nadal has announced his withdrawal from upcoming tournaments in Beijing and Shanghai due to the right knee injury that forced him to retire from the US Open earlier this month. Nadal had to pull out during his semi-final against Juan Martin del Potro in New York and also missed Spain's Davis Cup defeat by France last weekend. The 32-year-old said he visited doctors in Barcelona on Monday and has subsequently made the decision to play neither the ATP 500 event in Beijing nor the Masters 1000 in Shanghai. "While the annoyances on my knee are nothing new, we have decided together with my medical and technical team not to participate in the Asian tour to recover the knee the way we have always done," Nadal said on Wednesday. "I'm sorry I can't be with all the fans in China and with the organisers of the Beijing and Shanghai tournaments that have always had a great relationship with me and my team."

### BHULLAR EYES SUCCESS IN JAPAN

TOKYO: India's Gaganjeet Bhullar will be eyeing his maiden success in Japan when he tees off at the Asia-Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup which begins here on Thursday. Bhullar, who has had eight Top-10s this season including a win in Fiji, is hoping to get his 10th Asian Tour win as he hopes to build on his fine form at the \$1.35 million event sanctioned by the Asian Tour and Japan Golf Tour Organization. Other Indians in the field include Rashid Khan, who was 15th last week in South Korea; Ajeetesh Sandhu, whose only Asian Tour win has come in Japan; Chiragh Kumar; Rahil Gangjee, who earlier in the season won in Japan; Take Solutions champion Viraj Madappa; Shiv Kapur; Arjun Atwal, the Asia captain at 2018 EurAsia Cup and amateur Jay Pandya. The 30-year-old Bhullar will be among the top contenders which include Scott Hend of Australia, Shugo Imahira, ranked 86th on the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR).

### HI ANNOUNCES JOHAR CUP SQUAD

NEW DELHI: Hockey India on Wednesday named an 18-member junior men's team for the upcoming Sultan of Johor Cup to be held in Malaysia from October 6-13. The Indian team is scheduled to play five round-robin matches against Malaysia, New Zealand, Japan, Australia and Great Britain. It will play its opening match against host Malaysia on October 6. The top two teams at the end of the round-robin matches will face each other in the final on October 13 whereas the remaining four teams will play classification matches. The tournament will be played in Johor Bahru. The team will be captained by Mandeep Mor, while Shilanand Lakra will shoulder the duties of vice-captain.

### BHANWAL WINS SILVER AT WORLD C'SHIP

NEW DELHI: Sajjan Bhanwal became the first Indian to win back-to-back medals at the Junior World Wrestling Championship after he secured a Silver in the 77kg Greco Roman category in Trnava, Slovakia. Islam Opiev of Russia proved to be too good for the 20-year-old from a village near Sonipat, winning the bout through technical superiority. The scoreline was 8-0. With Sajjan down, Opiev went to work, scoring six additional points from a pair of back-arches, followed by a feet over back exposure to take the 7-0 lead. The action was blown dead, and both wrestlers were brought up to their feet. In the standing position, Opiev charged Sajjan near the edge of the mat and picked up the match-ending eighth point, and the 77kg Gold medal, the report added.

Agencies

## RODRIGUES SHINES IN 1ST T20

PTI ■ KATUNAYAKE

Jemimah Rodrigues and Poonam Yadav produced special performances to fire India to a 13-run win over Sri Lanka in the first T20 International of the five-match series here Wednesday.

Teenager Rodrigues smashed 36 off 15 balls in a whirlwind innings that saw her becoming the first Indian woman to hit three sixes in an over.

The 18-year-old alongside wicketkeeper Taniya Bhatia (46 off 35) and Anuja Patil (36 off 29) powered India to 168 for eight in 20 overs.

Sri Lanka made a flying start in the chase through Yasoda Mendis (32 off 12) and Chamari Atapattu (27 off 22), racing to 39 in 2.5 overs before the former was dismissed by Arundhati Reddy.

Sri Lanka remained in the hunt until leg-spinner Yadav's consistent breakthroughs took the game away from them as they were 155 all out in 19.3 overs. The 27-year-old from Agra ended with figures of four for



Poonam Yadav celebrates after taking wicket

26 in four overs.

Radha Yadav and Harmanpreet Kaur too chipped in with the ball, taking two wickets each. Eshani Lokusuriyage top-scored for Sri Lanka with 45 off 31 balls but her spirited effort did not prove to be enough in the end.

The second T20 will be played in Colombo on Friday.

### BREIF SCORES

India: 168/8 in 20 overs (Tanya Bhatia 46, Jemimah Rodrigues 36) Sri Lanka: 155/10 (Poonam Yadav 4/26)

## I was never out of form: Dhawan

PTI ■ DUBAI

Runs weren't exactly flowing from his bat before the hundred in the Asia Cup opener against Hong Kong, but Indian batsman Shikhar Dhawan claims that he was never out of form.

Dhawan scored 127 against Hong Kong on Tuesday night as India won by 26 runs to make a winning start in the tournament.

"It wasn't a question of form, I was batting well but wasn't getting runs. Great to get runs also," the opener said after notching up his 14th ODI hundred.

Dhawan did not get a single half century in his last eight innings, during the Test series against England. His recent ODI form was also all about good starts which he failed to convert into big knocks.

The win over Hong Kong was a rather hard-fought win for one of the tournament favourites and once again questions were raised about the Indian middle-order's frailties,



Shikhar Dhawan celebrates after scoring century against Hong Kong

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which were thoroughly exposed in the recent tour of England as well.

Dhawan defended his teammates.

"We have won so many series in the last four years and we have also lost some. We are humans. The concern should not be such that everything else, all the good results are forgotten," he said.

"Some failures should not

overshadow all the wins. Just look at (Ambati) Rayudu, he was so good, and he was playing after such a long time. So, it's good," he added referring to Rayudu's 60-run knock in India's total of 285/7.

What Dhawan could not explain was India letting Hong Kong put on an opening partnership of 174 with Nizakat Khan (92) and rival skipper Anshuman Rath (73) managing

to frustrate the more fancied team.

"We didn't expect for them to score 170-run partnership but they played well. We could have been more consistent in our bowling but we have to give credit to their batsmen, the openers played well. They were calculative, have to appreciate that," he said.

"There wasn't much swing or seam in the wicket and our bowlers were coming after a break. It takes time to get into the rhythm as well. Bhuv (Bhuvneshwar Kumar) was coming back after a break and Shardul (Thakur) hadn't played much in England," he reasoned.

On whether the possibility of an embarrassing loss ever struck the team management on Tuesday, Dhawan said that was never the case.

"...We knew that once we get the top-order, we can come back into the game. They gave a decent fight. It's always good to learn from every match," he said.

## Shaw, Mavi shine in Vijay Hazare

PTI ■ ALUR

Prithvi Shaw, skipper Ajinkya Rahane and Shreyas Iyer struck timely half centuries as Mumbai thrashed Baroda by nine wickets in both the teams' opening game of Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Wednesday.

The two teams are placed in Elite Group A for the National One Day Championships that kicked off at multiple venues.

Opting to bat, Baroda were bundled out for a modest 238 in 49.5 overs with all-rounder Krunal Pandya top-scoring with 85 (8 fours and 2 sixes).

Such was the dominance of Mumbai's top order that they chased the target without much fuss in just 41.3 overs.

Shaw (98), who missed a deserving hundred by a whisker, and Rahane (79 not out) conjured a 137-run first wicket stand.

Rahane, who was struggling in the Test series in England, was back among runs.



Mumbai opening batsman Prithvi Shaw in a file picture

After Shaw departed, the India Test vice-captain in the company of Shreyas Iyer (56 not out) made opposition bowlers toil as the two took their side home.

While Rahane struck six boundaries and a six, Shaw laced his innings with 12 boundaries and

five sixes.

Iyer, who was ignored for the ongoing Asia Cup, smashed five fours and two hits over the fence.

Earlier, experienced Mumbai pacer Dhawal Kulkarni returned with figures of 4-39 and was ably aided by Vijay Gohil (2-20).

### MAVI'S HAT-TRICK IN VAIN

Sheldon Jackson struck his sixth List A hundred, overshadowing Shivam Mavi's hat-trick on his Uttar Pradesh debut to guide Saurashtra to a 25-run win in a Group B match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy on Wednesday.

Jackson (107 off 108 balls) and Robin Uthappa (97 off 110) put up a mammoth 194-run opening stand to set the foundation for Saurashtra's 303 for nine in 50 overs.

Test specialists Cheteshwar Pujara (31) and Ravindra Jadeja (14) didn't score too many runs.

Mavi, who ended up leaking 73 runs in 10 overs, fought back towards the end of the innings to remove Chirag Jani, Arpit Vasavada and Jaydev Unadkat in three balls to mark a memorable List A debut.

In the end, Mavi's five-wicket haul was not enough as Uttar Pradesh fell short of the target to end at 278 all in 49.1 overs.

## Eng recall Stokes, Hales for SL tour

AFF ■ LONDON

Ben Stokes and Alex Hales were named in England's one-day squad to tour Sri Lanka on Wednesday despite being charged with bringing cricket into disrepute.

The pair face a disciplinary panel hearing in London in December following a brawl outside a nightclub in the southwestern city of Bristol in September 2017.

Stokes, 27, was last month cleared of affray following a seven-day trial related to the incident. Hales, 29, was with his England teammates during the altercation but was not charged.

Warwickshire fast bowler Olly Stone, 24, has been called into the 16-man squad for the first time as a replacement for Yorkshire's Liam Plunkett.

Plunkett, who is getting married, will be available again for the last two ODIs of the five-



Ben Stokes, Alex Hales in a file photo

match series. Stone, who has struggled with injury problems in recent years, has impressed selectors with his consistent performances this season.

The first ODI takes place in Dambulla on October 10.

### ENGLAND SQUAD

Eoin Morgan (capt), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler (wkt), Sam Curran, Tom Curran, Liam Dawson, Alex Hales, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, Olly Stone, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.