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RAIN BATTERS NORTH INDIA

11 die, 8 in HP; red alert in Punjab as Pong dam to release excess water

PNS ■ SHIMLA/CHANDIGARH

Heavy rain and flash floods in the north India have killed at least 11 people, including eight in Himachal Pradesh, even as the a "high alert" has been sounded in Punjab, which is bracing for inundation as flood gates of Pong Dam in HP's Kangra district may be opened on Monday night as the water level is running above the danger mark.

The situation in Haryana too is grim with rivers overflowing and Government issuing advisory to the people not to venture near water bodies, rivers or canals.

Schools in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have been closed for Tuesday fearing more rain in the States. While three people were washed away in Beas near Manali after their vehicle fell into the river, two other people were washed away in Parbati river in Manikaran valley on Sunday midnight. A bus and a truck were washed away in the swelling Beas river in Kullu district. Several houses were also swept away in flash floods as the Beas is flowing at a dangerous level. Later in the day, the Himachal Cabinet reviewed the losses, rehabilitation and rescue operations.

In the Cabinet meeting, held in Shimla under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, it was informed that 120 stranded persons were rescued from Koksar in Lahaul-Spiti, 23 from Marhi and 31 from Rohtang (Kullu).



A swollen Beas river in Kullu district on Monday

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Apart from it, 33 persons stranded at Phojal in Kullu were also rescued. Out of these, 21 persons were rescued by Air Force and 14 persons were rescued by other means.

As many as 45 vehicles were retrieved from Koksar in Lahaul-Spiti.

Similarly, 600 students and teachers were shifted from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Chamba and 100 students from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Mehla in Chamba district. In addition to this, three families of Rakh in Chamba district were also shifted to PWD Rest House. The Cabinet was also

apprised that 12 tourists from Sikkim State have been evacuated from Keylong in Lahaul-Spiti to a Hotel at Keylong.

Meanwhile, against the backdrop of incessant rain in the catchment areas of the Beas river, the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) issued an advisory to Punjab ahead of releasing "excess" water from the Pong dam. The BBMB authorities said they have been constantly monitoring the water-level situation.

Heavy rain led to landslides which blocked the roads to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Yamunotri, affecting the Chardham Yatra in

Uttarakhand.

"Due to high pattern inflow in the Pong reservoir and considering forecast of heavy rain in the Beas catchment area, excess water from the Pong dam can be released. All necessary steps be taken by all concerned to avoid any damage or loss of life and property in the downstream areas," said the BBMB advisory.

BBMB Chairman DK Sharma apprised Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh about water-level situation in Bhakra and Pong dams on Monday. The chief minister Monday called an emergency

meeting to review arrangements in the wake of incessant rain. Capt Amarinder also ordered a special girdawari (survey) to assess possible crop damage. Chairing an emergency meeting to assess the situation arising out of continuous rain, he announced a special girdawari for assessing crop damage due to heavy rain.

He asked the Financial Commissioner Revenue (FCR) to issue detailed guidelines to the Deputy Commissioners for initiating the process of girdawari immediately after the water level recedes.

In Chandigarh, the iconic Sukhna Lake's water level crossed the danger mark of 1,163 feet and Chandigarh Administration opened two floodgates of the man-made water body. Before this, it was in the year 2008 when flood gates of the lake were opened after the water level had crossed 1,163 feet.

Delhi traffic in deep water

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Incessant rain coupled with intermittent heavy downpour crippled traffic many parts of the national Capital. Heavy rain caused waterlogging and traffic snarls on major intersections in the city. Detailed report on P2



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday dedicated Sikkim's first airport at Pakyong to the nation and said previous Governments worked in a slow pace for ushering in development. Modi said his Government is committed to make the Northeast an "engine of India's growth story". Greenfield airport in Sikkim will not just improve connectivity between "landlocked and bordering" Sikkim, but will also boost tourism and other economic activities in the State, said Modi. Initially flights will operate to Kolkata and Guwahati from Pakyong and subsequently it would be connected to other parts of the country

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Cong moves CVC for probe into Rafale deal

Rahul lying on jet price, UPA Govt cancelled deal after Vadra-linked firm was not picked as broker, alleges BJP

has hit back at Rahul and said he has been lying on the price of the fighter jet and there was a nexus between him and former French President Francois Hollande.

The BJP alleged Rahul is involved in a "conspiracy, internationally" and the former French President is part of the "nexus" to sabotage the Rafale deal.

While Defence Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman spoke about an "international dimension" to Rahul's attack on the PM over the deal and said Hollande's comments were not a coincidence, Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat alleging that the UPA Government had called off the multi-billion dollar deal after a private company linked to Robert Vadra was not chosen as a broker.



Senior Congress leaders Randeep Surjewala, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Jairam Ramesh, Ahmed Patel, Anand Sharma and others leave after a meeting with the CVC at Central Vigilance Commission in New Delhi on Monday

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French fishing boat port in storm for hurt Navy officer

Commander Abhilash Tomy on Golden Globe Race sustained spinal injury after his boat's mast fell in storm

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Navy officer Commander Abhilash Tomy, who was stranded in the Indian Ocean near Australia since Friday after his boat was damaged in a fierce storm, was rescued by a French fishing vessel Osiris on Monday.

Tomy had suffered grievous spinal injury in the mishap. He is conscious and will be shifted to an Australian frigate expected to reach the French boat soon.

Participating in the Golden Globe Race (GGR)-solo sailboat race around the world, the 39-year-old officer's boat Thuriya was damaged in a storm as the main mast of the vessel was ripped off by nearly 15-metre high waves, Navy spokesperson DK Sharma said here on Monday.

The mishap took place about 1,900 nautical miles from Perth, Australia.

Australian Rescue Coordination Centre at



French shipping vessel Osiris, which rescued Commander Abhilash Tomy of the Indian Navy

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Commander Abhilash Tomy

Canberra coordinated the rescue mission in cooperation with many agencies, including the Australian Defence

Department and the Indian Navy.

Tomy was in the third position in the race and sailed over 10,500 nautical miles in the last 84 days, since July 1 when the competition began. On Sunday, he managed to get in touch with the organisers of the race in France through messages and requested for help as he could not move on his own.

"We are expecting an Australian frigate to reach the Osiris soon and Tomy will be shifted to it. We will decide if we have to take him to Perth or Chennai," Sharma said.

Sensex down 537 pts in biggest single one day fall since Feb 6

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark BSE Sensex on Monday suffered its worst single-day loss in seven months, extending its fall for a fifth day due to a meltdown in banking and auto stocks on liquidity concerns and a rout in global markets.

The 30-share index tanked 536.58 points or 1.46 per cent to settle at a two-month low of 36,305.02, logging its biggest single-day loss since February 6 when it declined by 561.22 points.

This is the weakest closing since July 11 when it settled at

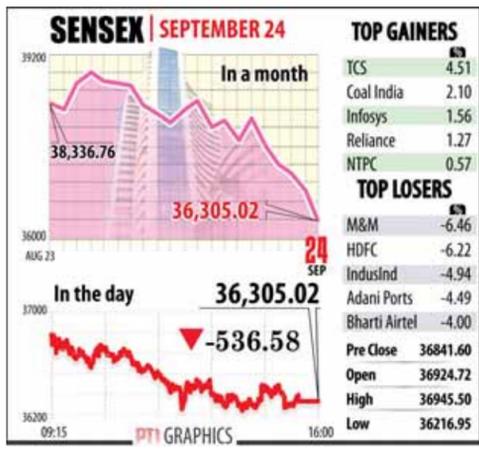
36,265.93.

The index dropped a total 1,785.62 points or more than 5 per cent in five sessions, wiping out ₹8.48 lakh crore of market wealth.

Factors like crude oil prices hitting a four-year high, liquidity concerns after defaults by IL&FS, the rupee retreating a low of 72.73 against the US dollar beset investors.

The broad-based Nifty of the National Stock Exchange crashed below the 11,000 mark, declining by 168.20 points or 1.51 per cent to end at 10,974.90.

Detailed report on P10



Andhra Pradesh tops Ease of Living Index

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Andhra Pradesh has topped the chart among States in terms of the "Ease of Living Index" rankings under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). Andhra Pradesh is followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

Andhra Pradesh has also outperformed 28 other States and seven Union Territories (UTs) to be the best in India for conducting business.

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in

June 2015, AMRUT aims at ensuring robust sewage networks, water supply and other infrastructure to improve the quality of life of people in urban areas.

Speaking at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the index will encourage all cities to move towards an "outcome-based" approach to urban planning and management, and promote healthy competition among cities.

Ibrahim Solih wins Maldives polls, Yameen concedes loss

AFP ■ COLOMBO

The strongman president of the Maldives on Monday conceded defeat in elections, easing fears of a fresh political crisis in the archipelago at the centre of a battle for influence between India and China.

"The Maldivian people have decided what they want. I have accepted the results," President Abdulla Yameen said in a televised address to the Indian Ocean nation a day after the joint Opposition candidate, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, unexpectedly triumphed. "Earlier today, I met with Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who the Maldivian electorate has chosen to be their next president. I have congratulated him," Yameen said.

There had been concerns at home and abroad that Yameen might not accept the outcome. He had borrowed hundreds of millions of dollars from China for an infrastructure blitz, to the alarm of the Maldives' traditional backer India.

At the last election in 2013, the Supreme Court annulled the result after Yameen trailed former president Mohamed Nasheed, giving Yameen time to forge alliances and win a second round of voting that was postponed twice.

Results from Sunday's election showed Yameen on 41.7 per cent of the vote, well behind Solih on 58.3 per cent.

Related report on P12

CAPSULE

AIR LAUNCHES FM STATION TO GAG PAK NEAR BORDER

New Delhi: In a bid to counter anti-India propaganda by Pakistan through its radio penetration, India on Monday launched an FM station for the border belt near Amritsar that can be heard 50 km into the Pakistani territory.

I LOVE INDIA, TRUMP TELLS SUSHMA SWARAJ

United Nations: External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Donald Trump exchanged pleasantries during a high-level event on counter-narcotics hosted by the US President at the United Nations on Monday. When Sushma told to the US President that she has brought greetings from PM Modi, Trump responded: "I love India, give my regards to my friend PM Modi".

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Tall claims of "Digital-India" have apparently fallen flat at Incredible India's "Paryatan Parv" organised in the heart of national capital's Rajpath Lawns by the Tourism Ministry, as many stalls showcasing the diversity of India and selling various indigenous products don't have the facility of digital or e-transaction and are accepting only cash as a mode of payment.

However, most of the visitors in the Parv were ready to purchase items using their debit or credit card.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision regarding 'cashless economy' seems to be a distant dream as in flagship of Paryatan Parv itself many of the stalls did not have the facility of e-payment. Joint Secretary, Ministry of



A carpet seller from Bhadohi in Uttar Pradesh at Paryatan Parv at Rajpath lawns in Delhi

Tourism, Suman Billa told The Pioneer, "We have advised everybody to have swipe machines," however, some of the TRIFED stalls and others do not have it. The swipe machines are linked with the bank accounts and it is on the part of shopkeepers to have

it and the Government doesn't make it available to them. "However we are working on the issue and it would be resolved soon."

Due to it many visitors who do not carry cash are facing the problem since the stalls don't have

the POS facility. He said it is not his shop alone but almost all shops of Uttar Pradesh do not have e-payment facility.

Similarly, stalls both of handicrafts and handlooms like DC Rajasthan, DC Odisha, DC Jammu & Kashmir, DC handicraft Delhi don't have the facility of POS payment due to which many buyers were left high and dry.

There were about 15 stalls of Tribes India organised with the help of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) while most of the stalls didn't have the swipe machine or the PoS while rest said they have the facility of e-payment through swipe machine.

HC directs company to start Delhi-Pantnagar-Dehradun heli service in 15 days



PNS ■ NAINITAL

The High Court of Uttarakhand has directed Deccan Aviation company to start Delhi-Pantnagar-Dehradun heli service within 15 days. The High Court also directed the State Government that if the company is unable to start the services within the given time, another company should be contracted to provide the service.

The division bench of acting Chief Justice Rajiv Sharma and justice Manoj Kumar

Tiwari issued these orders while hearing a public interest litigation filed by advocate Pankaj Miglani.

The petitioner had stated that there is no regular air service between Pantnagar and Dehradun.

The Central Government had kept Pantnagar airport out of the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme. In the absence of any direct service between Pantnagar and Dehradun, those in Pantnagar have to go via Delhi to reach Dehradun by air.

NH 74 scam accused appear in court, next date on October 9

PNS ■ NAINITAL

Eighteen accused in the national highway 74 scam including six suspended Provincial Civil Service officials, appeared in the court of district and sessions judge, special judge (Prevention of Corruption Act) Narendra Datt on Monday.

The charge sheet was to be heard on the day but the defence sought time. Agreeing to this request, the court set the next date of hearing in the case on October 9.

The main accused in the NH-74 land compensation scam, suspended PCS officer

DP Singh along with other suspended PCS officers Bhagat Singh Fonia, NS Naganyal, Anil Shukla, Amar Singh and Ganesh Prasad appeared in the court on Monday.

The other accused in the case including former Tehsildar, registrar Kanungo and farmers also appeared in the court. It is pertinent to mention here that for their alleged role in the ₹300 crore NH 74 scam, the State Government had recently suspended two Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers Pankaj Kumar Pandey and Chandresh Kumar Yadav.



Farmers vent anger over Centre's apathy

Many from Haridwar likely to throng Delhi on Oct 2

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

The Kisan Kranti Yatra kicked off from Haridwar by Bhartiya Kisan Union (Tikait group) on Sunday afternoon has evoked a good response among the farmers from Haridwar district. The rally would culminate at Kisan Ghat in Delhi on October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Given the enthusiasm shown by the farmers from the district, particularly those from the villagers under Laksar tehsil, the organisers hope that hundreds of farmers from here would participate in the maha Kishan rally in Delhi. As per the programme, the farmers who would gather there would serve a memorandum to the Centre, venting their grievances regarding the alleged apathy of the Narendra Modi Government towards the suffering of the farmers.

Thousands of farmers from across the country gathered in Haridwar on Sunday afternoon and took part in the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Tikait group)-organised Kisan Kranti



Yatra.

The farmers who participated in the rally alleged that Modi-led BJP Government had done nothing for the farmers over the past four years.

They said that the Centre working for the industrialists had landed the farmers in grave crisis.

One of them Raj Pal from Laksar said that reeling under mounting debt, the farmers are ending life. "Those who are feeding the nation are committing suicide to get relief from the burden of loans taken from banks and others. Yet, the Centre is sitting on our suffering. They have not yet framed any policy to cater to our interests, busy as they are to pander to the interests of the industrialists," he said.

Another farmer Nathu Singh of Bhagwanpur who has the distinction of participating in a number of Kisan move-

ments against the Centre and the State Government organised by the same Tikait group over the years said, "Things are really very grim for us. Seeds and cereals are being imported from foreign companies," he said.

He, further, said that the small farmers who constitute nearly two third of the Indian populace are terribly suffering thanks to the nonchalance of the Centre regarding their worsening plight. He said that thousands of peasants from Laksar tehsil and Haridwar district would march to Delhi to participate in the mega rally.

The common refrain among the farmers here is that the compensation due to the sugarcane growers is yet to be cleared and the Centre's Kisan Beema Yojna is meant to favour the insurance companies and not the farmers.

Speaking to *The Pioneer*,

gram pradhan Digamber Singh said, "We want our loans to be waived off by the Government as it has been done in Uttar Pradesh by the Chief Minister there."

Here, just assurances are being dished out and nothing is being done on the ground. Our demands are very much justified, given the crisis we are in.

Aside from the loan waiver, the farmers must be given free electricity and the Government's policy of putting old tractors out of use must be scrapped." He, further, said that the Kisan Kranti Yatra would prove a milestone as far as the future movements of the agriculturists are concerned.

Inter-state gang members caught with counterfeit currency



PNS ■ HALDWANI

Three members of an inter-State gang were nabbed by the Jaspur police with ₹94,000 in counterfeit notes. The police in Udhham Singh Nagar district acted on a tip off against the members of the gang said to be involved in introducing counterfeit currency in Indian markets.

The district's Additional Superintendent of Police Jagdish Chandra informed that the police arrested the trio handed when they were trying to use counterfeit currency in a liquor shop. A total of 47 counterfeit notes of ₹2,000 denomination were seized from the three accused.

He, further, informed that the gang in question is known to make counterfeit currency in Bihar and West Bengal and then introduce the same in bazaars.

The three accused arrested by the police have been identified as Kashipur resident Vikram, Sikandar Sahni from Bihar and Manish Vidhyasagar from Uttar Pradesh.

Workshop held on technology for tackling landslide

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Expressing concern over increasing dependence on engineering solutions and excessive use of cement and concrete for stabilising the slopes in the mountains, noted environmentalist Anil Prakash Joshi stressed on the importance of green technologies for landslide mitigation and prevention.

He was speaking as the special guest at a workshop on use of technology for reducing landslide induced losses organised jointly by the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority and Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre (DMMC). Disaster management secretary Amit Singh Negi presided over the workshop.

Joshi also stressed on the urgent need to focus on scientific disposal of huge quantities of debris generated during any construction work in the mountains, particularly in the construction of roads. He said that the debris so generated should be prevented from rolling down and reaching the river beds and reservoirs which according to him could jeopardise water security in the mountains.

He called upon the scientific community to devise means and tools of utilising the debris productively. This, he added would solve issues related to building material availability in the mountains and also help in protecting and conserving the environment. He further said that disasters mainly affect the poor and

marginalised people living in remote mountainous regions and not the well off people living in urban centres. Because of this the political leadership does not accord high priority to addressing disaster risk reduction related issues, he opined. Speaking on the occasion, the DMMC executive director Piyooosh Rautela said that despite landslides in the region being attributed to anthropogenic interventions, particularly by environmentalists, landslide is a normal landscape forming geomorphic process that is part and parcel of any mountainous terrain.

He said that the region has always been facing the fury of landslides and despite best efforts it is not possible to completely arrest this process. Despite landslide being a major concern for the states in the Himalayan region and the Ghats there is no institution that has the responsibility of studying these.

Scientists in some institutions are working on landslide related issues but this is not the sole responsibility of these institutions. The problem of landslides is therefore not being addressed holistically, observed Rautela. He expressed hope that the proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Steel and Mines materialises and the institute for addressing this important issue is created.

Geological Survey of India, Kolkata, director Pankaj Agarwal informed about the progress made under National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping project of GSI. He also informed about the initiative of

Landslide continues at Baliyanala as Nainital experiences another day of rain



PNS ■ NAINITAL

Even as rain caused a dip in temperature in Nainital, landslide occurred again below the GIC ground at Baliyanala on Monday. The residents of the area are living in fear with the landslide affected area expanding consistently. The Additional District Magistrate Harbir Singh and other officials inspected the affected

area and directed 26 families in the area to shift to the GIC out house. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate Abhishek Rohila and Patwari Amit Sah also reached the site and shifted seven of the families to the GIC out house. The SDM informed that the seven families were in immediate danger from the landslide. The process of shifting the remaining families is also underway. It is pertinent

to mention here that the landslide at Baliyanala is an old problem for which an effective solution has not been executed so far by the authorities concerned.

Locals state that if left untreated, it could threaten a larger part of the town and the Naini lake.

Meanwhile, rain, fog and wind kept most of the tourists and general public indoors on

the second consecutive day here. The level of water in the Naini lake also rose by one more inch. According to officials, the level of water in the lake was 11.65 feet on Sunday morning which rose to 11.90 feet on Monday. If the water level rises to 12 feet, water will be drained from the lake to bring down the level, according to irrigation department officials.

GSI whereby masses are being involved in rainfall monitoring

and generating warning and said that similar initiatives

would be taken up in Uttarakhand as well with the

support of DMMC and other stakeholders.

UKD to hold rallies against SC/ST Act from Sept 26



PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Uttarakhand Kranti Dal (UKD) president Diwakar Bhatt said that his party would stage rallies across the Haridwar district from September 26 to protest against the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Act.

He said that his party is for abrogation of the caste-based reservation. "The criteria for reservation should be the economic condition, irrespective of castes," he said while addressing the media persons here on Monday. It is clear that the regional party of the State would make the caste-based reservation the principal theme during its campaigning for the 2019 general election.

Taking pot-shots at the BJP-helmed Government at the Centre and in the State, Bhatt said that both have failed the people in fulfilling the promises they dished out to the people during the campaigning. "The people voted them to power in the Centre and the State with huge expectations. But it seems that they have trampled the mandate," he said. He, further, said that UKD would take rallies in all the 70 constituencies of the State from October 1 to mobilise the people on the issue of the BJP's unfulfilled promises. We would remind the people of how the saffron party has taken them for a ride," he said.

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Gandhian thought true GDP of India

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

During the 'Sadbhavana Conclave' held at Gandhi Ashram-the Harijan Sevak Sangh headquarters in Delhi, Chidanand Saraswati of Parmarth Niketan said that Gandhian thought was the real GDP of India today.

The meeting commemorated the anniversary of the historic Poona Pact which was firmed up following joint consultation between Mahatma Gandhi and Dr B R Ambedkar which was followed by the formation of Harijan Sevak Sangh on September 24, 1932.

Presiding over the conclave as the chief guest, Swami Chidanand said, "The real GDP of India is the Gandhian thought. "Gandhiji was of the view that the real change in the world can be brought about if those who champion change truly live the change. This is the culture that we need today, something that blends self-abnegation with social action.

Gandhian thought gives us the true direction and



this is all the more relevant today," he said.

On the occasion, he invited Harijan Sevak Sangh to partner with the Global

Interfaith WASH Alliance, Ganga Action Parivar and Parmarth Niketan for the Allahabad Kumbh Mela and the celebration of the 150

anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. "Over 150 million people are expected to gather for the mammoth summit which would propagate three

core principles espoused by Gandhiji: Safai (cleanliness), Sacchai (truthfulness) and Unchai (high thinking)," he said.

House adjourned sine die, Congress boycotts on Lokayukt

PNS ■ DEHRADUN
The monsoon session of Uttarakhand Assembly was adjourned sine die by the Speaker Prem Chand Agarwal on Monday. The notable feature of the day's proceeding is that the Congress MLAs stayed away from the House during the post-lunch session on the issue of Lokayukt. However, the House proceeded and after the day's business was conducted the Speaker adjourned it sine die.

Earlier, as the question hour commenced on the day the Congress members were on their feet, demanding work adjournment motion under section 310 for discussions on Lokayukt. Leading the charge, the leader of the Opposition, Indira Hridayesh said that the Government has been deliberately blocking the appointment of the Lokayukt. Besides the issue of Lokayukt, the Congress members Furkan Ahmed and Raj Kumar alleged that the Government officers are not picking up their phones despite the directives earlier issued by the Speaker to the Government on the same. The Speaker ruled out discussions under section 310, but he assured that the matter would be taken up under section 58 after the question hour was over.

Later, initiating debate on the issue, Indira Hridayesh said that the select committee of the House had submitted its report on Lokayukt. "But the

State Government has been sitting on the bill," she said. Participating in the debate, Kedarnath MLA Manoj Rawat said that the BJP had unleashed saints to raise the issue of Lokpal and Lokayukt while it was in the opposition. "But after being saddled in the seat of power, they are now conveniently dumping it into oblivion," he said.

The agitated Congress MLAs later stormed to the well of the House while sloganeering against the State Government. Amid the pandemonium, the State Urban Development Minister, Madan Kaushik tabled the 'Uttarakhand Urban Local Bodies Amendment Bill' in the House after which the Speaker suspended the proceedings for lunch.

The post-lunch session saw the Congress MLAs boycotting the proceedings on the issue of Lokayukt. Speaking to the media persons, Indira Hridayesh alleged that the State Government has been dithering on the appointment of Lokayukt because of the fear of being exposed for its involvement in a host of corruption cases. She demanded the State Government to promptly table the Lokayukt bill in the House and start the process of appointment of a Lokayukt in the State. Senior Congress leader Pritam Singh recalled the BJP's claim of bringing the Lokayukt bill in three months since it was elected to power.

During the post-lunch session, the House continued with

Speaker happy over smooth conduct of House

Dehradun: A total of six bills and two ordinances have been passed by the Uttarakhand Assembly during the Monsoon session. The Speaker Prem Chand Agarwal congratulated the members for ensuring smooth conduct of the House during the session. He said that the House functioned for 19 hours and 29 minutes in just four days. He, further, said that he received 110 notices for discussions under section 300 out of which 21 were taken up. The Speaker, further, informed that a total of 1020 questions were received by Vidhan Sabha secretariat and 60 starred questions were answered in the Assembly.

its business despite the absence of the Congress members. Raising the issue of connecting villages with population less than 250 with roads, BJP MLA Surendra Singh Jeena demanded relaxation in the norm of population for Uttarakhand. He also demanded that the Uttarakhand Government should waive off the loan of the farmers on the lines of what the Uttar Pradesh Government has done.

16 new dengue cases reported



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Dengue is witnessing a spurt with 16 new cases of the disease being reported by the district health authorities of Dehradun on Monday. The district vector-borne diseases officer Subhash Joshi said that six patients out of 16 cases reported on the day after Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) test are residents of Dehradun district while the remaining ten are from the districts of Tehri, Haridwar and Saharanpur.

He, further, said that the number of dengue-afflicted persons in Dehradun district this season has mounted up to 35 so far. Joshi claimed that the health department is on an alert mode on the disease and the ASHA workers are engaged in door to door survey for source reduction of Aedes mosquito, responsible for the dreaded disease.

He, further, said that the people should not allow water to collect at and near their homes to prevent breeding of the mosquito.

Joshi added that the Aedes, the vector of dengue, tending to bite during the day time, one should wear full-sleeved clothes to reduce the exposure to mosquito bite.

BJP MLAs Champion, Dhama accuse Minister of providing wrong information

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In tune with the earlier trend, the last day of the monsoon session saw some BJP MLAs tearing into the State Government on issues of public interest. The BJP MLA from Khanpur, Pranav Singh 'Champion' created flutter during the question hour when he charged the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prakash Pant with giving wrong information to the Assembly on the issue of Hepatitis C deaths.

The member questioned the correctness of the remark of the Minister made in response to his question that no death has occurred in Khanpur due to Hepatitis C. The MLA from Khanpur claimed that three persons have died of the disease.

He also appeared dissatisfied with the Minister's state-

ment that samples of 65 patients have been sent by the health department for RNA Genotype Confirmatory test to the National Communicable Diseases Prevention Centre, New Delhi.

He said that it was not required as Hepatitis C can be confirmed by Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay (ELISA) test available in the state.

Pant said that the Health Department had organised a camp for survey of Hepatitis C cases at Khanpur in Haridwar from August 25 to 28 during which blood samples of 249 patients had been tested for ELISA test out of which 65 were found positive. The Minister admitted that there is no facility for treatment of Hepatitis C in the Government hospitals based in the State. He, however, added that the Health

Champion's 'knowledge' triggers laughter

The House burst into peals of laughter when seemingly impressed by the knowledge of Khanpur MLA, Pranav Singh 'Champion' on Hepatitis C, the leader of the Opposition Indira Hridayesh suggested to the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prakash Pant to

make the MLA the Health Minister of the State. "You already have two Cabinet berths lying vacant. You had better appoint Champion as the Health Minister," she said, triggering laughter among the MLAs across the party spectrum. Notably, the sarcastic comment followed the

Department has sent a proposal to the Union Government for treatment of Hepatitis C in the State. Pant also told the House that the Government has included treatment of acute Hepatitis in 1350 packages under Atal

Ayushman Yojana. Pant found himself on the receiving end of criticism again when the BJP MLA Pushkar Singh Dhama termed the data presented by him on percentage of residents of Uttarakhand in the industrial units of SIID-

Khanpur MLA flaunting his knowledge of molecular biology while discussing the issue of Hepatitis C, something which amused all, particularly the Minister, who reminded the member that he was not knowledgeable enough on the matter with no Ph.D to his credit.

CUL as incorrect. The Minister had informed that in the 1295 active industrial units established in SIIDCUL, 70 percent of the workers are residents with Uttarakhand domicile.

Rejuvenated Congress corners Govt on health and education

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In an attempt to refurbish its image amidst criticism of being out-shadowed by the critically vociferous ruling party MLAs, the Congress MLAs raised the issue of the pathetic condition of the health services in the State with some vigour on the final day of Monsoon session of the State Assembly on Monday.

Raising the issue under Section 58 on the day, Congress MLA Manoj Rawat said that recent incidents of delivery on the floor and subsequent death

of a mother and her newborn baby in the Government Doon Medical College Hospital and the death of an unborn baby of a mentally challenged woman in the same hospital aside from similar cases in Srinagar, Bageshwar and Rudrapurag have revealed the rot set deep into the health services in the state.

Charging the Government for adhocism in recruitment of faculty in medical colleges of the State, Rawat said that Government Medical Colleges of Dehradun and Srinagar have 100 percent faculty members



on contract. He, further, said that a fleet of ambulances has remained parked in the office of DG health for the past several months. The leader of the Opposition Indira Hridayesh also raised the issue of absence of neuro-surgeon in Government medical college in Haldwani.

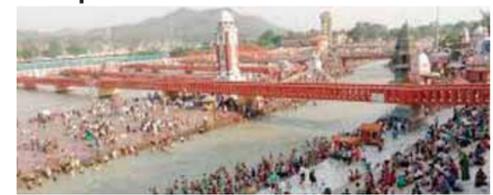
In his response, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prakash Pant said that the

female hospital of GDMC is facing an over-load of patients. He said that to expedite the process of recruitment of doctors and faculty members, the State Government has constituted a Medical Services Selection Board. Pant added that the process of recruiting 138 assistant professors in the Government medical colleges of the State has started.

Later in the day, Kedarnath

MLA Manoj Rawat during the discussion under section 300 raised the issue of closure of Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalayas in the Uttarakhand. He said that five of these schools located in mountainous districts of Rudrapurag, Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Champawat and Bageshwar have been shut down by the State Government which is unfortunate.

Holy city Haridwar proving to be Crime Capital of Uttarakhand



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Haridwar, well-known as a place of pilgrimage, is now fast becoming the crime capital of Uttarakhand. With 6008 registered criminal cases across the State, Haridwar district accounts for one-third of such cases.

Giving the information in the State Assembly, the State Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prakash Pant said that a total of 18299 criminal cases have been registered in different police stations across the State in 2017-18 and out of them 14185 cases have been disposed of while investigations are going on in 4114 cases. In response to a question raised by the Congress MLA Mamta Rakesh, the Minister said that the district-wise review of the pending cases is being done by the senior officers regularly while in course of the monthly crime meeting, the fast disposal of the pending cases is discussed.

The information provided

by the Minister clearly shows that the criminal activity in the state is mainly confined to the

SN	District	Total cases	Disposed of	Under investigation
01	Uttarkashi	171	145	26
02	Tehri	328	257	71
03	Chamoli	152	108	44
04	Rudrapurag	105	81	21
5	Pauri Garhwal	484	434	70
6	Dehradun	3816	2963	885
7	Haridwar	6008	4463	1545
8	Almora	215	162	53
9	Bageshwar	186	123	63
10	Pithoragarh	215	186	29
11	Champawat	258	228	25
12	Nainital	1941	1606	335
13	Udham Singh Nagar	4202	3303	899
14	GP	220	176	44
15	Cyber Police station	3	2	1
	Total	18299	14185	4114

plain districts like Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar and Dehradun.

The Congress member who represents Bhagwanpur Assembly constituency in Haridwar expressed concern over the rising crime cases in the district.

She said that the physical verification of the tenants and those working in the industrial areas should be done by the police to curb the crime rate.

₹10 crore set aside for resettlement of disaster-affected villagers

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The State Government has set aside a sum of ₹10 crore for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the people residing in villages marked as completely affected by the natural disasters. While replying to a question asked by the independent MLA Pritam Singh Pawar in the State Assembly on Monday, the State Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prakash Pant said that 19 villages in Uttarkashi and nine villages in Tehri districts have been identified as completely affected by natural disasters.

He, further, said that the process to shift the villagers and settle them down in the safer areas has started. The Minister informed that the BJP Government has increased the amount of compensation for rehabilitation of one family from ₹3 lakh to ₹4 lakh under the rehabilitation policy 2011.

CM raises various issues at CZC meet

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat attended the 21st meeting of the Central Zonal Council presided over by the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh on Monday. Rawat requested speeding up of particular road widening works and connecting Hindon airbase to Pithoragarh via regular air service. He also spoke of the need to make amendments in the Bhagirathi eco sensitive zone notification.

A total of 22 issues were discussed in the meeting with 17 of them being resolved and directions being issued in three issues. The remaining two issues will be taken up in the next meeting of the council. Roads, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana, means to tackle left wing extremism, modernisation of police force, MNREGA, infrastructure of airports, food grain storage, minimum support price, national health mission,



school police caded and other issues related to schools were the major issues taken up in the meeting.

The Union Home Minister said that the by increasing cooperation between the Centre and States, the zonal councils have an important role to play in resolving important issues related to the public.

He said that all the zonal councils had been made active during the past four years. Speaking at the meeting, the Uttarakhand Chief Minister requested swift completion of the widening of Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar and Haridwar-Dehradun national highway. An air service

should be started from Hindon airbase to Pithoragarh.

A regular commercial air service between Dehradun and Pantnagar should also be started. Regarding the Bhagirathi eco sensitive zone, he said that there is a need for making amendments in the notification. He also requested that funds be provided for modernisation of Uttarakhand's police force and facilitation of housing for police.

For compensatory afforestation, the State Government and corporations should also be accorded permission for such afforestation on degraded

land as is granted to Government of India enterprises. Uttarakhand's chief secretary Utpal Kumar Singh and other senior officers were also present in the meeting.

Earlier, the CM met his Uttar Pradesh counterpart Yogi Adityanath at his residence. Rawat informed him about the notice issued to family members of Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali by UP forest department.

Adityanath assured Rawat of necessary action to provide relief to Garhwali's family members. He also informed Rawat that budgetary provision had been made for pension dues of employees allotted from UP to Uttarakhand.



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'Farmers to get ₹2,400 cr as paddy bonus'

STAFF REPORTER ■ PENDRA

This year the industrious farmers of Chhattisgarh will be distributed ₹2,400 crore paddy bonus by the State Government on Minimum Support Price, said Chief Minister Raman Singh.

He was addressing a public meeting at Government Higher Secondary School ground at village Kotmi in Pendra block in Bilaspur district on Monday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had hiked the MSP by ₹200 while State government is providing ₹300 per quintal as bonus; so a farmer would get ₹2050 to ₹2070 on the paddy per quintal. The paddy procurement would commence

from November 1 across the State, he said.

The Chief Minister later carried out dedication and bhoomi puja of 49 works worth ₹132 crore out of which ₹113.44 crore bhoomi puja was for 26 works and 23 works worth ₹18.24 crore were dedicated.

He also provided assistance under different welfare schemes to the beneficiaries.

Singh said that farmers are being provided flat rate power connection for irrigation which is being provided to farmers having upto 5 HP pumps and above.

The single point power connection holders numbering around 12 lakh poor families whose per month consumption of power is more than 40 units,

then they can avail the facility of flat rate bill payment, he said.

Farmers are being provided zero interest loans from Cooperative banks. Within a month, ₹750 crore bonus would be disbursed to tending pluckers, Singh said.

"I had come before you all to seek your blessings. The Atal Vikas Yatra had started with blessings of Goddess Danteshwari and Goddess Bambleshwari. It is the faith of people. It is also like a pilgrimage and carries the same purity," the Chief Minister said.

Singh also mentioned about food security scheme, Chief Minister Health Security Scheme, Prime Minister Ujjwala Scheme, PM Housing Scheme and other schemes.

Successful 'Pulmonary Embolism' of a 24-year-old

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The doctors of the Cardiac department at Shri Mahant Indresh Hospital claimed to have saved the life of a patient by carrying out timely procedure. Now the young man is absolutely fine and he has been discharged from the hospital, the hospital sources said in a release issued on Monday.

As per the release, 24-year-old Mahesh Chandra Kuniyal, resident of Devsthal Mandoli, Chamoli district, was brought to the emergency of Shri Mahant Indresh Hospital on July 30.

Mahesh while walking on the road had a sudden fall as a result of which he sustained injuries on the head and some other parts of the body. As he was brought at the hospital he was found to be suffering

from some heart problem. During initial investigation at the hospital's emergency, the patient was diagnosed with injury over the head. E.C.G. and some initial tests revealed that there was a clot of blood near the heart of Mahesh.

This is called 'Pulmonary Embolism', the doctors at the hospital said and added that after the Echo and CT Scan were carried out CPR was also done and simultaneously interventional procedure started.

Dr Tanuj Bhatia, D M (Cardiology) and Cath Lab director informed that the most significant finding in the case was 'Pulmonary Embolism' which is very rarely encountered in young age.

It must be written here that it has been a great achievement for the medical fraternity here.



A school girl riding pillion takes shelter under a brolly on a rainy Monday in Dehradun

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8 new rly track projects under execution

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

As many as eight new railway track projects are currently under execution in Chhattisgarh, the Central Government has informed.

Overall in the country, Indian Railways have taken up 180 New Line projects in various States which are in various stages of execution.

This includes 18 in Andhra Pradesh, 15 in Assam & Northeast Region, 34 in Bihar, 08 in Chattisgarh, 01 in Delhi, 04 in Gujarat, 07 in Haryana, 04 in Himachal Pradesh, 01 in Jammu & Kashmir, 14 in Jharkhand, 16 in Karnataka, 02 in Kerala, 12 in Maharashtra, 08 in Madhya Pradesh, 10 in Odisha, 06 in Punjab, 10 in Rajasthan, 08 in Tamil Nadu, 09 Telangana, 03 in



Uttarakhand, 15 in Uttar Pradesh and 18 in West Bengal. Some of the projects fall in more than one State. Most of the new line projects have been taken up primarily on socio-economic considerations

in backward and remote areas for the speedy development of economically backward areas.

The completion of railway projects requires clearances from various departments of State Government and Central

Ministries like acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life, shifting of utilities etc.

Notably, the Central Government has offered a budget grant of Rs 2202 crores for laying new railway tracks in the South East Central Railway (SECR) zone during financial year 2018-19.

The project of new railway line with electrification from Katghora-Mungeli-Kawardha-Khairagarh-Dongargarh Corridor (255 km) besides Katghora to Kartala (22 km) will be implemented at a total cost of Rs 4821 crore which is being developed by Chhattisgarh Railway Corporation Limited (CRCL), a Joint Venture Company of Ministry of Railways and Government of Chhattisgarh.

NMDC to roll out 2.89 MTPA of finished steel

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

NMDC Ltd is expected to produce 2.89 Million Tonnes (MT) per year of finished steel from its Nagarnar Steel Plant in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh when commissioned, officials informed.

The Nagarnar Plant is having the single largest Blast Furnace in India of 4500 Cum, they informed.

Notably, the company's Nagarnar Plant is all set for inaugural heating up of its Coke Oven in Bastar division of Chhattisgarh. The Coke Oven will be inaugurated on September 28.

Union Minister for Steel Chaudhary Birender Singh and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh will light up the Coke Oven on September 28, 2018, officials



informed.

Notably, NMDC Ltd will also be generating about 70 MW of captive power using gases from steel making processes in the upcoming 3 MTPA Nagarnar steel plant in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh.

The power would be generated from gases released from blast furnace, coke oven and 'LD gases'. The total power require-

ment of the steel plant would be around 420 MW in which the mines, pellet plant and the slurry pumping system would require around 120 MW of power, officials stated.

The remaining 350 MW power would be conventional in nature which would be fulfilled by the captive power plant and the Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd (CSPDCL).

The Union Steel & Mines Ministry has plans of doubling installed capacity of NMDC Ltd's proposed 3 MTPA integrated steel plant coming up at Nagarnar in Bastar district in Chhattisgarh in due course once the plant is commissioned.

In order to increase the domestic capacity of steel production, a concept of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) has been introduced, officials stated.

Two MoUs have already been signed by the states of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for setting up Greenfield steel plants with initial capacity of 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) each, to be later enhanced to 6 MTPA. More than Rs 70,000 crore will be invested for setting up of these steel plants.

No 'political vendetta' in Baghel's arrest: Kaushik

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The Bharatiya Janata Party has been always respecting the judicial system. Even after being sent to jail in a sordid crime of character assassination, Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CGPCC) President Bhupesh Baghel is trying to derive political mileage by trying to become some sort of a 'martyr' before the people, which the people would not tolerate, State BJP Spokesman Sachchidanand Upasane said on Monday.

While addressing a hurriedly called press conference on Monday, Raipur Development Authority (RDA) Chairman Sanjay Shrivastava and BJP Spokesman



Investigation (CBI) probe in the incident. Now, without applying for a bail, Baghel has proved that he wants to take political mileage, which is never possible", the two leaders stated.

"He (Baghel) has brought disrepute to state of Chhattisgarh", they said.

Both BJP leaders said that Chhattisgarh has a different way of thinking. It does not tolerate the people of criminal mindset. Earlier also such people were shown the door, they said.

Congress party has become a tool to spread lies and rumours. As the public support is being lost, it is adopting such tactics to remain relevant but the people of the state would not allow their tactics to be successful, the two leaders said.

The BJP leaders alleged that whenever Congress has been in power, it has been backing the crimes which cause anarchy in the peaceful State.

Bagel should be expelled from post

Raipur. The CGPCC President Bhupesh Baghel has done a sin to the state and disrespected women through the case, said Bharatiya Janata Party State President Dharamlal Kaushik.

Central Congress party leadership should remove him from the post with immediate effect by showing moral courage, he said. With arrest of the CGPCC President it also confirms that he has been indulging in character

assassination to re-establish his own political existence, Kaushik said. The efforts of Congress party to showcase that it is political vendetta, is just a mockery as Congress party itself had sought the CBI probe, he said. Now, after government handed over the case to CBI, Congress calls it political vendetta. Kaushik asked why the Congress leaders are so impatient for the probe in progress.

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Sachchidanand Upasane said that Baghel knows that now he would not be able come out of

the case so is creating a dramatic situation and showing disrespect to the law of land.

"Everyone knows that Congress party had sought the Central Bureau of

Atal Nagar was off 'Ease of Living Index' being green-field city: Centre

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Atal Nagar of Chhattisgarh and Amravati of Andhra Pradesh did not fulfil the parameters of 'Ease of Living Index' as they are green-field cities, the Central Government has informed.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri in a workshop held in New Delhi on Monday urged all States and cities to share their inputs on 'City GDP Framework' so as to devise a robust GDP framework for cities.

Notably Andhra Pradesh



had topped the charts among States in terms of "Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). It was followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

The three States were awarded the three best performing States under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018, in New Delhi on Monday.

While presenting the awards

to the States, the Union Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs, Puri said that the Ease of Living Index is a transformative initiative of the Ministry to help the cities assess their liveability vis-à-vis national and global benchmarks.

He exuded confidence that the Ease of Living Index will encourage all cities to move towards an 'outcome-based' approach to urban planning and management and promote healthy competition among cities.

The MoHUA released the first ever 'Ease of Living Index'

covering 111 Indian cities on 13 August, 2018, which serves as a litmus test to help assess the progress made in cities through various initiatives. All cities were evaluated out of 100. The 'physical' pillar (infrastructure) was given the highest weightage of 45, while institutional (governance) and social were weighted 25 each. Economy was weighted 5.

Puri pointed out that Ease of Living framework comprised four pillars namely Institutional, Social, Economic and Physical which are further broken down into 78 indicators across 15 categories

(governance, identity and culture, education, health, safety and security, economy, affordable housing, land use planning, public open spaces, transportation and mobility, assured water supply, wastewater management, solid waste management, power, and quality of environment). "Another highlight of the Ease of Living assessment standards is its close linkage with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Of the 17 SDG goals, 8 goals are directly linked to India's ease of living assessment framework with SDG 11" he said.

'Razing residence of Padmashri Bharati Bandhu insensitive act'

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Reacting on the razing of Rouse of Padmashri Bharati Bandhu and making his family homeless, former Raipur Municipal Corporation Chairman and BJP Spokesperson Sanjay Shrivastava said that it shows total insensitivity and inhuman act of Raipur Mayor Pramod Dubey.

The barbaric act is not only disrespect to the Padmashree but also to the state.

Shrivastava said that in RMC limits there are thousands of houses which have been constructed through

encroachment on government land.

The Mayor had not shown any interest in razing such structures but on other side the Sufi singer without being provided an alternative, his house has been razed.

The BJP spokesperson said that the ruling government both the Centre and the State had launched housing schemes and is providing houses to all the families.

the fact that the action has been taken by Municipal Corporation, so he has to reply then why without providing alternative residence, the house of Padmashree was brought down, he said.

Bharati Bandhu had also said that without notice the **Shrivastava said that in RMC limits there are thousands of houses which have been constructed through encroachment on government land**

action has been taken, then the action cannot be justified, Srivastava said.

He aid that Padmashree Bharati Bandhu should be immediately provided a house to rehabilitate as per his status and action be taken against the officer involved. Mayor should also seek apology from the family and with due respect provide them a roof.

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AMID POWER TUSSLE BETWEEN RAKESH SINHA, ALOK VERMA

CBI submits files sought by CVC about complaint

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As a follow up to CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana's complaint against CBI Chief Alok Verma for allegedly interfering in the cases under his probe team, a senior agency official on Monday met the Central Vigilance Commissioner KV Chowdhary and submitted documents sought by the anti-corruption watchdog.

A senior official of the policy wing of the CBI met the CVC at his office for about an hour and is learnt to have submitted the files of the cases sought by the Commission in connection with the Asthana's allegations against his boss.

Asthana had recently sent a complaint to the PMO alleging Verma was interfering in the probes undertaken by him. The Government referred the complaint to the Central Vigilance Commission follow-

ing which the Commission through communications dated September 11 and September 14 sought files of various cases from the CBI.

The CVC exercises superintendence over the CBI for investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988; or an offence under the Criminal Procedure Code.

The CVC can direct the CBI to "inquire or cause an inquiry or investigation to be made on a reference by the Central Government." The CVC can also inquire or cause an inquiry or investigation to be made into any complaint received against any official belonging to the Central Government. In addition, the CVC is also empowered to review the progress of investigations conducted by the CBI into offences alleged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Asthana's complaint to the Government that was subsequently routed to the CVC fully comes under the jurisdiction of the Commission which is expected to take a call into registration of a case against Verma after verifying the allegations. If the allegations are unsubstantiated, the CVC may junk the complaint.

Earlier, Verma had opposed Asthana's promotion as CBI Special Director during a selection panel meeting led by the Chief Vigilance Commissioner following which the infighting between the two top officers has come to the fore.

Despite Verma's objections, the CVC unanimously cleared Asthana, a Gujarat-cadre IPS officer, last year for appointment as Special Director in CBI.

Verma has trashed Asthana's complaint as "malicious and frivolous".

Cong: To cloud Rafale, PM raising Pak apocryphal

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Congress on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of deflecting the country's attention from key issues like "corruption" in the Rafale deal by raising the issue of Pakistan.

Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala charged that "an unnerved, frustrated and worried Modi Government is now seeking shelter of Pakistan to deflect attention of the country" as it was faced with corruption "exposed" in the Rafale scam.

He told reporters that Modi should answer questions raised on corruption in Rafale deal and other issues and not teach lessons to its leaders on nationalism. The Congress leader charged that every time demoralisation-like "disaster" happens and people suffer, Modi remembers Pakistan.

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Senior Congress leaders (L-R) Vivek Tankha, Randeep Surjewala, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Jairam Ramesh, Ahmed Patel, Anand Sharma and others leave after a meeting with CVC K V Chowdhary at Central Vigilance Commission in New Delhi on Monday

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invited them to investigate the Pathankot airbase attack and the same ISI went back and accused India of killing its own soldiers, "he queried.

"Was it your love for Pakistan when you formed a Government in J&K with PDP and in presence of our Prime Minister, the PDP Chief Minister thanked not people of India or J&K not Indian army or election commission but they thanked Pakistan and the separatists."

He also asked whether it was his love for Pakistan when a leader, whom the Congress alleged belonged to the BJP IT cell of Madhya Pradesh, was caught spying for the ISI.

"Was it your love for Pakistan when your deputy CM Nirmal Singh in J&K pub-

scam has exposed rampant corruption, the Modi Government is again seeking shelter behind Pakistan. Please answer questions of the nation for the nation seeks accountability from you Mr Prime Minister. We want to ask certain questions to the PM," he said.

Surjewala also took a dig at Modi for his "sari-shawl diplomacy" saying it was done when Pakistan was indulging in ceasefire violations. "Was your love for Pakistan not apparent

Full electrification will increase speed of trains by 10-15%: Rlys

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The average speed of the trains is likely to increase by 10-15 per cent by 2021-22 once the Indian Railways achieves 100 per cent electrification of its network. Railway Board Member (Traction) Ghanshyam Singh on Monday said that with the network being electrified through and through, it will increase average speed of trains and cut down travel time.

"Electrification will not only increase the speed of trains by 10 per cent to 15 per cent but also line capacity by the same amount," Singh said. While 29,000 route kilometers have already been commissioned, 13,000 route kilometers more were just approved, Singh said, adding that work is underway in 20,000 route kilometers.

The Indian Railways plans to complete electrification of its broad-gauge routes by 2021-22. It will also run freight trains in dedicated freight corridors on electricity.

He said the railways is planning to convert all those diesel locomotives among its 5,500 fleet which have run for 18 years (mid life) into electrical locomotives, while the 1,000 diesel locomotives to be delivered by General Electric (GE) will be used for "disaster management and strategic needs."

"Converting them would cost us ₹2 crore per engine, while their mid-term rehabilitation after 18 years is around ₹5 crore. These converted locos will have 5,000 horsepower. These are completely 'Make in India' and a matter of great pride," Singh asserted. He said the new engines will be less polluting, more efficient and involve brand new technology.

While two such locos have already been converted at the Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), a production unit of the Indian Railways in Varanasi, another two is in the process of being converted, he said. This year, around 100 locos are expected to reach the 18-year mark.

Rahul's allegation of infiltration of RSS into SPG baseless: Home Min

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Home Ministry on Monday dismissed Congress President Rahul Gandhi's allegations about RSS infiltration in SPG as "baseless" and "devoid of fact". In a statement, Home Ministry said that the former SPG Director Vivek Srivastava never had any talks on the matter with Rahul.

Congress president Rahul Gandhi's recently in a meeting said that a former SPG chief had to quit because he refused to accept a list of officers handpicked by the RSS. "The comment reportedly made by Gandhi through the media is baseless, devoid of fact and unfortunate, coming from an SPG protectee," the ministry said in a statement.

"The matter has been verified. The officer in question, Vivek Srivastava, former Director, Special Protection Group (SPG), has specifically averred that he did not have any such conversation with Rahul Gandhi at any point of time. The officer has stated that as part of his professional duties he interacted with SPG

protectees; however, he has categorically stated that during his interaction with Shri Gandhi, there was no talk whatsoever regarding the appointment of a new Director, or the reasons for his leaving SPG," said Home Ministry.

The SPG is a professional organisation that takes its task of protecting serving prime ministers, former prime ministers and their families entrusted to its security very seriously, and in the highest professional spirit, the ministry said.

Rahul Gandhi, at an interaction with academicians here Saturday, had alleged that educational institutions, the Supreme Court and the Election Commission of India and others are "systematically being captured" by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Citing an example, the Congress chief had alleged, "When Mr (Narendra) Modi came to power, a person from Gujarat was chosen to head the SPG. In a short time, he left the position. He told me that he refused a list of SPG officers handpicked by the RSS, and that is why he was sent home."

India, China to sign internal security cooperation agreement

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and China will sign an internal security cooperation agreement during the forthcoming visit of China's Minister of Public Security. The first such agreement between the two countries will mark a new beginning in bilateral relations, officials said on Monday.

Zhao Kezhi, China's Minister of Public Security, is expected to visit India next month and hold meetings with Home Minister Rajnath Singh during which they will discuss various aspects of security cooperation between the two countries. During the visit of the Chinese leader, an agreement on internal security cooperation between the two countries will be signed, a home Ministry official said.

The proposed pact is

expected to cover areas of intelligence sharing, exchange programme, sharing of best practices, cooperation in disaster mitigation besides others, an official said.

The move comes just a year after a two-month-long border stand-off between the India Army and the China's People's Liberation Army at Doklam on the India-Bhutan-China tri-junction.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held an informal summit in Wuhan, China, in April this year which helped repair bilateral ties.

A Chinese delegation met an Indian team on August 28 to hold discussions on the forthcoming visit of the Chinese Minister of Public Security and the proposed pact on security cooperation between the two countries, the official said.

This will be the first such agreement between the authorities of India and China which look after internal security of the respective countries, the official said. While Singh is the head of eight central armed police forces with a combined strength of about 10 lakh personnel, Zhao is responsible for day-to-day law enforcement in China and commands about 19 lakh personnel.

The forthcoming meeting may lead to a future India-China agreement on exchange of sentenced prisoners, another official said.

Currently, India does not have an extradition treaty with China, nor a pact to exchange each other's sentenced prisoners.

There are at least 10 Indians in Chinese prisons and an equal number of Chinese citizens in Indian prisons.

Govt to organise 4th edition of int'l science fest

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a tribute to the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Government has decided to organise the fourth edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) in his hometown in Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh. To be attended by approximately 10,000 delegates including students and teachers from India and abroad, a world record attempt will be made to "isolate DNA" by 500 students from class 8th to 10th standard.

The festival will be inaugurated by President Ramnath Kovind.

Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan said that it was the former Prime Minister who had brought Science to the centre stage of national agenda. "It was Vajpayee who had added Jai Vigyan to Lal Bahadur Shastri's slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan', he added while



addressing a curtain raiser of the festival here.

Dr Harsh Vardhan said, IISF is the biggest platform in the country to bring together students, researchers, innovators, artists and general public to celebrate India's achievements in science and technology. The Minister said that IISF is a medium to encourage the young minds towards the field of science and to promote the networking of stakeholders working towards the propagation of science.

IISF-2018 with its focal

propagate science and for seeking scientific solutions to the diverse challenges facing our society, particularly rural India.

Secretary Department of Biotechnology, Dr Renu Swaroop said that the special role of women scientists and entrepreneurs in shaping the scientific growth trajectory will be another highlight of the festival. "The programme aspires to develop new entrepreneurship and explore new vistas of opportunities in the field of science and technology among the women. Approximately 800 women scientist/entrepreneurs will attend the event," she said.

There will be a special effort to engage with stakeholders of the Northeast and the aspirational districts. Another feature of IISF-2018 will be mega science and industry expo that will highlight the outstanding contributions of India in the field of science, technology, and industry.



Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Monday

Bank loan fraud: ED to file chargesheet against Sandesara brothers of Gujarat

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) will soon file a prosecution complaint (chargesheet) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act against the Sandesara brothers, promoters of a Gujarat-based pharmaceutical company Sterling Biotech and wanted in a case worth over ₹5,000 crore bank loan fraud case.

The ED will subsequently seek Interpol Red Corner Notices against the accused brothers and others even as their exact locations remains unknown. The brothers are suspected to be changing locations from UAE to Nigeria, officials said. The charge sheet under PMLA is expected to be filed before a special court here within the next fortnight, they said.

The ED had earlier filed few charge sheets case against other accused persons.

The agency said it had registered a PMLA case against the Sandesara brothers—Chetan Jayantilal Sandesara and Nitin Jayantilal Sandesara—and their Vadodra-based company Sterling Biotech Limited and others on October 27 last year, two days after a case of alleged bank fraud of ₹5,700 crore and corruption was filed against them by the CBI. "Loans to the tune of ₹5,700 crore was disbursed by various banks during the years 2004-2012. Look Out Circulars (LOCs) were opened against the accused in August, 2017. During the course of investigation, three persons were arrested, one of them Gagan Dhawan, who was close to the power centre when the loans were sanctioned," the ED said in a statement.

It added that the agency has already attached properties worth ₹4,703 crore and is looking for "more properties and trails for the proceeds of crime" in this case.

The ED and the CBI have booked the company, its directors—the Sandesara brothers, Dipti Chetan Sandesara, Rajbhushan Omprakash Dixit, Vilas Joshi, chartered accountant Hemant Hathi, former director Andhra Bank Anup Garg and some unidentified persons in connection with the alleged bank fraud case.

EX-cop not allowed to move SC, alleges his wife; SC terms it serious

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday termed as "serious" the allegations made by the wife of arrested former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt that he was not being allowed to sign any document in custody to enable him approach the apex court.

A bench of Justices Ranjan Gogoi and Navin Sinha said the Gujarat Government should file a reply to the allegations levelled by Shweta Sanjiv Bhatt in her petition, on or before October 4.

"Before we go into the merit of the case, we would like Gujarat Government to respond to the allegations. According to us, the issue raised is serious as it pertains to allegation made against the state that it is preventing a citizen to approach us," the bench said.

Advocate Divyesh Pratap Singh, appearing for Shweta Sanjiv Bhatt said they have also challenged the remand of Bhatt, who was arrested by the Gujarat CID on September 5 in connection with

a 22-year-old case of alleged planting of drugs to arrest an advocate.

"We are not on remand at present. We are not on individual hardship. If a citizen is not allowed to come to court and his wife has to come before us, then it's a very serious issue," the bench said.

At the outset, the bench asked Bhatt's lawyer to read the averments made in the petition and said it had taken note of it.

Singh said Bhatt was not allowed to sign any documents including Vakalatnama for filing an appeal against the high court order.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Gujarat government, said it will file an affidavit with regard to the averments made in the petition.

The bench then listed the matter for October 4.

Bhatt and seven others, including some former policemen attached with the Banaskantha Police, were initially detained for questioning in the case. Bhatt was the Banaskantha district superintendent of police in 1996.

Nehru Memorial Fund gets eviction notice

Fund refutes 'unauthorised occupation' charge

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amidst the raging controversy surrounding the Nehru Memorial Museum Library (NMML), the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, chaired by Sonia Gandhi and housed in the Teen Murti Estate in New Delhi, has been asked by Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to vacate the premises on grounds of "unauthorised occupation", which the Fund has refuted in "unequivocal terms".

In a letter dated September 11 from the Directorate of Estates under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, a copy of which is with IANS, the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund had been asked to vacate the Teen Murti Bhavan by September 24.

The letter said that NMML

is "in dire need of space" and alleged that the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund is occupying the premises "without any authority of law".

"Having coming to know about your unauthorised occupation of the building in pursuance of the communications received from NMML and having realised that you are in unauthorised occupation of the demised premises which is badly required for the objects of NMML, you are directed to vacate the premises... not later than 24.09.2018... failing which further action will be taken under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised occupants) Act 1971," the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs warned in its letter.

The letter signed by G.P. Sarkar (Deputy Director, Estates) further said that Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund is "liable to pay damage charges for illegal occupation of the premises w.e.f.

28.08.1967".

Responding to the notice, N. Balakrishnan, Administrative Secretary of the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, refuted its premise and asked that it be withdrawn.

"I hereby refute in unequivocal terms your charge of unauthorised use or unauthorised occupation of the present office premises by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund in the Teen Murti Estate," Balakrishnan said in his response in a letter (that IANS has access to) on September 20.

The five-page letter elaborated at length that the premises has been in its occupation since 1967, and has "remained unchallenged and never questioned and has been cemented".

Notably, it was NMML that had requested the Central Government (vide letter dated June 14, 2018) "that a portion of Teen Murti Estate" occupied by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial

Fund "be vacated".

"The NMML is in need of space. People want to watch micro films, the library is always crowded... I want to shift all non-academic departments out of the library but there is no space. The part of the premises occupied by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund is the only possible and viable space in the Teen Murti Complex," NMML Director, Shakti Sinha told IANS at his office.

He further alleged that there is "no organic relationship" between NMML and the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund.

"I do not know what is their management structure and how they function. A lot of money has been passed on by the government to the Fund in the past. In the two years that I have been here, they have had no interaction with me. I wish them best but I also need more space for the library," Sinha stressed.

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OBC leader & Cong MLA Alpesh likely to join BJP

NAYAN DAVE ■ GANDHINAGAR

With 2019 Lok Sabha polls coming closer, the stage is being set for new political equations in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home State Gujarat as OBC leader and Congress MLA Alpesh Thakor may join the BJP.

The 42-year-old Radhanpur MLA's future course of action is the hottest topic of discussion in political circles of Gujarat. If sources in the Congress as well as BJP have to be believed, Thakor is in contact with the top leadership of the saffron brigade for the past few months.

He had founded 'OBC, SC, ST Ekta Manch', to counter Hardik Patel's agitation. His rise in the Gujarat's political arena is at supersonic speed. Playing his cards smartly, just couple of months before the 2017 assembly polls Thakor joined the oldest political party in India and went on to become a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Sources close to Thakor claimed that the OBC leader was not happy with the Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC), as the GPCC leadership didn't give due importance to him. Thakor remained silent over surging petroleum prices and inflation, says a senior GPCC leader adding that even during the recently completed



monsoon session of Gujarat Assembly his participation to oppose ruling party was extremely cold.

In fact on the issue of increase in the salary of MLAs, Thakor criticised Congress legislators for supporting the ruling party's Bill. He publicly said that on one hand Congress party was up in arms against BJP for increasing prices, but they wouldn't mind taking huge hike in salary which only add burden on the taxpayers.

Thakor's entry in BJP means a lot for Gujarat BJP at a time when a section of Patidar community is not happy with the ruling party in wake of ongoing pro-quota reservation stir of the 25-year-old Hardik Patel. If Thakor would join the saffron brigade, the deficit of votes due to a section of Patidar community's slat

towards Congress would be compensated, said a senior BJP leader requesting anonymity.

"In case Alpesh would join BJP, he is expected to contest from Patan Lok Sabha constituency in North Gujarat. That is not enough. Along with him five other sitting Congress MLAs belonging to Thakor community will also join the saffron party," he claimed.

Just four days ago former Congress MLA and Patidar leader from Surat Dhuru Gajera had resigned from the party with his nine supporters. Gajera has also indicated to join BJP. Strong Koli leader of Saurashtra region who elected from Jasdan constituency in Rajkot district on Congress ticket in 2017 assembly polls had also joined the BJP in July earlier this year.

ANDHRA MAOIST ATTACK

Slain TDP leaders' funeral performed amid tight security

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

In an atmosphere surcharged with emotions and anger, the funerals of the two Telugu Desam party leaders gunned down by Maoists were performed in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh on Monday.

A large number of supporters attended the funeral of TDP MLA from Araku Kadiri Sarveshwara Rao at Paderu. Two State Ministers - Ayyanna Patrudu and N Ananda Babu - represented the Government at the funeral. The cremation was delayed due to heavy rain.

Former MLA Siveri Soma who was also killed in the CPI Maoist attack on Sunday was buried according to the Christian customs at his native place Battivalasa near Araku. A large number of tribal people and TDP workers bid a tearful farewell to him. Earlier the District Superintendent of Police Rahul Dev Sharma visited Araku and laid wreaths and paid respects to the slain leaders. He also visited the police stations at Araku and Dimbriguda which were burnt and vandalised by the angry supporters of the two

leaders Sunday afternoon holding the police responsible for failing to protect their lives.

Meanwhile, State Director General of Police RP Thakur announced that the sub-inspector of police Amarnath was being put under suspension in connection with the Maoist attack as well as vandalism at the police station. He also said that a special investigation team will investigate the Maoist attack and establish the cause of the failure of security in prevention of the attack.

Security was tightened in and around Araku and the additional DGP Harsh Gupta and DIG Ch Srikant were camping in Araku and Paderu to supervise the security arrangements and combing operations.

Normal life was hit in the agency or tribal areas of Visakhapatnam as the bus services of State Road Transport Corporation were suspended since last evening in view of the Maoist attack and protests in Araku. This has put the ordinary people and commuters to a great hardship. Even the special police forces dispatched to the area found it difficult to travel last night.

AP-Odisha border back in focus as Maoist stronghold

Police faces a new challenge

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

With the targeting of two ruling Telugu Desam party leaders, including MLA K Sarveshwara Rao the Andhra-Odisha border zone is back in focus as a stronghold of the outlawed CPI Maoist party.

As the Visakhapatnam agency area was reeling under tension and a further flare-up of violence appears quite likely, the top officials of Andhra Pradesh police were analysing the reasons for the failure of security leading to the killing of the two tribal leaders so close to Araku, a major town and tourist spot.

The reason the failure has become more stark was that the Maoists had issued a clear threat to attack the MLA from Araku in April last. There were also fears that the Maoists might carry out a spectacular attack on the occasion of the 14th formation day of the CPI Maoist. However, it now appears that no heed was paid to the threat.

"A combination of factors including intelligence failure and the over-confidence on the part of the police seems to have led to this tragedy", said a top AP police official, adding that corrective measures will be taken once the probe was completed.

He also felt that the MLA also did not follow the procedure as he ventured into the interiors without informing police.

AP police was confident that the Maoists will not venture into their area from Odisha hacking suffered severe setbacks during last two years including the killing of 32 Maoists in a joint operation by Greyhounds of AP and special force of Odisha police. The incident in October 2016 at Ramgarh was seen as a back breaking blow to the outlawed organisation. Since then Maoists made several unsuccessful attempts to carry out a retaliatory attack but suffered more losses leading to the complacency on the part of police.

Police officials feel that the triangle of Andhra-Odisha-Chhattisgarh border due to its topography and forests had the potential to once again become a stronghold of the Maoists and could be used by them as springboard for more attacks.

Ever since the CPI Maoist completely lost their fortress in Nallamalla forest in Andhra Pradesh they could not find another foothold till now. As the Maoists were quite strong and active in Odisha and Chhattisgarh they could stage attacks in Andhra as well as Bhadrachari-Kottagudem district of Telangana, the police official said.

Six teams of AP police have launched combing operations in

Visakhapatnam agency area against the Maoists involved in the killings. Sources said that efforts to nab or kill them were being coordinated with the Odisha police which was alerted soon after the attack.

State police officials believe that Andhra Odisha Border Special Zone Committee Military Commission Chief Pratapreddy Ramchandra Reddy alias Chalapati could be the main brain behind the attack.

The organisation had moved him to Odisha after the Ramgarh encounter in 2016 and according to the intelligence sources he returned to Andhra side a few days back. Chalapati's wife Chaotanya alias Aruna heads the Nandapur area committee in the same area on Andhra Odisha border. Police believes that this committee provided logistical support to the action team of military commission in executing the decision taken at a high level in CPI Maoist party.

The other name of possible executioner of the plan was T Vasudev Rao alias Vasanna who was also involved in the bid to assassinate Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu in a mine blast in Tirumala and was believed to be active in the area. Visakhapatnam incident also had its echo in neighbouring Telangana where police have gone on alert in districts of Warangal and Karimnagar, strongholds of Maoists in the past.

Petrol prices breach ₹90/litre mark in Maharashtra cities



A filling station staff attends to a customer at a fuel station in Mumbai on Monday. Petrol on Monday crossed the Rs 90-mark in Mumbai as a dip in the value of rupee and rise in international oil prices pushed rates across the country to new all-time high

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The petrol prices breached the psychological barrier of ₹90 per litre in Maharashtra on Monday, with the retail outlets in Mumbai selling the fuel at ₹90.08 per litre and the price touching an all-time high of ₹91.91 in Parbhani town in Marathwada region of the State.

Petrol was sold in retail in at least 13 cities in the State in the range of ₹90.08 to ₹91.91. The petroleum dealers attributed the hike to dip the value of rupee and rise in international oil prices.

In Mumbai, the petrol price was hiked 11 paise per litre from ₹89.97 to ₹90.08, while diesel price was hiked by five paise per litre.

The fuel prices peaked in Parbhani town, where petrol was sold at ₹91.91 and diesel at ₹79.15.

According to the Federation of Maharashtra Petroleum Dealers Association (FAMPEDA), petrol was sold at Nanded at the rate of ₹91.61 per litre, at Amravati ₹91.31 per litre, at Ratnagiri ₹91.14 per litre and at Jalgaon ₹91.01 per litre. Meanwhile, the Opposition Congress slammed the BJP-led NDA Government for the unchecked increase in petrol prices.

As a mark of protest, the

Sick Asiatic lions in Gir forest to be shifted to rescue centre

PNS ■ GANDHINAGAR

In the backdrop of the death of 11 Asiatic lions in its last abode - Gir Forest - the State forest department suddenly decided to form 64 teams to screen sick and weak big cats and immediately shift them to rescue centre.

According to the claims of Gujarat forest officials, the lions died because of fighting and territorial war. Later on the officials added that besides fighting, the big cats died of infections also. Looking to the seriousness of the incidents, a Central Government team of wildlife experts has also flown in to Gujarat to find out the reasons for the death of the endangered cat family species.

During the span of 11 to 19 September, 11 carcasses of lions were found which rocked the entire Government machinery in the State. Gujarat's Additional Chief Secretary of forest Rajiv Gupta said that viscera samples of the dead animals have been sent to Pune-based National Institute of Virology to find out the exact reason of death.

Once report of the institute would come, it would be easier to take further course of action in order to save lions, said Gupta adding that more than 270 personnel have been deployed in 64 teams for the screening purpose. The state forest department carries out a lion census every five years. The 2005 survey counted 359 lions while the number grew to 411 in 2010. The latest census in 2015 found 523 lions, 109 of which were male, 201 female, 140 cubs and 73 sub-adults.

Nirupam said that the rise in the fuel prices had started showing a direct impact on some products of the FMCG sector like detergents, soaps, hair oil and edible oil among others.

16-km long second phase of Hyderabad Metro Rail inaugurated

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

Hyderabad, one of the fastest developing cities in India, today added another feather to its cap with the opening of the second phase of Metro Rail linking Ameerpet in the heart of the city to LB Nagar, a busy eastern suburb. The 16-km long route was formally inaugurated by Governor ESL Narasimhan at Ameerpet around noon. The service was opened to the public in the evening.

The Governor, who travelled in the inaugural service from Ameerpet to LB Nagar, said, "I urge all the citizens of Hyderabad to use the Metro extensively to reduce the pollution and fuel consumption". Lauding the efforts of Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd and L&T Metro company officials to make Hyderabad project world class, Narasimhan said that the Hitech City route should be completed by December 15.

After returning from LB Nagar by metro Narasimhan rode a bicycle from Khairatabad station to Raj Bhavan.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Taraka Rama Rao said that every station of Metro was built to the international standard and the project was winning international awards. "It can compete with any Metro Rail project in the world", he said pointing out that with 46 kms long Metro already operational Hyderabad Metro had become the second biggest such project after Delhi leaving other cities including Chennai

and Bengaluru behind.

The L&T Metro which was executing the project has spent ₹12,000 crore on it while the State Government acquired the necessary land and properties for the project, KTR said. With the opening of this stretch entire 29 kms long corridor from Miyapur to LB Nagar was operational. The Miyapur-Ameerpet and Ameerpet-Nagole route was opened by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi last year.

Of the 71 kms Metro line on all the three corridors the service has started on 46 kms and work was moving fast to complete the corridor 3 from Secunderabad to Mahatma Gandhi bus stand at Imlibun. The Imlibun metro station will be the biggest and the tallest in the entire city as two corridors will join at this point and the people can interchange to different routes.

It has corridor stations on 1st and second floors, the corridor III stations will be on the two top floors NVS Reddy, managing director of the HMRL said that two skywalks will connect the Metro stations with the central bus station on one side and Chadarghat area on the other to ensure smooth flow of the commuters. Another aspect of the project was the development of five kms route from state assembly station to the MGBS point as heritage precincts. As part of this effort to beautify the stretch road aides will be paved with Deccan stones and railings will be in Indo-Persian style to match with the architectural character of Hyderabad.



A band of Indian Army's Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry Regiment performs on the deck of Indian Naval Ship Kochi during their affiliation ceremony on the shore of Arabian sea in Mumbai on Monday

Kushwaha rejects cricket lingua of seat-sharing formula

PNS ■ PATNA

After the Bihar leaders of the RLPSP disapproved of the talks on seat-sharing among the NDA partners, party chief and Union Minister Upendra Kushwaha on Monday summarily rejected the possibility of a 20:20 formula of seat-sharing. Instead of rejecting in clearcut terms, he said some people were introducing cricket format in politics but "I am not interested in cricket rather I used to play gilli-danda".

The talks in the NDA circles had been going on that under the 20:20 formula BJP would contest half of the total 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar and give 20 to its three allies; 12 to JD(U), five to six seats to LJP

and Ram Vilas Paswan and remaining two to Kushwaha's party. But there was no official word from either the BJP or LJP and JD(U).

The only reaction, that too symbolically, came from Kushwaha after Bihar RLPSP leaders Nagmani and Bhagwan Singh Kushwaha rejected it saying their party would not tolerate discrimination and they wanted as much seats as allotted to JD(U) or rather more claiming their party represented 10 per cent of population of Kushwaha as compared to less than two per cent vote share of Kurmis.

"There have been, so far, no talks on seat sharing. Once there is talk on this matter I will tell you," the RLPSP chief told media people on Monday.

Union Minister Paswan said his party was neither worried nor in a haste on seat sharing. He said he was not aware of such talks between JD(U) and BJP. Kushwaha who created a stir early this month by saying that he has planned to prepare kheer and its ingredients would include milk from Yaduvanshi and rice from Kushwaha. On Monday he said he was going to launch his "Paigham-e-Kheer" on Tuesday from Patna and the message of social unity would go down to villages across Bihar. "My message was meant to unite all sections of the society. Dalits and Pundits will sit together to savour our kheer. All castes and class will be welcomed in this programme," he said.

Assam Assembly session begins on a stormy note over NRC

ANUP SHARMA ■ GUWAHATI

The first day of the autumn session of the Assam

Legislative Assembly started with a noisy note with both ruling and Opposition legislators raising voice of concern over

the issue of recently-declared draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam.

BJP legislator, Shiladitya Dev raised his voice of concern over the issue by showing a placard which read "My Lord do not discriminate your own children". Dev explained that he was referring to the recent decision of the apex court to drop five documents from the list of documents for filing claims and objections and said that it is discrimination.

It may be mentioned here that the process of claims and objection for inclusion of names in the NRC will commence from September 25. A total of 40,07,707 people were left out of the draft NRC published by the Assam government in August this year.

State NRC coordinator Pratik Hajela had earlier proposed to the Supreme Court to bring down the list of documents from 15 to 10 for those calming for inclusion in the

THE FIVE DOCUMENTS PROPOSED TO BE DROPPED WERE THE 1951 NRC, PRE-1971 VOTERS' LISTS, CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE, REFUGEE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND RATION CARDS (AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS)

NRC. The five documents that proposed to be dropped were the 1951 NRC, pre-1971 voters' lists, citizenship certificate, refugee registration certificate and ration cards (as supporting documents).

"The idea of NRC updation is to weed out illegal immigrant and ensure that genuine Indian citizen's names are there in NRC. The court has asked Hajela not to give any details to any one in Centre or State Government and this is unfortunate," Dev said.

He added, "As a MLA we are supposed to know some details from NRC Department so that we can explain to people. Is there something wrong in NRC, is NRC transparent?. Tomorrow if NRC fails what will happen there will be law and order problem. What is the point of keeping away the Centre and state government from the NRC process?"

"Till now NRC directorate has not been able to do mapping and cannot say with precision what is percentage of left out in each district. If 1951 NRC is not acceptable as a document for claim and objection what purpose will the NRC of 2018 serve?" he asked.

Nearly 14 organizations participated in a protest outside assembly demanding ouster of Hajela. BJP State president Ranjeet Kumar Das along with MLAs Shiladitya and Ashok Singhal met the agitating organisations. "We have met Union

Home Minister, Rajnath Singh and requested him file affidavit in Supreme Court against Hajela's proposal," Dass said.

"We met Assam chief minister, Sarbananda Sonowal requesting him to file affidavit and accordingly state government filed affidavit in the Supreme Court. The State Government has also requested the Supreme court to consider pension slip as one of the documents," he said.

Inside the assembly the congress MLA, Abdul Khaleque sought ouster of Hajela. Industry Minister, Chandra Mohan Patwary replied that both Centre and State Government has stated that details of NRC must be shared with both Centre and State as it is a sensitive matter and law and order is State subject. "We are clear that not a single genuine Indian citizen name will be left out of NRC and ensure that there is not a single illegal immigrants name in NRC."

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed one male namely Jitender Kumar, S/o Ramesh Kumar, R/O B-422, New Seemapuri, New Delhi, Age: 26 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing Blue Shirt and Khakhi Pant and Blue colour Shorts Shoes, having cut mark on right cheek, has been missing from AllIMS Hospital, New Delhi since 31.08.2018. In this regard a DD No. 25-A, Dated 05.09.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Hanz Khas, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused (1) Rahul @ Kannu S/o Jagdish R/o Z-286, Naryan Vihar, Prem Nagar-2*, Kirari, Delhi (2) Jitender @ Joginder Yadav S/o Chunnu R/o D-2/72, Gali No.7, Prem Nagar-III, Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence under FIR No.336/12 U/s 380/457/411/34 IPC, has been registered at P.S Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said (1) Rahul @ Kannu S/o Jagdish (2) Jitender @ Joginder Yadav S/o Chunnu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, (1) Rahul @ Kannu S/o Jagdish (2) Jitender @ Joginder Yadav S/o Chunnu has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Rahul @ Kannu S/o Jagdish (2) Jitender @ Joginder Yadav S/o Chunnu accused of FIR No.336/12 U/s 380/457/411/34 IPC, required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.10.2018

By order
Sh. Anurag Thakur
Metropolitan Magistrate, (North West-02),
Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

50 terrorists killed in two months in J&K

Security stepped up for 'surgical strike' anniversary

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Ahead of the second anniversary of the 'surgical strike', security forces are on song in Jammu & Kashmir.

In the last two months more than 50 terrorists have been killed by the joint teams of security forces in clinical operations.

According to official sources, "a total number of 25 terrorists were eliminated in different operations across the State in the month of August 2018, highest in a single month this year".

For the second consecutive month this year the security forces have managed to eliminate more than 25 terrorists in a single month.

Till September 24, the security forces have already eliminated 28 terrorists while relentless operations were going on in South Kashmir districts to ensure smooth conduct of the civic/Panchayat polls in the State.

According to official sources, "since January 1, 2018 a total number of around 170 terrorists/infiltrators have been eliminated in the State this year".

Addressing a press conference in Srinagar on August 24, 2018 the Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), RR Bhatnagar had claimed, "a total number 142 terrorists have been eliminated in anti-terror operations in



Jammu & Kashmir since January 1 this year".

Rough estimates suggested the total number of active terrorists in the State hover around 300 out of which an estimated number of 180 are believed to be local cadre and rest comprise foreign terrorists.

In the aftermath of killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani on July 8, 2016 large number of local youth from South Kashmir districts had joined ranks of different militant outfits.

According to police records, "126 local youth had joined ranks of militant outfits in 2017 and over 130 have already joined this year with Shopian emerging as hub of local militant cadre".

In 2017, a total number of 218 terrorists were eliminated by the security forces in J&K.

In the wake of Municipal and Panchayat polls in the state the security forces have increased their footprints in the South Kashmir districts. To ensure safety of candidates and create conducive

atmosphere ahead of the polling dates the security forces are also conducting massive cordon and search operations (CASO) to track down the hiding groups of terrorists.

On the other hand to terrorise voters and different candidates from participating in the polls the different terrorist outfits are resorting to pressure tactics and issuing threatening letters to prevent them from taking part in the polls.

In some pockets of South Kashmir especially in Shopian and Pulwama the terrorists are regularly abducting kith and kin of security forces or police personnel and eliminating them to avenge killing of their top commanders.

Three police personnel were killed last week by terrorists in Shopian district after abducting them from their homes.

On the other hand, in the absence of mainstream political parties National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party from the poll arena the political activity is yet to pick pace on ground zero.

Santhali bandh holds up trains in Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A whole system of rail and road communication was on Monday literally hijacked by a relatively unknown pressure group in the Jangalmahal area of Bengal area demanding, among other things, official recognition of Santhali and Olchiki languages, appointment of Santhali teachers in schools and construction of tribal-specific hostels.

Called by Bharat Jakat Majhi Pargana Mahal, a relatively new face in the history of Jangalmahal, the bandh took an oppressive character by the evening when the passengers and the authorities were informed that what started as a dawn-to-dusk blockade would continue indefinitely, sources said.

"We have been petitioning the Government since 2003 for inclusion of Santhali in the list of official language. But though it has been recognised by the Constitution, it is yet to be used as an alternative official language in Government offices,"



A tribal man holds a bow and arrow as others block the railway tracks demanding completion of their various demands, at Sainthia Junction railway station in Birbhum on Monday

a BJMPM leader said.

"We want Santhali and Olchiki to be recognised as official languages, besides we want these languages to be taught in the schools and for that teachers will have to be appointed. We also want Adivasi hostels in various places," another leader said adding the bandh would not be called off until some assurance came from the respective Governments.

Even as the Central and

State Governments were lukewarm in their response in reacting to the situation tens of trains remained vulnerable and stranded, some of them in open fields. Railway services were heavily disrupted in Howrah-Kharagpur, Kharagpur-Tatanagar,

Kharagpur-Adra sections as trains remained stranded at Purulia, Bankura, Adra, Nekursuni, Basta, Salboni,

Balichak and other places.

Sandwiched between the tribal demands and Governmental indifference were thousands of helpless passengers, students, women, children, patients desperately asking for food and water through the day and throughout the night even as none from the powers that be tended to come forward to account for the affairs.

At least four districts of Purulia, Birbhum, West Midnapore and Bankura came under the impact area of the sudden bandh. The national highways linking Bengal with Jharkhand, Odisha and the entire South and Western India were also affected. Even as tracks were blocked with stranded trains in many places in Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha sources in the South-Eastern Railways said at least nine trains from Kolkata had been cancelled. Apart from these a number of trains had been rescheduled, sources maintained. "We are returning from an educational trip to Vishakhapatnam with 73 girl

students. Now we are standing in the middle of nowhere though the Railways have provided us with some security guards," S Sen the Principal of the BSS School said.

Falling in the mainline between Howrah and Madras the route is a busy one frequented by hundreds of patients travelling between Kolkata and Vellore. "We have a number of patients returning from South India. Their condition is precarious," a student of the school said.

Meanwhile, the Trinamool Government and the BJP locked horns over a Bengal bandh called by the saffron outfit on September 26 in protest against death of two school children in an alleged police firing in Islampur block of North Dinajpur district. "We will not allow any bandh to take place in Bengal. All the Government offices and transport will remain open," State Education Minister Partho Chatterjee said adding all leaves of Government employees had been cancelled.

BJP not in fray for Karnataka Council elections

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

Monday (September 24) being the last day to file the nominations for the byelections to the Karnataka Legislative Council (Upper House) for the three seats, surprisingly the Opposition BJP has decided not to file papers. The byelections for the council will be held on October 4 for three vacant seats.

The BJP took the decision following lack of strength to win the election. In the 224 member House the BJP has 104, while JDS-Congress, which have joined hands to form the coalition Government, put together have 117 MLAs. However the rumour mill was abuzz that BJP tried to lure Independent and disgruntled MLAs of JDS and Congress but failed in its effort to garner support for a

candidate.

This made the saffron party to backtrack from the council polls which is seen as crucial as the political situation is fluid and uncertain.

Former Minister Nazir Ahmed and MC Venugopal of the Congress and Ramesh Babu of JDS have filed their nominations on the last day clearing way for their unanimous election.

Monday was the last date for filing nomination.

The BJP State President B S Yeddyurappa, though the party had emerged as single largest party by winning 104 seats in the May 12 Assembly election and swearing in as Chief Minister, had to step down as he could not muster magic number of 113 to prove majority on the floor of the House within 24 hours as directed by Supreme Court. The Congress moved the Apex

Court for its intervention.

JDS and Congress joined hands and formed the Government to keep the saffron party away. However BJP under its strongman BS Yeddyurappa is still trying for operation lotus to poach disgruntled MLAs from both the Congress and the JDs. This has escalated the war of words between Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy who is heading a fragile coalition with the Congress and BJP Lingayat strongman BS Yeddyurappa.

The seats had fallen vacant following resignation of Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara (Cong), Opposition Leader in the Legislative Council K S Eshwarappa and V Somanna (both BJP), on being elected to the Legislative Assembly. It is said that in the process of the political development former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

who is calling shot has succeeded in nominating his candidates to the council. This shows he still controls the party and the coalition Government banks on him.

The byelection was originally scheduled for October 3 but was deferred by a day to October 4 due to the General Holidays of Muharram on September 21 and 4th Saturday of September 22 and September 23 being Sunday effectively curtailing the number of days available for the candidates to file their nomination papers.

New schedule was announced by fixing last date for filing nomination on September 24, scrutiny on September 25, last date for withdrawal of nominations is September 27 and polling on October 4. Counting of votes will be taken up on the same day 5pm onward.

5 infiltrators killed, soldier martyred in Kashmir

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Five infiltrators and a soldier were killed as army foiled a major infiltration bid in Tangdhar sector of north Kashmir's Kupwara district. The prolonged operation continued through Monday as the security forces apprehend presence of more infiltrators in the area.

Defence spokesman said that three infiltrators were killed on Monday during massive search operation in the area. The first contact with the infiltrators had been established late on Sunday when the army shot dead two infiltrators. The more members of the infiltrators' group had dispersed in the dense forest.

The spokesman said that search operations were in progress in the difficult mountainous area along Line of Control. During the firefight a soldier was critically wounded. He was immediately evacuated from the area but succumbed to his injuries later.

Meanwhile, the normal life remained affected on fourth consecutive day in north Kashmir's Bandipora town in response to killing of five terrorists in Shokhbaba village of Sumlar area.

Even as the security forces claimed that the slain terrorists belonged to Lashkar-e-Tayyeba outfit and were foreigners, Hizbul Mujahideen outfit on Monday claimed that they were local cadre of the outfit. The outfit also identified the slain terrorists.

AK-47 bursts shake sushashan in Bihar

AK-47s are replacing desi katta (country-made pistol) in the hands of criminals

FAIZAN AHMAD ■ PATNA

The sensational killing of a former Mayor of Muzaffarpur, Samir Kumar, by AK-47 on Sunday in the north Bihar town has once again exposed the fact that the criminals are going bold and fearless in Bihar.

The use of sophisticated weapon in hitting the targets in several murders in recent times also showed that AK-47 is in the possession of the criminals in abundance.

In most of the recent high profile murders in Bihar, AK-47 was used. This dreaded weapon is not only being smuggled in to the State but also assembled and sold for a price of ₹3-4 lakh.

Recently some assault rifles were seized in Munger which had been smuggled from Madhya Pradesh and the involvement of an ordinance factory was also suspected.

According to eye witnesses Samir was murdered near Banaras Bank Chowk in Muzaffarpur by four bike borne criminals and they fired no less than 50 rounds killing former mayor and his driver on the spot.

Only a couple of days back one history sheeter Tabrez, said to be sharp shooter of former Siwan MP Mohammad Shahabuddin was gunned down just behind the Kotwali police station in broad day light. Some of the criminals arrested for killing Tabrez revealed they wanted to use AK-47 but could not because of the crowd there so used revolver. This was an admission that they too had this sophisticated weapon. Last month an RLPSP functionary was murdered in Hajipur by AK-47 and an RJD worker in Samastipur.

"Criminals no more use country made pistol and they prefer AK-47," commented RLPSP chief and Union Minister Upendra Kushwaha who came down heavily on the Bihar Government for poor law and order situation. RJD vice president Raghunath Prasad Singh reacted, "It is beyond doubt that criminals have more AK-47 than the security forces."

While Muzaffarpur observed bandh on Monday, all the opposition parties strongly condemned the "governance" of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar leaving little space for NDA

Another bridge collapses in Bengal

Kolkata: Bridges continued to exhibit unpredictability as another under-construction viaduct, this time over a Sunderban river, collapsed on Monday morning, sources said.

The labourers working at the site had a providential escape as they were about to join work in half-an-hour when a part of the bridge over Kalnagiri river collapsed at about 9 am.

Sunderban Development Minister Manturam Pakhira said an inquiry had been ordered and the guilty would be taken to task. "No injuries have been reported neither has there been any casualty," South 24 Parganas District Magistrate Y Ratnakara Rao said.

This was the fourth such incident in the recent past after Majherhat Bridge collapsed in South Kolkata claimed three lives late last month. PNS

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one person namely Ashok Kumar, S/o Chander Lal, R/o H.No. 68-B, Gali No. 9, Ambedkar Colony Chhattarpur Mehrauli, New Delhi, Age 35 years, Height 5'3", Complexion Wheatish, Round Face, Thin Build, Wearing White colour T-shirt, blue colour black lining pant and sleeper in feet has been missing from his house since 17.07.18. In this regard a vide DD No. 58-A dated 17.07.18 has been lodged at PS Mehrauli, New Delhi.

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

E-mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
 Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Mehrauli, New Delhi
 Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 26643200, 8750870824
 DP/4850/SD/18

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

Whereas complaint has been made to me that accused person Mohd. Ahsan, S/o Mohd. Sajjad, R/o X-398, Prem Nagar, Kirari Sulaman Nagar, Delhi has committed the offence in case FIR 655/15 U/S 279/338 IPC PS Nangloi, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mohd. Ahsan can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mohd. Ahsan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Mohd. Ahsan is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 14.11.18.

By Order
 Shri Manoj Kumar
 Metropolitan Magistrate
 Room No. 268, 2nd Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-AUCTION

The Executive Engineer (E), Electrical Division-I, CPWD, Gate No. 6, Jalebi Chowk, North Block, New Delhi (Ph: 23092312 & email: deleeeed1.cpwd@nic.in) on behalf of the President of India, hereby invites e-auction of surplus / unserviceable materials for the following work:-
 NIT (E-Auction) No. 02(4thCall)/EE(E)/ED-1/2017-18, Name of Work: RMO Inspection Vehicle No. DL-2C-C7855 under ED-I, CPWD, North Block, New Delhi. (SH- Auction of unserviceable inspection vehicle - Mahindra Jeep No. DL-2C-C7855). Reserve Price: ₹41,000/-, Earnest Money: ₹4,100/- Last date and time of Submission of earnest money and online request to allow participation in e-auction: 01.10.2018. For details, please visit www.tenderwizard.com/ CPWDAUCTION or eprocure.gov.in नीलामी सूचना का हिन्दी रूपान्तरण www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD और eprocure.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOURISM (M&W) JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
 e-NIT No. 64 / 2018-19 Dated: 15-09-2018
 Subject:-Request for Proposal to appoint Project Design and Architectural Consultant (PDAC) for PRASAD Scheme, Katra
 The Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Jammu on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from applicants to appoint Project Design & Architectural Consultant (PDAC) who shall assist the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu (DoT, Jammu) as per the scope of work specified for providing professional services on PRASAD Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, GOI for a period of three years extendable by one more year. The completed application for selection as Project Design and Architectural Consultant (PDAC) must be submitted not later than 2:00 pm on 06-10-2018 to Deputy Director Tourism (M&W) Jammu, Tourist Reception Centre, Veer Marg, Residency Road Jammu. 180001 (J&K). The applicant must submit earnest money of Rs.50,000.00 in the form DD pledged to Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Jammu. The date, time and venue of Pre-Bid Conference shall be 27-09-2018 at 11:00am in the office of Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Jammu. The applicant has to follow all relevant details like evaluation criteria for technical proposal, experience of Key Personnel, details of presentation, ranking, award of contract, payment terms, general conditionset which have been explained in detail vide RFP enclosed herewith.
 S. No.-1, Name of Work :- Request for Proposal to appoint Project Design and Architectural Consultant (PDAC) for PRASAD Scheme, Katra
 Name of Division :- DDT (MW), Jammu.
 Earnest Money (Rs. In lacs) :- 50000/-
 Time and date of opening of tender :- 06.10.2018
 Critical Dates
 S.No.-: 1
 Description:- Date of issue of Tender document
 Date :- 15-09-2018
 S.No.-: 2
 Description:- Period of down loading of on-line bid documents
 Date :- 17-09-2018 at 9.00 AM upto 06-10-2018 upto 12:00 Noon
 Sd/ Dy. Director
 Tourism (M&W) Jammu.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENCY DIVISION. MUMBAI E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 67 FOR 2018-19

Online percentage rate E-Tenders in "D" form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, PWD, 2nd floor Bandhakam Bhavan, 25 Murzaban Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001 (Tel. No.-22016975/22016973) for the following work from Experience supplier or distributor.

Sr. No.	Name Of Work	Estimated Cost
1.	Providing erecting water proof/sun proof mandap stage and barricading around at New Council Hall, Mumbai (for Winter Session November 2018) Job No. 1981/P/7101/1393/2018-2019/71/2349 Job No. 1981/P/7101/1393/2018-2018/71/2359	33.29
2	Supplying Hardware, sanitary, Stationery and cleaning material and micellaneous material for day to day maintenance work at New Council hall Bldg. at Mumbai (for Winter Session November 2018) Job No. 1981/P/7101/1393/2018-2019/71/2353	24.95
3	Supplying sanitary, cleaning, Plastic, Misc. matterress, Curtain, bedsheets material at Akashwani MLA Hostel, (for winter Session November 2018) at Mumbai Job No. 1981 /P/7101/1393/2018-2019/71/2353	17.70
4	Supplying Labour & Removing Debris from hostel Premises at Akashwani MLA Hostel, (for winter Session November 2018) at Mumbai. Job No. 1981/P/7101/1393/2018-2019/71/2353	3.00

1.	Tender Publishing Date	Dt. 25/09/2018 To 09/10/2018
2	Tender opening Date	12/10/2018 afternoon 3.00 P.M.

Note:- All the Information's are available on
 1) www.mahapwd.com
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 Executive Engineer
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Healthier India

Government's Ayushman Bharat scheme promises extended healthcare facilities but it must not fall short on implementation

Now that India's biggest health insurance cover, the Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM), has been rolled out promising quality care to 40 per cent of poorer Indians, focus must shift to its effective and sustainable implementation. Otherwise, it will be consigned to being the big bang that turned into soda pop without the buck. For, if successful, the scheme will not only set several records but empower the poor with a confidence they have never had, burdened as they have been with out-of-the-pocket expense for even routine health care protocols. For the first time, they will have access to quality hospital treatment, one that will improve national health and productivity indices. For the first time, the massive health insurance cover could make India proudly declare what it declares in statute books — a welfare state. The scheme is even wider in scope than the existing Mediclaim and holds out hope for the disadvantaged elderly population too as it covers pre-existing diseases, mental health and congenital diseases. There's virtually no red tape involved as policy holders can walk into a hospital with their Aadhaar card number and be treated. The network of hospitals proposed to be created will be larger than what insurers have today. Healthcare in India is in a shambles and this is perhaps the first scheme that seeks unified involvement of the government, policy makers, private players and stakeholders. Obviously, this is a dream idea, coming appropriately in a pre-election year and is easier for the ruling party to sell as a visionary step taken in the right direction with right intent and, therefore, encashable as a plank arguing for continuity of a regime. After all, the BJP has even tackled dissenting states through a trust model, where the Opposition-ruled state governments are partnering it, hand-selling their own existing healthcare programmes and tagging Ayushman as an add-on.

The real story though is whether the public and private health infrastructure network can support a grand idea and whether the required budgets can be met. Most importantly, can we keep funds flowing and stakeholders invested? There is an urgent need to develop quality infrastructure and capacity-building in the deeper pockets where private hospitals, too, are wary of venturing simply because they cannot rationalise a low-cost set-up or packages. There is need to incentive creation of a health network at the grassroots level. One must convert the number of insurers as a bait for private operators to extend their community outreach. The public healthcare network of primary health centres and community health centres needs to be buffed up before the private network can. We need more qualified doctors, leave aside specialists, to serve at public hospitals. Going by the government rolls, there is just one doctor for every 11,082 people, according to the Medical Council of India and Directorate General of Health Services. We spend about 1.30 per cent of our GDP on health which is below what low-income countries spend on healthcare. The budget allocation for Jan Arogya Yojana is still not substantial at ₹2,000 crore. Providing cover is one thing but when the claims cascade and payouts are made in tumblers, it could mean a huge burden on the exchequer for which a foreseeable cushion has to be readied and the current allocation is not enough for it. Yet.

50 WORD EDIT Nature's warning

The battle of Man vs Nature has intensified as heavy rains have triggered landslides in Himachal Pradesh. The State was already struggling to overcome the devastation left by the previous round of the monsoon: a few months before that, it was in the grip of an acute water shortage. Nature has issued far warning that the current pace of environmental degradation will have consequences.

Life is cheap

Sanitation workers do the job none of us will, the least we can do is ensure they are adequately protected and compensated

Stories of sanitation workers losing their lives while cleaning tanks and sewers keep hogging the headlines year upon year but nothing seems to change. Only last week, five manual scavengers who were allegedly put under pressure to go down into the sewers to clean them without protective equipment lost their lives as they were overcome with noxious gases as soon as they entered the sewer tank in an upmarket residential complex in the Capital. Another death followed at a different location but due to the same reasons a couple of days later. And few months ago, a five-star property in Delhi was embroiled in a row when five workers died cleaning due to inhaling toxic gases while cleaning the hotel's septic tank. Tragically, five more died due to asphyxiation while cleaning septic tanks in Odisha also last week. Similar reports come in from various parts of the country on a depressing-routine basis. The harsh reality is that our cities lack proper sewage system and most urban areas survive on those put in by the British colonial administration while mushrooming housing complexes have huge septic tanks that builders don't seem to recognise require regular maintenance. At a time when countries all over the world are moving towards mechanisation and automation, it is disgraceful that India lacks modern sewer cleaning technologies. As an aside, it is also shameful that a country which boasts of having the largest *swachhata* programme in the world has not been able to make the switch from dry latrines to flush toilets 71 years after independence.

The class bias in mainstreaming discussions about the state of sanitation workers and sewers in our country is apparent as these issues make headlines only when fatalities are reported and then conveniently disappear from the front pages of newspapers. Citizens must share the blame because the lives lost seem to be considered inconsequential by those who live life in better circumstances. It is a horrific reflection on the de-sensitized nature of contemporary society that most people are more concerned about overflowing sewers than the conditions in which those sent them down work. The latest report by the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) revealed that on average one worker dies every five days while cleaning sewers and septic tanks. It is time to begin robustly prosecuting and/or fining municipal bodies as well as contractors who do not ensure workers have even the most basic of protective and safety gear and proper wages/benefits. It is a telling commentary on societal and governmental priorities that till date nobody has been prosecuted for employing manual scavengers.

A glimpse of the new, liberal RSS

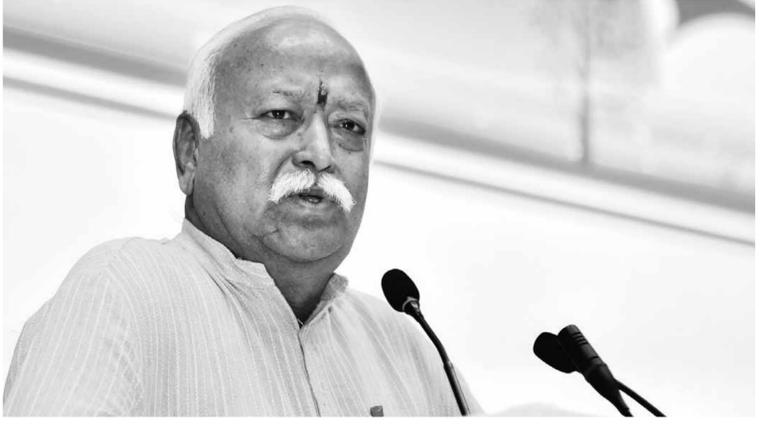
The Nehruvians and Marxists, who have viewed the RSS with utmost suspicion, must pick up the gauntlet and see the RSS with fresh lenses to make an assessment of what this organisation is all about



A SURYA PRAKASH

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) unprecedented outreach effort via well-planned and executed lecture series by its *Sarsangchalak*, Mohan Bhagwat, before an invited cosmopolitan audience in the Capital should dispel much of the apprehensions that have been voiced about this organisation for many decades. Having attended this event and heard Bhagwat as he touched upon a wide range of issues and chose to take the RSS's opponents head on, I would say that his thoughts on core issues that are central to our democratic existence, like secularism, pluralism, diversity, rights of religious minorities, gay rights, the central ideas in our Constitution, the National Flag and the National Anthem, would have left most of the Sangh's detractors speechless. Much of what has been said to condemn the RSS and to debunk the genuinely secular opinions of the majority of citizens, was, to use a cricket-

ing phrase, smacked out of the boundary and the stadium by the RSS chief. While these assertions constitute the most significant outcome of this lecture series, what Bhagwat had to say about Guru Golwalkar's *Bunch of Thoughts*, clearly points to the Sangh's harmony with India's democracy, diversity and liberal values. Although Guru Golwalkar, the second *Sarsangchalak* of the RSS, saw Muslims, Christians and Communists as internal enemies, Bhagwat signalled that the RSS had decidedly chosen to move away from Golwalkar's postulates. He said some things are said in a certain context. The RSS had now come out with a publication that had Golwalkar's thoughts which were relevant at all times (*Sadaan kail ke liye upyukt vichar*) — this means that Golwalkar's views on minorities, which are in conflict with India's contemporary reality, have been edited out. Bhagwat said the RSS is not hidebound and that, as ordained by its founder, Dr Hedgewar, it had a duty to adapt itself to the changing times. Here is a quick run down on the key issues he touched upon. **On the Constitution:** Bhagwat spoke of the RSS' unequivocal acceptance of and adherence to the Constitution of India. The Constitution represents national consensus. It is the duty of every citizen to respect and follow the Constitution. It had been drafted by persons of great calibre who



MOHAN BHAGWAT TOLD THE PACKED HALL THAT HE WAS NOT THERE TO CONVERT OR CONVINCE ANYONE ABOUT THE CORE IDEALS OF THE SANGH. HE WAS THERE JUST TO CONVEY AND EXTEND AN OPEN INVITATION TO WHOEVER WAS INTERESTED TO VISIT THE RSS AND ITS SHAKHAS AND MAKE THEIR OWN ASSESSMENT

took into account a variety of factors specific to Bharat. Everything was thought-through and every word was weighed before its incorporation and this includes the Directive Principles of State Policy and the Fundamental Rights. "It is our consensus. We believe we must all be bound by it." Talking about the Preamble, he specifically mentioned the reference to fraternity, dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nation. Fraternity encapsulated the idea of *Vividhata Mein Ekta* (Unity in Diversity). The thought of taking everyone along, which is embedded in the Constitution, makes it a liberal document espousing universal values. That is what Hindutva is about. The RSS supremo's categorical remarks regarding the efficacy of the Constitution should silence those who believe that the Sangh is anti-Constitution. **On diversity:** One of the oft-repeated accusations against the Sangh Parivar is that it is a Hindu communal organisation and that it abhors diversity. Bhagwat's well-articulated position on this issue is probably the RSS' first serious effort at the national level to challenge its accusers. He told his audience that diversity is a matter of celebration. One should not fear diversity. On the other hand, we must celebrate and respect diversity. This is what Hindutva is all about. "My welfare depends on the welfare of all, this is Hindutva." For the RSS, no one is an outsider (*paraya*). The effort is to unite everybody (*Sampoonn samaj ko jodna hai*). We

must work towards a society that is devoid of divisions (*bhed rahit samaj*). On the fear among Muslims vis-à-vis the RSS, Bhagwat invited Muslims to come to RSS programmes and institutions, and see the RSS from inside and get a first-hand feel of what the organisation stands for. A memorable quote from the lecture series was that Hindutva does not mean there is no place for Muslims. "The day it is said so, it will not be Hindutva any more." **On mob lynching:** Mob lynching and such other acts of violence in the name of cow protection is an offence and is unacceptable. At the same time, one must also raise one's voice in regard to cow smuggling because the Constitution accords cow protection. **On gay rights:** They (LGBTQ community) are a part of society. They should not feel isolated. **The Uniform Civil Code:** Bhagwat said that the RSS believed in 'one nation, one law'. But at the same time, one must be aware of how diverse society is. Even among Hindus, there is so much diversity in these matters. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that there is no conflict on this issue. **On building the Ram Temple in Ayodhya:** A grand temple must be built at that site. Lord Ram represents *Bharatiya maryada*. He was even called the *Iman-e-Hind*. There was a temple at that site before. It is a matter of faith for crores of

people. The matter should not have dragged on so long. The temple should be built and when it comes up, "a big reason for tension between Hindus and Muslims will end". **On reservations:** The RSS supports all Constitutional provisions relating to reservations. Those who derive benefit from reservations must take a call on the continuance or otherwise of the policy of reservations. There is no problem in regard to reservations. The problem lies in the politics around reservation. Further, the law to protect Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes must be strictly enforced. It must also be ensured that the law is not misused. As can be seen from these responses, except for the Ayodhya issue, much of what he said should be acceptable to individuals across the political spectrum. Interestingly, he told the packed hall that he was not there to either convert or convince anyone about the core ideals of the RSS. He was there only to convey and extend an open invitation to whoever was interested to visit the Sangh and its Shakhas, and make their own assessment of what went on there. This is indeed the moment of truth. The Nehruvians and Marxists, who have viewed the RSS with utmost suspicion, must pick up the gauntlet and see the RSS from within and make their own assessment of what this organisation is all about. In other words, they too need to revisit their bunch of thoughts. (The writer is Chairman, Prasar Bharati)

POINT-COUNTERPOINT

I am disappointed at India's arrogant response to the peace dialogue. All my life, I have come across small men occupying big offices. —Pakistan Prime Minister IMRAN KHAN

The commonality between Pakistan and Congress is their frustration. Both of them want to remove Prime Minister Modi from Indian politics. —BJP spokesperson SAMBIT PATRA

Time for a common civil code

Essence of secularism implies removing any trace of religion from family laws. A uniform civil code needs to be implemented at the earliest to keep India's diverse moral fabric intact



SANJU VERMA



VK BAHUGUNA

After the Sepoy Mutiny, while the Britishers left various personal laws unchanged — the Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1872, the Indian Divorce Act of 1869, the Married Women's Property Act, the Hindu Inheritance (Removal of Disabilities) Act of 1928, the Special Marriage Act of 1923 and subsequently 1954, the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act of 1936 and eventually the Hindu Marriage Act of 1955, were enacted to codify personal laws of various communities, pertaining to issues of marriage, succession, guardianship and maintenance. Muslim radicals, however, resisted changes to their personal laws, leading to the Shariat Application Act of 1937. However, the Shariah was never codified, and hence, its legal status in the post-colonial period, patriarchal Muslim men were the only ones who refused to change with changing times, under the garb of Shariah. Much of the Shariah's today owes its allegiance to radical schools of thought like Hanbali, Maliki, Shafi'i and the Hanafi school of thought, which was the governing *fiqh* between 1664-1672 for the likes of Emperor Aurangzeb and other bloodthirsty Muslim invaders thereafter. Needless to add that the Supreme Court declared instant triple *talaaq* as unconstitutional on August 22, 2017. The Narendra Modi Government's righteous efforts to make instant triple *talaaq* a punishable crime as per provisions of the Muslim Women Protection of Rights in Marriage Act, 2017, were stalled by the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha on January 3, 2018 and again on August 10, 2018, on flimsy grounds.

In the given circumstances, the Modi Government's decision to bring an Ordinance on September 19 to declare triple *talaaq* a punishable offence, is historic. In 1985, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi destroyed the confidence of India's Muslim women by overturning the Supreme Court's 1985 verdict and denying Shah Bano, a hapless Muslim divorcee, a mere monthly allowance of ₹179. The wrongs done by the Congress were finally corrected by the current BJP-led dis-

penation after 33 long years, under the astute leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Naysayers from the Congress would do well to recall 70 Ordinances under Nehru, 77 under Indira Gandhi and 61 under Manmohan Singh, before criticising the Modi Government on opting for the Ordinance route to end triple *talaaq*. Criminalising triple *talaaq* sets the stage for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), which in any case has been provided for under Article 44 of the Directive Principles. But since these principles are not legally enforceable, a suitable law is long overdue. Those who oppose UCC on the frivolous pretext that it will end India's diversity and plurality, should know that family laws can never override the Constitution, which is the country's only Holy Grail that is both legally tenable, and the one that has and always will, stand the test of time. The case for the UCC was amply demonstrated by Justice Khehar and Justice Chandrachud, when a PIL by Catholic advocate Clarence Pais, who wanted divorce granted by Church courts to be held legally valid, was junked by the apex court in January 2017. The Court categorically stated that despite Christian marriages being solemnised by a parish priest in the Church as per the 'canon law' (Christian Personal Law), when it came to divorce-related matters, only divorce granted by courts under the Indian Constitution and under the Indian Divorce Act of 1869, are legal. Family laws or Church courts have no place in a democratic society if such personal laws interfere with the basic tenets of the Indian Constitution or relevant parliamentary legislations contained therein. The fact that personal laws run subservient to the Constitution had in any case been decided way back in 1996 in the divorce battle between Molly Joseph and George Sebastian, and the 2017 judgement against Clarence Pais, only reaffirmed the 1996 verdict. Be it making Christian divorce laws gender equal in 2001, or amending Hindu succession laws in 2005, if there can be a common criminal code, there is absolutely no reason why India should not have a common civil code. The essence of secularism implies removing any trace of religion from family laws, and that being the case, UCC is an idea that now needs to be implemented to keep India's secular and richly diverse moral fabric intact.

(The writer is an economist and chief spokesperson for BJP, Mumbai)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WIPE OUT NAXALISM

Sir — This refers to the report, "Maoists gun down TDP MLA, ex-legislator in T" (September 24). It is shocking that the Maoists killed two MLAs belonging to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). At a time when Naxalism is on the wane, this outburst of their outpouring of vengeance is nothing but terrifying. This portends a jittery future for the nation. Naxalism is a scourge and it has to be wiped out any and where. Does Naxalism linger? And what is its main attraction? Naxalism grows where

there is a breakdown of the justice system. Also, huge economic disparity and poverty play an important role in taking root of this social outfit. So, as an immediate measure, the Government must address the core problems of the Maoists. Once the socially marginalised people, who often fall prey to the revolutionary principals of annihilation, are taken to the mainstream of the country by providing them all that is needed basically, Naxalism will vanish for sure. TK Nandanam Via email

ACT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "French gust of wind" (September 24). By now, it is clear enough that the Congress is trying to make a Bofors out of the Rafale deal. While there may not be an iota of truth in the Congress allegations but the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been silent on the issue, it is difficult to fathom. Modi-led Government's biggest USP is its clean government record so far and the Congress is trying to hurt the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

India must get tough on cow protection

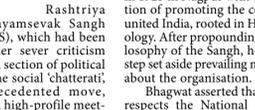
This refers to the article, "Selective amnesia on the killing of animals" (September 24) by Balbir Punj. In my opinion, the two resolutions passed by the US House of Representatives on the slaughtering of cats and dogs and meat consumption should prompt India to ban slaughtering of cows. Reverence for the cow is an integral part of the Indian culture and when we talk about composite culture, it becomes necessary that we respect sentiments of

the majority community in respect of the cow. It is high time that India should take a lead and ban cow slaughtering. A cow not only holds religious importance but is also beneficial for our social life and agriculture. But recent incidents of mob lynchings have proved that cow vigilantes take law in their own hands in the name of cow protectionism. If the Union Government acts and bans cow slaughtering, domestic consumption and export of beef, then lynching incidents will minimise. Lynching incidents are a threat to our social fabric. I appreciate the writer's demand that the Union Government should ban cow slaughtering, consumption and export of beef immediately by a central legislation in those States where it is lawfully permissible. Also, the Government must also enforce it strictly where it is banned already. Jasin Mohammad Aligarh

THE TERM HINDUISM NEVER EXISTED IN INDIAN TEXTS AND WAS COINED BY FOREIGN INVADERS. IT CAME INTO USE IN THE 7TH CENTURY AD. BHAGWAT ASSERTED THAT SEGREGATING PEOPLE INTO GROUPS IS THE ANTITHESIS OF RSS VALUES

Singing the Sangh's tune afresh

RSS' three-day lecture series was a good public relations exercise to showcase the Sangh's changed matrix from which its master speaker Mohan Bhagwat walked away with a gold medal



VK BAHUGUNA

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), which had been under severe criticism by a section of political leaders and the social 'chatterati', in an unprecedented move, arranged for a high-profile meeting in Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan on September 17 to September 19. A galaxy of people from all walks of life, including foreigners, were invited. Opposition leaders, including Congress president Rahul Gandhi, too were invited but they refused to attend. This writer, while on tour, got a call from Suresh Kulkarni, a self-effacing RSS national representative of the Sangh's affiliate Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, and a senior *Pracharak*, who asked him if he could attend this meet to know about his organisation's philosophy on the "future of Bharat". This writer had been in touch with the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram on related matters and agreed to attend the programme.

The meet got massive response, as the plenary hall of the Vigyan Bhawan, which has a seating capacity of 1,285, was full to its capacity during the three-day meet. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, as per the schedule of the programme, spoke for about one-and-a-half-hour each for two days. He also solicited questions in writing, on topics that touched upon by him, that were handed over to the volunteers to be replied on the last day of the event. The *Sarsangchalak* was heard with rapt attention by the audience. The RSS chief was frank and spontaneously effortless in his discourse on a wide range of subjects. Those who heard him, unanimously agreed that it was one of the finest speeches delivered by any Indian in the past few decades on issues close to their heart. The event will be remembered in the history of the RSS as one of the best exposition of its principles, philosophy of life, changes in approach on multiple issues from the past with a collat-

erally beneficial commentary on what the Indian culture is, and lofty ethos of sustaining a dignified human life. On day one, Bhagwat started with establishment of the RSS and the life of Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, who founded the RSS in 1925 in Nagpur with the intention of promoting the concept of united India, rooted in Hindu ideology. After propounding the philosophy of the Sangh, he, step by step set aside prevailing misgivings about the organisation. Bhagwat asserted that the RSS respects the National Flag, and cited the example of 1936 Faizpur (Jalgaon district of Maharashtra) session of the Congress, in which RSS volunteer Kishan Lal, one of the many who attended the session, hoisted the tricolor. He was praised by Jawaharlal Lal Nehru. Bhagwat also refuted the criticism that the RSS was opposed to Mahatma Gandhi and cited many instances of the Sangh's support to him and vice-versa. He stressed that the Sangh had no desire to impose itself on the country. Further, the RSS chief made it clear that neither does the Sangh remote controls its affiliate organisations nor does it allow its office bearers to participate in political activities. He asserted that the Sangh definitely raises issues of national security, like infiltration of foreigners. Individual members, however, are free to join any political party and espouse the cause of their chosen field. The RSS, therefore, concentrates on transforming the individuals as good human beings to make a vibrant society. If this is ensured, nations around the world would be integrated as a world community — it is the bedrock of Hindutva and Indian civilisation. In nutshell, this is the crux of Hinduisim.

The term 'Hinduism' never existed in Indian texts and was coined by foreign invaders. It came to use only in the seventh Century AD. Bhagwat asserted that Hindutva encompassed Indian Muslims as other forms of worship and that segregating people into different groups is the antithesis of the RSS' values. The foundation of Indian civilisational values is based on unity in diversity that is *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, which

means that the entire world is one single family. Without this very concept, the Sangh cannot exist. This is the biggest statement ever made by any Sangh chief. In doing so, Bhagwat set the record straight about his organisation's view on religion. He, thus, effectively countered propaganda spread by few that the Sangh is anti-minority, especially an anti-Muslim body. He said that in RSS parlance, there is no scope for minoritism as it believes in oneness of the people. On the last day, he declared his organisation's support for all Constitutional provisions, laws and judicial interpretations and fully supported the reservation policy till the time those who are beneficiaries, renounce it themselves. He also asserted that the RSS stands opposed to the caste system. He, however, categorically demanded that the Ram Temple

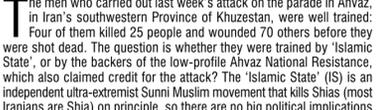


should be made in Ayodhya as soon as possible as it has been proved beyond doubt that it is the birth place of Lord Rama, and if Muslims agree, it will strengthen the bond between the two communities. The RSS chief also reiterated the views of the RSS on Jammu & Kashmir for abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A and said that the RSS volunteers are working with the local population to achieve social harmony. However, he evaded a direct answer on the Supreme Court's decision on Article 377 but said that he believed that an inclusive approach should be adopted on this. Mohan Bhagwat also supported the Government's decision on the Court's order on atrocities on SC/ST, but said that there should not be any discrimination and misuse of the Act. Bhagwat deplored cow vigilantes for taking law into their

hands but at the same time pitched the idea of 'cow conservation' so as to make small farmers self-sufficient. The RSS supremo demanded a new population policy which should take into account demographic balance for a better future of the country. He also vehemently opposed the idea of choosing none of the above (NOTA) while voting. On a question on conversion, he said that God is not for trade in the market — voluntary conversion is needed, devoid of any ulterior motive. On language issue, he asked the Hindi speaking States to adopt teaching of one non-Hindi language. Overall, it was a good public relation exercise interspersed with a changed matrix in which the master speaker walked away with a gold medal. (The writer is a retired civil servant)

Gulf War IV or IS as usual?

Last week's terror attack in Ahvaz signals either a Gulf War IV in the offing or it may well have been just another meaningless spasm of hatred by the Islamic State



GWYNNE DYER

The men who carried out last week's attack on the parade in Ahvaz, in Iran's southwestern Province of Khuzestan, were well trained. Four of them killed 25 people and wounded 70 others before they were shot dead. The question is whether they were trained by 'Islamic State', or by the backers of the low-profile Ahvaz National Resistance, which also claimed credit for the attack? The 'Islamic State' (IS) is an independent ultra-extremist Sunni Muslim movement that kills Shi'as (most Iranians are Shia) on principle, so there are no big political implications if it was IS that planned the attack.

If it was the Ahvaz National Resistance (ANR), however, then these were the opening shots in the next Gulf War, because the ANR is backed by Saudi Arabia and its smaller Arab allies, like the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Iran is convinced that it was the latter. "It is absolutely clear to us who committed this crime... and whom they are linked to," said Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. "The small [Arab] puppet countries in the region are backed by America, and the US is provoking them and giving them the necessary capabilities."

There is reason to suspect that this is true. Arab countries of the Gulf are smaller and weaker than Iran, and have talked themselves into the paranoid conviction that Iran intends to destroy them, perhaps even to replace Sunni with Shia Islam. They talk of war with Iran as inevitable, and dream of drawing America into such a war to even up the odds. US President Donald Trump is also paranoid about Iran, and openly talks about overthrowing the Iranian regime. Indeed, his personal lawyer, Rudolph Giuliani, boasted last week that US sanctions are really hurting Iran: "I don't know when we're going to overthrow them. It could be in a few days, months, a couple of years. But it's going to happen."

So this could be a marriage made in heaven (or somewhere else in the supernatural realm, perhaps). But first there has to be a spark, some Iranian action that gives both Trump and the Arab Gulf states a pretext for attacking Iran — for they both think in terms of attacking Iran first, not of defending against a (highly improbable) Iranian attack. Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, said last year that "we won't wait for the battle to be in Saudi Arabia. Instead, we will work so that the battle is for them in Iran." If they get their war, both leaders expect that most of the heavy lifting will be done by the US Air Force, but something bad has to happen on the ground first. Iran has to do something stupid.

How do you get it to do something stupid? Well, you could try supporting separatist movements in the various ethnic minority areas that ring the country: Arabs in the southwest, Kurds in the northwest, Turkmen in the northeast and Baloch in the southeast. With luck, the Iranian regime will over-react and massacre enough of the separatists (and innocent bystanders) to provide the pretext for an Arab-US attack. After last week's attack in Ahvaz, Abdulqahleq Abdulla, a prominent United Arab Emirates scholar who tends to say what other people don't dare, tweeted that the attack wasn't really a terrorist incident at all. He pointed out that "moving the battle to the Iranian side is a delicate option", and predicted that the number of such attacks "will increase during the next phase."

If that's the Saudi/American strategy, then sooner or later they will manage to goad the Iranian regime into committing some atrocity in return, and then we're away to the races. It would the fourth Gulf war in less than forty years. The first was the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war, in which the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein attacked the new revolutionary regime in Iran with the warm support of the United States. Up to a million people were killed, most of them Iranian, but the only direct US support was to give Saddam's forces intelligence and targeting information for their attacks. The second was the 1990-91 war between Iraq and most of its Arab neighbours, plus large numbers of American and other Western troops, after Saddam invaded Kuwait. The third was in 2003, when then US President George W Bush invaded Iraq in the mistaken belief that Saddam had links with the al-Qaeda terrorists who made the 9/11 attacks and/or was working on weapons of mass destruction. And the fourth, coming soon to a theatre (of war) quite a long distance from you, will be the US/Gulf Arab conflict on Iran. Of course, the attack in Ahvaz last week could have been just another meaningless spasm of hatred by the Islamic State, and not a Saudi/American initiative at all. But if not now, then soon. (The writer is an independent journalist)

DESPERATE MOVE

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "For gender equity" (September 22). The Government's use of the ordinance route to criminalise instant triple *talaaq* shows its desperation for vote bank. It should have instead discussed the issues that were raised by the Opposition. The move also shows its dictatorial attitude. Manisha Via email

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IL&FS is independent of Government. It has independent board and shareholders. So, IL&FS needs to resolve its issues on its own and I think it is capable of doing it. It has assets, it has liabilities to take care. There might be some temporary mismatch, so it is IL&FS, which will deal with the problem
Subhash Chandra Garg, Secretary, Economic Affairs

BUZZ FROM GOVT

The achievement of the first cycle of Perform, Achieve and Trade has been very impressive indeed. The targets have been exceeded by more than 30 per cent. The first cycle itself led to saving of almost 1.25 per cent of our primary energy consumption. Just in first cycle of PAT we get 8.67 million tonnes of oil equivalent savings
RK Singh, Union Minister of Power



Sensex at 7-month low

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark BSE Sensex on Monday suffered its worst single-day loss in seven months, extending its fall for a fifth day due to a meltdown in banking and auto stocks on liquidity concerns and a rout in global markets.

The 30-share index tanked 536.58 points or 1.46 per cent to settle at a two-month low of 36,305.02, logging its biggest single-day loss since February 6 when it declined by 561.22 points.

This is the weakest closing since July 11 when it settled at 36,265.93. The index dropped a total 1,785.62 points or more than 5 per cent in five sessions, wiping out ₹8.48 lakh crore of market wealth.

Factors like crude oil prices hitting a four-year high, liquidity concerns after defaults by IL&FS, the rupee retreating a low of 72.73 against the US dollar beset investors.

The broad-based Nifty of the National Stock Exchange crashed below the 11,000 mark, declining by 168.20 points or 1.51 per cent to end at 10,974.90.

Liquidity concerns and reports that China has called off planned trade talks with the US weighed on the market sentiment, brokers said.

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INVESTORS POORER BY ₹8.47 LAKH CR AS MARKET TURMOIL CONTINUES FOR 5TH DAY

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Market turmoil has wiped out ₹8.47 lakh crore from investor wealth in five days, with the BSE benchmark index tumbling nearly 5 per cent since early last week. The 30-share Sensex Monday tanked 536.58 points or 1.46 per cent to end at 36,305.02, extending its downtrend for the fifth straight session. The barometer has lost 1,785.62 points or 4.68 per cent in past five trading sessions. Led by the extreme bearish market sentiment, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies went down sharply by ₹8,47,974.15 crore to ₹1,47,89,045 crore. Liquidity concerns and reports that China has called off planned trade talks with the US weighed on the market sentiment.

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Brent crude prices hit a four-year high before trading up 2.34 per cent at \$80.07 a barrel while WTI gained 1.81 per cent to \$72.06 a barrel.

Of the 30 Sensex scrips, 24 declined with Mahindra & Mahindra emerging as the

Petrol price crosses ₹90 per litre mark in Mumbai

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Spiralling fuel prices continued their upward march on Monday as petrol price in Mumbai crossed the landmark level of ₹90 per litre. Diesel prices also hit new highs for the second consecutive day.

Petrol was sold at ₹90.08 per litre in country's financial capital Mumbai, up from ₹89.97 on Sunday, data on the Indian Oil Corp's website showed.

In the other key cities of Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai, the fuel was priced at ₹82.72, ₹84.54 and ₹85.99, respectively, against the previous levels of ₹82.61, ₹84.44 and ₹85.87 per litre.



The recent surge in transportation fuel prices comes amid increasing crude oil prices. On Monday, the price of Brent crude oil crossed the \$80-per-barrel mark.

Diesel prices also rose on Monday in tandem with petrol prices.

Cost of diesel in the four metros of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai was at ₹74.02, ₹75.87, ₹78.58 and ₹78.26 respectively, against the Sunday's levels of ₹73.97, ₹75.82, ₹78.53 and ₹78.20 per litre. Prices in all the four cities are at their record levels.

Business Corner

PCRA'S AWARENESS INITIATIVE FOR PETROLEUM CONSERVATION
Petroleum Conservation & Research Association (PCRA), under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India, aims to make oil conservation a national movement. PCRA is entrusted with the task of creating awareness amongst the masses about the importance, methods and benefits of conserving petroleum products & emission reduction. With this objective, PCRA conducted a study through Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) in 2016-17 to gauge the impact of an awareness campaign on vehicle users' switching off behavior "before", "during" and "after" a 7 days long awareness campaign at Bhikaji Cama Place Traffic Intersection.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES CELEBRATED

'International Day of Sign Languages' was celebrated by Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment here on Monday. Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shakuntala D Gamlin, Secretary, DEPPwD, Dolly Chakravarty, Joint Secretary & Director, ISLRTC and many Deaf and Dumb persons along with their families were present.

GARDEN SHIPBUILDERS & ENGINEERS LTD OFFERS EQUITY SHARES

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (the company), proposes to open on September 24, 2018, an initial public offering of equity shares of Face Value of ₹10 each ("Equity Shares") for cash at a Price per Equity Share (including a Share Premium) ("Offer") comprising an offer for sale 29,210,760 Equity Shares by the Promoter, The President of India, acting through the Ministry of Defence, Government of India ("The Selling Shareholder").

WEEKLY COMMERCIAL STEAM TRAIN INTRODUCED

After steam traction phased out on Indian Railways around 25 years back, it is the first time that a time-tabled weekly commercial steam train service has commenced at normal fair of ₹10 between Garhi Harsaru and Farukhagar section of Northern Railway.

BIS BEGINS CELEBRATION OF WORLD STANDARDS DAY 2018

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards Body of India has commenced the celebration of World Standards Day (WSD) 2018 with first curtain raiser programme at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru on the topic 'Smart Energy Storage'.

Govt mulls nationwide norms for public procurement

The Government is considering developing nationwide specifications for public procurement of goods by Central Government agencies to encourage domestic suppliers to plan their production schedule, an official said.

The proposal is likely to be included in the new industrial policy being prepared by the commerce and industry ministry.

The policy may also suggest extending the offset policy in public procurement in sectors beyond defence such as electronics and ICT.

The official said standardised specifications of products would enable Government departments and public sector units (PSUs) to release large orders helping the industry achieve economies of scale.

The Government and PSUs procure goods and services worth over ₹5 lakh crore every year, as per estimates.

Standardised specifications would also help domestic industry plan their production and technology well in advance.

"Policy actions can help public procurement add significant value to the domestic industry," the official added.

The ministry has developed an e-marketplace portal (GeM) for buying of goods and services by different Government agencies and departments.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Srikant Yadav** S/o Jodi Yadav R/o H.No. 52, Shyam Nagar, Govindpura, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence vide case FIR No. 98/12 u/s 147/148/149/257 IPC P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Srikant Yadav** cannot be found and whereas it have been show to my satisfaction that the **Srikant Yadav** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 Cr.P.C. is hereby made that the **Srikant Yadav** accused of FIR No. 98/12 u/s 147/148/149/257 IPC is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **10.12.2018**.

By Order: Ms. Mahima Rai, Metropolitan Magistrate-02 Court No. 15, 1st Floor, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Geeta, D/o Jiraj, R/o D-109, Laxmi Park, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi, Aged 14 years, has been missing since Dated 18.08.2018**. In this regard a FIR No. 536/18, u/s 363 IPC, Dated 19.08.2018 has been registered at Police Station - Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under-

Complexion: Sallow, **Height:** 5'0", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Wearing pink colour Suit, Pajami and red colour Chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform undersigned.

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FM to meet PSU banks chiefs today

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will meet the heads of public sector banks (PSBs) on Tuesday as part of the annual financial performance review exercise.

The meeting is expected to discuss a host of issues, including progress made with regard to reduction in non-performing assets, sources said.

The meeting will happen against the backdrop of the 'Alternative Mechanism' (AM) to merge three public sector banks — Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank — with a view to create a global-size lender, which will be stronger and sustainable.

Besides, the finance minister will also discuss credit growth and bad loan situation, they said, adding that various recovery measures by banks and legislative steps taken by the government to expedite recovery are also part of the agenda.

Govt may opt to control retail fuel prices to cushion inflationary shocks: S&P

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With petrol and diesel prices scaling record highs, S&P Global Ratings Monday said the Government may opt to control retail fuel prices to cushion inflationary shocks.

India imports almost 80 per cent of its crude oil requirements. Rising crude prices and the recent 10 per cent slide in the rupee has translated into higher fuel prices for consumers.

"This puts pressure on consumers and results in higher inflation, a sensitive subject, given the impending federal and state elections over the next 12 months," S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Vishal Kulkarni said.

"We don't expect any reversion to the subsidy mechanism similar to before 2014 in India, even though the incumbent government may opt to control retail fuel prices, using other means, to cushion the inflationary shocks," Kulkarni added.

The US-based agency said it assumes a Brent crude oil price per barrel of \$70 for the rest of 2018, \$65 for 2019, and \$60 for 2020, against the current spot price of almost \$80 per barrel in our financial projections.

Petrol price Monday crossed the ₹90-mark in Mumbai, while it was at ₹82.72 per litre in Delhi. Diesel at IOC's outlets in Mumbai costs ₹78.58 a litre, while in Delhi the fuel costs ₹74.02 a litre.

The Government freed petrol price from its control in June 2010 and diesel in October 2014. It now provides a limited subsidy on LPG and kerosene. S&P said amid rising crude oil prices, tight implementation of retail fuel-pricing policies will influence the leverage of Indian oil companies.

"While rising oil prices bolster the cash flows of upstream businesses, cross subsidies from upstream to downstream segments could limit such benefits," Kulkarni said.

Govt mulls selling its stake in PFC to REC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is considering selling its 65.61 per cent stake in state-owned Power Finance Corporation (PFC) to Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), which could fetch the exchequer about ₹13,000 crore.

"The discussions are at a preliminary stage. The Government sees a lot of synergy between the two NBFCs funding power sector projects," an official said.

At the end of 2017-18 financial year, the total resources of REC stood at over ₹2.46 lakh crore, of which 'Reserves and Surplus' stood at ₹3,515.59 crore. The net worth of the company stood at ₹35,490 crore and 'cash and bank balance' was at ₹1,773 crore at the end of March 2018.

Stock of REC was trading at ₹98.90, down 7.35 per cent, while PFC scrip was trading at ₹79.60, 1.18 per cent lower over previous close on the BSE.

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NOTICE

In continuation to our notice No. KRC/Accounts/2016-A,B,C/2018 dated : 04.07.2018, it is again reiterated that the migrant employees who retired from Resident Commission, J&K Govt. New Delhi shall submit an affidavit valued Rs. 10/- duly notarised, declaring:-

1. Name alongwith parentage of the migrant employee.
2. Last place of his/ her posting where from the employee migrated from Kashmir Valley,
3. That the employee is not residing in an accommodation provide by the Govt. (state) in or outside the state.
4. The place of retirement.
5. Date of Retirement.
6. Saving account no. operated by the migrant.
7. Contact number of the retiree.

The above information is being sought in order to disburse/ calculate HRA/ CCA as admissible to State Govt. employee as per the Govt., order No. 1449-GAD of 2016 dated: 30.12.2016.

Chief Pay & Accounts Officer, Resident Commission
KRC/Accounts/3984-3988/18
Dated: 20.09.2018

IL&FS independent of Govt, capable of handling its issues: Garg

Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS), which has defaulted on a series of interest payments, needs to resolve issues on its own, Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg said.

"IL&FS is independent of Government. It has independent board and shareholders. So, IL&FS needs to resolve its issues on its own and I think it is capable of doing it," Garg said in an interview.

Although Government has no holding in the company, some of the state-owned financial firms including LIC and SBI are shareholders of the non-banking financial company (NBFC).

"It has assets, it has liabilities to take care. There might be some temporary mismatch, so it is IL&FS, which will deal with the problem. The Government is not involved directly," Garg said.

Earlier this month, IL&FS Group defaulted on inter-corporate deposits and commercial papers.

On September 4, it came to light that IL&FS had defaulted on a short-term loan of ₹1,000 crore from Sidbi, while a subsidiary has also defaulted on ₹500 crore dues to the development financial institution, which reportedly forced Sidbi to ask its chief general manager in charge of the risk management department to resign.

State-owned LIC is the largest shareholder with a fourth of the firm's equity, while Orix Corporation of Japan owns 23.5 per cent.

Other shareholders include Abu Dhabi Investment Authority with 12.5 per cent stake, IL&FS Employees Welfare Trust with 12 per cent, HDFC with 9.02 per cent, Central Bank of India with 7.67 per cent and State Bank of India (SBI) with 6.42 per cent at the March-end 2018.

In a letter to its employees, IL&FS had claimed that if funds worth ₹16,000 crore stuck with concession authorities were released on time, it would not have landed in this mess.

Kent RO opens RO water purifier manufacturing unit in Noida

The Spiritual Guru Sri Sri Ravishankar along with Hema Malini inaugurated Kent's new Manufacturing Facility in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Kent's new facility is India's largest RO Water Purifier manufacturing unit and with this facility, Kent RO will double its current capacity for RO water purifiers from 5 lacs units a year to 10 lacs units a year.

Spread on a total area of 23000 square meters & having a built up area of 3.5 lac square feet, Kent's new manufacturing facility has been planned in phases. The newly inaugurated phase-1 of the plant, constructed at a cost of ₹150 crores would undertake manufacturing of Next Gen range of RO purifiers. The new plant will fulfill capacity expansion and meet the increasing demand.

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CORRIGENDUM-I

NIT No. 215/ P&D/ 2018 (Bid No. B- 559)
The due dates for submission of tender cost, EMD, closing of e-tenders and opening of Part-I bids are hereby extended as under:-

a. Date of closing of online e -tender for submission of Techno-Commercial Bid & Price Bid.	01-10-2018 upto 13:00 Hrs
The original bank guarantee (EMD) or DD shall be deposited by the bidders in the O/o CE PD&C, UHBVN, Panchkula after closure of online sub mission of Techno-Commercial Bid & Price Bid on web portal. The validity of this BG shall be 193 days from the date of opening of Part - 1 of the tender.	after 13:00 Hrs. on 01 -10-2018 before 13:00 Hrs. on 03 -10-2018
b. Date & time of opening of Part - I (i.e. Techno-Commercial Bid)	03-10-2018 at 15:00 Hrs

Detailed terms & conditions are available on the website i.e. <https://haryanaeprocurements.gov.in>

Superintending Engineer/ P&D, UHBVN, Panchkula.
RO No. 72056 Dt. 24-09-2018

GOVT TO TAKE ALL MEASURES TO ENSURE LIQUIDITY IN NBFCs: JAITLEY

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Seeking to calm the nerves of worried investors, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said on Monday that the Government would take all measures to ensure adequate liquidity for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and mutual funds.

The minister's remarks come in the wake of stock markets witnessing sudden and stiff fall in intra-day trade on Friday over concerns of liquidity crisis being faced by some of the NBFCs.

"The Government will take all measures to ensure that adequate liquidity is maintained/provided to the NBFCs, the mutual funds and the SMEs," Jaitley tweeted ahead of the opening of stock markets.



HEALTH

AyushmanBharat

Ayushman Bharat, world's largest Government-funded healthcare scheme in India, which will become operational from September 25, offers an insurance cover of ₹5 lakh, which will cover 10 crore poor families or almost 50 crore people



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DR RUNVIJAY

Chief Yoga Mentor

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PCOD is a silent epidemic

One in four urban women in 15 to 39 years of age group are estimated to have Poly Cystic Ovarian Disorder/Syndrome (PCOD or PCOS). Symptoms include irregular or no menstrual cycle, obesity, infertility, acne, hair loss, unwanted hair, ovarian cysts and imbalanced testosterone / estrogen levels.

Women with PCOD are also likely to develop diabetes and cardiac disorders. Often cysts in the ovaries develop into large size which then needs surgery. But even then, the cysts tend to recur. PCOD also creates a significant risk of ovarian and breast cancers.

A woman suffering PCOD will have to spend anywhere from ₹5 lakh to ₹15 lakhs over 10 to 20 years on medications, artificial fertility, laser hair removal, skin treatment, diagnostic tests, weight-management programmes and so on. And there are large non-monetary penalties on relationships, workplace performance, coping with clinical depression and more. Unfortunately, due to the gynaecological nature of some PCOD symptoms, and the social stigma around infertility, PCOD is much suffered but rarely spoken about. PCOD is not taken seriously in the initial stages.

It is said that PCOD is triggered by stress, poor nutrition habits, low physical exercise and family history. But the disorder is not well-managed with traditional drug or surgery therapy.

MYTH

A common myth is that weight loss can reverse PCOD. A clinical research paper published by gynecologists at Lady Hardinge Hospital & College, showed that 40 per cent of women with PCOD had normal weight. Exercise, healthy diet and weight loss, do help reduce symptoms but they have not been proven to reverse the PCOD.

The CYT is the combination of modern diagnostics with multiple yoga techniques that cures Poly Cystic Ovarian Disorder (PCOD) from its roots

CLINICAL YOGA THERAPY

Yoga is well-known for its command over hormones and the endocrinological system. The clinical yoga therapy (CYT) takes it further, working on the hormone system to re-induce a natural menstrual cycle free from support of any drugs. CYT is the combination of modern diagnostics with multiple yoga techniques to target a specific condition. This is further customised to each patient's clinical history. Even the diet needs to be modified to maximise the impact of the therapy sessions. CYT is meant to deliver results that are measured in elimination of symptoms as well as removal of root causes.

Asanas help prevent PCOD but they aren't enough to cure the disorder. Once the timely menstrual cycle is restarted, the rest of CYT is focused on removing the cysts naturally. So far, there are well-documented cases of success in curing PCOD measured by ultrasound reports and various hormone blood tests. CYT is showing tangible results within two to three months. Natural, smooth menstrual cycle gets reinduced. Cysts get dissolved naturally and testosterone or estrogen levels get rebalanced. Insulin resistance goes down and Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH) and Luteinizing Hormone (LH) also normalises.

Symptoms like excess weight, male hair growth, acne, infertility slowly disappear. CYT works to remove the root cause, instead of targeting the symptoms. Till now there has been no recurrence of the PCOD but the patients were also advised of a basic preventive regime, so that is considered important too. A few cases of natural pregnancies immediately after the CYT programme have bolstered the proof of success.

The quick delivery and safety profile of CYT is adding to the popularity. There are no side-effects, no drug interactions to worry about and no surgical interventions that can go wrong.

SUMMERCOOLER

RADICCHIO: Also known as red cabbage is one of the excellent sources of Vitamin K that strengthens the bone and is good for the treatment of Alzheimer's. The vegetable promotes weight loss due to high fibre content that makes one full and keeps one satiated for longer. Radicchio is also high in antioxidants that boost overall health, wellness and energy. It promotes bile production which improves digestion and reduces cholesterol.

Radicchio contains inulin that naturally helps to regulate blood sugar levels and reduces the risk of strokes and other heart diseases.

As the veggie has high fibre content, it helps in colon cleansing. Also radicchio has been used to fight intestinal worms and parasites to great effect. Polyphenols found in radicchio help neutralise free radicals and give a mental sharpness, keen eyesight and lower incidence of stomach flu.



Though there is no treatment to stop or reverse Alzheimer's, neurologists, on the occasion of World Alzheimer's Day that falls on September 21 every year, talk about how Ayurveda and Vitamin D helps to manage the disease. PIONEER HEALTH tells you more

ALZHEIMER'S: THE LOWDOWN

WHAT IS ALZHEIMER

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is a fatal form of dementia which leads to progressive loss of memory and cognition. "It is a progressive mental deterioration that destroys memory and other important mental functions due to generalised degeneration of the brain. It generally occurs in middle or old age due to damage of brain tissues. It is a common type of dementia, a syndrome in which there is deterioration in memory, thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday activities. It is one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide. The impact of the disease begins slowly and gets worse over time affecting quality of life and life expectancy," Dr KM Hassan, associate director Neurology, Jaypee Hospital, Noida, says.

Also called senile dementia, it is a slowly progressive neuro-degenerative disease of the brain that often begins in people over 65 years of age.

STATPACK

Every three seconds someone in the world develops dementia. The AD accounts for 60 to 70 per cent of all cases of dementia. Worldwide, around 50 million people have dementia with a sizeable burden of disease in India with its ageing population. Nearly 10 million new cases come up every year worldwide. In India the annual incidence of AD among seniors aged more than 65 years is estimated to be approximately 10 per 1,000.

EARLY DIAGNOSIS

Initial symptoms are often mistaken for normal ageing. It requires a medical diagnosis by a Neurologist and a comprehensive clinical evaluation and neuro-imaging to diagnose "You must consult an experienced neuro specialist if you have a family history of the disease. They'll take a complete medical history and conduct neurological exam, and review your symptoms. The diagnostic process may also include magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), PET scan of the brain or computed tomography (CT) scans of the brain. There are some blood tests which can be help you to detect," Dr Madhukar Bhardwaj, consultant, Neurology, Aakash Healthcare Super Speciality Hospital, says.

STAGES OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

- **Stage 1 — No cognitive decline:** People have normal mental functions with no memory loss.
- **Stage 2 — Very mild cognitive decline:** People have normal forgetfulness associated with ageing.
- **Stage 3 — Mild cognitive decline:** There is an increase in forgetfulness, problem in focusing and concentrating, difficulty in finding the right word, decreased work performance.
- **Stage 4 — Moderate cognitive decline:** Decreased memory of

- recent events and difficulties in completing complex tasks efficiently. Patient starts withdrawing from family or friends.
- **Stage 5 — Moderately severe cognitive decline:** People have major memory deficiencies and need help to complete their daily activities. Memory loss is more prominent as the patient may not remember their address or phone number and their whereabouts.
- **Stage 6 — Severe cognitive**

- decline:** Patients require extensive assistance to carry out daily activities as the ability to speak declines. There is a loss of bladder or bowel control & have little memory of recent events & remember only some details of their earlier life.
- **Stage 7 — Very severe cognitive decline (late dementia):** People have no ability to communicate. They require assistance with most activities. They also lose psychomotor skills like the ability to walk.

VITAMIN D DEFICIENCY

Various studies suggest that people with Vitamin D deficiency are more prone to Alzheimer's. Vitamin D isn't only important for bone metabolism, calcium absorption and others, it also helps in the proper functioning of neurons and brain cells. In the old age, human skin's ability to synthesize vitamin D from the sun decreases and gradually it affects ones cognitive abilities and memory.

Mohamad Yusuf N Shaikh, founder of Kudrati Ayurved Health Center, says: "The problem of Alzheimer's is caused due to depletion of neuron cells in the human brain & leads to excessive memory loss & degradation of mental health. While other cells in the brain can regenerate themselves, neurons can't, hence, the only way is to immune the surviving neurons against further damage."

TREATMENT

There are no treatments to stop or reverse AD's progression, though some medications may temporarily improve symptoms. "AD requires a multi-disciplinary approach under expertise of neurologist, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist and primary care provider. Treatment consists of cognition enhancing medications and management strategies aimed to improve symptoms," Dr Hassan says.

Both medical science and Ayurveda suggests that adequate Vitamin D synthesis in the body helps heavily in securing and accentuating the health of neurons, thus, preventing people from AD. An adequate Vitamin D synthesis in the body helps in proper production

and flow of essential body chemicals like adrenaline, noradrenaline, and dopamine. The well-management of these body chemicals and calcium helps people in better prevention and treatment of AD. Vitamin D enhances energy levels, improves mental health, and reduces muscles & bone pains," Shaikh tells you.

It gets critical for the family members to handle patients with extreme care, love and passion. "Caring for a person with AD may have high physical, emotional, and financial costs attached to it. The round the clock demand for care and changes in family roles are extremely painful and difficult situations for the caregivers to deal with," Dr Vinit Suri, senior consultant, Neurology, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, explains.

DadiKaKehna

Rainy season has its benefits — it helps recharge underground water & balances the Earth's weather, but it brings woes to the people with skin problems. Here are simple home remedies to deal with them, says ROSHANI DEVI



Most of the skin problems that occur during monsoon season are not life-threatening and many of them can be treated at home especially fungal infections that are caused due to prolonged exposure to dirty rainwater and humidity. Here are a few things that one can do:

Athlete's foot: A common problem that many face when their feet are exposed to dirty water over a period of time. The skin turns greenish and there are itchy patches filled with pus. Soaking the feet in vinegar or bleach solutions can be helpful. Of course, the trick is to keep the feet dry at all times. Alternatively, carry an

extra pair of shoes to work. **Ringworm:** The infection occurs in the shape of a ring on the body due to fungal infection. Avoid scratching the infected area and wearing synthetic clothes. The best remedy is to use apple cider vinegar and brush the cotton ball over the infected area. Do this thrice daily. **Nail infection:** Dirt and mud that accumulate under the nails lead to fungal infection. Keep short nails, wash the feet once you are home and remove dirt from under the nails.

TIPTOP

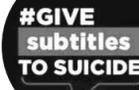
With the aim to highlight this issue and mark World Suicide Prevention Week, Suicide Prevention India Foundation, an NGO creating awareness about suicide prevention and WATConsult, the agency from Dentsu Aegis Network, launched a campaign Give Subtitles To Suicide.

According to World Health Organisation, suicide is an emerging and a serious public health issue in our country. The most vulnerable and affected age group is between 15-29 years. The suicide mortality rate per 100,000 population in India is 15.7 while the global average is 10.7.

The campaign focuses on the importance of identifying suicidal signs among the near and dear ones, as most of the people fail to identify these signs, while some who understand, don't know how to deal

with them. The campaign leverages the popular subtitles feature on YouTube and Facebook. The campaign video revolves around the life of five college friends, has to be watched twice, first without and then with subtitles. When watched with subtitles, it shows cases the fact that how some obvious suicidal signs get overlooked unintentionally and lead to suicide.

The agency also created a website to promote the QPR Gatekeeper Training Program by the NGO that trains a person to identify people at the risk of suicide by recognising early signs, providing necessary intervention and access to mental health services. The NGO will also be conducting offline activities with various colleges to create awareness and educate students about the programme.



SLIMLINE

As per the released mortality estimates by the UNICEF, WHO, the UN Population Division, and the World Bank Group, an estimated 6.3 million children under 15 years of age died in 2017, or 1 every 5 seconds. This is mostly out of preventable causes like complications during birth, pneumonia, diarrhoea, neonatal sepsis and malaria. Post-natal care can help in checking for and averting any danger signs like insufficient feeding, fast breathing more than 60 per

minute), severe chest in drawing, lethargy, fever, low body temperature, or jaundice. This is also the time when mothers are advised on how to identify and respond to these symptoms, as well as the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding and immunization. About 80% of newborn deaths can be prevented through proven high-impact interventions and quality care for small and sick infants around birth. It is also imperative to provide proper and timely vaccinations.

HEALTHCARE GETS TECH



(L-R) Dr Sudarshan Ballal, chairman, Manipal Hospitals; cricketer & former India captain Rahul Dravid and Pramod Alagharu, CEO Manipal Hospitals Dwarka Private Limited present at the launch of Manipal Hospital, Dwarka

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Aimed to provide specialised tertiary and quaternary care, the Manipal Hospitals, part of the Manipal Education and Medical Group, has launched its state-of-the-art, digitally-enabled, 380-bedded multi super speciality in Dwarka

The group's first venture in Delhi and the 10th in the country, the Manipal Hospital, Dwarka, is spread over 5,60,000 square feet and houses seven Centers of Excellence—Cardiac Sciences, Medical and Surgical Gastroenterology, Neuro Sciences, Oncology Services, Orthopedic and Joint Replacements, Renal Sciences (Nephrology & Urology), Gynecology and Pediatrics. The robust facility was inaugurated by the cricketer and the former India captain Rahul Dravid, in the presence of RP Upadhyaya, IPS, special commissioner (law & order), South, Delhi Police, New Delhi; Dr Sudarshan Ballal, chairman, Manipal Hospitals, and Pramod Alagharu, CEO Manipal Hospitals Dwarka Private Limited.

Announcing the launch, Dr Ballal, said: "It is a proud moment for Manipal to foray into the capital after being in the industry for close to 60 years. The launch of this hospital is in line with the group's vision to strengthen its presence across the country. Featuring experienced medical professionals and the latest in the medical infrastructure, the hospital symbolises Manipal's commitment to provide world-class clinical services in an ethical and patient centric manner."

He further informed that the Manipal Hospital Dwarka has embraced digital and technology advancements for better outcomes. With a complete WiFi premises and top-of-the-line HIS system, the hospital is equipped with wireless point of care (POC) devices such as computers on wheels (COWs), and mobile clinical devices (MCD) such as tablet PCs, smart phones, and PDAs, Real-time Location System (RTLS) technologies, Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) accessible to doctors from anywhere within the premises. The hospital houses the latest equipment inclusive of robotic surgery system, dual energy LINAC, Spec CT and integrated ICU.

The group operates a chain of multi-specialty hospitals with over 5200 beds and has a footprint across Bangalore, Manipal, Mangalore, Vijayawada, Salem, Goa and Jaipur and operates a facility in Klang, Malaysia.

Speaking on the occasion, Alagharu, said: "Manipal is committed to provide quality medical services, ethical practices and keeping patient centrality at the forefront of all our initiatives. With prime focus on digital technology including a comprehensive, pervasive IT infrastructure to enable clinical and administrative workflow, we have various advanced technologies such as critical medical devices, intelligent information systems, facility control systems, sensors, and digital communication tools that are fully integrated to improve staff productivity, hospital operations, process quality and patient safety."

The Manipal Hospital Dwarka also houses a robust fleet of ambulances. The Manipal Ambulance Responsive Services (MARS) are equipped with ICU services and trained drivers who can perform 'Basic Life Support'. Stationed at 12 different locations across Dwarka and NCR, the MARS follows a unique command centre protocol, which allows ambulances to reach the patient in the quickest possible time and ensures real time monitoring during the transport period.

STUDYCENTRE

A recent study by the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) has found that salt intake among adult Indians is high and exceeds the levels recommended by the WHO. The study found that salt intake in Delhi and Haryana was 9.5 g per day and 10.4 g per day in Andhra Pradesh.

High dietary salt intake has detrimental effects on blood pressure and can lead to cardiovascular diseases, over time. Restricting salt in the diet can lower the risk of developing heart disease by 25% and that of dying from heart complications by 20%. An adult must not consume more than 5 g salt in a day, recommends the WHO. Researchers and policy-makers around the world stress on reducing salt intake to control hypertension because its key triggers — stress and faulty lifestyle are difficult to control. Some tips from HCFI:

- Substitute white salt with black salt
- Do not keep salt shaker on the table
- Do not add salt in your food except in pulses and cooked vegetables
- Do not add salt to salads
- Avoid adding salt to foods at the table
- Take stock of the sources of salt in your diet like restaurant meals, salt-based condiments and convenience foods. Some of these are really loaded with salt
- Read the labels when shopping
- To cook with reduced salt, one can add more lemon, garlic and amchur (mango powder).

Maldives Opp's surprise win



Ibrahim Mohamed Solih interacts with his supporters in Male on Monday

AP ■ MALE, MALDIVES
The surprise victory of opposition candidate Ibrahim Mohamed Solih in the Maldives' third multiparty presidential election will shake up politics in the Indian Ocean archipelago. Famed for its sandy white beaches and luxury resorts, the Maldives under outgoing

Solih's main campaign office cast a pall over Sunday's balloting, triggering fears that the vote would be rigged. But the turmoil did not appear to deter voters, who waited in rain and tropical heat to cast ballots. The election commission released provisional results on Monday showing Solih had

Strongman Yameen greets Solih

Colombo: Maldives President Abdulla Yameen on Monday conceded defeat in elections and said he would arrange a smooth transition for President-elect Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. "I have accepted the results from yesterday," Yameen said in a televised address to the nation after Sunday's election gave the joint Opposition candidate 58.3 per cent of the vote. "I accept the defeat," Yameen said. "I will enable a

won with 58.3 per cent of the vote, with voter turnout of 89.2 per cent in the country of 4,00,000 people. Officials said voting proceeded smoothly, with no reported incidents. After meeting with Solih, Yameen conceded defeat and promised to work on a smooth transition of power.

US, China hike tariffs as trade row intensifies

AP ■ BEIJING
China and the United States imposed new tariff hikes on each other's goods on Monday and Beijing accused Washington of bullying, giving no sign of compromise in an intensifying battle over technology that is weighing on global economic growth. US regulators went ahead with a planned 10 percent tax on a \$200 billion list of 5,745 Chinese imports including bicycles and furniture. China's customs agency said it responded at noon by beginning to collect taxes of 5 or 10 per cent on a \$60 billion list of 5,207 American goods, from honey to industrial chemicals.

Trump at UN: 2nd N Korea summit likely 'soon'

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

Confronting the dangers of North Korea's nuclear threat, President Donald Trump arrived at the United Nations on Monday striking a far less ominous tone than a year ago, announcing he likely will hold a second summit with Kim Jong Un "quite soon." Twelve months after Trump stood at the rostrum of the UN General Assembly and derided Kim as "Rocket Man," the push to denuclearise the Korean Peninsula is a work in progress, although fears of war have given way to dreams of rapprochement. The president's bellicose denunciations of Pyongyang have largely given way to hopeful notes. "It was a different world," Trump said Monday of his one-time moniker for the North Korean leader. "That was a dangerous time. This is one year later, a much different time."



President Donald Trump talks to Nikki Haley at the United Nations General Assembly on Monday

He added preparations are underway by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for a second presidential meeting with Kim "quite soon." Trump arrived at the UN on Monday morning for a meeting on the global drug trade, ahead of a sit-down with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who comes bearing a personal message to Trump from Kim after their inter-Korean talks last week.

Trump and Moon are expected to sign a new version of the US-South Korean trade agreement, one of Trump's first successes in his effort to renegotiate trade deals on more favorable terms for the US. Even so, some US officials worry that South Korea's eagerness to restore relations with the North could reduce sanctions pressure on Kim's government, hampering efforts to negotiate a nuclear accord. The nuclear threat was on the agenda at Trump's first meeting in New York, a dinner with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Manhattan on Sunday night. Abe stands first among world leaders in cultivating a close relationship with the president through displays of flattery that he has used to advance his efforts to influence the unpredictable American leader.

HDFC BANK 2nd Floor, Indian Express Building, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002

Legal Cell

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notices, and calling upon to pay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Customer Name	13(2) Notice Date	Notice Amt.	Possession Date	Description of Property
1. Mr. Bijender Singh Tewatia S/o Sh. Tejpal Singh Tewatia. 2. Mr. Tejpal Singh Tewatia S/o Late Sh. Ghasita Singh.	14-Jun-2018	Rs. 12,06,234/-	19-Sep-2018	Property/Shop No. 89, Measuring 105 Feet X 2 1/2 Feet. Situated At New Anaj Mandi, Palwal, District Faridabad, Within The Municipal Limit of Palwal Town, Bounded As Under: - East: M.C. Road, West: Entrance Of The Shop And M.C. Road, North: Shop No. 90, South: Shop No. 89
1. M/s Aman Int Ext System through Its Partners Mr. Kailash Chandar Bhatt & Mrs. Parul Bhatt. 2. Mr. Kailash Chandar Bhatt S/o Mr. Bhola Dutt Bhatt. 3. Mrs. Parul Bhatt W/o Mr. Kailash Chandar Bhatt.	09-July-2018	Rs. 18,06,405/-	19-Sep-2018	Flat No. 403, On Ground Floor, Category Lig, Pk-C Situated In The Layout Plan Of East Of Link Road, Shahdara, Delhi, Bounded As Under: North: Other Property, South: Entry, East: Other Property, West: Other Property
1. M/s U Like Furniture Through Its Partners Mr. Harsh Madan, 2. Mr. Mahendra Madan Proprietor Of M/s M. K. Furniture. 3. Mr. Harsh Madan S/o Mr. Mahinder Madan. 4. Mr. Mahinder Madan S/o Mr. Bhuta Ram. 5. Mrs. Kanta Madan W/o Mr. Mahinder Madan.	23-Jun-2018	Rs. 46,22,836/-	20-Sep-2018	Plot No. 124, Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards, Block 1, Kirti Nagar, W-15, New Delhi. Owned By Mrs. Kanta Madan, Bounded As Under: North: Road, South: Gali, East: Plot No. 125, West: Plot No. 123

The borrower(s) having failed to pay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act on the read with rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules, on this 19th & 20th day of September, 2018. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers 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 charge of HDFC Bank Ltd. for an amount of notices mentioned above and interest thereon together with expenses and charges etc. less amount paid, if any.

DATE :- 19/09/2018 & 20/09/2018
PLACE :- PALWAL / DELHI

Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd

DHFL DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

National Office: DHFL House, 4th Floor, 19, Sahar Road, Off Western Express Highway, Vile Parle (East), Mumbai - 400099
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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)
(LC No. 00000257 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Surinder Kumar Jain (Borrower) Sushila Jain (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 10582797 /-(Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven Only) (NPA date :01-07-2018)	Property No. 46, Block- Bg Shalimar Bagh East, New Delhi New Delhi, New Delhi-110088.
(LC No. 00000625 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Surinder Khurana (Borrower) Geeta Khurana (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 7246870 /-(Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Only) (NPA date :01-05-2018)	Plot No. H-150 , Third Floor With Roof Right, Block H, Near Brain International School, Vikas Puri, Delhi, New Delhi-110018, Delhi.
(LC No. 00001883 of Ghaziabad Branch) Varun Sharma (Borrower) Shweta Gupta (Co Borrower) Suresh Sharma Kumar (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 3755523 /-(Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Only) (NPA date :01-07-2018)	Plot No. J-55, Third Floor Lajpat Nagar-3 South Delhi, Delhi, New Delhi-110019, Delhi.
(LC No. 00001790 of Ghaziabad Branch) Vijay Jain (Borrower) Rita Jain (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 13527209 /-(Rupees One Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Only) (NPA date :01-06-2018)	Property No. I-141, 1st Floor Block-I, Kirti Nagar New Delhi, New Delhi, New Delhi- 110015, Delhi.
(LC No. 00001482 of Noida Branch) Priyank Bhatia (Borrower) Renu Bhatia (Co Borrower) Deepthi Marwah (Gaurantor) Megha Babutta (Gaurantor)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 18127634 /-(Rupees One Crore Eighty One Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four Only) (NPA date :01-07-2018)	D-29 Vikas Puri Delhi, Delhi, New Delhi-110018, Delhi.
(LC No. 00000563 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Gurdeep Singh (Borrower) Upkar Kaur (Co Borrower) Harpreet Singh (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 7728896 /-(Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Only) (NPA date :01-05-2018)	D-149 (ff), Fateh Nagar, Near Tilak Nagar, New Delhi, New Delhi-110018, Delhi.
(LC No. 00000210 of Karkarduma Noida Branch) Surinder Arora (Borrower) Laxmi Arora (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 3574453 /-(Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Three Only) (NPA date :01-07-2018)	House No 1/6801, Third Floor, Plot No 11, Kharsa No 500/320, East Rohatash Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi, New Delhi-110032, Delhi.
(LC No. 00041452 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Shalini (Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 2221714 /-(Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Only) (NPA date :01-06-2018)	Property Bearing No-337 Entire Building Kharsa No-642, Near Jwala Nagar Chowk Doongar Mohalla Fresh Bazar, Shahdara Delhi, New Delhi-110032, Delhi.
(LC No. 00001628 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Surender Gahlawat (Borrower) Sourabh Gahlawat (Co Borrower) Shakuntala Gahlawat (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 8362130 /-(Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Only) (NPA date :01-06-2018)	Flat No 94 Second Floor Vijay Veer Awasth Yojna Sec-18 A Dwarka, Delhi, New Delhi-110075, Delhi.
(LC No. 00000679 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Surinder Kumar Jain (Borrower) Sushila Jain (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 8573154 /-(Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Four Only) (NPA date :01-07-2018)	Plot No- 46, Entire Property Block-Bg Near Maharaja Agarsain Bhawan Delhi Shalimar Bagh East, New Delhi, New Delhi, Gautam Budh Nagar -110088, Delhi.
(LC No. 00001221 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Aashish Kumar Sardana (Borrower) Roopali Sardana (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 5125787 /-(Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Only) (NPA date :01-07-2018)	Plot No. 476, Kharsa No. 58/3, Gali No.6 Village Khureji Khas, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi, New Delhi-110092, Delhi.
(LC No. 00003754 of New Delhi Branch) Ravi Kumar (Borrower) Shiv Kumar Gupta (CoBorrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 3012072 /-(Rupees Thirty Lakhs Twelve Thousand Seventy Two Only) (NPA date :01-06-2018)	D D A Janta Flat No. 1916 (G F) Nand Nagri G T B Enclave, Delhi, New Delhi-110095, Delhi.
(LC No. 00042988 of Delhi - Safdarganj Branch) Sumesh Choudhary (Borrower) Indu Choudhary (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 1046580 /-(Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Only) (NPA date :01-06-2018)	Plot No 9/3108, G/8ff, Kh No 466/124/19 Plot No 16, Gali No 3, Dharam Pura Gandhi Nagar Delhi, Delhi, New Delhi-110031, Delhi.
(LC No. 00000101 of Gurgaon Branch) Vikas Sharma (Borrower) Kavita Sharma (Co Borrower)	20-07-2018/ ₹ 10401483 /-(Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Three Only) (NPA date :01-07-2018)	Plot No. C-9/11 Krishna Nagar Delhi, Delhi,-110051, Delhi.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)
Date: 25-Sep-2018
Place: Delhi
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Attackers 'funded by' Saudi and UAE, says Iran Supreme leader

Tehran: Iran's Supreme leader on Monday said the attackers who killed 24 people at a military parade in the southwestern city of Ahvaz were funded by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. "Based on reports, this cowardly act was the work of those very individuals who are rescued by the Americans whenever they are in trouble in Iraq and Syria and who are funded by the Saudis and the (United) Arab Emirates," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said, in remarks posted on his official website. He did not give any further details on the identity of those behind what he called a "terrorist attack". In the immediate aftermath of the attack on Saturday, Iranian authorities said they suspected Arab separatist groups were behind the attack, none of whom is known to have a presence in Syria. Khamenei, who was speaking to a group of Iranian athletes,

New accusation rocks Kavanaugh nomination; Trump stands firm

AP ■ WASHINGTON
President Donald Trump staunchly defended his embattled Supreme Court nominee against a new allegation of sexual misconduct Monday, calling the accusations against Judge Brett Kavanaugh "totally political." The president spoke a day after a second allegation emerged against Kavanaugh, a development that further imperiled his nomination to the Supreme Court, forced the White House and Senate Republicans onto the defensive and fueled calls from Democrats to postpone further action on his confirmation. Trump, at the United Nations for his second General Assembly meeting, called the allegations unfair and unsubstantiated, made by accusers who come "out of the woodwork." He also questioned the political motivations of the attorneys representing the women, saying "you should look into the lawyers doing the representation." On Kavanaugh, Trump stressed, "I am with him all the way." The new accusation landed late Sunday in a report from The New Yorker, just a few hours after negotiators had reached an agreement to hold an extraordinary public hearing on Thursday for Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accuses him of sexually assaulting her at a party when they were teenagers. Kavanaugh denies the accusation.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Anshu, D/o Satya Bhan Verma, R/o H. No. J-50, Adhyapak Nagar, Nihal Vihar, Delhi,** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Nihal Vihar, since 05.09.2018. In this regard FIR No. 561/18 dated 05.09.2018 has been registered at **PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 15 years and 4 month, **Height:** 4'10" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Pink Colour Salwar and Kameez and Pink Socks and Black Shoes.. Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in
Ph. No.-011-25946700, 25946710
Tel. No. : 011-24368638/24368641
Mob. No. : 7065036129
Fax No. : 011-24368639
DP/1400/OD/18

SAFE FOR PILOTS TO SPORT BEARDS: STUDY

Toronto: A clean-shaven face may not be necessary for pilots to ensure their safety during in-flight emergencies, according to scientists who found that those who sport a full beard can also properly seal on an oxygen mask. Several airlines require pilots to have a clean-shaven face, as it is believed to be necessary to ensure a proper seal on an oral-nasal face mask during an emergency scenario.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Executive Engineer (E), Electrical Division-1, CPWD, Gate No. 6, Jalebi Chowk, North Block, New Delhi (Ph : 23092312 & E-mail: deleeeed1.cpwd@nic.in) on behalf of the President of India, hereby invites online Item rate tenders from the "Specialized firms" in Two bid system i.e. (i) Pre-qualification, (ii) Price Bid for the following work:-

- NIT No. 141/EE(E)/ED-1/2018-19, Name of Work: R.M.O. External services including Sub-Station & DG Sets at North Block, New Delhi. (SH- Operation of 11kV/433kV Sub-Station at East & West-Wing side). Estimated Cost: Rs. 26,79,254/-. Earnest Money: Rs. 53,585/-, Period of completion: 12 (Twelve) Months, Last time and date of submission of bid 04.10.2018 up to 3:00 PM.**
- NIT No. 142/EE(E)/ED-1/2018-19, Name of Work: RMO Fire fighting and Wet Riser system at North Block, New Delhi. (SH- Operation and routine maintenance of fire fighting and wet riser system). Estimated Cost: Rs. 37,34,856/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 74,697/-, Period of completion: 36 (Thirty Six) Months, Last time and date of submission of bid 04.10.2018 up to 3:00 PM.**

The Bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that: Mr. Shalendra Nath Manekta & Mr. Ravindra Nath Manekta both sons of late Sh. Dwarka Nath Manekta, Both resident of H. No. 3, road no.17, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi are the legal heir of the said residing property after the death of their parents and are the lawful owners and in possession of the above said property. If anyone claims the ownership in respect of the said property, he/she can contact at the below mentioned contact number within 10 days from the publication of this Notice otherwise the property can be sold to anyone without reference to any such claim or claims and the same will be considered as waived or abandoned.

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT (APPROX.)	WEBSITE
1	IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT , AMBALA	CONSTRUCTING CAUSEWAY ON FIELD FROM VILLAGE GHASITPUR TO VILLAGE DUKHERI IN DISTT. AMBALA + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 22.10.2018	484 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in
2	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPTT. , BHIVANI	SUPER ENAMELLED COPPER WINDING WIRE, 15SWG (200KG) 15.5 SWG (100KG), 16 SWG (200KG), 17 SWG (150KG), CONFIRMING TO IS-7330 POLYESTERIMIDE -GR-2 PART 3 DULY MAKE BIC/ALTAS/ ESSEL	OPENING DATE 08.10.2018	4.81 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in
3	PANCHAYATI RAJ, GURGAON 0124-2221322 prexeeng.grg@hry.nic.in	CONST.OF STADIUM	24.09.2018 07.10.2018	81.68 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
4	PWD B&R, HISAR 01662-299887 pwd-eeepd3-hissar@hry.nic.in	SPECIAL REPAIR OF ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK OF CIVIL AVIATION AT HISSAR	24.09.2018 08.10.2018	23.72 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
5	PWD B&R, NARWANA 01684-244833	RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD BY PROVIDING 4-LANED C.C.PAVEMENT FROM RD 28.88 TO 30.00 KM DEOBAN-NAGURAN ROAD	CLOSING DATE 04.10.2018	553.30 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
6	PWD B&R, SONEPAT 0130-2244690 pwd-eeepd1-sonapat@hry.nic.in	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VETERINARY HOSPITAL IN VILLAGE BIDHLAN IN DISTT. SONEPAT	21.09.2018 08.10.2018	32.65 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
7	PWD B&R, SONEPAT 0130-2244690 pwd-eeepd1-sonapat@hry.nic.in	PROVIDING GRILL ON MEDIAN UNDER ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME ON NH-352A FROM TRUCK UNION TO MAHARANA PARATAP CHOWK	24.09.2018 08.10.2018	30.90 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
8	PWD B&R HANSI	CONSTN. OF NEW ROAD FROM GURANA TO RALLI UPTO HANSI BARWALA ROAD	18.09.2018 03.10.2018	281.45 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
9	PWD B&R, JIND 01581-249416	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VETERINARY DISPENSARY AT VILLAGE KINANA IN JIND + 1 OTHER WORK	18.09.2018 08.10.2018	33.8 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
10	PWD B&R FARIDABAD 0129-228187 pwd-eeepd1-faridabad@hry.nic.in	SPECIAL REPAIR BY PROVIDING REME-FIXING OF CEMENT CONCRETE BLOCK ON LINK ROAD TO PHIRNI FATEHPUR BILLOCH IN KM 0.00 TO 0.30 IN FARIDABAD	21.09.2018 05.10.2018	12.05 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
11	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT , SIRSA 9592259876,9034357793	DRILLING , INSTALLATION & DEVELOPMENT OF ONE NO. CAVITY TUBEWELL OF 250 MM DIA UPTO DEPTH OF 137 METERS BGL.	21.09.2018 28.09.2018	5.11 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
12	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT , BAWAL	SANPLI & KASOLA PROVIDING CANAL BASED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME SANPLI & KASOLA GROUP OF 23 NO. VILLAGES & 4 NO.	22.09.2018 22.10.2018	1924.30 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in
13	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT , KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP CHAMBER 10 "X12" , IN VILLAGE NABIPUR AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO. + 8 OTHER WORKS	26.09.2018 05.10.2018	29.94 LACS	www.hararyanaeprocurement.gov.in

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Trend Glazer

Vipul to present Dhoom Dhadaka



Filmmaker, **VIPUL AMRUTLAL SHAH**, after treating the audience with an interesting trailer and two super hit songs *Tere Liye* and *Bhare Bazaar* is now all set to unveil the third song *Dhoom Dhadaka*, from the film *Namaste England*. The song features the lead cast **Arjun Kapoor** and **Parineeti Chopra**, which will showcase them dancing to the steps choreographed by Ganesh Acharya. The peppy Punjabi track is penned by ace lyricist Javed Akhtar, composed by Mannan Shah and is crooned by Shahid Mallya and Antara Mitra.



'Dulquer Salmaan is a very fine actor and a very dear friend. I am very happy with the kind of progress he is making with cinema. I would like to do something with him in the future'
—Rana Daggubati

Dancer-actress **SHEFALI JARIWALA**, who shot to fame with the 2002 controversial song *Kaanta laga*, says there can never be another *Kaanta laga* girl. She got the epithet after featuring in the video of the song. "I believe every actor is trying to create an identity for himself or herself. My first song did that for me. There can be no other *Kaanta laga* girl ever. And I love that," Shefali said. She is back with another bold content, this time a bold comedy web series titled *Baby Come Naa*.



Tv series Friends co-stars reunite

Friends show co-stars and long-time friends **JENNIFER ANISTON** and **COURTENEY COX** reunited for dinner. Aniston, who has been friends with Cox for more than two decades, is also a Godmother to Cox's daughter. The outing came after Aniston's former husband Justin Theroux broke his silence on their split a few days ago saying there is no bad blood between them, and that they are on good terms with each other.



AGED BEAUTY

Imagine a house with four rooms, all attached to each other and each filled with wine glasses, fruits, green and black glass bottles around the walls and shelves, frames, colours and lights. It evokes quite the epicurean decadence of royalty, an unending feast.

Master distiller Dr Bill Lumsden, also Glenmorangie company's director of whisky creation, walked us down the pavilion into four such surreal cubicles, each with a unique theme, opening doors to whisky-lovers and connoisseurs of whisky to enlighten their taste buds and make them have a multi-sensorial experience into the whisky brand, launching its 'Taste The Difference' campaign.

The first cubicle showcased huge glass cylinders and barrel-like containers full of ingredients like oranges, ginger, spices, pineapples, jaggery, apricots, and many more with which the whisky is prepared while telling us about its evolution over time. Two sections catch the eye as one enters the room — 'The Lasanta' on one hand and 'The Original' on the other.

"The first room talks about the company, tradition and the history of Glen. It tells about how it has evolved over the years since 1843, when its first distillery was established. You can see how this room brings about the difference between Glen's two most cherished drinks and their uniqueness. First, The Original, the classic malt which is stored for 10 years to derive its best taste — creamy and fruity. Second, the 12-year-old, The Lasanta, which is Gaelic for warmth and passion. Do you know why it says that? It blends cream and dark chocolate, dry fruits and fresh honey. You will never find its textures hard to swallow. They are as mild and soft."

The room was full of pictures of bourbon casks in which The Lasanta gets matured in before being moved to Oloroso and Pedro Ximenez Sherry casks for their finishing period.

While the first room might enlighten one with what the

DR BILL LUMSDEN, master distiller and Glenmorangie company's director of whisky creation, talks about its first single malt to have been entirely matured in American rye whisky casks. By **CHAHAK MITTAL**



whisky brand has come up with, the second cubicle is about the methods that were used in the primitive ages to make the designer casks and the processing and selection of the wood for the same. As Lumsden says, "It talks about the wood that we choose to make the casks."

As around 60 per cent of the whisky's flavour comes from the cask, hence selecting and crafting the highest quality of oak is simply essential. It produces a subtly fragrant spirit with 140 aromas.

The company, based in Scottish Highlands, uses

American white oak which gives it the elegant taste. The wood comes from the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, which has slow growth-wood which brings the greatest maturation effects. The slow-growth timber contains more of the porous growth which takes place in springtime and it is this wood which goes into their 'designer casks'. But first it is air-dried (not kiln-dried). All drying reduces astringency and further improves the wood's permeability, but it is air-drying which additionally brings out the soft and smooth qualities of their whisky.

Lumsden talks about the third room that "takes into the world of the most prestigious malt whiskies of Glenmorangie introducing its exclusive edition, Spios."

Glenmorangie Spios, which is Scots Gaelic for spice, beautifully evokes the whisky's origins. It has been matured solely in casks that previously held American rye whisky, a spirit known for its distinctive, spicy characteristics. Spios has a herbal nose and a rich, spicy palate, followed by a long, sweet finish. It is the ninth limited edition bottling in the distillery's Private Edition series, and the first single malt to have ever been entirely matured in American rye whisky casks.

"The most unique feature of this single malt whisky is that it brings together rare cinnamon and American rye," he said. It is aged for 10 years in wooden casks before serving, he added.

The whisky's texture is oily and full of apricot, peaches, avocados and oranges. Lumsden took us into the four cubicles, while introducing the process and ingredients that go into making the single malt whisky.

Speaking about this new era of innovation, Stephane de Meurville, managing director Moët Hennessy India said, "Glenmorangie is a groundbreaking single malt scotch whisky, wonderfully complex and exceptionally smooth. We are among the pioneers of extra-maturation, and continue to keep pushing the boundaries of wood finishing. To celebrate this, we have launched 'Taste The Difference', a forward-thinking experience from the Glenmorangie maison which elevates the consumer understanding about the brand in India. Being among the leading markets for Glenmorangie in Asia today, 'Taste The Difference' presents us with an opportunity to enhance our consumer engagement by setting new benchmarks in this market."

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

Ground zero

Actor **ALI FAZAL** talks to **AYUSHI SHARMA** about how the twain may not ever meet and he is beyond the hype

Not many actors from Bollywood have been Hollywood success stories. But we keep at it. One among them is *Fukrey* actor Ali Fazal, who hasn't only made a mark in Bollywood but has also attempted crossovers more than once.

Talking about how different both the industries function in terms of work as well as budgets, Ali highlighted a few points, striking a huge contrast between both. "While comparing both the industries, you also have to understand the economics and their work dynamism. A small budget film for Hollywood is a big budget film for Bollywood," he said.

Apart from making a cameo in *Fast & Furious 7*, Ali was seen in 2017's *Victoria & Abdul*, which was based on Shrabani Basu's eponymously-named book. He cited an example of the film's budget, saying that it was "considered a medium budget film as it was made in 20 million dollars but that amount here in India is way hefty. The film made a profit of over 90 million dollars worldwide. It was a huge success as per the Indian currency."

So why are actors wanting to shift to Hollywood these days? He felt, "Apart from Priyanka Chopra, there isn't much hype over the issue, I believe. Hollywood is undoubtedly at least 15 years ahead of India, technologically, and that is the reason why people prefer working there."

Working with a veteran actress like Dame Judith Olivia Dench (Judith Dench) in the role of Queen Victoria, was absolutely a "feast" for Ali. He said that it was "legendary" working with her and that "it couldn't have got any better. This is what feels like when dreams come true as she was one of the actresses on my check list. And this movie is directed by my favourite filmmaker so my biggest honour was also to work with the iconic Stephen Frears."

He learnt while working with the actress that "there's no replacement for hard work or for practice as Judi is an ardent believer of it." Sharing experiences from the film, he added, "We had lines to practise and I even had to teach her Urdu throughout the film. I have learnt so much from her because she used to say keep practising usually all the time."

Ali shared that the film was better than the book. Said he, "Definitely the film was better for me. The book is no doubt informational, so if you want information on that particular chapter, read that book but if you want to enjoy the story and know what happened between them, then you must watch the film."

"Honestly I told everybody that I had read the book but actually I had not. I started reading it but then I thought it was taking me away from the film because the script was very interestingly written. I didn't want to spoil the experience. When I read it later, I realised it was worlds apart. It could have been a very long and devastatingly heartbreaking film, it still was in many ways, but I think Stephen Frears made a little lighter fit and showed us romance and love in its true form with a bit of fantasy involved," Ali added.

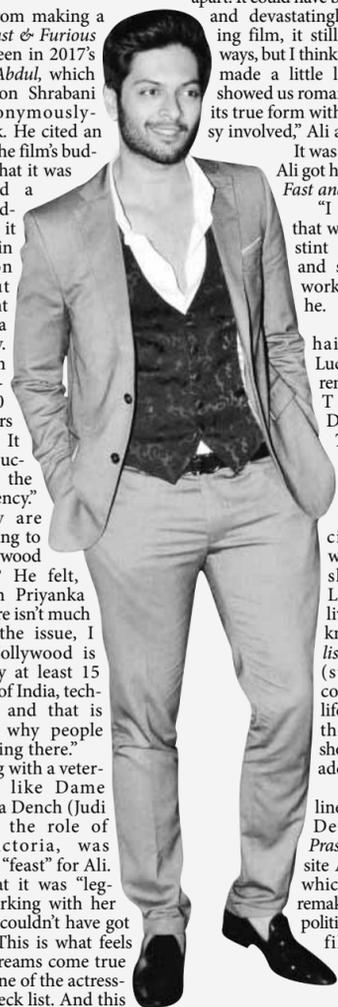
It was by chance that Ali got his first break in *Fast and Furious 7*.

"I did a cameo that was my first big stint in Hollywood and surprisingly it worked out," said he.

Ali Fazal, who hails from Lucknow, is currently working on *Tigmanshu Dhulia's Milan Talkies* and recently completed the shooting for the film in the city. "It feels weird to be shooting in Lucknow. I've lived here and know these *galis* and *mohallas* (streets and colonies) all my life. I had never thought I'll be shooting here," he added.

The next in line for Ali is also Deva Katta's *Prasthanam*, opposite Amyra Dastur, which is a Hindi remake of the Telugu political thriller. The film will also mark the return of Sanjay Dutt in the capacity of a producer. His last production venture was 2011 film *Rascals*.

"Sanjay Dutt is playing the role of my father. It's set in a political backdrop and is a family drama at the same time. It showcases a conflicted story between a father and his son. There are a lot of layers to the film as it's a remake and people know the story. But Deva is also planning a few changes in the script as he wants the film to cater to the pan-Indian audience this time," Ali added.



Storyteller's truth

Author **PARO ANAND** is still committed to writing meaningful stories that prepare young people for the world around them, says **SAIMI SATTAR**

already," she says. She points to the example of the word "rape", which did not feature in the vocabulary of young adults 20 years ago as compared to today when even three-year-olds know it. "There's a wonderful saying, 'Do you prepare the path for your child or do you prepare your child for the path?' You can prepare the child for what you know lies ahead even if she doesn't know anything about it." She says her key words are inclusiveness and empathy. "Children feel a strong sense of injustice and helplessness. And I am trying to give them hope, empathy and the tools to cope with it," she says.

These two concepts are the prime focus of her latest book, *The Other: Stories of Difference*, which as the name indicates talks about young adults grappling with a situation where they are confronted with someone who is different from what they themselves are. From a girl trapped in a boy's body to physical otherness, the author tries to make her readers empathise and understand the world of people who do not make the cut of being 'normal'. "We think



With her kind of books, Anand tries to expose young readers to reality and equip them to cope with the world

we can't expose our child to danger. In this book there is a story of a girl who has nightmares because she couldn't step up when she saw another young woman being attacked. Initially in the story the father said you must be the one to protest but the editor pointed out that this was unlikely. So I presented it as a dilemma that we feel."

In her novel, *Nomad's Land*, which is a work in progress, the protagonists are a Kashmiri Pandit and a Tibetan girl who are dealing with displacement. "I am taking them out of these regional specifics. I am not going to say what is their political or geographical situation. I want to make it about displaced people and not just about two kinds of displacements," she says.

Casting aside concerns about whether young adults are reading or not, hooked as they are to electronic devices, Anand points out that children are reading a lot more than 20 years ago when they couldn't name a single Indian author. "Now many know me most intimately. In Ooty, I was asked the most phenomenal question. A student said that I was 27 books old and how has my journey grown from *Pepper, the capuchin monkey* to *The Others*."

Adults, she feels, should first look within to find out how much they are reading themselves. "If a child gets a book

that s/he really loves and can't stop reading, s/he will stick." Recalling her own example, she says that in her house of readers, time was set apart for reading which she hated till the time she found *Born Free*.

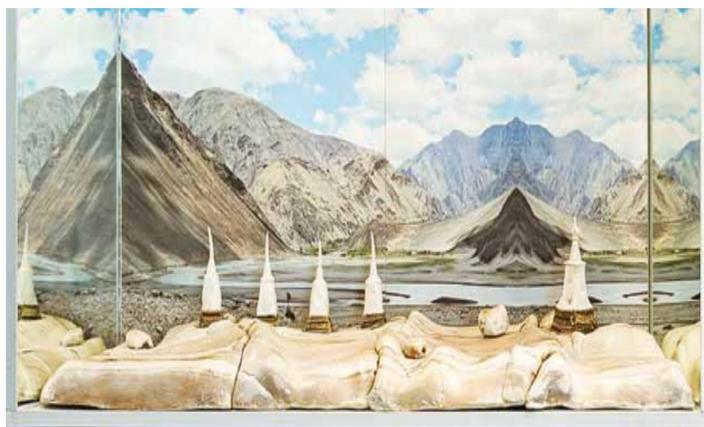
While children enjoy her books immensely, it is parents and teachers that sometimes have objections to her books. "People had objections to *Like Smoke* where a Muslim boy and a Hindu girl fall in love and share a fleeting kiss. But I believe adults should be reading books like mine because it gives them an insight into their wards' lives, fears and issues."

Anand has faced issues bigger than objections. At the Jaipur Lit Fest, when she took to the stage to speak about banned books, some people in the audience positioned themselves strategically to ask motivated questions. "I had to be practically smuggled out of the event in a car. But then, if it is easy, why would I want to do it?"

There are other ways as well that Anand tries to make a difference. She started Literature in Action Programme when she set up libraries in rural India with the National Book Trust. "I met a girl in a place where children had never seen books, who said that they were living in ignorance and were perfectly happy that way. 'Now that you've shown us this world and we cannot go back to that state of ignorance,' she told me. Until then, my books were fun and light. I realised that when children have access to just one book, these would have to be more meaningful." She started a world newspaper project with 3,000 children. "At that time, I realised children have fantastic stories to tell and we have to give them that platform. Literature in Action connects children with stories and gives them that."



Hoshino Satoru



Vineet Kacker



Still moments of Gandhi, Mao

The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art will be bringing images of Mahatma Gandhi and Mao Zedong by famed Swiss photographer WALTER BOSSHARD in a new exhibition

Red Army training in the caves of Yan'an. He had visited China in 1921 and made the first silent film on Mao Zedong, the emergent revolutionary. Living and working in China between 1933 and 1939, Bosshard photographed daily life, the bombing of Hankou and China's nomadic communities. Most importantly he photographed Mao Zedong in the caves of Yan'an, the training of the Red Army, Chiang Kai-shek and Soong Mei-ling.

Bosshard occupies a singular place in 20th century photographic history. Today nearly 90 years later, his photographs offer a compelling comparison between two dominant figures of Asia, Gandhi and Mao as viewed from a single lens. Photographs of the Dandi March and the training of the Red Army, the message of



nationalism and the symbols of resistance that these leaders adopted, reveal salient aspects of Asia's history.

Bosshard was a pioneer in the field of photojournalism. A master of both the word and the camera, he made a name for himself as a bridge builder between Asia and Europe, reporting on key political events and daily life in Asia in the 1930s. Today, his photographs and films are a rich source of information for understanding global history. Bosshard's archive is preserved by the Swiss Foundation for Photography in Winterthur (Zurich), a national institution founded in 1971, tasked with caring for the photographic heritage of Switzerland.

THROUGH MOULDS OF CLAY

Deriving inspiration from Buddhist philosophies, internal landscapes, dynamism of shades and shadows and rhythms of nature, ceramic artists bring together *Breaking Ground*. By UMA NAIR

as well as a personal engagement with Eastern spiritual thought. Over the years, Kacker has used Buddhist imagery and philosophy to create works in the meditative mould. *Endless Landscape* draws upon a sense of self experiencing when walking through the mountains and encountering the mystical, magical and timeless. The sense of unending vastness perceived on the external plane intuitively reveals the same within oneself, altering indelibly the internal landscape. Two parallel series of landscapes, evocative of summer and winter, refer to the cyclical in nature. As one walks closer towards them, the endless reflections draw the viewer into



Madhavi Subramaniam

the terrain of folded undulations that seem to flow in lithe lyrical lines.

MADHAVI SUBRAMANIAM

While you gaze at the minimalist mood of Vineet Kacker's works you are drawn into the

Ray Meeker

maw of Madhavi Subramaniam's installation that echoes the vitality of understanding both materials as well as the dynamism of playing with the shades and shadows of viscerality. Subramaniam stands in her own stead, on her own accord for her felicity with small as well as intriguing intricacies that detail the dialectics of design. While the two walls facing

each other give us an ephemeral elegance of the *Forest of Shadows*, it is the alchemy of the three walls that speak to us about the environment, about the man made as well as the transitory nature of what is real as well as virtual.

HOSHINO SATORU

Among the international artists was the installation of Japanese artist Hoshino Satoru that enchanted for its ability to translate into a landscape with the language of ceramics as an incantation of ideologies. In an interview, Satoru said, "I engage in a dialogue with the clay as it sits in from of me, as a soft, flexible lump of matter. This dialogue is carried out through a form of body language: the primitive action of pressing parts of my body (my fingers) against the body of the clay... This is not a relationship in which I am active and the clay is passive, even if I am the first to speak, the dialogue can only take place if I empathise with the material, adjusting myself to the time contained in the clay and the rhythms of nature."

Hoshino has created a large scale installation that fills an entire wall. A curious concentric circled urn like structure sits in the foreground while a stupendous spiral sits as if in a trance on the wall. It's as if the installation invites us to look at the engagement of man and his environment, and also talks to us about the power of mortality in myriad ways. Hoshino reflects the power of repetition but with a contemplative aura — He is the role model example of a modern ceramicist. The beauty of this installation is that it is open-ended, born of inner rhythms of sorrow as well as an understanding of what is raw and natural, with an emphasis on the essence of clay and its earthy origins. The success of this brilliant creation is that it points to the tenor of quiet contemplation while it exhibits a sense of tensile and tactile simplicity.

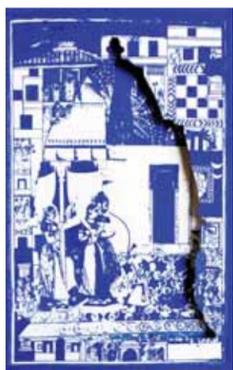
Cross-connects

Ascending Roots conceptualiser RAHUL KUMAR and Ojas art gallery curatorial director ANUBHAV NATH talk to ASMITA SARKAR about bringing young artists together

There needs to be equal space for contemporary and indigenous artists and their artworks, believes Anubhav Nath, curatorial director of OJAS Art Gallery. And, it is with this thought that Rahul Kumar conceptualised the *Ascending Roots* art exhibition. "Roots go down, I'm trying to say that these artists are rooted and yet flying high," said Kumar.

In an endeavour to celebrate both the art forms under one roof, young artists have been hand-picked from each of the categories of folk-contemporary and urban-contemporary. There is no common theme that binds the works. For Nath, it is about exploring the cross-pollination of thoughts and emotions, media and techniques, and style and imagery across the two categories. It is an invite for the spectators to ponder if the boundary lines separating the groups can be erased.

The art gallery has been awarding different indigenous art every year in collaboration with the Jaipur Lit Festival. The works are displayed at the festival in Jaipur and also overseas



at Boulder, Colorado. Apart from that they explore a separate genre annually through the Satrangi annual exhibition. "In contemporary folk art, artists have been pursuing their practices without being affected by the market forces. In the urban art space, there are artists who create work for the market," said Nath. Asked if the traditional form was being lost in a bid to contemporaryise the folk arts, he said, "Art cannot grow or be segregated in a vacuum. It is evolu-

tionary and will evolve based on its environment."

The artists have not stuck to any one medium and instead the exhibition displays paintings, lithographs, sculptures, intaglio, drypoint, drawings, water colours, acrylic on canvas and oil on canvas by 10 artists like Ashish Kushwaha, Abhishek Verma, Deepak Kumar, Jignesh Panchal, Mahalaxmi, Mayur & Tushar Vayeda, Mayank Shyam, Shahanshah Mittal and Sher Singh Bheel. Viewers can perceive the depths of an artist's work when they are freed from the limitations of a theme. The artists' internal and individualistic vision resonate as they have worked on their most preferred subject for this exhibition.

"I consciously did not keep a theme to tie down the artists. The way to look at these two together is to see them as contemporary artists. The indigenous, tribal or folk artists are also individuals living in cities and use a traditional style whether it's Warli, Bheel, Gond or Patachitra. Their concerns and issues are surprisingly, if you dive deeper into the works,



similar like gender equality, sustainability, the effects of urbanisation on changing humanity, climate change and use of plastic. I'm leaving it to the audience to draw the parallels or just enjoy the two genres under one roof," said Kumar, who called the artists "promising." All of them have completed their formal education in the last five years.

Said Kumar, "More people are now engaging with contemporary art, there are websites that are selling them and artists have their own Facebook pages. The way people are able to reach out is phe-

nomenal." He added that more could be done commercially.

For the audience to spend on art, there needs to be an understanding that spending money on an original piece of art than a sofa is better. "There are a lot of people interested in acquiring art. Twenty years ago, there were fewer artists and buyers. Younger and upwardly mobile people are certainly interested in investing in art now," he added. "To begin with, one buys art to show off and it's a conversation starter. Sometimes, they don't understand if the art has been put the right side up and still

want it and sometimes they want to buy so that they can sell it at a profit, but art means different things to people and that's okay," he said. However, he would buy art that he would like to see everyday and wouldn't want to sell it but to "each his own," he concludes.

For the exhibition, Kumar depended on Nath's expertise and engagement with the folk artists since his expertise lies in contemporary.

He shrugged away from being called a curator, for this show, since he only conceptualised it. "By definition, there needs to be more engagement with the artists when one curates. It's not just about the choice of artist but also concept and theme. I want to say something as a curator but I am not the artist. I can only weave a set of artworks to tell you that story. I will work with the artist to ensure that what they make is aligned to the theme and then put the works in a particular order. A curator is like a jeweller who buys the beads and has a design in mind but won't be making the beads. The makers are the artists but the one putting them together is the curator," he said. He chastised those who call themselves curators for choosing artworks and putting them together. "Curating is not well understood in the country," he said. (The exhibition is at Ojas Art@1AQ, Near Qutab Minar, till September 30.)

WATCH OUT

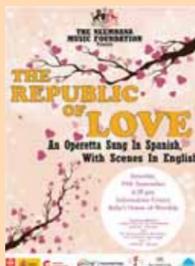
To celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity, the *Long Nights of Literature*, organised in collaboration with 11 countries of the European Union, brings an array of well-known authors from 10 European countries visiting India to present the reading of their texts in their respective languages. **WHEN:** September 28 **TIME:** 5:30 pm **WHERE:** Instituto Cervantes, 48 Hanuman Road, Connaught Place.



LalitArpan Festival of Asavari, conceptualised by Kathak maestro Padmashri Guru Shovana Narayan, Dr Jyotsna Suri and renowned tabla player, late Ustad Shafaat Ahmed Khan, present performances by national and international artistes. The festival's volunteers have presented over 90 torch bearers of Indian classical performing arts. **WHEN:** September 27 and 28 **TIME:** 7 pm **WHERE:** The Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road.



The Neemrana Music Foundation, along with Embassy of Spain in India, Instituto Cervantes, present Spanish Zarzuela, *The Republic of Love*, which will be sung in Spanish with scenes in English. The operetta is a 1909 zarzuela by Vicente Leó and presents a hilarious comedy set in the Indian sub-continent. **WHEN:** September 29 **TIME:** 6:30 pm **WHERE:** Lotus Temple Auditorium.



Janus Art Gallery presents *Convergence 2018*, an exhibition of modern and contemporary artworks chosen from the private collection of the gallery. Featuring several styles, genres, periods and themes, the exhibition showcases over 20 artworks by a range of modernists. **WHEN:** 7 pm **DATE:** Till September 30 **WHERE:** JANUS Art Gallery, 63 Gyan Khand IV, Green Park Lane, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad.



Art Alive Gallery presents the third edition of Art NOW'18. It is an exhibition that brings together works by 35 modern and contemporary Indian artists. Among a few are Krishen Khanna, Satish Gujral, Sakti Burman, Manu Parekh, Thota Vaikuntam, Jatin Das, Madhvi Parekh, Paresh Maity, Vasundhara Tewari, Jagannath Panda, B Manjunath Kamath, Jayasri Burman, Baiju Parthan. **WHEN:** September 28 to October 4 **TIME:** 9:30 am to 6 pm **WHERE:** Lalit Kala Academy, 35, Rabindra Bhawan, Ferozshah Road.

GIRONA SPOIL BARCA'S PARTY

Stuani bags brace to hold Catalan giants for 2-2 draw at Camp Nou after Lenglet sees Red

AFP ■ BARCELONA

American fans will be licking their lips if this is what awaits Miami's Hard Rock Stadium in January after Barcelona and Girona played out an enthralling 2-2 draw at the Camp Nou on Sunday.

There were four goals, one for Lionel Messi and two for Girona's Cristhian Stuani, not to mention a controversial red card shown to Barca defender Clement Lenglet.

Gerard Pique salvaged a point for the hosts to complete his own blockbuster night, after clearing one shot off the line and making mistakes for each of Girona's goals.

By the end, Barca had surrendered their perfect record in La Liga, as well as a two-point advantage over Real Madrid. They return to the top of the table, but only on goal difference. Girona move up to sixth.

"For us, this is a triumph," Stuani said. "Coming here and getting this result is so valuable for us." Hanging over this game was always the wider prospect of it not being returned, given La Liga's desire to move the reverse fixture at Girona's Estadi Montilivi on January 26 to the United States.

For all the opposition, however, there was a noticeable lack of complaint at the Camp Nou, where there were chants for Catalan independence but precious little in opposition to a trip to Miami.

A point may not be viewed as a bad return either for Barca, having played through the best part of an hour with 10 men, but changes made by coach Ernesto Valverde failed to hit the mark.

Lenglet came in for Samuel Umtiti, presumably to bed in next to Pique, given Umtiti is suspended for Barcelona's Champions League game against Tottenham later this month.

But he was, perhaps harshly, sent off in the 35th minute with Barca one up, and then conceded before Umtiti came on at half-time. Arthur and Arturo Vidal - also brought in - were substituted before the hour.

"When we got the red card, our intention was to make a change but we had to let him (Umtiti) warm-up," Valverde said. "It looks like an error on my part." Messi and



Lionel Messi, left, duels for the ball against Douglas Luiz during the Spanish La Liga football match against Girona on Sunday; (right) Cristhian Stuani celebrates after scoring his second goal against Barcelona



AP/La Liga

Pique had changed too, each shaving their beards, but it had contrasting effects based on the evidence of the first half.

Within 19 minutes, Messi had put Barca ahead, a slick finish into the corner finishing off Vidal's pass for the Argentinian's eighth goal in six games. Pique, however, was at fault for the equaliser, a lethargic attempt at a clearance allowing Stuani to poke the ball past Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Girona had been spurred on by Lenglet's red card, after VAR showed the French defender landed an elbow into the face of Pere Pons, and referee Jesus Gil deemed it deliberate.

The red card rippled through the French contingent as Lenglet's dismissal meant Ousmane Dembele was replaced by Umtiti at half-time.

It made little difference as Girona, and

Stuani, scored another six minutes after the restart, with Pique again the one culpable. First, he was outrun by Portu and then he brought the striker down from behind for what was probably a penalty. Portu's shot was pushed away by Ter Stegen but Stuani banged in the rebound.

Valverde replaced Vidal and Arthur with Philippe Coutinho and Ivan Rakitic, and Messi struck the crossbar with a free-

kick soon after.

He was involved in the last goal too as a brilliant exchange with the lively Luis Suarez saw the latter's shot loop across the box. Pique leapt high to head in.

Earlier, Ben Yedder scored a hat-trick as Sevilla thrashed Levante 6-2 while Real Betis came from behind to draw 2-2 at home to Athletic Bilbao. Valencia and Villarreal drew 0-0.



Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates with Federico Bernardeschi after the latter scores Juventus' second goal

Ronaldo keeps Juve perfect in Serie A

AFP ■ MILAN

Cristiano Ronaldo erased the frustration of his Champions League red card mid-week by scoring the opener and setting up Federico Bernardeschi for a second as Juventus kept their perfect record in Serie A after five games with a 2-0 win at promoted Frosinone on Sunday.

The Portuguese star had threatened several times at the Stadio Benito Stirpe but finally found a way through nine minutes from time, and then helped Italian Bernardeschi to score Juve's second, four minutes into injury time.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner had scored his first goals last week with a double in a 2-1 win over Sassuolo, before the 33-year-old was sent off on Wednesday in a 2-0 Champions League win over Valencia.

Juventus — the only unbeaten team in Serie A — have 15 points from five games, three points ahead of Napoli who beat Torino 3-1 earlier on Sunday.

Seven-time reigning champions Juventus and Napoli, last season's runners-up, will go head-to-head next Saturday in Turin.

Frosinone had frustrated the champions for long periods but caved in late and have now conceded 12 goals to remain second bottom of the table with just one point.



Ritu Phogat reacts after defeating her opponent

Ritu to replace Vinesh in 50kg for World C'ship

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Grappler Ritu Phogat will replace her injured cousin Vinesh Phogat in the 50kg category for the World Championship, the Wrestling Federation of India said on Monday.

Vinesh, who was a medal favourite, suffered an elbow injury on Friday during practice and was ruled out.

The WFI had entered Ritu's name in the 53kg after original choice Pinki refused to appear in a re-trial recently.

However, in the changed scenario, the WFI was left with no option but to bring back Ritu for her original weight category, 50kg.

It also means that Pinki will now compete in the 53kg and will not miss the prestigious event of the United World Wrestling (UWW).

"We have asked Ritu to compete in 50kg and brought back Pinki in 53kg. Vinesh missing out is a loss for us, the injury is unfortunate," WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar said.

NIRAJ'S HEROICS HOLD IRAN IN U16 CLASH

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Goalkeeper Niraj Kumar turned out to be the hero as India held heavyweights Iran to a goalless draw in the AFC U-16 Championship here on Monday, the first time in 33 years.

The young custodian from Punjab blocked a 76th minute penalty to deny the fancied Iranians full points.

The last time India managed to hold Iran, across all age groups, was in December 1984 in the Asia Cup Finals in Singapore. That game also ended in a goalless stalemate.

On expected lines, Iran asserted their dominance early in the game and had a couple of attempts saved by Niraj. The Asian giants came very close to scoring in the 23rd minute, but the shot from a corner kick hit the bar, much to India's relief at the Bukit Jalil Stadium.

Then, pressing football backed by confident defensive organisation and some sharp counter attacks helped India's cause.

For all the possession that Iran enjoyed,



it was India who had two of the easiest opportunities towards the end of second half.

Ravi Rana missed the first one as his chip went inches over the Iranian goal while the second shot missed the target by a whisker as Saio, after rounding the Iranian custodian, could not finish from close range.

The match also saw Niraj displaying his talent under the bar. He stayed confident all throughout and was unbeatable in the aerial balls, leaping higher than all every time to collect the crosses from the flanks. He also dived full length to make a stunning save to deny Iran in the 16th minute.

"We could have won the match. It was that close. But the boys gave their hundred percent on the pitch and they performed according to the game plan," said head coach of the Indian U-16 side Bibiano Fernandes.

"We are happy with a draw, though we aimed for a win and now we focus towards the next match against Indonesia (on Sept 27)."

Saina, Sameer to fight at Korea Open

PTI ■ SEOUL

Saina Nehwal and Sameer Verma will look to put their best foot forward when they lead Indian challenge at the \$ 600,000 Korea Open World Tour Super 500 tournament beginning here on Tuesday.

Saina, who had skipped the Japan Open earlier this month after winning a Bronze at 18th Asian Games, will look to get over the disappointment of her first-round exit at China last week when she takes on Korean Kim Hyo Min.

Fifth seeded Saina, ranked 10th in the world, has done well in the major events this year, grabbing a second Gold at Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and a Bronze at the Jakarta Asian Games. But the Indian has been inconsistent in the BWF events.

Saina, who had reached the finals at the \$ 350,000 Indonesia Masters in January, was ousted by Korea's Sung Ji Hyun last week at China and will have a tough task at hand as she is likely to face third seed Japanese Nozomi Okuhara in the quarterfinals.

In men's singles, Sameer Verma will carry the Indian flag after Kidambi Srikanth pulled out after



Saina Nehwal plays a shot during the match

File Picture

playing back-to-back tournaments in Japan and China in the last two weeks.

Sameer has been troubled by injuries but he has done well when he has been fit, winning titles at Swiss Open in February and Hyderabad Open early this month.

The 23-year-old Dhar, who had finished runners-up at 2016 Hong Kong Open, will play Denmark's Anders Antonsen in his opening match.

He had beaten the Danish shuttler at India Open in January this year. If the Indian crosses the opening round, he is expected to meet reigning world champion Kento Momota of Japan.

Young women's shuttler Vaishnavi Reddy Jakka will also compete in the tournament, taking on formidable sixth seed Beiwang Zhang of USA in the opening round. Among others, Ajay Jayaram will take on China's Zhao Junpeng in the qualifiers.

Tiger returns: Woods lifts Tour C'ship

AFP ■ ATLANTA

Tiger Woods scored his first victory in more than five years on Sunday, completing a two-shot win at the Tour Championship to crown a fairy tale comeback after a near two-year absence.

The 42-year-old, 14-time major winner carded a one-over-par 71 at Atlanta's East Lake Golf Course to claim the 80th title of his glittering career.

Woods, who finished with an 11-under-par aggregate 269, raised his arms in delight after the victory, with several thousand fans ringing the green roaring their appreciation.

Woods admitted he had nearly been overcome with emotion as he walked up the 18th fairway.

"I was having a hard time not crying coming up the last hole," Woods said, whose most recent before Sunday had come 1,876 days ago at the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

"I kept saying 'Hey, I could still play this out of bounds.' But once I got the ball on the green I gave (caddie) Joey (LaCava) a high five because I knew it was done."

It was an emotional moment to a year which saw Woods return to the highest level after he had once feared he may never play golf again.

"It was just a grind out there," Woods said of his final round. "I loved every bit of it. The fight, the grind, the tough conditions. Beginning of the year (winning) was a



Tiger Woods holds the golf club shaped trophy after winning the Tour Championship

tall order. But as the year progressed I found my swing and put the pieces together and I knew I could do it."

Woods later revealed he had been close to tears on the final green as he prepared for the par putt to complete the win. "I realised all of sudden I was going to win the tournament," he said.

"My eyes started tearing up a little bit. I just can't believe I pulled this off after I've gone through. It's been tough. I've had a not-so-easy last couple of years. I've worked my way back. I couldn't have done it without the help of all the people around me."

ZVEREV LEADS TEAM EUROPE TO LAVER CUP VICTORY

AFP ■ CHICAGO

Europe retained their Laver Cup tennis crown here on Sunday as Alexander Zverev defeated Kevin Anderson to complete a 13-8 win over the World team.

Germany's Zverev came from a set down to complete a 6-7 (3/7), 7-5, 10-7 over Anderson as the Europeans successfully defended the title won in Prague last year.

"It was such a close match all around, not only this one but all weekend, a few points here and there and it could have been different," said Zverev.

"I'm just happy to get the win and we defended the title, that's the most important thing."

Zverev's win was the final act of an enthralling day of action at Chicago's United Center, where the World team had roared back into contention in the day's first rubber.

American duo John Isner and Jack Sock fought off two match points to defeat Zverev and world number two Roger Federer in a gripping doubles battle.

Isner and Sock prevailed 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 11/9 to give the World team an 8-7 lead with the three singles rubbers remaining.

Europe responded superbly after that early setback however, with the



Team Europe poses with the Laver Cup trophy after beating Team World 13-8 in Chicago

AP

37-year-old Federer returning to secure a vital three points against Isner in the first singles match of the day.

The Swiss ace came from a set down to defeat the big-serving Isner 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (8/6), 10/7.

The win was testimony to Federer's remarkable physical conditioning. The 20-time Grand Slam singles champion outlasted Isner less than an hour after he had been beaten in the day's opening doubles game.

Federer celebrated the win by performing push-ups on court with his

teammates to the delight of the crowd.

Europe skipper Bjorn Borg meanwhile praised the performance of the World team, who were captained by his old rival John McEnroe.

"I'm very proud of my team, we knew it's going to be very difficult to beat Team World with John as the captain," Borg said. "He has a great team, they're very professional." The next Laver Cup, which is named after Australian legend Rod Laver, will be staged in Geneva in September 2019.

Serena keen to move on from US Open row

AFP ■ SYDNEY

Serena Williams says she is trying to "move on" from the meltdown that overshadowed her US Open final loss but remains perplexed at her coach's admission he illegally signalled to her.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion lost the decider in straight sets to Japan's Naomi Osaka after a fiery confrontation with chair umpire Carlos Ramos that she later blamed on sexism.

Williams called Ramos a "thief" and a "liar" in a running row with the Portuguese official that eventually saw her docked a game.

In an interview with Australia's Channel Ten, the American superstar said a male player would not have been treated the same way.

She said women could not get away with "even half of what a guy can do".

"Right now we are not, as it's proven, in that same position," she said in an interview that aired late Sunday.

"But that's neither here nor there. I'm just trying most of all to recover from that and move on." Williams said she felt "on the cusp of this amazing moment" before the 6-2, 6-4 loss to Osaka.

A win would have taken her to 24 Grand Slams, equalling Australian Margaret Court's all-time record.

The dispute with Ramos began when Williams was issued a warning for coaching, something her coach sitting in the player's box, Patrick Mouratoglou, admitted to doing.



PERFECT RECORD ON CARDS

After routing Pakistan twice within a week, India look to maintain unbeaten run in Asia Cup

PTI ■ DUBAI

The Indian cricket team will hope that its untested middle-order gets some game time ahead of the grand finale when it takes on an ever-improving Afghanistan in the final 'Super Four' encounter of the Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

India have been on a roll after an unimpressive start against Hong Kong, with couple of one-sided victories over arch-rivals Pakistan and an equally facile one against Bangladesh.

With a spot in Friday's final sealed, skipper Rohit Sharma may want some of his untested middle-order batsmen to get quality time in the middle against someone of Rashid Khan's calibre.

Often in cricket, the 'Law of Averages' catches up with the best performing teams at a critical juncture.

Shikhar Dhawan (327) and skipper Rohit (269) have done the bulk of the scoring in the four matches so far with very little contribution being required from the other batsmen in the line-up.

The next highest scorer is Ambati Rayudu (116 runs) because he comes in at No 3.

The problem has been lack of batting time for the likes of Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Kedar Jadhav and Dinesh Karthik so far.

Sample this: Rohit and Shikhar have so far faced 284 and 321 deliveries respectively. The next best Rayudu has played 162 balls.

However, Karthik (78 balls), Dhoni (40 balls) and Kedar (27 balls) can be found wanting if there is a top-order collapse on the big day.

Rohit had given Dhoni an opportunity to come in at No 4 against Bangladesh and the former captain scored 33 runs. But it was a pressure-free situation.

Dhoni's achilles heel of late has been to keep the scoreboard ticking in pressure situations that the middle-overs throw up.

If the likes of Rashid Khan and Mujeeb ur Rahman can put pressure, it will be a good warm-up for the middle-order trio before the final match.

The Indian captain might fancy batting first in case he wins the toss, which in turn will give his team a chance to bat 50 overs instead of chasing another modest total.

The Indian bowlers have been splendid on the slow Dubai International Stadium track with all the bowlers enjoying an economy rate of less than five runs per over.

The spinners have been on a roll with Yuzvendra Chahal (5 wickets at 4.61 runs per over) and Kuldeep Yadav (5 wickets in 4.01 runs per over) have been tight as usual while Jasprit Bumrah (7 wickets with 3.37 runs per over) has been exceptional at the death with his yorkers.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar (6 wickets at 4.08 per over), in his comeback tournament, has also been consistent.

There is a possibility that India might rest both Bhuvneshwar and Bumrah before the summit



Rohit Sharma celebrates after completing his 19th ODI ton. AP



Afghanistan players return to dugout after beating Sri Lanka during their group B clash in Asia Cup. AP

Asia cup statistics

TOP 3 BATSMEN

POS	PLAYER	TEAM	INN	RUNS	AVG
1	Shikhar Dhawan	India	4	327	81.75
2	Rohit Sharma	India	4	269	134.50
3	Hashmatullah Shahidi	Afghanistan	4	263	87.67

TOP 3 BOWLERS

POS	PLAYER	TEAM	MATCHES	WKTS	BEST
1	Rashid Khan	Afghanistan	4	8	3/46
2	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	Afghanistan	4	7	2/22
3	Jasprit Bumrah	India	3	7	3/15



clash to help them recharge their batteries.

In such a scenario, two among Deepak Chahar, Siddharth Kaul and Khaleel Ahmed will take their spots in the playing XI for the game.

For Afghanistan, a win against the fancied Indian side will be a great end to the tournament where they have been competitive throughout, only losing out due to lack of experience.

Having packed off Sri Lanka in the group league stage and crushed Bangladesh, Afghanistan were done in by inexperience during the fag end of the Super Four matches against Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Against Pakistan, their bowlers couldn't hold

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nerve in the final over while their batsmen found it difficult to read Mustafizur Rahman's variations in the final over.

SQUADS

India: Rohit Sharma, Dhawan, Ambati Rayudu, Dinesh Karthik, Kedar Jadhav, MS Dhoni, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Chahal, Bhuvneshwar, Jasprit Bumrah, Khaleel Ahmed, Deepak Chahar, Siddharth Kaul, Manish Pandey
Afghanistan: Mohammad Shahzad, Ihsanullah Jamat, Javed Ahmadi, Rahmat Shah, Asghar Stanikzai, Hasmat Shahidi, Mohammad Nabi, Gulbadin Naib, Rashid Khan, Najibullah Zadran, Mujeeb ur Rahman, Aftab Alam, Samiullah Shenwari, Munir Ahmed, Sayed Ahmed Sherzad, Ashraf, Momand Wafadar.

SINGLES

ADIL RASHID AGREES NEW COUNTY DEAL

LONDON: England leg-spinner Adil Rashid has agreed a new one-year contract to play for Yorkshire in all formats of cricket. The 30-year-old was on a limited-overs-only deal with his county for the 2018 season. Rashid's Headingley future had been shrouded in doubt after he was controversially selected in England's Test squad for the recent series against India, despite his self-imposed exile from first-class cricket. Rashid was told by England national selector Ed Smith that he must be available across the board from the start of the 2019 English season to be considered for Test cricket. "I think we've been clear from the outset that we wanted to keep Adil at the club," said Yorkshire director of cricket Martyn Moxon. "When it became known he had to have a red-ball contract, we were more than happy to put that in place." Rashid, who has played 15 Tests and 73 one-day internationals, began his career with Yorkshire in 2006 and has taken 500 first-class wickets.

BALLON D'OR FOR WOMEN'S & U21 ANNOUNCED

PARIS: Ballon d'Or organisers France Football have announced the creation of awards for the top female footballer and the best under-21 player in the world. The awards ceremony for the 63rd edition, created and decided by the French football magazine, will be held on December 3 in Paris. While 19-year-old Kylian Mbappe of Paris Saint-Germain is among the favourites to succeed Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo, a short-list of female footballers will be in line for the women's equivalent and the world's best under-21 players will vie for the 'Kopa Trophy'. As with the Ballon d'Or, the women's award will be decided by votes from journalists around the world. The Kopa Trophy, for the best under-21 player will, however, be decided by votes from the 33 previous winners of the Ballon d'Or. The finalists for all three awards will be unveiled on October 8. The Ballon d'Or is considered the oldest and most prestigious football award.

ANAND RESTS AS INDIA FACE EL SALVADOR

BATUMI: Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand is expected to rest for the opening tie as the fifth seed Indian men take on El Salvador in the 43rd Chess Olympiad here on Tuesday. Anand, being one of the most respected players in the competition was called for the ceremonial draw of lots that gave top seeded United States and India white colour on the top board in the first round. Each match will be played over four boards and the team scoring 2.5 points in all will be declared the winner. The points awarded are called Match points which means two points are awarded for every win, one for a drawn 2-2 result and none if a team scores less than two. Like India, defending champions USA also rested top rated Fabiano Caruana in the first round clash against Panama and as if on cue, Russians gave a day off to their biggest star Vladimir Kramnik.

POGBA TAKES AIM AT MOURINHO'S TACTICS

LONDON: Paul Pogba launched a blistering critique of Manchester United's defensive-minded tactics in Saturday's draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers, which is likely to infuriate manager Jose Mourinho. The 25-year-old French World Cup winning midfielder said there were no excuses for not attacking in home games. The draw — played out in front of legendary former manager Alex Ferguson who made his first appearance at a match since undergoing emergency brain surgery in May — left United in seventh, eight points behind leaders Liverpool. "We are at home and we should play much better against Wolves. We are here to attack," Pogba told the media after the match. "When we play like (that) it's easier for us." Asked what is stopping United attacking more, Pogba said: "I can't tell you because I'm a player. It's not me." Pogba's criticism comes shortly after it appeared that he and Mourinho were mending their rift, with the Portuguese manager saying on Friday that success at the World Cup had sparked Pogba into performing well.

Pakistan going through confidence crisis: Arthur

PTI ■ DUBAI

Pakistan's cricket team is going through a "confidence crisis" right now, coach Mickey Arthur conceded after the nine-wicket loss to India in the ongoing Asia Cup, calling it one of the side's "worst performances".

"We are not abandoning them. Yes, they are suffering a bit of confidence crisis at the moment. There is fear of failure in the dressing room. There is a bit reality check of where we are as a cricket team" Arthur told reporters after Pakistan were beaten by India for the second successive time in the tournament here.

"In terms of worst performance, nine wickets has to be up there. India have very good players. If we give them an inch, they are going to make us pay and they did that," he said.

Pakistan set India a target of 238 after another below-par batting show. India romped home in 39.3 overs with Rohit and Shikhar



Pakistan players celebrate after dismissing Afghanistani batsman during Asia Cup clash. AP

Dhawan striking hundreds.

"Our strike rates were not good enough with the bat. With the ball, we need to strike early against these guys. We had a couple of chances, we didn't take them. When you get these guys chances on wickets like these, they dominate you," Arthur said dissecting the loss.

"We need to get into their middle order as quick as we can that's when we can inflict most damage" he added.

Arthur said Pakistan have a huge task at hand in the clash against Bangladesh on Wednesday.

"It's a semi-final now. We have to find a way to dig ourselves out of the hole we are in at the moment. We will come back from this. We are at our best in must-win matches. That's when we come to the party," he said.

"I believe in our players. I think they are a fantastic bunch of players," he added.

Skilful bowling pool behind India's success: Chahal

PTI ■ DUBAI

Leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal has attributed India's consistent show with the ball across formats to a skilful pool of bowlers and confidence shown by the team management.

"Our bowling pool has swelled to 10-15 and earlier it wasn't so. Now one who is replacing you is also as skilful," Chahal told reporters after India's win.

"Even in England, the way our bowlers have dominated, it shows the regular flow of spinners and medium pacers in the team. Also the confidence showed by the management is important for a youngster. There is no negativity, you can concentrate on your bowling."

India have dominated Pakistan both with the bat and the ball but Chahal said it was just a case of a team having a bad day in office for their arch-rivals.



Yuzvendra Chahal interacts with MS Dhoni during Hong Kong game. AP

"Our batsmen put their bowlers under pressure from the start. They are playing the new ball well, they are taking their time and partnership are getting longer," he said.

"In this wicket, you have to vary line and length. But they got mentally down as the match was slipping away, so the situation was different."

"Sometimes it happens, teams don't have a good day but they (Pakistan) are also a good team. So it is not a one-sided thing, the tournament is still not over."

Eves seal T20 series with 7 wicket win

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Anuja Patil and Jemimah Rodrigues smashed unbeaten half-centuries, taking Indian women to a series-sealing win over hosts Sri Lanka in a rain affected fourth T20 International here on Monday.

With the second T20 being washed out, India have now taken a 3-0 lead in the five-match series. The final match will be played on Tuesday. The visitors had also won the preceding ODI against Sri Lanka.

Patil (3/36) helped India reduce Sri Lanka to 134 for five in a shortened 17-over a side contest. Shashikala Siriwardene top-scored for Sri Lanka

with 40 off 32 balls.

India chased down the target with more than an over to spare and seven wickets in hand, thanks to Patil (54 not out off 42) and teenager Rodrigues (52 not out off 37).

It was a second successive half-century for the 18-year-old, who had hammered 57 off 40 balls in the third T20.

India were 56 for three after seven overs, needing 79 off the last 10 overs. Patil and Rodrigues completed the task with ease, sharing a 96-run stand off 70 balls. Rodrigues hit five fours and two sixes while Patil's knock comprised seven boundaries.

India had lost three wickets for 41 runs in the first four overs before Patil and Rodrigues came up with a match-winning effort.

Match Scores: Sri Lanka 134/5 in 17 overs (Shashikala Siriwardene 40, Anuja Patil 3/36). India 137/3 in 15.2 overs (Jemimah Rodrigues 52 no off 37 balls, Anuja Patil 54 no off 42 balls). India lead five-match series 3-0.

I'm a scapegoat of team's failure: Matthews

AFF ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's sacked skipper Angelo Matthews accused the country's cricket board on Monday of blaming him solely for the island's humiliating exit from the Asia Cup.

The 31-year-old all-rounder has threatened to retire from the two shorter formats of the game after being dumped on Sunday as captain of Sri Lanka's one-day international and Twenty20 teams.

"I have been made the scapegoat in this entire saga of Sri Lanka's dismal performance against Bangladesh and Afghanistan in the Asia Cup," Matthews said in a letter to Sri Lanka Cricket.

The board said it asked Matthews to step down and allow Dinesh Chandimal to



Angelo Matthews in a file picture.

lead Sri Lanka during England's tour which begins next month.

"The national selectors... Have requested Matthews to relinquish his duties as captain with immediate effect," the board said in a statement. It did not elaborate on why Matthews was sacked.

Chandimal, who was already captain of Sri Lanka's Test side, now takes the reins in all three formats of the game.

Ishan leads Jharkhand to big win

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Skipper Ishan Kishan's blistering Sknock of 139 (91 ball), studded with 12 fours and nine sixes, powered Jharkhand to an eight-wicket win over Assam in a Vijay Hazare Trophy Elite Group 'C' match here on Monday.

The talented southpaw toyed with the rival bowling and smashed the ball to all parts of the M A Chidambaram stadium as the team reached the target of 222 in just 31 overs to boost its net run-rate.

Earlier, sent in to bat, Assam lost wickets at regular intervals to finish at 221 for 9 in 50 overs. Though three of its batsmen got into the 40s, none was able to push for a bigger score as the Jharkhand bowlers kept things under control.

Shabbaz Nadeem, who took a world List 'A' record 8 for 10 against Rajasthan last week, captured three wickets for 47. Sibshankar Roy was the top scorer for Assam with 46.



Ishan Kishan bats during practice session. MI

Meanwhile, Services upset Haryana at TI Murugappa ground by five wickets, riding on Nakul Verma's knock of 95. Rahul Singh Gahlaut contributed 61 as the team overhauled Haryana's score of 257 for 8 in 50 overs.

In another match, Gujarat

downed Tripura by 74 runs, restricting its rival to 138 for 9 after making 212 for 6 in the quota of 50 overs.

Rujul Bhatt was the top-scorer with 62 while Piyush Chawala's 4 for 21 turned the match Gujarat's way.

PUNEET-NEGI ROUT ARUNACHAL

ANAND: Puneet Bisht cracked a career-best 135 before Abhay Negi bamboozled Arunachal Pradesh with a seven-wicket haul to power Meghalaya to a huge 256-run win in the Vijay Hazare Trophy one-day cricket tournament here Monday.

In his third domestic match, Negi returned with extraordinary figures of 6-0-17-7 as Arunachal Pradesh batting caved in for 61 all-out in 26 overs at the Shastri Maidan here.

Earlier Arunachal Pradesh's decision to bowl backfired as Bisht smashed a 90-ball 135 (17x4, 4x6) while skipper Jason Lamare also chipped in with 42 off 54 balls to push the total to 317/4 in 43 overs.